



# ***EBU Event Focus***

## ***Issue 101***

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Dear Club/County Officials

You have been sent this email in your capacity as a club/county official, please pass this information on to the members of your club and anyone you think may be interested.

### **It's not too late to enter the Summer Meeting**

The [Summer Meeting](#) taking place 6th - 15th August, in Eastbourne, is nearly upon us! See further details below. If you can't make it to Eastbourne, there are opportunities to join in some events online.

### **Play in the GCH Fox Pairs Online**

This year for the first time the GCH Fox Championship Pairs will be a multi-session event. Qualifiers are on the Monday and the final on Tuesday. Also for the first time we will run it as a hybrid event using the new "Bridgemate Play" facility which allows for some to play online and others face-to-face, with the two sections being scored together throughout, so you have an opportunity to join in the Summer Meeting fun even if you can't get to Eastbourne. Those who play online can choose which sessions they want to play at a cost of £6 a session. Each session will qualify for enhanced Blue Points as well as the chance of a session prize, but they will not be able to win the overall trophy, which is restricted to those who play live at Eastbourne.

A further opportunity will be provided to join in playing the Mixed Pairs and the Mixed Pivot Teams in "satellite" events run by a few clubs, listed on the website.

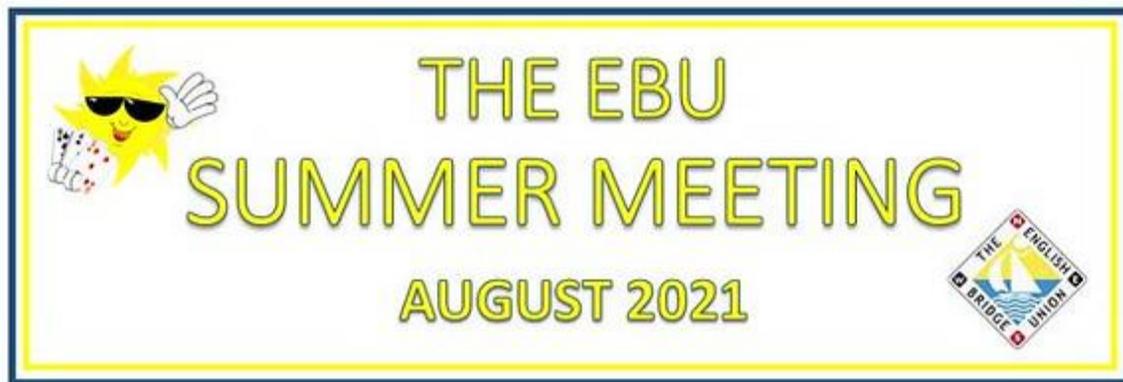
**Special offer for those who have never played in the Summer meeting\*** - The 2021 Summer Meeting has a special one-off limited offer for any players who have not previously played in the Summer Meeting at Eastbourne. £20 fee for each weekend and just £10 for all mid-week events! Book Early to avoid missing out - special offer, places are limited.

\*You can take advantage of this great offer, even if you played at the Summer Meeting when it was held in Brighton but book early to ensure there is space for you

### **Club and County Events in August**

There are plenty of County events coming up over the next few weeks, many of them Green Pointed. Hertfordshire & Essex, Dorset, Manchester, Bedford and the Isle of Man all have events taking place. Further details can be found below, or on the [EBU calendar](#). As these are county run events, please contact the counties directly for further information.

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 or via [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)



### **Summer Meeting**

*6th - 15th August*

*Eastbourne*

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We are looking forward to this year's Summer Meeting in Eastbourne as the EBU's first return to a face-to-face bridge.

**First Weekend:** Swiss Pairs Championship for the Harold Poster Trophy

**Second Weekend:** Four Stars Teams Championship

**Midweek:** GCH Fox Pairs Championship (new format, see above for more details); Mixed Pivot Teams Championship; and Mixed Pairs Championship. A new Patton (Hybrid Scoring) Teams event taking place on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. On Friday afternoon there will be Point-a-Board Teams.

Both weekends will also have Fast Pairs events and 'Discuss it with an Expert' seminars.

[More details](#)

## Progressive Tournament

*9th - 12th August*  
*Eastbourne*

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There will be a Progressive Congress taking place midweek from Monday to Thursday, with competitions for all ranges of lower ranked players.

**Monday:** Progressive Tournament Welcome and 6 High Welcome Pairs

**Tuesday:** 6 High morning seminar followed by 6 High Pairs in the afternoon and 9 High Pairs in the evening

**Wednesday:** 9 High morning seminar followed by 9 High Pairs in the afternoon and 9 High Teams in the evening

**Thursday:** Jack High Swiss Pairs in the morning and afternoon, followed by Progressive Tournament prizegiving.

[More details](#)

## Guernsey Bridge Congress

13th - 19th September  
St Pierre Park Hotel

The venue St Pierre Park Hotel is set in beautiful gardens and just one mile from the picturesque harbour of St Peter Port. The town is a short stroll with all its facilities,

shopping and restaurants, and boat trips to the islands.

To kick off the week, there will be a mixed teams competition on the Monday, followed by a mixed pairs competitions on the Tuesday. On Wednesday there will be Pivot Teams and IMP Pairs. Thursday and Friday will be Swiss Pairs. The week will close with Swiss Teams on the Saturday and Sunday.

[More details](#)

### Autumn Congress

22nd - 24th October  
Delta by Marriott,  
Warwickshire

Join us in the newly rebranded 4\* Delta by Marriott Hotel, near Warwick.

The Two Stars Pairs will start with qualification on Friday in the form of Matchpointed Pairs. Pairs Finals and Swiss Pairs will take place on Saturday. There is also the two-session multiple teams event on Sunday, competing for the Eastbourne Bowl, Burlington Cup and Sussex Cup.

Book your bridge sessions online via [My EBU](#). Book accommodation for the event directly with event sponsors First for Bridge to take advantage of the special hotel rates package.

[More details](#)

### National Handicap Championship Pairs

12th September  
Various club venues

The National Handicap Pairs Championship is open to all clubs.

The competition will be played as a single extended session, about 30 boards, scored by match-points across all participating venues. The time of the event will be determined by the host venue providing the start time is no earlier than 11am and no later than 2pm. Please see below for information. Handicaps will be based on the average NGS of the two players in each pair. Players will need to have their NGS visible.

[More details](#)

## Other dates for your diary

[31 July - 1 Aug](#)

[Herts / Essex GP weekend \(RealBridge\)](#)

[1 Aug](#)

[Dorset GP Swiss Pairs \(RealBridge\)](#)

[1 Aug](#)

[Manchester GP Swiss Teams \(F2F\)](#)

[4 Sept](#)

[Bedford GP Swiss Pairs \(RealBridge\)](#)

[11 - 12 Sept](#)

[Isle of Man GP Swiss Pairs \(RealBridge\) and Teams \(BBO\)](#)

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