



# ***EBU Event Focus***

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Dear EBU member

As a chill returns to the air, it means autumn is arriving, and so is the new bridge season. There are lots of competitions and congresses to keep you busy in the run up to Christmas (which will be here before you realise), so don't delay and start planning, and booking, your bridge for the next few months now.

### **Player of the Year**

Congratulations to Mike Bell, winner of the Player of the Year Championship for 2017/18. The Championship awards points for finishing in the top positions of major competitions, and Mike topped the table after winning the Premier League and Spring Foursomes, and high finishes in the Gold Cup and National Point-a-Board Teams.

The full list of points scorers, and information on the 2018/19 competition can be seen via [www.ebu.co.uk/poty](http://www.ebu.co.uk/poty)

### **Guernsey Congress**

The [congress](#) starts this weekend, and whilst we prefer entries in advance, you can enter and pay on the day, so if you are a resident of the island then do head along to Les Cotils.

### **Summer Meeting 2019**

Thank you to everyone who played in the Summer Festival - whether in London or at one of the locally-hosted midweek competitions.

Whilst it is the intention that the Summer Meeting in 2019 will return to what will, by then, be the refurbished Devonshire Park complex in Eastbourne, this is dependent on the progress of the building works. We will try to confirm as soon as possible whether the venue will be ready, and we will update the website as soon as more information is available. Until it is confirmed please do not make any non-refundable accommodation or travel bookings.

### **International trials**

Entries are open for the trials to represent England in the 2019 Teltscher Trophy and Lady Milne competitions. See [here](#) for more details.

You can also watch the Mixed Teams trials this weekend on [Bridge Base Online](#).

## Partner

## finder

## messageboard

If you need a partner or team mates for an EBU congress don't forget that there is a message board on each congress webpage you can use to try to make contact with others who are seeking someone for that event.

As always, if you have any queries about any of the events featured here then please don't hesitate to contact the Competitions Department on [01296 317203](tel:01296317203)/219 or at [comps@ebu.co.uk](mailto:comps@ebu.co.uk). Entries can be made by calling this number, or through My EBU, the members area of the website - [www.ebu.co.uk/members](http://www.ebu.co.uk/members).



The Jagger team - winners in 2018

### **Crockfords Cup**

*Entries closing soon*

*Closing date - 17th September*



Tunbridge Wells A - winners in 2017

### **The NICKO**

*Entries closing soon*

*Closing date - 24th September*

Entries are closing soon for the English open teams-of-four championship, the Crockfords Cup.

It consists of knock-out matches in the early stages, played privately, qualifying eight teams to contest an all-play-all final. A Plate competition is open to all unseeded teams who are defeated in their first match of the main event. The last eight from the Crockfords Plate will play alongside the main final.

[More details](#)

The National Inter-Club Knockout (NICKO) is open to teams from all EBU affiliated clubs. Each club can enter an unlimited number of teams, so why not join up with your clubmates and take part?!

It is played as a knockout throughout, with the draw regionalised to reduce traveling. A Plate competition is available at no extra charge.

[Entry forms](#) are available on our website and should be submitted by the Club Secretary.

Please ensure all players meet the qualification requirements - including that their membership of the club should have been registered with the EBU before 24th June.

[More details](#)



## **Great Northern Swiss Pairs**

*29th - 30th September  
Hilton Hotel, Leeds*

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Seven 7-board matches on Saturday, and five more on Sunday, makes this 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.

Entry fees include a buffet supper on Saturday and hot lunch on Sunday.

The event is run by Yorkshire Contract Bridge Association on behalf of the EBU - please [enter](#)

[directly with the YCBA](#), and see their website for accommodation information.

[More details](#)



## **Autumn Congress**

*19th - 21st October*

*Mercure Hotel, Daventry*

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A three day, Green Pointed congress including:

Friday - Saturday: The four-session Two Star Pairs Championship (*2017 winners David Kendrick & Jeremy Dhondy pictured above*)

Saturday: One Day Swiss Pairs for non-qualifiers and those joining on Saturday

Sunday: Championship Teams

In order to take advantage of negotiated rates at the Mercure Hotel in Daventry, book through Bridge Overseas - call 0800 0346 246, or use their [online reservation form](#).

[More details](#)

## **Seniors Congress**

*2nd - 4th November*

*Hallmark Hotel, Gloucester*

A congress for those born in, or before, 1958

Friday - Saturday: A Championship Pairs.

Saturday: One-Day Swiss Pairs (for those eliminated from the Championship Pairs, or joining the congress on Saturday)

Sunday: Swiss Teams

This is a new venue for this congress. To take advantage of negotiated rates book through Bridge Overseas - call 0800 0346 246, or use their [online reservation form](#).

[More details](#)

**London Year End Congress**  
27th - 30th December  
Royal National Hotel, London

Four days of festive bridge at Russell Square.

Wed 27th - Thurs 28th:  
Stratified Swiss Pairs  
Thurs 28th: Jack High Swiss Pairs\*

Fri 29th: Mixed or Open Pairs  
Sat 30th: Stratified Swiss Teams

\* - a new competition, with a reduced entry fee, for players no higher than Jack on the NGS.

[More details](#)

**Blackpool Year End Congress**  
28th - 30th December  
Blackpool Conference Centre & Spa

We round off bridge in 2018 on the Lancashire Coast.

28th: Mixed or Open Pairs  
28th - 29th: Stratified Swiss Pairs  
30th: Stratified Swiss Teams

The venue is the same as previous years, but has been re-named. Accommodation packages are available at the venue. See the website for details.

[More details](#)

### Other dates for your diary

[14 - 16 Sep](#)

Green Point events in [Cornwall](#), [Cumbria/Westmorland](#) and [Essex/Herts](#)

[15 - 16 Sep](#)

**BBO**  [Premier League - 1st weekend](#) - various venues

[22 - 23 Sep](#)

Green Point events in [Derbyshire](#) and [Surrey](#)

[28 - 30 Sep](#)

Green Point events in [Somerset](#)

[30 Sep](#)

'Nine High' Swiss Pairs in Dorset ([for less experienced players - see website](#))

[1 - 4 Oct](#)

British Autumn Sim Pairs

[6 - 7 Oct](#)

Green Point events in [Suffolk](#)

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