



EBU Event Focus

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Dear EBU member

With the Summer Meeting now over and September nearly upon us, it's a shame to realise that summer is nearly over. However, there are lots of competitions and congresses to keep you busy in the fast approaching Autumn months, so don't delay and start planning, and booking, your bridge for the next few months now.

Summer Meeting 2019

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

Following the well-attended meeting at Eastbourne on the way forward for EBU tournaments, we now have a new [forum](#) to discuss this, both in general and in respect of the Summer Meeting. Those who are not already registered with the forums will need to do so before they can post, but it's straightforward and anyone who does not appear to be a spammer will be routinely approved! Various short posts have been created to start the discussions off, reporting a number of points that were made at the meeting or have been since.

The 2020/2021 Members' Diary

Most of you will hopefully have received the EBU Members' Diary with the August edition of the English Bridge magazine. As mentioned in the magazine, from 2020, if you wish to receive a copy of the diary you will need to opt in.

The best and easiest way to opt-in is by changing the setting on your account on [MyEBU](#). Click on 'account' in the top right corner, select 'My details', and then in the 'account setting' section of the page, under the magazine/diary preference option use the drop down list to choose your preferred setting.

We believe this is the environmentally and financially responsible action to take in order to eliminate waste. If you do still wish to receive the diary, then please opt in and we will be very happy to send one to you.

Diary Date Changes

Unfortunately, the government has sprung one surprise since the diary went to press. The Bank Holiday at the start of May has moved from Monday May 4th to Friday May 8th which is the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

There are three events that this bank holiday change has impacted; Schapiro Spring Foursomes, National Swiss Teams and Cheltenham Congress. So please check the [diary changes page](#), and the relevant competition webpage, before making any plans.

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 317203/219 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.

Guernsey Congress

6th - 15th September

Les Cotils, St. Peter Port

Head to the Channel Islands for ten days of bridge. The main congress events are at weekends and on midweek evenings, allowing time to enjoy the sights of Guernsey. On midweek afternoons there are Seniors events - for those born in 1958 or earlier - but the mornings are still free for sightseeing.

The programme includes Swiss Pairs on the first weekend, and Swiss Teams on the second weekend, with timings to allow travel home on the Sunday evening.

The Swiss Pairs, Swiss Teams, and midweek Seniors Pairs and Teams are Green Pointed - in the other events Blue Points are awarded.

[More details](#)



Crockfords Cup

Entries open now

Closing date - 16th September

Entries are open to 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 NICKO
Entries open now
Closing date - 30th September

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 30th June.

[More details](#)



Really Easy Weekend
11th - 13th October
Centurion Hotel, Midsomer Norton

'House parties', 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 - please see the schedule below for the times. 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.

Because of the nature of this weekend, it is not possible to entertain non-residential guests at this event.

[More details](#)

Dates for your diary

[31 Aug - 1 Sept](#)

[Junior Teach-In](#)

[2 - 6 Sept](#)

[EBED Autumn Spring Pairs](#)

[6 - 15 Sept](#)

[Guernsey Congress](#)

7 - 8 Sept

Green Point Event in [Bedford](#)

13 - 15 Sept

Green Point Events in [Isle of Man](#), [Cornwall](#) and [Surrey](#) (14-15 Sept)

14 - 28 Sept



[World Bridge Championships](#)

21 - 22 Sept

Green Point Events in [Essex/Herts](#)

18 - 20 Oct

[Autumn Congress](#)

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