



EBU Event Focus

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Welcome to this issue of Event Focus.

It isn't long now until Brighton, so we would encourage you to enter, and make your travel and accommodation arrangements, soon. More details can be found below.

There are other great events this summer, including a weekend event for juniors, so read on...



More information on any events mentioned can be found on our website. It's easy to enter any of the events by visiting <https://www.ebu.co.uk/members> and booking online through your personal members' area. You can also contact [Peter](#) or [Dawn](#) during office hours on 01296 317203/219 or by emailing comps@ebu.co.uk to enter or get further information.

Please don't forget to take a look at our [diary changes page](#) for any changes to the details of future events since the diary went to print.



Brighton Summer Meeting

8 – 17 August 2014 – Hilton Metropole, Brighton

Join us at our flagship event for ten days, one session, or something in between – the choice is yours.

The 2013 congress was one of the best in recent years and we hope that you will join us this year for what promises to be another great event.

There is something for everyone, whether you want to play every day, at weekends, or just a single midweek session, or if you want to attend training courses or lessons.

See the congress information booklet [here](#).



[Championship Events](#)

The main championship events are held over the two weekends. On the first weekend there is a four-session Swiss Pairs Championships. On the second weekend there is a four-session Swiss Teams Championships.

In both of these events Green Points are awarded at one-and-a-half times the normal rate.

[Brighton Lite Events](#)

This is the title given to all events which are shorter, or have greater flexibility of start time, than the 'main' congress events.

They are still as much a part of the Brighton Summer Meeting as the other events, and give all the enjoyment of the congress, but they are designed to allow more freedom to create a timetable which best suits you.

All Brighton Lite weekend events, for example, start at noon, to allow travel that morning, and finish by 6:30pm to eliminate the necessity for overnight accommodation.

So if you can only come to Brighton for a short time, want to minimise your accommodation needs, or just want more time to enjoy the sights of Brighton, the Lite events may be for you.

[Really Easy Events](#)

'First Step' events are play sessions and lessons for novices and students. 'Next Step' events are for players who have played at their local club and are looking for a relaxed way to move into congress bridge. These events are an ideal way for less experienced players to develop their game and sample the atmosphere of the Brighton Summer Meeting.

The Seniors Congress

This runs from Monday to Thursday as part of the main congress, and is for anyone born in 1954 or earlier.

The Under-25 Championship Pairs

This takes place on Tuesday afternoon. All juniors can receive discounted entry for other congress events. Please contact us for more details.

[Intensive Tournament Director Courses](#)

These take place on weekday mornings, and this year there will be a seminar by Martin Lee, giving information and guidance to club TDs on the use of Scorebridge and Bridgemate.

Morning Seminars with 'Experts'

These take place most days, with some of the world's leading players (which in the past have included Andrew Robson and Zia Mahmood) discussing the hands from the previous day. Brian Senior will also give a seminar on Friday morning, discussing tactics for Matchpoint and Point-a-Board competitions.



If you need advice on visiting Brighton, or want to find a partner for some, or all, of the congress, then please check our [Brighton Discussion Group](#) and the [Brighton Hub](#) page of our website



ENGLISH RIVIERA CONGRESS

27 – 29 June 2014 – Torquay

A summer congress at the fabulous [Riviera Centre](#) overlooking Torquay Harbour

The congress starts with a Swiss Teams on Friday, and continues with a three session Swiss pairs event on Saturday and Sunday. All events are fully Green Pointed.

Hotels for this event can be booked through the EBU's [Accommodation Booking Service \(ABS\)](#) on freephone 0800 0346 246. The service is operated by Bridge Overseas, and is available from 9am-5pm Monday to Friday and Saturday 9.30am-1pm.

For more information please [visit our website](#)



SUMMER SENIORS CONGRESS

4 – 6 July 2014, Eastbourne

A long weekend of bridge at the popular Winter Gardens.

There is a two-day Championship Pairs event with two qualifying sessions on Friday being followed by three sessions of finals on Saturday.

There is a Swiss Pairs on the Saturday for those eliminated from the Championship Pairs on Friday, and for new entrants joining the event at this stage. On Sunday there is a Swiss Teams event.

All events are fully Green Pointed, save for the Championship Pairs qualifying rounds (Blue Points, but all qualifiers are guaranteed a Green Point award).

The event is supported by the Edith Kaplan Memorial Award of a £500 enhancement to the overall prize fund. There will be special category prizes for veterans pairs and teams (all members of the pair/team must be at least 70 years of age on the first day of play).

To be eligible to play in the congress, players must be born on or before 31st December 1954.

For more information on the congress please [visit our website](#).



SCARBOROUGH SUMMER CONGRESS

24 – 27 July 2014, Scarborough Spa

Join us on the Yorkshire coast for an extended weekend of bridge.

The event starts with a 'Pre-Congress Pairs' on Thursday evening, and continues with a multiple teams event on Friday.

The highlight of the weekend is a three session Swiss Pairs event across Saturday and Sunday.

All events are fully Green Pointed, save for the Pre-Congress Pairs in which Blue Points are awarded.

The schedule includes time in the mornings for enjoying the wonderful North Yorkshire Moors and coastal resorts.



For more information please [visit our website](#).



Forthcoming events

52nd European Teams Championships – 21st June – 1st July 2014 – Opatija, Croatia

Open, women and senior teams. Watch the matches on BridgeBase Online.

Read the captains' blogs during the event at <http://ebuselection.blogspot.co.uk/>.

Mark your calendars for:

June 21st & 22nd – County Green Point events

July 19th & 20th – County Green Point events

August 26th – 28th – Telford Midweek Congress

12th – 21st September – Confiance Guernsey Congress

British Summer Simultaneous Pairs – 28th July – 1st August

Junior Teach In 2014

Friday 22nd – 24th August 2014

Loughborough University

The Junior Teach In is a bridge weekend for juniors of all ages and bridge ability – from absolute beginners to junior experts.

Whilst bridge is the main focus, with plenty of opportunities to play and learn, there is time for other fun activities too.

Adults are welcome to accompany the children and to join in with the bridge.



For more details, pictures from previous Teach Ins, and an application form, please visit:

www.ebu.co.uk/youth/Junior-Teach-In

EBU Blue Point Holidays

We are pleased to be offering five EBU Blue Point Bridge Holiday events in 2014. This is in response to the demand from members for a more social & friendly environment to play and earn national ranking master points.

We hope that these Blue Point holidays can either be a stepping stone towards playing in our Congresses, or simply a fun bridge holiday. As such they are not intended for seasoned bridge congress-goers: they are aimed primarily at those who are below a Jack in the NGS and below the rank of Regional Master. These events therefore may not be suitable for most recipients of Event Focus, but we hope that you will know someone who may be interested and will pass this information on to them.

The next holiday is at Albrighton Hall, near Shrewsbury, on 7th July. For more details [visit our website](#).

Standby Volunteers

We would always like to hear from pairs who are willing to act as standby at our events, especially for Swiss Pairs competitions.

Both the directors and the players are very grateful for the role played by standby pairs and your generosity would be much appreciated.

We ask that you attend the competition and if you are required to play then you would receive free entry to the event. If you are not required then reasonable travel expenses will be paid.

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Gordon@ebu.co.uk



We hope to see you at one of our events in the not too distant future.

Best regards,

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