



48th Summer Meeting

The Brighton Congress 2014



8th - 17th August 2014

Hilton Metropole Hotel

Incorporating:

15th Seniors Congress

Under 25 Pairs

Brighton Lite

The easy way to enjoy our flagship event

The Really Easy Summer Congress

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The EBU Summer Meeting returns to the Brighton seafront for a 48th year of sun, sea and small slams.

There is a full and varied programme, incorporating events which are ideal for experienced players, novices and improvers, seniors, juniors and those who may only be able to come to Brighton for a limited time (Brighton Lite).

Brighton Lite

Brighton Lite gives all the enjoyment of the full congress, but with events and timings designed to allow greater flexibility. So whether you can only come to Brighton for a short time, want to minimise your accommodation needs, or just want more time to enjoy the sights of Brighton, the Lite events are for you.

All Brighton Lite weekend events start at noon, to allow travel that morning, and finish by 6:30pm to eliminate the necessity for overnight accommodation.

The 15th Seniors Congress

There are midweek events for seniors only (players born in or before 1954).

Under 25 Championship Pairs

The Under 25 Pairs will again be held on Tuesday afternoon.

The Really Easy Summer Congress

The Really Easy events are an ideal way for less experienced players to sample the atmosphere of the Brighton Summer Meeting. With events for novices and students who have been learning through the *Bridge For All* scheme, and for players who have played at their local club and are looking for a relaxed way to try a congress, there is something for everyone.

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Congress Manager - Peter Jordan - peter@ebu.co.uk

Brighton Congress Events

First weekend

♥ Friday - Sunday Swiss Pairs Championship

A four session event for the Harold Poster Cup.

Green points are awarded at one-and-a-half times the standard rate.

♣ Sunday evening Open Pairs or Open Teams

A single session event, open to all and with free entry for Swiss Pairs players.

Midweek Evenings

♦ Monday Play with the Experts pairs

♠ Tuesday Championship Pairs

♥ Wednesday Mixed Pivot Teams

♣ Thursday Mixed Pairs

Midweek Afternoons

♦ Monday - Thursday Midweek Knockout Teams - includes Tuesday afternoon pairs for 1st round losers.

♠ Daily Open Pairs

♥ Friday Point-a-Board Teams

Second weekend

♣ Friday - Sunday Four Stars Swiss Teams Championship

After three sessions the leading eight teams contest the Four Stars 'A' final and the next eight the 'B' final. Both finals are over two sessions. The remainder of the field play one further session for the Brighton Bowl.

Green points are awarded at one-and-a-half times the standard rate.

The Friday Open Pairs or Point-a-Board Teams is free to all Swiss Teams players.

Discuss it with an Expert

♦ Both weekends and Tuesday to Thursday

At 11am discuss hands from the previous day with experts. Last year celebrities included Andrew Robson, Zia Mahmood and Brian Senior.

Tournament Director Courses

♠ Each morning from Monday to Thursday

Intensive courses for those wishing to become club tournament directors.

Brighton Lite Events

The easy way to enjoy our flagship event. All the fun, less time commitment.

These events are ideal for players of all standards as you will mostly play against those who are performing to a similar standard.

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First Weekend: Bracketed events

After a qualifying session the field is split based on results into groups of about eight tables. The second session is played within in each group.

♥ **Saturday** One-day bracketed pairs

♣ **Sunday** One-day bracketed teams

Second weekend: Swiss Pairs

♦ Two one-day Stratified Swiss Pairs events of six seven-board matches. Anyone playing both days will be eligible for an extra prize and extra ranking points for the highest scoring pair.

With a noon start, and a finish by 6:30pm, Brighton Lite weekend events are ideal for those who want to travel to and from the congress each day.

Midweek:

♠ Single-session blue pointed Open Pairs each afternoon.

♥ Evening events (not Friday) with Blue Points at national scale and with an early start option for the Pairs events.



Seniors Congress Events

Monday - Tuesday

♥ Seniors Pairs

A qualifying round on Monday evening, followed by semi-finals and finals.

Wednesday - Thursday

♣ Seniors Swiss Teams

Four eight-board matches each afternoon.

Junior Event

Tuesday afternoon - Under25 Championship Pairs

Play will finish by 7pm to allow the chance to play in the Pairs Championship.



The Really Easy Summer Congress

The emphasis is on having fun, improving your game, and enjoying congress bridge in a relaxed environment.

First Step: 11th - 13th August 2014

For those who have completed the first Really Easy course and are entering their first tournament. Sessions are of 15 to 21 boards and run from Monday to Wednesday. Players will be expected to use a basic Acol system.

Next Step: 12th - 14th August

For players with experience of 'club-level' bridge who want to start playing in congresses. Next Step events run from Tuesday to Thursday. Sessions will be about 21 to 24 boards and players can use their preferred bidding system.

There are teaching sessions on Monday afternoon and Thursday morning.



The Venue

All events are held at the Hilton Metropole Hotel.
Kings Road, Brighton, BN1 2FU. Tel: 01273 775432

2014 Hilton rates: Weekend single £132.80 double £216;
Midweek single £72 double £143.10; £5 per night reduction for stays of longer than 5 nights.

To make reservations for accommodation in Brighton (excluding the Hilton Metropole) contact the EBU Accommodation booking service, operated by Bridge Overseas, on Freephone 0800 0346 246 <http://www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/abs>

For helpful advice on your visit to Brighton, and to the Congress, visit our Brighton Hub www.ebu.co.uk/brighton which will be regularly updated as the congress approaches.

Event Programme

Friday 8th

7:45pm Swiss Pairs session 1 (3 x 8-boards)
11:30pm Late-night Speed Ball - Pairs

Saturday 9th

11:00am Discuss it with an Expert
12:00pm One-Day Bracketed Pairs, session 1
1:00pm Swiss Pairs session 2 (4 x 8-boards)
3:30pm One-Day Bracketed Pairs, session 2
7:45pm Swiss Pairs session 3 (3 x 8-boards)
11:30pm Late-night Speed Ball - Teams

Sunday 10th

11:00am Discuss it with an Expert
12:00pm One-Day Bracketed Teams, session 1
12:30pm Swiss Pairs session 4 (4 x 8-boards)
3:30pm One-Day Bracketed Teams, session 2
7:45pm Open Pairs and Open Teams

Monday 11th

10:30am Tournament Director Course
2:00pm Midweek Knock-out Teams, round 1
2:00pm Open Pairs
2:00pm Really Easy First Step Lesson
7:00pm Early Bird Session (Play with the Experts)
7:30pm Really Easy First Step Session 1
7:45pm Play with the Experts Pairs
7:45pm Seniors Pairs qualifier

Tuesday 12th

10:00am Really Easy First Step Session 2
10:30am Tournament Director Course
11:00am Discuss it with an Expert
12:00pm Under 25 Championship Pairs
2:00pm Seniors Pairs semi-finals
2:00pm Midweek Knock-out Teams, round 2
2:00pm Open Pairs
2:30pm Really Easy First Step Session 3
2:30pm Really Easy Next Step Session 1
7:00pm Early Bird Session (Pairs Championship)
7:30pm Really Easy First Step Informal Play
7:30pm Really Easy Next Step Session 2
7:45pm Tuesday Pairs Championship
7:45pm Seniors Pairs finals

Main Congress events Senior Congress events
Brighton Lite events Really Easy events
Junior events

Wednesday 13th

10:30am Tournament Director Course
10:30am Really Easy First Step Swiss Pairs Session 4
10:30am Really Easy Next Step Swiss Pairs Session 3
11:00am Discuss it with an Expert
1:00pm Seniors Swiss Teams session 1 (4 x 8-boards)
2:00pm Midweek Knock-out Teams, round 3
2:00pm Open Pairs
7:30pm Really Easy Next Step Session 4
7:45pm Mixed Pivot Teams Championship
11:30pm Late-night Speed Ball - Pairs

Thursday 14th

10:00am Really Easy Next Step Lesson
10:30am Tournament Director Course
11:00am Discuss it with an Expert
1:00pm Seniors Swiss Teams session 2 (4 x 8-boards)
1:00pm Really Easy Next Step Session 5
2:00pm Midweek Knock-out Teams, round 4
2:00pm Open Pairs
7:00pm Early Bird Session (Mixed Pairs)
7:45pm Mixed Pairs Championship

Friday 15th

12:00pm Midweek Knock-out Teams, final
1:00pm Open Pairs
1:00pm Point-a-Board Teams
7:45pm Swiss Teams session 1 (3 x 8-boards)
11:30pm Late-night Speed Ball - Pairs

Saturday 16th

11:00am Discuss it with an Expert
12:00pm One-Day Stratified Swiss Pairs, session 1
(3 x 7-boards)
1:00pm Swiss Teams session 2 (4 x 8-boards)
3:30pm One-Day Stratified Swiss Pairs 2
(3 x 7-boards)
7:45pm Swiss Teams session 3 (3 x 8-boards)
11:30pm Late-night Speed Ball - Teams

Sunday 17th

11:00am Four Stars session 1 (3 x 8-boards)
11:00am Discuss it with an Expert
12:00pm One-Day Stratified Swiss Pairs, session 1
(3 x 7-boards)
12:30pm Swiss Teams session 4 (4 x 8-boards)
3:20pm Four Stars session 2 (4 x 8-boards)
3:30pm One-Day Stratified Swiss Pairs, session 2
(3 x 7-boards)

Brighton Congress Entry Codes and Prices

A	Full Congress (excl Seniors)	£190	P	Seniors Pairs	£44
B	Full Congress (incl Seniors)	£213	Q	Seniors Teams	£36
C	First weekend Swiss Pairs	£94	R	Both Seniors events	£72
D	Second weekend Swiss Teams	£89	S	Really Easy First Step	£46
E	Both weekends	£165	T	Really Easy Next Step	£46
F	All midweek events	£67	U	Really Easy one session only	£8
GM	Monday evening single session	£11	V	U25 Championship Pairs	£5
GT	Tuesday evening single session	£11			
GW	Wednesday evening single session	£11			
GH	Thursday evening single session	£11			
HS	Sunday evening Open Pairs	£9			
HM	Monday afternoon Open Pairs	£9			
HT	Tuesday afternoon Open Pairs	£9			
HW	Wednesday afternoon Open Pairs	£9			
HH	Thursday afternoon Open Pairs	£9			
HF	Friday afternoon Open Pairs	£9			
HP	Friday afternoon Point-a-Board	£9			
I	Midweek Knockout Teams	£22			
J	1st wknd Saturday Bracketed Pairs	£34			
JK	1st wknd both Bracketed events	£61			
K	1st wknd Sunday Bracketed Teams	£34			
L	2nd wknd Saturday one-day Swiss Pairs	£34			
LM	2nd wknd both one-day Swiss Pairs	£61			
M	2nd wknd Sunday one-day Swiss Pairs	£34			
N	Both wknd one-day Sat/Sun events	£110			

Payment Details

You can pay your entry fees (full or partly) by bank transfer. Please send payment to: Account number: 70357200 Sort code: 20.03.18

To pay by credit/debit card, please fill in the details below:

Please tick the appropriate card symbol:



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Or, alternatively I enclose a cheque for £ or prize credits for £

Cheques should be made payable to English Bridge Union

Entry Form - Brighton Congress

Please give EBU numbers for all players. If you cannot give the EBU number for any player please provide the full postcode.

Player 1 _____
(title) (first name) (surname)

EBU Number: _____ Entry Code: _____

Address: _____
_____ Post Code: _____

Email: _____

Tel (day): _____ Tel (eve): _____

Player 2 _____
(title) (first name) (surname)

EBU Number: _____ Entry Code: _____ Post Code: _____

Player 3 _____
(title) (first name) (surname)

EBU Number: _____ Entry Code: _____ Post Code: _____

Player 4 _____
(title) (first name) (surname)

EBU Number: _____ Entry Code: _____ Post Code: _____

Please see overleaf for Entry Codes and payment options.

Please send this form to:

English Bridge Union, Competitions, Broadfields, Bicester Road, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP19 8AZ,
Telephone Competitions on 01296 317 203/219 or email comps@ebu.co.uk.

Please tick this box if you would like confirmation of entry emailed to you:

Alternatively you can book your place online via your members area:
<https://www.ebu.co.uk/members/>