



# 49th Summer Meeting

The final Summer Meeting held at Brighton



14th - 23rd August 2015

Hilton Metropole Hotel, Brighton

Including:

**Weekend Challenge Events**

**One Day Events    Under 25 Pairs**

**The Mercian Travel Seniors Congress**

**The Really Easy Summer Congress**

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See the entry form for our special offer for the 2016 Summer Meeting in Eastbourne

# **EBU SUMMER MEETING**

## **Brighton, 14th - 23rd August 2015**

In 2015 the EBU Summer Meeting heads to Brighton seafront for the final time. The 2016 event will be in Eastbourne, so this is the last chance to enjoy Brighton at congress time. Join us, and make it a congress to remember.

The programme of events contains all the competitions that regulars know and love, and enough to tempt first timers to join us; there are 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.

### **Weekend Challenge Events**

The flagship events of the Summer Meeting, ideal for those wanting an intensive long weekend of bridge. They are played over three days and offer enhanced Green Points to reflect the prestigious nature of the competitions.

### **One Day Events**

For those who are only able to come to Brighton for a short period of time, or who simply prefer shorter competitions. They offer the excellent bridge one would expect at the Summer Meeting, but with greater flexibility than the Weekend Challenges. Most weekday evening events have an early start option for those wanting to finish sooner. The choice is yours.

### **The Mercian Travel Seniors Congress**

There are midweek events for seniors only (players born in or before 1955). We are grateful to Mercian travel for their sponsorship of the congress.

### **Under 25 Championship Pairs**

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

### **The Really Easy Summer Congress**

These events are an ideal way for less experienced players to sample the atmosphere of the Summer Meeting. With events for novices who have recently started learning, and for club players who are looking for a relaxed way to try their first congress, there is something for everyone.

## Weekend Challenge Events

### First weekend

#### ♥ Friday - Sunday Swiss Pairs Championship

A four session event for the Harold Poster Cup, with 14 eight-board matches played across the three days.

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

The Sunday evening Open Pairs/Teams is free to all Swiss Pairs players.

### Second weekend

#### ♣ Friday - Sunday Four Stars Swiss Teams Championship

Three sessions are played on the first two days, and after these 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.



## Weekend One Day Events

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

*All weekend One Day Events start at noon, to allow travel that morning, and finish by 6:30pm to eliminate the necessity for overnight accommodation.*

### 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.

## Midweek One Day Events

Single session events, open to everyone. These give all fun, but with less time commitment. The evening events (except Wednesday) have an early start option for those who wish to finish sooner.

### Evenings

- ♣ **First sunday evening** Open Pairs or Open Teams (free entry for Swiss Pairs players).
- ♦ **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 (this, and the Friday Open Pairs, are free to Swiss Teams players)



## Mercian Travel Seniors Congress Events

[www.mercianbridge.co.uk](http://www.mercianbridge.co.uk)

### 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: 17th - 19th August

For those who have recently started to learn to play - perhaps having just completed their first year of lessons. The First Step sessions will combine a lesson and competitions. You will be expected to play a basic Acol system.

## Next Step: 18th - 20th August

The Next Step event is for players will have been playing in a local club and want to try out an EBU congress event. The Next Step sessions will combine lessons and competitions and players can use their preferred bidding system.

We hope that those who have taken part in Green Point events, or participated in the Next Step events at the Really Easy Congress in the past, will take part in the main congress events.



## Discuss it with an Expert

♦ Both weekends and Tuesday to Thursday

At 11am discuss hands from the previous day with experts. Celebrities have previously 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.



## The Venue

Hilton Metropole Hotel. Kings Road, Brighton, BN1 2FU. Tel: 01273 775432

2015 Hilton B&B rates: Weekend single £136.80; double £222.50

Midweek single £74; double £147; £5 per night reduction for stays of longer than 5 nights.

For advice on your visit to Brighton, and to the congress, go to [www.ebu.co.uk/brighton](http://www.ebu.co.uk/brighton)

# Event Programme

## Friday 14th

**7:45pm Swiss Pairs session 1 (3 x 8-boards)**

11:30pm Late-night Speed Ball - Pairs

## Saturday 15th

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 16th

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 17th

10:30am Tournament Director Course

2:00pm Midweek Knock-out Teams, round 1

2:00pm Open Pairs

2:00pm Really Easy First Step Lesson 1

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 18th

10:30am Really Easy First Step Lesson 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 2

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 (**Weekend Challenge in Bold**)

One Day events Really Easy events

Senior Congress events Junior events

Talks and lectures

## Wednesday 19th

10:30am Tournament Director Course

10:30am Really Easy First Step Swiss Pairs Session 3

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 20th

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 21st

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 22nd

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 23rd

**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)

## EBU Summer Meeting Entry Codes and Prices

A	Full Congress (excl Seniors)	£196	I	Midweek Knockout Teams	£23
B	Full Congress (incl Seniors)	£219	J	1st Saturday Bracketed Pairs	£36
C	First weekend Swiss Pairs	£97	K	1st Sunday Bracketed Teams	£36
D	Second weekend Swiss Teams	£92	JK	1st wknd both Bracketed events	£63
E	Both weekends	£170	L	2nd Saturday one-day Swiss Pairs	£36
F	All midweek events	£70	M	2nd Sunday one-day Swiss Pairs	£36
GM	Monday eve single session	£12	LM	2nd wknd both one-day events	£63
GT	Tuesday eve single session	£12	N	Both wknd one-day events	£114
GW	Wednesday eve single session	£12	P	Seniors Pairs	£46
GH	Thursday eve single session	£12	Q	Seniors Teams	£38
HS	Sunday eve Open Pairs	£10	R	Both Seniors events	£75
HM	Monday aft'n Open Pairs	£10	S	Really Easy First Step	£50
HT	Tuesday aft'n Open Pairs	£10	T	Really Easy Next Step	£50
HW	Wednesday aft'n Open Pairs	£10	U	Really Easy one session only	£9
HH	Thursday aft'n Open Pairs	£10	V	U25 Championship Pairs	£5
HF	Friday aft'n Open Pairs	£10			
HP	Friday aft'n Point-a-Board	£10			

### Enter the full congress in 2015 and receive £50 off the full congress for 2016

Enter the full congress (including or excluding Seniors events) - entry code A or B - and receive a £50 discount off entry to the full congress in Eastbourne in 2016.

Juniors paying half price full congress entry in 2015 get a £25 reduction for 2016.

### 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 - EBU Summer Meeting

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](mailto: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/>