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### 41<sup>st</sup> Brighton bridge summer meeting 2007: *Europe's largest bridge meeting*

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The 41<sup>st</sup> Brighton summer meeting is taking place this year from 10<sup>th</sup> August – 19<sup>th</sup> August at the Hilton Brighton Metropole. The event is Europe's largest annual bridge tournament and will attract over 2000 players over the 10 day duration. Competitions range from seniors tournaments to international matches – broadcast on the internet.

Of particular interest this year is the **Really Easy Congress** for beginners, providing a unique opportunity for all bridge students to learn through playing the game with other beginners! This is the first Really Easy Congress at Brighton since 2004 and will see 20 tables of bridge being played (an increase of 11 since 2004).

Other highlights of the ten days include an Exhibition Match, which is being held between de Botton (England) and Hauge (Norway), on Thursday 16th & Friday 17th August. It will be featured on the BBO website and can be viewed here: <http://www.bridgebaseonline.com/>

Over the course of the festival over 7500 number of packs of cards will be used in producing 600 numbers of hands at 100 tables. In total 70,000 hands of bridge will be played.

More information: [www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/august/brighton/default.htm](http://www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/august/brighton/default.htm).

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#### Notes to editors:

##### **Access**

Access to the festival can be made available for photographs and interviews with players. We also have four Brighton player profiles available: school pupil; students; professional and senior. Please contact Matt Betts for more information.

##### **About Bridge**

Bridge is a trick-taking card game of skill and chance. It is played by four players who form two partnerships (sides); the partners sit opposite each other at a table. The game consists of the auction (often called bidding) and play, after which the hand is scored. Bridge is one of the most enduring and popular games in the world. It is one of the most popular participation sports in Britain, with around 300,000 playing on a regular basis.

##### **About the English Bridge Union**

The English Bridge Union Limited (EBU) is a membership-funded organisation committed to promoting the game of duplicate bridge. It is also a National Bridge Organisation in its own right affiliated to the European Bridge League and the World Bridge Federation. Young players are the lifeblood of the game and the EBU are keen to encourage them. Further information: [www.ebu.co.uk](http://www.ebu.co.uk)