



EBU Event Focus

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Dear EBU member

The coming weeks and months are always full of events for all standards of players, and this year is no exception. We have a range of competitions suitable for congress newcomers or 'lower ranked' players, and some of these are highlighted below. Specifically for 'higher ranked' players there's the Spring Foursomes, which always attracts a strong field is on the horizon. With regional events, and the Easter Festivals, there really is something for everyone - we hope there's something which takes your fancy.

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. Entries can be made by calling this number, or through My EBU, the members area of the website - www.ebu.co.uk/members.

Competitions for congress newcomers or 'lower ranked' players

The coming months have a number of competitions aimed at congress newcomers or 'lower ranked' players.

The Jack High Swiss Pairs at the Easter Festival in London - for players Jack or below on the NGS (see below).

The Improvers Pairs and Improvers Teams at the Northern Easter Festival (see below for details).

The Really Easy Spring Break in Wroxton - a relaxed, residential weekend of bridge near Banbury on 5th - 7th April. See [here](#) for details.

Entries open for Hubert Phillips Bowl and Gerard Faulkner Salver

Entries are now being taken for the Knockout Mixed Pivot Teams - the [Hubert Phillips Bowl](#) - and the Seniors Knockout Teams - the [Gerard Faulkner Salver](#). The closing date for entries for the former is **15th April**, and for the latter is **17th June**. Please enter online through [My EBU](#), or by phone or email to the Competitions Department.

The Schapiro Spring Foursomes

A return to Stratford for the [Schapiro Spring Foursomes](#) the venue name has changed but it is the same venue as has been used in previous years.

Entries are coming in - you can see [the current entry list here](#). Don't delay and add your name to list soon.

Portland Pairs

24th March
Various Locations

The National Mixed Pairs championship held at various venues around the country and scored across all venues. It is played over two sessions, and Green Points are awarded.

Heats will be held at:

Billericay (First Class Bridge Academy)

Burnley (Brierfield BC)

Bristol

Burnham (South Bucks BC)

Chester (Deva BC)

Exeter

London (Young Chelsea BC)

Oxford

Richmond

Sheffield

Solihull (West Midlands BC)

Stamford

Tunbridge Wells

Welwyn Garden City

[More details](#)



Really Easy Weekend

5th - 7th April
Wroxton House Hotel, Near Banbury

The Really Easy Weekends take place at various times throughout the year. The next event is to be held at Wroxton House Hotel, near Banbury.

These 'House party' style events, are designed for novice players of up to approximately 5 years experience. Players are probably below the rank of Master and lower than a Jack on the NGS scale. These weekends are strictly limited to 10 tables.

There are bridge sessions each day. These are mostly normal pairs sessions, and on Sunday we will play a Swiss Pairs competition. There will be a seminar, with hands to play, on Saturday morning, and on Friday afternoon we will discuss the hands we have played in earlier sessions.

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Isle of Man Bridge Congress
13-15 September 2019



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Easter Festival, London

19th - 22nd April

The London Easter Festival is back with a full program of events including Championship Pairs, Swiss Pairs, Jack High Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams. This year sees a **new venue for 2019**, the [ILEC Conference Centre](#) near Earls Court.

Spend your Easter weekend in the capital. The congress is suitable for everyone, with a range of competitions for all abilities. There is a new Championship Pairs format for 2019. The Championship is a stratified event scored across the field. Each pair will play in five sessions of 18 boards - making a total of 90 boards, an increase on previous years at no extra cost.

Green points are awarded to the top of half of the field for the Championship Pairs. The remaining events are fully green pointed.

[More details](#)

Northern Easter Festival

19th - 21st April, Ilkley

A 'northern alternative' for those wanting an Easter weekend of bridge. The Northern Easter Festival will take place at the [Craiglands Hotel](#), Ilkley.

The full program of events includes Swiss Pairs, Swiss Teams, Mixed & Open Pairs, Improvers Pairs, and Improvers Teams.

The Improvers Pairs and Teams are separate, more relaxed competitions, alongside the main congress event, and aimed at less experienced players.

The Swiss events are fully Green Pointed; the Mixed and Open Pairs award Blue Points.

The event is run on behalf of the EBU by the Yorkshire Contract Bridge Association, visit their [website](#) for further details. Jeff

[More details](#)



WLGBC
Spring Swiss Pairs
 Saturday 6th April, 2019
 1:30pm - 6:30pm

Pimlico, London SW1V 3AA

[Find out More](#)

National Swiss Teams Congress

11th - 12th May, Solihull

Formerly part of the National Teams Congress, the Swiss Teams competition is now its own congress, with fourteen matches across the two days.

The event is being run by Warwickshire CBA on behalf of the EBU. Please enter with WCBA directly. More details and an entry form can be found on their website - www.nationalswissteams.co.uk.

[More details](#)

Spring Bank Holiday Congress

25th - 27th May
 Crowne Plaza, Stratford upon Avon

A relaxed congress held in Shakespeare's home town over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Saturday & Sunday - Championship Pairs
 Sunday - Swiss Pairs (for non-qualifiers in the Championship Pairs, and new entrants)
 Monday - Stratified Swiss Teams

[More details](#)

Sicily Congress

8th - 14th October 2019
 Atahotel, Naxos Beach

Join us for some autumn sunshine on the Italian island of Sicily.

It will be held at the Atahotel Naxos Beach, a coastal resort in a stunning location in the shadow of Mount Etna.

To attend you must book your accommodation through Bridge Overseas. For more details, or to make a reservation, please see [here](#), or call 08000 346246.

The Congress includes Pairs and Teams competitions, with Green Pointed Swiss competitions to start and finish the event.

[More details](#)

Dates for your diary

[11 - 14 Mar](#)

[EBU Club Stratified Sim Pairs](#)

[24 Mar](#)

[Portland Pairs](#)

[1 - 4 Apr](#)

[British Spring Sim Pairs](#)

[5 - 7 Apr](#)



[Teltscher Trophy - Scotland](#) (Spectator event shown on BBO)

5 - 7 Apr

[Really Easy Spring Break](#)

12 - 14 Apr



[Lady Milne Trophy - Ireland](#) (Spectator event shown on BBO)

13 - 14 Apr

[Portland Bowl Finals](#)

19 - 21/22
Apr

[Easter Festival, London](#) and [Northern Easter Festival](#)

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