



EBU Event Focus

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For all bridge players Christmas doesn't just mean turkey and tinsel, but also trumps and transfers, as the festive period gives plenty of chance to play. With our Year End Congresses, and our expanded schedule of online games with Funbridge, you can play every day bar the 25th.

If you wish to enter one of the Year End Congresses in London or Blackpool please make every effort to do so in advance of the office closing for Christmas, although you can enter at the venue in London. The office is open to take entries for the Year End Congresses until midday on Friday 22nd - please call 01296 317203/219 or email comps@ebu.co.uk, or enter through My EBU. We will re-open at 9am on Tuesday 2nd January.

You can register for the online games at all times, so you can make a spur of the moment decision to play - though do give yourself an hour to play the boards so try to start before 9pm.

As always, if you have any queries about any of the events featured here then please don't hesitate to contact the Competitions Department.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the EBU Staff.

Online

Games

EBU ONLINE GAMES AT CHRISTMAS
IN ASSOCIATION WITH FUNBRIDGE

TWO EXTRA GAMES ON BOXING DAY & NEW YEAR'S DAY
Play in a match-pointed game, or an IMPs game* - or both!

Plus the usual matchpointed games on Saturday and Sunday - 23rd/24th and 30th/31st

You can play whenever you want between midnight and 10pm, restarting as often as needed, so you can fit it in around festivities

More info at www.ebu.co.uk/funbridge

* - Only the match-pointed game counts in the ladder competition.

Our online games with Funbridge are proving to be popular, and the ladder competition is adding some excitement for those competing for the cash prizes every month. The festive period might be a great time for you to give them a try, with games every Saturday and Sunday (so 23rd, 24th, 30th and 31st), but also ones on Boxing Day and New Year's Day (these extra days will offer two games - one scored by match points and the other by IMPs - and you can play in both). As you can stop and start the game as often as needed it can hopefully provide some extra entertainment in between your other festivities. For more information on playing, please see our [FAQ page](#).

Online

Knockout

Teams

Entries for this year's Online Knockout Teams close on **8th January**. Exactly as it sounds, this is a knockout teams competition, with the matches played online. See [here](#) for more details.

Year End Congress

27th - 30th December, London

Four days of festive bridge at the traditional venue of the Royal National Hotel at Russell Square.

Wed 27th - Thurs 28th Dec: Stratified Swiss Pairs

Fri 29th Dec: Mixed or Open Pairs

Sat 30th Dec: Stratified Swiss Teams

Accommodation packages are available at the sister hotel, the Imperial. See the website for details.

[More details](#)

Blackpool Year End Congress

28th - 30th December

We head back to the Lancashire coast again this year, to round off bridge in 2017.

28th Dec: Mixed or Open Pairs

28th - 29th Dec: Stratified Swiss Pairs

30th Dec: Stratified Swiss Teams

Accommodation packages are available at the venue hotel, the Hilton. See the website for details.

[More details](#)



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National Point-a-Board Teams

20th - 21st January, London

Held at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club, this competition is played exclusively on the point-a-board (BAM) format - a great opportunity to play with this fascinating and skillful, but rare, form of scoring.

The event was full last year so don't wait too long to enter this year.

There will be qualifying sessions on Saturday, with carry-forwards for qualifying teams. On Sunday there will be a main final for the top teams with longer head-to-head matches, and a consolation final for non-qualifiers.

Master Points will be awarded at a **50% enhanced rate** for matches won in the qualifier and main final, and points can be earned towards the **Player of the Year Championship**.

- [A short guide to Point-a-Board matches](#)
- [David Gold's guide to the tactics of PAB](#)
- [Brian Senior - the different tactics for Point-a-Board, IMPs and Match Points](#)

[More details](#)

Harrogate Spring Congress

16th - 18th February

A popular long weekend of bridge in the spa town. Now organised by Yorkshire CBA on behalf of the EBU. **Please make entries directly with the YCBA.** Please see their entry form for more details: [Harrogate Congress entry form](#).

Friday afternoon - Mixed & Open Pairs
Friday afternoon - Improvers Pairs
Friday evening & Saturday - three session Swiss Pairs
Sunday - two session Swiss Teams

Entry to the Full Congress or Swiss Pairs includes a two course buffet supper on Saturday.

The congress will be held at the [Cairn Hotel](#). Bookings should be made directly with the hotel.

[More details](#)

Bridge Overseas Budapest Congress

1st - 7th February 2018
Hilton Hotel, Castle Hill, Budapest

Join us on the banks of the Danube for our next Overseas Congress.

Taking place over seven days, it includes a mixture of pairs and teams competitions, including Green Pointed Swiss competitions.

The schedule includes some free evenings to enjoy the culinary and cultural delights of Hungary's capital, and time for optional tours and excursions.

Attendance is exclusive to delegates booking accommodation with Bridge Overseas - please make all accommodation enquiries with them on [0800 0346 246](tel:08000346246).

[More details](#)

Other dates for your diary (click the dates for more information where available)

[16 - 17 Dec](#)



Channel Trophy junior internationals - Belgium

[16 - 17 Dec](#)

Teltscher Trophy trials (for registered teams) - Solihull

[5 - 7 Jan](#)

Midland Counties Congress - Solihull

[5 - 7 Jan](#)



Camrose Trophy, 1st Weekend - Northern Ireland

[12- 15 Jan](#)

European Open Trials (for selected pairs) - Young Chelsea BC

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