



BENEFITS FOR CLUBS

The EBU provides many services and benefits for its affiliated clubs. A number of them are listed here. Please click on a hyperlink for more information.

[Discounted Club Teacher Training](#) – The EBU works with the charity English Bridge Education and Development (EBED), and the bridge teachers' organisation EBTA, to support clubs, and bridge teachers. Each EBU affiliated club can receive a 20% discount on their members attending a Club Teacher Training Course. These courses assist with the development of the club and to attract new members. The courses are run by EBED, and are subject to availability.

[Club Tournament Director Training](#) – Every EBU club can receive a discount on the cost of Tournament Director Training courses run by English Bridge Education and Development. EBU Members will enjoy a discount of 10% from the standard pricing.

[Reduced Cost Public Liability Insurance](#) – Extensive club cover for a very low price including a recent extension to cover club officials.

[Special offers at The Bridge Warehouse](#) – The Bridge Warehouse – the EBU's shop – has intermittent special offers for affiliated clubs, EBU members, and EBTA members. These will be announced from time to time on the EBU website, and by email to club officials. The Bridge Warehouse provides good quality, low cost equipment and stationery - if you can find the same item advertised cheaper elsewhere, we will match the price where possible.

[Club Competitions](#) – The EBU runs a number of competitions especially for its clubs. These include the NICKO, and EBU Simultaneous Pairs. New events are being introduced in the coming months including local based simultaneous pairs, stratified and handicapped events, and much more.

[National Grading Scheme](#) – Clubs can use the National Grading Scheme to enhance their competitions and events.

[Master Points Scheme](#) – A scheme which recognises lifetime achievement in bridge and therefore encourages continued club and EBU membership.

Club Management Focus – The EBU electronic newsletter especially for club administrators appears four times a year with helpful articles for Clubs. Is your Club Committee getting it? If not, please email clubfocus@ebu.co.uk.

Services of the EBU Club Liaison Officer – Bev Purvis can be contacted at any time for help and advice: bev@ebu.co.uk.



Services of the EBU Communications Officer – Peter Stockdale:

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Minibridge – The EBU is working with English Bridge Education and Development to promote Minibridge in schools to help ensure the future of bridge at our clubs in the long term. Your club can help.

EBU Website – A treasure trove of information and advice. Downloads (free of charge) include:

- [Model Club Constitution](#) – all clubs should have a Constitution;
- [System Cards](#) – blank ones you can fill in yourself, as well as ready prepared System Cards for Standard Benji, Acoll, etc;
- [Blue Book](#) (Handbook of EBU Directives);
- [White Book](#) (full EBU Tournament Directors' Guide);
- Club Management Handbook – Free of charge.

EBUScore - bridge scoring software available free, with unlimited users (though only for use by club members for club activities). Technical support for EBUScore is also free to EBU clubs at the present time.

Free website from Pianola - As a part of your EBU affiliation you can use Pianola completely free of charge for twelve months. Through Pianola you can manage your club's membership, communicate with your players, publish your results and build a website. Players benefit from personal analysis of their performance and can use the system to advertise for a partner, when they need one. Pianola integrates closely with the EBU database in real time, so changes you make in Pianola are automatically and instantly replicated on the EBU database. Contact sales@pianola.net and mention you're an EBU club to take advantage of this offer.

Services and Benefits for Individual Members - The EBU also provides your individual members with a regular magazine and diary as well as a number of other non-bridge related [membership benefits](#).

If you are interested in any of the above services or require advice or assistance on any matters pertaining to your club, please contact Bev Purvis, the EBU Club Liaison Officer, on 01296 317206 or via her email: bev@ebu.co.uk. Bev is also happy to visit your club to discuss subjects such as ways to boost membership.