



## ***EBU Event Focus***

### ***Issue 49: October 2016***

Dear EBU member

Thank you to those members who responded to our request for feedback regarding the Summer Meeting. This was passed on to the Tournament Committee who met on Wednesday. If there are any significant updates arising from the meeting then this will be passed on directly to those who gave a response, and also reported in a future Event Focus.

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](mailto:comps@ebu.co.uk). Entries can be made by calling this number, or through the members area of the website - [www.ebu.co.uk/members](http://www.ebu.co.uk/members).

For preferential rates for venue hotels book via the EBU Accommodation Booking Service - call Bridge Overseas Freephone on: 0800 0346 246.



### **Player of the Year Championship**

Congratulations to Alexander Allfrey and Andrew Robson who are joint winners of the 2015-16 Player of the Year Competition.

Over 140 players scored points in this year's competition - the top ten was:

<b>1st= Alexander Allfrey</b>	<b>41</b>	6th= David Bakhshi	29
<b>1st= Andrew Robson</b>	<b>41</b>	6th= Tony Forrester	29
3rd Jason Hackett	35	6th= David Mossop	29
4th= David Gold	30	6th= David Price	29
4th= Justin Hackett	30	6th= Colin Simpson	29

The competition will take place again in 2016/17,

with the first points won in the Two Star Pairs at the Autumn Congress (see below).

[More information and the full points list](#)



### **Autumn Congress**

*14th - 16th October,  
Holiday Inn, Peterborough*

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A three day congress including:

The four-session Two Star Pairs on Friday & Saturday - the two-session qualifying Swiss Pairs on Friday is also open to those only playing that day.

A two-session Swiss Pairs on Saturday for non-qualifiers and those joining on Saturday.

A two-session Multiple Teams on Sunday.

[More details](#)

The venue is the [Holiday Inn Peterborough - West](#). Please book through Bridge Overseas on: 0800 0346 246 .



#### **Really Easy Afternoon**

*Friday 14th October, multiple venues*

Aimed at less experienced players (ranked lower than a Master and below a Jack on NGS).

Heats will take place at:

**The Autumn Congress in Peterborough**

**3 Counties Bridge Club, Surrey**

**Exeter Bridge Club**

**The Lymington Club, Hampshire**

**Richmond Bridge Club**

**Stretford Bridge Club, Manchester**

**Watford & Bushey Bridge Club**

It is an afternoon event, but the start time will vary at each venue. The heats at each venue are open to all - EBU members and non-members alike. Please enter with the EBU for all heats.



## Seniors Congress

4th - 6th November

*New venue - Wokefield Park nr Reading*

A three day congress for those born in 1956 or earlier. The congress includes:

A four-session Championship Pairs on Friday & Saturday.

A two-session Swiss Pairs on Saturday for non-qualifiers and those joining on Saturday.

A two-session Swiss Teams on Sunday.

[More details](#)

The event takes place at a new venue, [Wokefield Park](#), near Reading. There is free parking, wifi, tea and coffee, plus residents can receive discounted rates on the hotel golf course. Please book through Bridge Overseas on: 0800 0346 246 .



## Year End Congress, London

27th - 30th December

Round out the year with four days of bridge at the Royal National Hotel near Russell Square.

[More details](#)



## Blackpool Year End Congress

28th - 30th December

Our 'northern' congress between Christmas and New Year is returning to popular Blackpool.

[More details](#)



## National Point-a-Board Teams

London, 21st - 22nd January

Now a 'stand-alone' competition. The sister event - The National Swiss Teams - is in May.

[More details](#)



## International Trials

Teltscher Trophy Trials: 16th - 18th December at West Midlands Bridge Club. Applications to [dawn@ebu.co.uk](mailto:dawn@ebu.co.uk) by 31st October.

[More details](#)

Lady Milne Trials: 27th - 29th January at Young Chelsea Bridge Club. Applications to [dawn@ebu.co.uk](mailto:dawn@ebu.co.uk) by 12th December.

[More details](#)



## Online Knockout - entries open

Entries are now open for the 2017 Online Knockout Teams competition. It is open to members of the 'home union' federations - so tell your friends in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.

Matches are played exclusively online, and there is a plate competition, at no extra charge, for those losing their first match.

**Entries close on Thursday 22nd December.**

[More details](#)

## Other dates for your diary

**3 - 6 Oct**  
**9 - 12 Jan**

British Autumn Sim Pairs  
British Winter Sim Pairs

**8 - 9 Oct**

Gold Cup finals (for those qualifying), London

**22 - 23 Oct**  
**29 - 30 Oct**  
**5 - 6 Nov**

Premier League (for confirmed entrants)  
1st Weekend, London  
2nd Weekend, Manchester  
3rd Weekend, Solihull

**19 - 20 Nov**

Tollemache Qualifying Round (for county representatives), Birmingham

**17 - 18 Dec**

Junior Channel Trophy, Young Chelsea Bridge Club

Thanks for reading. We hope to see you at an event soon.