



EBU Event Focus

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GREAT NORTHERN SWISS PAIRS

4th - 5th October 2014, Leeds

A Green Pointed, twelve match Swiss Pairs weekend

With seven 7-board matches on Saturday, and five more on Sunday, this is a full weekend of Swiss Pairs. Green points are awarded for each match won, with bonus awards based on the stratified results.

There is also an improvers pairs on Sunday afternoon, so please encourage your less experienced friends or family to take part.

The schedule allows time for enjoying the sights of Leeds, or just for travel before and after the event. The entry fee includes an evening meal on Saturday and lunch on Sunday.

The event is run by the YCBA on behalf of the EBU.

For more information please [visit the event webpage](#).

THE AUTUMN CONGRESS

17th - 19th October 2014, Peterborough

Join us for the 70th Anniversary of the Congress, with a new format and a new venue

To mark the anniversary, there will be some changes to the format of the Two Star Pairs. The qualifier for this will take place on Friday with shorter matches and matchpoint scoring. The top 20 pairs will qualify for the Two Stars Pairs; the next twenty for the Satellite pairs.

Those who don't qualify for the main finals, and those who choose not to play on the Friday, will play in a more traditional style of Swiss Pairs on the Saturday.

So there are two different sorts of Swiss Pairs events on offer, each independent of the other, as well as the main finals for qualifiers.

The Two Star Pairs is part of **the Championship Series**, in which points can be earned towards the [Player of the Year Championship](#).

We also have our 2-session multiple teams event on the Sunday for the Eastbourne Bowl (Premier) and the Burlington Cup (Secondary). All non-qualifiers play in the Sussex Cup.

For more information [visit the event webpage](#)

The new venue is in Peterborough. There is time in the schedule to visit the sights in the area, which include Peterborough Cathedral and Burghley House

ENTRY DEADLINES

Crockfords Cup - 11th September

Entries are closing soon for the English open teams-of-four championship. The initial rounds are knock-out matches played privately, qualifying eight teams to contest an all-play-all final in September 2015.

The event is part of the **Championship Series**, in which points can be earned towards the [Player of the Year Championship](#) (see below).

[Crockfords Cup webpage](#).

The NICKO - 18th September

Entries are closing soon for the National Inter-Club Knockout (NICKO). It is open to teams-of-four comprising members of the same club.

Entries should be made by the affiliated Club Secretary on an entry form which can be downloaded from the competition webpage.

[NICKO webpage](#)

Wroxton Really Easy Autumn Break

24th - 26th October 2014

This is a weekend designed for more experienced novice players of up to 5 years experience.

There are four bridge sessions and an instructional session on Saturday morning.

Held at the Wroxton House Hotel near Banbury, and a bespoke dinner, bed and breakfast package has been arranged.

For more information see [the event webpage](#)



**New for 2014 - Really Easy Afternoon.
Friday 17th October, at 2pm**

An event at the Autumn Congress aimed at less experienced players, intended as an introduction to 'congress bridge'. The same hands will be played at [Richmond Bridge Club](#) and [Bradford Bridge Club](#), with the competition scored across the three venues.

The event at each venue is open to all - EBU members and non-members alike. Please pass this information on to any friends or family who may be interested.

THE SENIORS CONGRESS

31st October - 2nd November 2014, near Birmingham

A three day congress for those born in 1954 or earlier

The weekend starts with a two-day Championship Pairs – two qualifying rounds on Friday, and two finals on Saturday, with both a Championship Pairs final and a Satellite Pairs final, each comprising three mini-sessions.

On Saturday there is a Swiss Pairs Championship, open to pairs eliminated from the Championship Pairs at the end of Friday evening, and to players joining the congress on Saturday. It is a two session event, with seven 8-board matches.

There is a Swiss Teams Championship on Sunday. It is a two-session event, with a total of seven 7-board matches.

For more information please [visit the event webpage](#).

The new venue is the Holiday Inn close to Birmingham airport, so there are great transport links to the rest of the country. The hotel also runs a complimentary shuttle service to Birmingham International railway station.

Trains to central Birmingham take 12 minutes, run approximately every ten minutes, and cost as little as £3 return.



How to enter

More information on any events mentioned can be found on our website. It's easy to enter any of the events by visiting www.ebu.co.uk/members and booking online through your personal members' area.

You can also contact [Peter Jordan](#) or [Dawn Mertens](#) during office hours on 01296 317203/219 or by emailing comps@ebu.co.uk.

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

The National Pairs

If you wish to enter the National Pairs your club can host a heat. Heats can be hosted by any EBU affiliated club, and the heats can be part of an ordinary club night as not every pair need make themselves eligible - any game with at least three tables can generate qualifiers.

Heats must be completed by mid-February. If you are interested then ask your club secretary or chairman to look on [our website](#) or to contact [Peter Jordan](#) (01296 317203).



Dates for your diary

3rd - 7th November:
[Blue Point Holiday](#)
Helidon Lakes Hotel, nr
Northampton

27th - 30th December: [Year End Congress - London](#)

28th - 30th December: [Northern Year End Congress](#)
Dunkenhalgh Hotel, nr Blackburn

17th - 18th January:
[National Teams Congress](#)
Holiday Inn, nr Birmingham Airport

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

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