



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EBU TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 40 BERNARD STREET, LONDON WC1 ON MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2004**

<b>Present:</b>	Margaret Curtis	Chairman
	Alan Nelson	Vice-Chairman
	Max Bavin	Chief Tournament Director
	Tom Bradley	EBU Treasurer
	Heather Dhondy	
	Philip Mason	EBU Vice-Chairman
	Malcolm Oliver	
	Gerard Faulkner	Vice-President
	Terry Collier	General Manager
	Nick Doe	Secretary

**1. Election of Committee Chairman for the year 2004/05**

Mrs Curtis was proposed by Mr Bradley and seconded by Mr Nelson. There being no other nominations, she was declared duly elected. She thanked the Committee, and informed Committee members that she did not propose to stand again as Chairman after the current year.

**2. Election of Committee Vice-Chairman for the year 2004/05**

Mr Nelson was proposed by Mr Mason and seconded by Mr Bradley. There being no other nominations, he was declared duly elected.

<b>3. Apologies for Absence</b>	Addis Page	
	Denis Robson	EBU Chairman
	Paul Spencer	

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting (16<sup>th</sup> September 2004)**

**4.1 Accuracy**

Mr Doe reported that an apology for absence should have been recorded from Mr Page. Subject to this correction, the minutes were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**4.2 Matters arising**

**4.2.1 Age qualification for Seniors (item 2.2.1)**

The Committee noted that at a meeting of the WBF Seniors Committee at the recent World Teams Olympiad, a recommendation had been made to the WBF Executive that the increase in the qualifying age should be made more slowly, namely an increase of one year in the qualifying age

every two years until it reached 60. The Committee considered that, having made the decision to follow the international bodies in increasing the age, it was desirable to keep in step with them as far as practicable in terms of timing. However, this was difficult when the international bodies did not seem able to make a final decision and stick to it. The Committee decided to make no change to its previous decision with regard to 2005. However it would make no commitment at this stage about events in 2006 and later years. It hoped that it would soon become clear what the international bodies proposed to do, and a decision about EBU events would then be made and publicised in *English Bridge*. A suitable statement would need to be included in the 2005/06 diary to explain the position.

#### 4.2.2 *Tollemache Cup (item 2.2.8)*

Mr Bavin drew the Committee's attention to the fact that there appeared to have been some confusion, not least in Council, as to the status of the proposal for possible representation from Wales. He confirmed that the idea had never come from the WBU, but instead from some of the leading Welsh players. The Committee confirmed that there was no question of acceding to a request other than one made officially by the WBU. Since there had been no such request, the idea would not be pursued.

#### 4.2.3 *Tournament Accounts (item 2.2.11)*

There were no queries on the information which had been circulated after the previous meeting. Mr Bradley confirmed that he considered the figures satisfactory.

#### 4.2.4 *Master Points Sub-Committee (item 6.1)*

Mr Mason reported that the matter would be discussed as planned at the January Council meeting. There had been considerable feedback, the content of which varied widely. On the recommendation of the Board, the element of depreciation of Master Points had been abandoned. The proposals did include a new rank with a qualification of 10 Green Points.

The Committee had some concern on the subject of the devaluing of Master Point holdings as a result of the arguably excessive awards for simultaneous pairs events, but recognised that it was an emotive issue. No changes were currently proposed to that aspect of the scheme.

#### 4.2.5 *Draw Policy for Knock-out events (item 8.2)*

The Committee considered correspondence critical of the current arrangements, and thought that the response from Aylesbury had been excellent.

It noted with approval that it was likely that the draw program would be re-written in the near future, as a budget allocation in 2005/06 was planned to cover the cost. Although a specification had not yet been agreed, Mr Bavin proposed to go for flexibility by including in the specification every option that he considered the Committee might ever wish to have, and the Committee felt that this was the right approach.

#### 4.2.6 *Overall timetable for Knock-out competitions (item 5.4)*

Mrs Curtis suggested that the proposed changes could be brought into effect in 2005/06 rather than 2006/07, but the Committee preferred to give the players advance notice in the 2005/06 diary and leave the implementation in 2006/07, as decided at the previous meeting.

#### 4.2.7 *Lambourne Festival (Jersey) (item 2.2.4)*

Mr Faulkner asked what the status was of the proposal to change the refreshment arrangements. Mr Bavin responded that the arrangements would remain unchanged for 2005, and the Channel Islands Association was aware that they would need to act quickly to make their case if they wished to propose a change for 2006.

### **4A. *Dates and venues of future meetings***

The following dates were agreed:-

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December

All meetings would be held in Aylesbury and start at 12 noon.

## **5. Tournament Accounts**

Accounts for Brighton, two events in September and one held over from the previous meeting, had been circulated in advance. Mr Bradley expressed himself generally satisfied. Mr Bavin, however, drew the Committee's attention to some concerns he had about accounting procedures, which he believed might affect the validity of the allocation of figures between events. Mr Collier had been unaware of these concerns and asked for time to investigate them.

*[Secretary's note – a memo has subsequently been circulated to Committee members confirming that the figures presented to the Committee were accurate].*

It was noted that the income from Brighton had been slightly down whereas TD expenses and prizes had been slightly up. Mr Bavin confirmed that he had had to appoint an additional member of staff for the event. He would continue to look at the possibility of using other hotels, but the basic position was that if we wished to continue to hold the Summer Congress in Brighton in August, the hotels were in a very strong position in negotiating prices (and they knew it). The Committee wished to record that it was always open to suggestions for alternative dates or venues for all EBU events, and did not rule out a move from Brighton or from August for the Summer Congress if a suitable alternative presented itself.

## **6. Tournament Reports**

### **6.1 NICKO Plate Final**

This had been played at Oxford Bridge Club and was won by Hereford Bridge Club.

### **6.2 Isle of Man Congress**

The numbers had been very disappointing, with only 21½ tables of Pairs and 16 of Teams. The Manx Bridge Union had proposed a questionnaire for island members, but the Committee noted that there was a long history of poor support for the Congress among island members, and doubted the usefulness of such a questionnaire.

As the 2005 event had already been advertised, the Committee felt that it had no option but to continue with it, but it decided that it would not run a Congress in the Isle of Man after 2005. If the MBU wished to take the Congress over, then the Committee would be happy for it to do so. The precise details would be a matter for negotiation, and one matter to be decided would be the continuance of Green points, although in principle the Committee was prepared for Green points to continue to be awarded if numbers were sufficient.

### **6.3 Autumn Simultaneous Pairs**

There had been 2,193 tables and 239 clubs. The split between the two days was about 45% on Monday and 55% on Tuesday. The numbers were down on the previous year, when numbers had been particularly good.

### **6.4 Guernsey Congress and Seniors Congress**

There had been 35 tables of Pairs and 33 of Teams, which are fairly typical numbers. The midweek Seniors numbers were slightly up and other midweek events were not greatly changed. The hotel propose to introduce a charge for the function space in the light of the fact that fewer bridge players than anticipated stay in the hotel, but the Committee was happy to accept Mr Bavin's conclusion that the overall package was still good value.

### **6.5 Crockfords Plate Final**

This had been played at the Thorpe Bay Bridge Club and was won by Julian Mitchell's team.

### **6.6 One-day Events (September)**

The numbers of tables in play were as follows (Swiss Teams unless otherwise specified):-

#### **Special date**

Hertfordshire	77	
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#### **Saturday**

Derbyshire	36	Swiss Pairs
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Gloucestershire	28	
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Hampshire	97	
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#### **Sunday**

Avon	29	
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Cornwall	33	
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Leicestershire	35	
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Surrey	154	flighted: 122 A, 32 B
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Yorkshire	36	Swiss Pairs
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There was nothing special to report. The Committee congratulated Surrey on continuing to attract extremely good numbers.

### **6.7 Great Northern Swiss Pairs**

The numbers had been down somewhat at 72 tables. There had been no problems and the event had been very well run (as usual).

### **6.8 Autumn Congress**

There had been an average of 86 tables in play, which was slightly down. The new repechage system into the Two Stars Final seemed to work well enough. The refurbishment of the hotel was now complete which had eased some previous problems over meals.

### **6.9 Seniors Congress**

The numbers were slightly down on the previous year with 99 tables of Pairs and 105 of Teams. Unlike previous years the Congress was not completely full, and there had been quite a few late withdrawals. The Committee considered a suggestion that its policy of giving full refunds might be over-generous, but decided to make no change.

The hotel had introduced a very efficient system for both check-in and dinners. Mr Bavin agreed to investigate a query relating to bar opening times.

### **6.10 Tollemache Cup Qualifier**

This had gone well both in bridge terms and in terms of the helpfulness of the hotel. However, the hotel remained rather shabby and was not popular. Mr Bavin had in mind the possibility of moving the event to Daventry, but the problem there was that there were virtually no facilities in the area for players who wished to eat outside the hotel, in contrast to Coventry, where many players can and do eat in one of the many city centre restaurants, thus relieving pressure on the hotel.

If a move to Daventry was to be contemplated, Mr Bavin advised that changes to the format would be necessary to guarantee that a staggered dinner break would be possible. Changing to three groups of 12 might be the answer. It was agreed that he would prepare a paper for the next meeting setting out the options.

Mr Mason suggesting undertaking the draw in advance and splitting the event between two venues, and it was agreed that this was a possibility to be considered. As it was a competition for the Counties, it was appropriate to flag up to Council the possibility of changes.

It was noted that this was the sort of event which would naturally be played at the National Bridge Centre should that project come to fruition. In the meantime Mr Bavin was asked to make a provisional booking at the Hanover Hotel, Daventry for 2005.

#### **6.11 NICKO Final**

This had not yet been played, although a date later in December was now fixed.

### **7. Entry fees for Season 2005/06**

The Committee considered detailed proposals prepared by Mr Bavin on the basis of an overall increase of 3½ -4% stipulated by Mr Bradley. Mr Bradley explained that it had not been easy to arrive at this figure, but this was in the context of an overall budgetary process which was expected to be particularly difficult this year.

Mr Mason considered that a reduction ought to be made in the fees charged for those knock-out events which had no plate competition. His proposal that, subject to equivalent savings being found elsewhere, the entry fees for the Hubert Phillips Bowl and the Gerard Faulkner Salver should be reduced to £48 per team, was seconded by Mr Bradley and approved by 3 votes to 1. It was agreed that the minor adjustments required to the other events to achieve the savings referred to should be left to a process of consultation between Mrs Curtis and Messrs Bavin and Bradley. Subject to these amendments the paper was approved and an amended version incorporating the amendments is attached to these minutes.

### **8. Prize distribution policy**

Mr Nelson said that he had asked for discussion of this item as he was frequently approached at tournaments by players who expressed dissatisfaction with one of more aspects of the present policy. He was not proposing reconsideration of the overall level of prizes, but of their distribution and perhaps the nature of the prizes offered.

Suggestions made included:-

- the extension of category prizes beyond the current categories of non-experts and juniors (ladies and seniors prizes having been abandoned some time ago); a possibility was to offer category prizes to players in each of the various divisions under the proposed Master Point reforms;
- more ascenders prizes;
- prizes other than in vouchers – without necessarily returning to the variety of the old prize rooms, something like glassware as mementoes, which could be organised by mail order, might be considered.

It was agreed that Mr Nelson would prepare a paper, in consultation with Mrs Curtis and Mr Bavin, with a view to a more detailed discussion at the next meeting.

### **9. New events and future arrangements for established events**

#### **9.1 National Newcomers Pairs**

The Committee noted that no particular suggestions had been forthcoming following the flagging up of the matter at the last Council meeting.

The Committee decided that with effect from 2006, the event should be played in two categories, one for those with fewer than 5000 Master Points and one for those with fewer than 1000. Heat

organisers would be expected to run heats separately where possible, although they could be amalgamated if absolutely necessary.

The Committee considered whether it might be possible to introduce a provision to bar or at least discourage from taking part players who were eligible under the relevant Master Point limits, but who were nevertheless considered to be too experienced for the spirit of the competition. This would include players who had earned Master Points but never registered them. The Committee concluded, however, that it was impossible to devise a workable formula.

The Committee also considered the possibility of a dual pricing structure for EBU members and non-members, such as had been introduced with some success for the new social events. It agreed that for 2006 the entry fee should be £2.50 per player for EBU members and £5 for non-members, the excess to be refunded if the non-member became a member within a specified period.

## **9.2 Overseas Congress 2006**

Mr Collier reported that a number of possibilities had been considered. The Algarve had been rejected because it was too easy for players to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Without the benefit of a package likely to attract the majority of players it was not possible to organise the congress on a suitable financial footing. Turkey had also been considered but there were insufficient flights at the time of year – it might be considered if a second overseas congress, say in September, were to be introduced. It had not been considered appropriate to pursue Israel as an option. The current preferred option was Athens, which would be investigated in time to make an announcement at the Tunisia Congress in February. The costs were likely to be similar to those in Estoril last year.

Other suggestions made by Committee members were for Marrakesh, the Italian Lakes and the Canary Islands. Mr Collier cautioned that the principal determining factor was the availability of flights at suitable prices, and they were certainly not available to the Canaries, due to their status as a popular winter sun destination.

The Committee also noted the present position with regard to entries for the 2005 Tunisia Congress, where about 250 players had signed up for the complete package. There had been some complaints about the cost of the gala dinner for players not taking the Bridge Overseas package, but this was considered entirely justifiable on the basis of the combined buying power of the EBU and Bridge Overseas, which had allowed favourable arrangements for the provision of the function space for the benefit of all participants.

## **9.3 South-Western Summer Congress**

Mr Collier reported that contacts with the West of England Tourist Board had produced suggestions for a number of possible venues, but by far the most attractive option was the English Riviera Centre in Torquay. Provisional bookings had been made for the same dates as the Scarborough Congress in 2005, 2006 and 2007. It was noted that the centre offered an accommodation finding service which players could use or not, as they wished.

It was agreed to go ahead with a Congress with effect from 2005. In the first instance the format would be identical to Scarborough (with the exception of the Thursday evening pre-congress event). It was agreed to name the congress “the English Riviera Congress”. Mr Bavin confirmed that he did not anticipate any difficulty in staffing it.

## **9.4 Possible Gold Point event**

Mrs Dhondy reported that interest had been expressed by one possible sponsor, although even if this came to fruition additional sponsorship would still be needed. She would follow this up and hoped to have more news by the March meeting. If so an announcement could be made in time for the commencement of the 2005/06 Master Point year, when the first race would start.

## **9.5 Possible Seniors Congress in the North**

There was nothing to report, and it was agreed that Messrs Bavin and Mason would endeavour to progress the idea. There was some further discussion of possible venues, without seriously calling into question the conclusions already reached.

## **10. One-Day Green-pointed Joint Ventures and Green-pointed County Congresses**

### **10.1 Possible new financial arrangements**

The Committee considered a paper from Mr Bavin which had concluded that a licence fee arrangement might be acceptable despite the drawbacks noted at the previous meeting (when the discussion had proceeded in the absence of detailed figures). The Committee noted that under a licence fee system Aylesbury administration would be saved some administrative work. Less control by Aylesbury would lead to Counties having more freedom to solve local problems in their own way as a service to their members (one example of which had led to the matter being revisited).

The Committee decided that with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006, One-day Green-pointed events would be operated on a licence fee system instead of a profit-sharing basis, with a licence fee of £7 per table per session. Counties would be free to set their own entry fees. The Committee would recommend to the Board that the licence fee for Congress Option events should be at the same rate. Counties already in the schedule for 2006 would be invited to consider their position, and if they wished to withdraw from the schedule as a consequence of the new arrangements, a claim for any expense to which they had already been put would be considered.

### **10.2 Changes to existing schedules**

The Committee approved an application from Yorkshire to move to two Green-pointed events at its existing Green-pointed Congress in June. As a result Yorkshire would withdraw from its provisional Joint Venture date in September 2005 and its date in September 2006.

### **10.3 Future scheduling - 2007**

The Committee noted that applications for 2007 had not yet been sought in view of the uncertainty about the future financial structure. Applications would be solicited once the decision on future financial arrangements had passed Council.

### **10.4 Correspondence – Surrey C.B.A.**

The Committee considered an application from Surrey to call its double header weekends in September 2005 and September 2006 “the Surrey Congress”. Surrey’s letter appeared to indicate that the County considered that it was implicit in such an arrangement that it would be free to offer players who played in both days a discounted entry fee. The Committee did not think that this was so, but was prepared to consider the matter as a separate application.

The Committee reiterated that the nature of a Congress is that it recurs from year to year without any specific time limit. One-day events on specified weekends do not recur from year to year, but are applied for annually, with each year being a separate process from other years. Whilst particular Counties may apply for the same weekends on a recurring basis, the essence of the process is that applications are made annually and may be granted or refused. Whilst it was perhaps very likely that Surrey would be able to be allocated two events in September in future years, this could not be guaranteed if a neighbouring County wished to apply for an event in September. The Committee therefore confirmed the existing policy that it is not appropriate for any Green-pointed event on a specified weekend to be referred to as a Congress, and refused the application.

With regard to the possibility of offering a discount for players who enter both Saturday and Sunday events, the Committee did not think that this was appropriate for an event operated as a financial joint venture, and the application for 2005 was accordingly refused. Provided that the earlier decision about the future financial structure was approved by Council, Counties would be free to set their own entry fees from 2006 onwards, and to make whatever arrangements they saw fit for package entry fees or discounts.

## **11. Calendars**

**11.1 2005/06 – final draft**

**11.2 2006/07 – second draft**

**11.3 2007/08 – first draft**

The Committee considered and approved further drafts, although any Committee members who had any queries or concerns were still welcome to raise them with Mr Doe. The drafts (slightly amended to take account of decisions at this meeting) are attached to these minutes.

## **12. Any other business**

### **12.1 Proposed Bridge and Golf Society**

Mr Collier reported that the Board had resolved to form such a society with the specific aim of attracting to the EBU golfers who already play bridge but who are not EBU members. The Society was to be organised with the assistance of an online company with considerable experience in the golf arena.

### **12.2 Possible dealmaster trial**

The Committee noted that a trial of this software had again been suggested. The software analyses bridge deals and adds to a hand printout details of the number of tricks which a declarer in each of the four seats can make in each denomination. Having seen an example the Committee had some doubts as to the quality of the analysis. It was agreed to refer the matter to Dr Carter for further investigation.

### **12.3 Possible “banking” arrangements for prize vouchers**

The Committee noted that it had been suggested that players who win prizes might welcome a facility for those prizes to be electronically credited against future entry fees in lieu of the issue of paper vouchers. Mr Collier indicated that the EBU's new membership database system was likely to be able to offer such an arrangement. Whilst nothing was imminent, it would be borne in mind for the future.

### **12.4 EBU website**

Mrs Dhondy suggested that the facility to book competitions online via the website might be enhanced by offering a link to a map showing the location of the venue. As the technology was clearly available, it was agreed that this would be considered by Aylesbury.

### **12.5 Licensing**

The Committee considered the case of an operator of bridge holidays who had allegedly attended a TD training course and demonstrated a surprising lack of understanding of what was required of a tournament director. Concern was expressed at the possible lack of qualifications on the part of other operators of licensed events, and it was suggested that more should be made of the opportunity for the licensing system to act as a quality control mechanism for the good of all. It was agreed that this was really a matter for the Board rather than the Committee.

### **12.6 Free entry for junior squad members**

Mr Doe passed on a request from John Pain for some flexibility to offer free entry to EBU events for members of the EBU junior training squads where the events in question were considered of training value. The Committee was happy to agree to any reasonable arrangement.

### **12.7 Staffing matters at Aylesbury**

Mr Collier informed the Committee that Dr Harvey Fox had left the Union's employment.





### ENTRY FEES FOR 2005/06

All prices are per player unless otherwise stated, and will take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005 (i.e. after Brighton 2005).

Section A – 10-day Congresses [\* = including the Seniors element of the congress]

<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><i>Full Congress</i></b>	<b><i>First weekend</i></b>	<b><i>Second weekend</i></b>	<b><i>Both weekends</i></b>	<b><i>Midweek evenings</i></b>	<b><i>Aft. / Sun evening</i></b>	<b><i>All midweek</i></b>
		Pairs	Teams				
<b><i>Guernsey</i></b>	109 / 129*	54	50	93	8	N/A	28
<b><i>Jersey</i></b>	113 / 135*	56	52	96	8	N/A	30
<b><i>Brighton</i></b>	140 / 162*	70	65	123	9	5	42
<b><i>Overseas</i></b>	99	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Proposed</b>							
<b><u>Proposed</u></b>	<b><i>Full Congress</i></b>	<b><i>First weekend</i></b>	<b><i>Second weekend</i></b>	<b><i>Both weekends</i></b>	<b><i>Midweek evenings</i></b>	<b><i>Aft. / Sun evening</i></b>	<b><i>All midweek</i></b>
		Pairs	Teams				
<b><i>Guernsey</i></b>	113 / 135*	56	52	96	8	N/A	30
<b><i>Jersey</i></b>	117 / 140*	58	54	100	8	N/A	30
<b><i>Brighton</i></b>	146 / 169*	73	68	127	9	5	42
<b><i>Overseas</i></b>	103	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Section B – 4 day Congresses**

<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><i>Full Congress</i></b>	<b><i>3-session Champ Prs</i></b>	<b><i>One-day Teams</i></b>	<b><i>One-day Pairs</i></b>	<b><i>Mixed / Open Prs</i></b>
<i>Year End (London)</i>	102	48	27	26	10
<i>Easter Festival (L)</i>	104	44	28	30	10
<i>Guernsey Seniors</i>	40	N/A	21	21	N/A
<b><i>Brighton Seniors</i></b>	50	32	25	N/A	N/A
<i>Jersey Seniors</i>	40	N/A	21	21	N/A
<b><u>Proposed</u></b>	<b><i>Full Congress</i></b>	<b><i>3-session Champ Prs</i></b>	<b><i>One-day Teams</i></b>	<b><i>One-day Pairs</i></b>	<b><i>Mixed / Open Prs</i></b>
<i>Year End (London)</i>	105	49	28	27	10
<i>Easter Festival (L)</i>	107	46	29	31	10
<i>Guernsey Seniors</i>	40	N/A	21	21	N/A
<b><i>Brighton Seniors</i></b>	54	34	26	N/A	N/A
<i>Jersey Seniors</i>	40	N/A	21	21	N/A

**Section C – 3 day Congresses**

<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><i>Full Congress</i></b>	<b><i>4-session Ch Prs</i></b>	<b><i>3-session Pairs</i></b>	<b><i>One-day Pairs</i></b>	<b><i>One-day Teams</i></b>	<b><i>Both one-day events</i></b>	<b><i>Consol Prs + Tms</i></b>
<i>Autumn</i>	70	52	40	27	26	48	60
<i>Easter (Black)</i>	66	48	N/A	25	25	46	N/A
<i>Scarborough</i>	65	N/A	42	N/A	24	N/A	8.50 Open
<i>Seniors</i>	73	54	44	N/A	26	N/A	65
<i>Spring Bank</i>	70	52	43	N/A	26	N/A	N/A
<i>Y End (Black)</i>	68	N/A	42	N/A	26	N/A	8.50 Mxd
<i>S Sen &amp; Vets</i>	65	48	N/A	26	21	44	N/A
<i>Harrogate</i>	65	N/A	42	N/A	25	N/A	8.50 Mxd
<i>Shrewsbury</i>	65	N/A	42	N/A	25	N/A	8.50 Open
<i>Isle of Man</i>	56	N/A	34	N/A	22	N/A	5.00 Pre-c 8.00 Mxd

**Section C – 3 day Congresses (ctd)**

<b><u>Proposed</u></b>	<b><i>Full Congress</i></b>	<b><i>4-session Ch Prs</i></b>	<b><i>3-session Pairs</i></b>	<b><i>One-day Pairs</i></b>	<b><i>One-day Teams</i></b>	<b><i>Both one-day events</i></b>	<b><i>Consol Prs + Tms</i></b>
<i>Autumn</i>	73	54	42	28	27	50	62
<i>Easter (Black)</i>	72	50	N/A	26	26	48	N/A
<i>Scarborough</i>	69	N/A	44	N/A	25	N/A	9.00 Open
<i>Seniors</i>	76	56	46	N/A	27	N/A	67
<i>Spring Bank</i>	73	54	44	N/A	27	N/A	N/A
<i>Y End (Black)</i>	72	N/A	44	N/A	27	N/A	9.00 Mxd
<i>S Sen &amp; Vets</i>	69	50	N/A	27	23	46	N/A
<i>Harrogate</i>	69	N/A	44	N/A	26	N/A	9.00 Mxd
<i>Shrewsbury</i>	69	N/A	44	N/A	26	N/A	9.00 Open
<i>Isle of Man</i>	59	N/A	37	N/A	23	N/A	5.00 Pre-c 8.00 Mxd

**Section D – Teams Weekends**

		<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
		per team	
<i>National Women's Teams</i>	(2 – 2½ days)	192	200
<i>Spring Foursomes</i>	(3½ - 4½ days)	264 (One-day only 72)	276 (74)
<i>Swiss Teams Congress</i>	(1½ days)	156	160

**Section E – 1½ day Events**

	<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
<i>Great Northern Swiss Pairs</i>	44	46
<i>National Women's Pairs</i>	42	43
<i>National Men's Pairs</i>	42	43
<i>Ranked Masters</i>	42 (+ 3 in Grand/Premier Life)	43 (+3)

**Section F – Club-based Tournaments**

		<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
<b><i>National Pairs</i></b>	Heats	2	2
	Reg. Finals	16.50	17
	Nat. Final	16.50	17
<b><i>National Newcomers' Pairs</i></b>		2.50 (via county)	2.70 (via county)
<b><i>Simultaneous Pairs (Autumn)</i></b>		2.60	2.70
<b><i>Simultaneous Pairs (Spring)</i></b>		2.60	2.70

**Section G – Knock-out Events**

		<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
		per team	per team
<b><i>NICKO</i></b>	1 <sup>st</sup> team	54	56
	2 <sup>nd</sup> team	42	44
	subsequent teams	42	44
<b><i>Crockfords</i></b>		66	68
<b><i>Hubert Phillips (no plate)</i></b>		50	48
<b><i>Seniors KO (no plate)</i></b>		54	48
<b><i>Portland Bowl (no plate)</i></b>	1 <sup>st</sup> team	33	34
	2 <sup>nd</sup> team	13	16

**Section H – 1 day Events**

		<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
<b><i>EBU/County Joint Ventures</i></b>	Swiss Teams – not pre-duplicated boards (or Multiple Pairs/Teams)	18.50	19.00
	Swiss Teams with pre-duplicated boards	19.00	20.00
	Swiss Pairs - not pre-duplicated boards	19.50	20.00
	Swiss Pairs with pre-duplicated boards	20.00	21.00
<b><i>Portland Pairs</i></b>		18.50	19.00

Exceptionally, the one-day rates will be effective from January 2006. The rates quoted are the *minimum* which may be charged.

[Secretary's note – not applicable if new financial structure proceeds]

**Section I – Inter-County Events**

		<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
<b><i>Tollemache (teams of 8)</i></b>	per team	250	260
<b><i>Garden Cities (teams of 8)</i></b>	per team (incl. refreshments)	160	168
<b><i>Corwen</i></b>	per player	36	38
<b><i>Pachabo</i></b>	per team	175	182
<b><i>Golfprint</i></b>	1 <sup>st</sup> team	38	40
	subsequent teams	25	26



**EXTRACT FROM EBU DRAFT CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Season 2005/06 (August to August)**

(as approved by the Tournament Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2004)



Notes

- 1 *EBU and International dates are shown in capitals.*
- 2 *Licensed events are shown in lower case.*
- 3 *There are fewer licensed events shown than in comparable “final draft” calendars in previous years. This is because, due to diary deadlines, the final draft is being presented to the Committee some five months earlier than previously. Many operators of events requiring a licence have not yet applied for one.*
- 4 *EBU and International dates are marked with a double black bar to the left of the details column where there are significant changes from the last draft approved by the Committee.*

**2005**

<b><u>Jul</u></b>	31	-	3	Aug	Jepson's Bridge Holidays St George Hotel Bridge Break	Harrogate
<b><u>Aug</u></b>	6				Pegasus B.C. Pegasus Swiss Teams	Banstead
	7				Wessex Bridge Centre Open Swiss Teams	Poole
	7	-	12		JM Taylor Ardington Hotel Bridge Break	Worthing
	8	-	17		WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	SYDNEY
	12	-	15		June Brown Fernlea Hotel	St Anne's
	12	-	21		BRIGHTON SUMMER CONGRESS	BRIGHTON
	14				Preston B.C. Preston Pairs	Preston
	15	-	17		REALLY EASY CONGRESS	BRIGHTON
	21				South Bucks Bridge Centre Swiss Pairs	Burnham
	21	-	24		June Brown Berystede Hotel	Ascot
	28				Wessex Bridge Centre Open Swiss Teams	Poole
<b><u>Sep</u></b>	2	-	4		JUNIOR TEACH IN	LOUGHBOROUGH
	3	-	4		BEDFORD CONGRESS	CRANFIELD
	3	-	4		WOMEN'S TRIALS STAGE IA (LADY MILNE TRIAL)	SOLIHULL
	8	-	11		ISLE OF MAN CONGRESS	ISLE OF MAN
	9	-	12		Jepson's Bridge Holidays Mickleover Court Bridge Break	Derby
	10	-	11		OPEN TRIALS STAGE IIA	SOLIHULL
	11				Frome B.C. Autumn Swiss Teams	Frome
	11	-	16		Educational Leisure Netherwood Hotel	Grange-over-Sands
	12	-	13		EBU AUTUMN SIM PAIRS	CLUBS
	16	-	19		June Brown Fernlea Hotel	St Anne's
	16	-	25		GUERNSEY CONGRESS AND SENIORS CONGRESS	GUERNSEY
	17	-	18		WOMEN'S TRIALS STAGE IB (LADY MILNE TRIAL)	SOLIHULL
	23	-	26		Bridge with Peter & Mary Palm Court Weekend	Ilfracombe
	23	-	26		Jepson's Bridge Holidays Beverley Arms Bridge Break	Beverley
	24				ONE DAY EVENTS	AVON, DERBYSHIRE, SURREY
	24	-	25		OPEN TRIALS STAGE IIB	SOLIHULL
	25				ONE-DAY EVENTS	CORNWALL, HERTFORDSHIRE, LEICESTERSHIRE, SURREY
	25				South Bucks Bridge Centre Swiss Pairs	Burnham

<b>Sep</b>	26	-	3	Oct	Bridge with Peter & Mary Sherborne Hotel	Sherborne
	26	-	3	Oct	Bridge with Peter & Mary Sherborne Hotel Bridge Break	Sherborne
<b>Oct</b>	1	-	2		GREAT NORTHERN SWISS PAIRS	WARRINGTON
	7	-	9		WEST OF ENGLAND CONGRESS	WESTON-SUPER-MARE
	7	-	9		JM Taylor Ardington Hotel Bridge Break	Worthing
	8	-	9		WOMEN'S TRIALS STAGE IIA (EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL)	SOLIHULL
	8	-	9		OPEN TRIALS STAGE IIIA (TEAMS ROUND-ROBIN)	SOLIHULL
	12	-	13		BGB AUTUMN SIM PAIRS	CLUBS
	13	-	16		EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP	BRUSSELS
	14	-	17		June Brown Berystede Hotel	Ascot
	15	-	16		LEDERER MEMORIAL TROPHY (PROVISIONAL)	LONDON
	15	-	16		MALVERN CONGRESS	BRANSFORD
	21	-	23		AUTUMN CONGRESS	BOURNEMOUTH
	22	-	29		Bridge with Peter & Mary Fairhaven Hotel	Weymouth
	22	-	5	Nov	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (BERMUDA BOWL AND VENICE CUP)	ESTORIL
	24	-	30		David Boston Simultaneous Pairs	Nationwide
	30				South Bucks Bridge Centre Swiss Pairs	Burnham
	30	-	4	Nov	Bridge with Peter & Mary Shelley Court Hotel	Torquay
	31	-	3	Nov	Jepson's Bridge Holidays Walworth Castle Bridge Break	Darlington
	31	-	8	Nov	Mr Bridge Red Sea Cruise	
<b>Nov</b>	4	-	6		NEBA CONGRESS	ALLENSFORD
	4	-	6		SENIORS CONGRESS	DAVENTRY
	4	-	7		Educational Leisure Lodore Falls	Keswick
	12	-	13		WOMEN'S TRIALS STAGE IIB (EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL)	SOLIHULL
	12	-	13		OPEN TRIALS STAGE IIIB (TEAMS ROUND-ROBIN)	SOLIHULL
	14	-	17		Ecats Children in Need Sim Pairs	Nationwide
	17	-	27		(AMERICAN FALL NATIONALS)	DENVER, COLORADO
	18	-	19		Pegasus B.C. Pegasus Congress	Banstead
	18	-	21		Jepson's Bridge Holidays Petwood Hotel Bridge Break	Woodhall Spa
	19	-	20		MIDDLESEX CONGRESS	HARROW
	26	-	27		TOLLEMACHE CUP QUALIFIER	COVENTRY
	27				South Bucks Bridge Centre Swiss Pairs	Burnham
	28				EUROPEAN INTERNET SIM PAIRS	CLUBS
	30				EUROPEAN INTERNET SIM PAIRS	CLUBS
<b>Dec</b>	2	-	5		Bridge with Peter & Mary Crown Hotel	Weymouth
	8	-	11		JM Taylor Millstream Hotel Bridge Break	Chichester
	10	-	11		GOLD CUP FINALS	TBA
	11				South Bucks Bridge Centre Swiss Pairs	Burnham
	15	-	18		JM Taylor Millstream Hotel Bridge Break	Chichester
	16	-	18		JUNIOR CHANNEL TROPHY	BELGIUM
	27	-	30		YEAR-END CONGRESS	LONDON
	28	-	30		YEAR-END CONGRESS	BLACKPOOL
	29	-	1	Jan	Jepson's Bridge Holidays Mount Hotel Bridge Break	Scarborough
<b>2006</b>						
<b>Jan</b>	6	-	8		MIDLAND COUNTIES CONGRESS	BEWDLEY
	6	-	8		CAMROSE FIRST WEEKEND	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND
	9	-	11		BGB WINTER SIM PAIRS	CLUBS
	13	-	15		EBU ONLINE PLAYERS CONGRESS	HINCKLEY
	14	-	15		SENIORS TRIALS (SEMI-FINALS AND FINAL)	LONDON
	14	-	15		OPEN TRIALS STAGE IVA (SEMI-FINALS)	LONDON
	21	-	22		NATIONAL SWISS TEAMS	DAVENTRY

<b>Jan</b>	28 - 29		NATIONAL WOMEN'S AND MEN'S PAIRS	COVENTRY
<b>Feb</b>	3 - 9		EBU OVERSEAS CONGRESS (PROVISIONAL)	TBA
	11 - 12		TOLLEMACHE CUP FINAL	WEST BROMWICH
	12		G.W. ARNOTT-DAVIDSON TROPHY QUALIFIER	LONDON, SHEFFIELD
	17 - 19		NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAMS	BROMSGROVE
	18 - 19		JUNIOR CAMROSE WEEKEND	SCOTLAND
	18 - 19		OPEN TRIALS STAGE IVB (FINAL) (DEFAULT DATE)	LONDON (PROVISIONAL)
	24 - 26		SPRING CONGRESS	HARROGATE
	25		GOLFPRINT REGIONAL FINALS	VARIOUS
<b>Mar</b>	3 - 5		CAMROSE FINAL WEEKEND	WALES
	4 - 5		RANKED MASTERS PAIRS	DAVENTRY
	11		ONE-DAY EVENTS	LEICESTERSHIRE, LONDON, MANCHESTER / MERSEYSIDE & CHESHIRE
	12		ONE-DAY EVENTS	AVON, BEDFORDSHIRE, CHANNEL ISLANDS, LEICESTERSHIRE, LONDON, MANCHESTER / MERSEYSIDE & CHESHIRE
	17 - 19		CUMBRIA CONGRESS	BASSENTHWAITE
	18		YOUNG BRIDGE CHALLENGE (INC SCHOOLS CUP)	LOUGHBOROUGH
	19		PORTLAND PAIRS	VARIOUS
	19 - 20		ISLE OF MAN CONGRESS	DOUGLAS
	24 - 26		CORNWALL CONGRESS	NEWQUAY
	25		GOLFPRINT NATIONAL FINAL	SOLIHULL
	26		NATIONAL PAIRS REGIONAL FINALS	BRADFORD, BRISTOL, LEATHERHEAD, PETERBOROUGH, SOLIHULL
	26		NATIONAL NEWCOMERS PAIRS	COUNTIES
	30 - 9	Apr	(AMERICAN SPRING NATIONALS)	DALLAS, TEXAS
	31 - 2	Apr	LADY MILNE TROPHY	BALLYMENA
<b>Apr</b>	7		LORDS V COMMONS (PROVISIONAL)	LONDON
	7 - 9		NORFOLK CONGRESS	KING'S LYNN
	7 - 9		DEVON CONGRESS	TORQUAY
	12 - 14		BGB SPRING SIM PAIRS	CLUBS
	14		G.W. ARNOTT-DAVIDSON TROPHY FINAL	LONDON
	14 - 15		UNDER-25 PAIRS	LONDON
	14 - 16		EASTER FESTIVAL	BLACKPOOL
	14 - 17		EASTER FESTIVAL	LONDON
	15		UNDER-19 PAIRS FINAL	LONDON
	22 - 23		NATIONAL PAIRS FINAL	WEST BROMWICH
	22 - 23		TELFORD CONGRESS	SHREWSBURY
	28 - 30		CHELTENHAM CONGRESS	CHELTENHAM
	28 - 2	May	SCHAPIRO SPRING FOURSOMES	STRATFORD
	28 - 7	May	LAMBOURNE FESTIVAL AND SENIORS CONGRESS	JERSEY
<b>May</b>	6 - 7		PORTLAND BOWL FINALS	LONDON
	6 - 7		CROCKFORDS CUP FINAL	WEST BROMWICH
	10 - 11		EBU SPRING SIM PAIRS	CLUBS
	13		ONE-DAY EVENTS	KENT, LANCASHIRE / MERSEYSIDE & CHESHIRE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
	14		ONE-DAY EVENTS	DEVON, LANCASHIRE / MERSEYSIDE & CHESHIRE, SUSSEX
	20		GARDEN CITIES REGIONAL FINALS	BRADFORD, BRISTOL, PETERBOROUGH, RICHMOND
	27 - 29		SPRING BANK HOLIDAY CONGRESS	BOURNEMOUTH
<b>Jun</b>	2 - 3		WORLDWIDE SIM PAIRS	CLUBS
	2 - 4		YORKSHIRE CONGRESS	HARROGATE
	3 - 4		CORWEN TROPHY	WEST BROMWICH
	10 - 11		PACHABO CUP	WEST BROMWICH



<b>Jun</b>	10 - 24	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (ROSENBLUM, MCCONNELL AND PAIRS) (PROVISIONAL)	VERONA
	17	GARDEN CITIES NATIONAL FINAL	COVENTRY
	17	ONE-DAY EVENTS	BEDFORDSHIRE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE / HEREFORDSHIRE, KENT, STAFFS & SHROPS
	18	ONE-DAY EVENTS	BERKS & BUCKS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE / HEREFORDSHIRE, SUFFOLK
	23 - 25	SUMMER CONGRESS	SHREWSBURY
<b>Jul</b>	7 - 9	WORLD JUNIOR PAIRS (ASSUMED DATES)	TBA
	7 - 9	SUMMER SENIORS AND VETERANS CONGRESS	EASTBOURNE
	10 - 15	WORLD JUNIOR CAMP (ASSUMED DATES)	TBA
	13 - 23	(AMERICAN SUMMER NATIONALS)	CHICAGO
	15	ONE-DAY EVENTS	ESSEX / HERTFORDSHIRE, LANCASHIRE / MANCHESTER, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
	16	ONE-DAY EVENTS	ESSEX / HERTFORDSHIRE, LANCASHIRE / MANCHESTER, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, OXFORDSHIRE
	20 - 23	NORTHERN SUMMER CONGRESS	SCARBOROUGH
	21 - 23	ENGLISH RIVIERA CONGRESS	TORQUAY
	24 - 25	BGB SUMMER SIM PAIRS	CLUBS
<b>Aug</b>	11 - 20	BRIGHTON SUMMER CONGRESS	BRIGHTON
	12 - 26	EUROPEAN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS	WARSAW
	14 - 16	REALLY EASY CONGRESS	BRIGHTON



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#### 2006

<b><u>Aug</u></b>	11 - 20		Brighton Summer Congress	Brighton
	12 - 26		European Teams Championships	Warsaw
	14 - 16		Really Easy Congress	Brighton
<b><u>Sep</u></b>	1 - 3		Junior Teach-in	TBA
	2 - 3		Bedford Congress	Cranfield
	16 - 17		Open Trials Stage I	Solihull
	18 - 19		EBU Autumn Sim Pairs	Clubs
	22 - 1	Oct	Guernsey Congress and Seniors Congress	Guernsey
	30		One-day events	Derbyshire, Surrey
<b><u>Oct</u></b>	1		One-day events	Avon, Derbyshire, Hertfordshire, Surrey
	6 - 8		West of England Congress	Weston-super-Mare
	7 - 8		Great Northern Swiss Pairs	Warrington
	7 - 8		Women's Trials Stage I	Solihull
	11 - 12		BGB Autumn Sim Pairs	Clubs
	14 - 15		Open Trials Stage II	Solihull
	20 - 22		Autumn Congress	Bournemouth
	28 - 29		Lederer Memorial Trophy (assumed dates)	London
	28 - 29		Malvern Congress	Bransford
<b><u>Nov</u></b>	3 - 5		NEBA Congress	Allensford
	3 - 5		Seniors Congress	Daventry
	11 - 12		Women's Trials Stage II	Solihull
	18 - 19		Middlesex Congress	Harrow
	23 - 3	Dec	(American Fall Nationals)	Hawaii
	25 - 26		Tollemache Qualifier	Coventry
	27		European Internet Sim Pairs	Clubs
	29		European Internet Sim Pairs	Clubs
<b><u>Dec</u></b>	9 - 10		Gold Cup Finals (provisional)	Peebles
	15 - 17		Junior Channel Trophy	France
	27 - 30		Year-End Congress	London
	28 - 30		Year-End Congress	Blackpool
<b><u>2007</u></b>				
<b><u>Jan</u></b>	5 - 7		Camrose - first weekend	England (TBA)
	5 - 7		Midland Counties Congress	Bewdley
	8 - 10		BGB Winter Sim Pairs	Clubs
	12 - 14		EBU Online Players Congress	Hinckley
	20 - 21		National Swiss Teams	Daventry
	27 - 28		National Women's and Men's Pairs	Coventry
<b><u>Feb</u></b>	2 - 8		EBU Overseas Congress (provisional)	TBA
	10 - 11		Tollemache Cup Final	West Bromwich
	11		G.W. Arnott-Davidson Trophy Qualifier	London, Sheffield
	16 - 18		National Women's Teams	Bromsgrove
	17 - 18		Junior Camrose weekend	Republic of Ireland
	23 - 25		Spring Congress	Harrogate
	24		Golfprint Regional Finals	Various
<b><u>Mar</u></b>	2 - 4		Camrose - final weekend	Scotland
	3 - 4		Ranked Masters Pairs	Daventry

<b>Mar</b>	8 - 18	(American Spring Nationals)	St Louis	
	10	One-day events	Various	
	11	One-day events	Various	
	16 - 18	Cumbria Congress	Bassenthwaite	
	17	Young Bridge Challenge (inc Schools Cup)	Loughborough	
	18	Portland Pairs	Various	
	23 - 25	Cornwall Congress	Newquay	
	24	Golfprint National Final	Solihull	
	25	National Newcomers Pairs	Counties	
	25	National Pairs Regional Finals	Bradford, Bristol, Leatherhead, Peterborough, Solihull	
	25 - 26	Isle of Man Congress	Isle of Man	
	30	Lords v Commons (provisional)	London	
	<b>Apr</b>	6	G.W. Amott-Davidson Trophy Final	London
6 - 7		Under-25 Pairs	London	
6 - 8		Easter Festival	Blackpool	
6 - 9		Easter Festival	London	
7		Under-19 Pairs Final	London	
11 - 13		BGB Spring Sim Pairs	Clubs	
13 - 15		Norfolk Congress	King's Lynn	
13 - 15		Devon Congress	Torquay	
13 - 15		Lady Milne Trophy	Wales	
21 - 22		National Pairs Final	West Bromwich	
27 - 29		Cheltenham Congress	Cheltenham	
27 - 6		May Lambourne Festival and Seniors Congress	Jersey	
28 - 29		Telford Congress	Shrewsbury	
<b>May</b>	28 - 29	Portland Bowl Finals	London	
	4 - 8	Schapiro Spring Foursomes	Stratford	
	9 - 10	EBU Spring Sim Pairs	Clubs	
	12	One-day events	Various	
	12 - 13	Crockfords Cup Final	West Bromwich	
	13	One-day events	Various	
	18 - 20	Weekend v Sweden (provisional)	England	
	19	Garden Cities Regional Finals	Bradford, Bristol, Peterborough, Richmond	
	26 - 28	Spring Bank Holiday Congress	Bournemouth	
	<b>Jun</b>	1 - 2	Worldwide Sim Pairs	Clubs
		1 - 3	Yorkshire Congress	Harrogate
		2 - 3	Corwen Trophy	West Bromwich
		9 - 10	Pachabo Cup	West Bromwich
16		One-day events	Various	
16 - 30		European Open Championships (Pairs and Teams)	Stavanger (Norway)	
17		One-day events	Various	
23		Garden Cities National Final	Coventry	
29 - 1		Jul Summer Congress	Shrewsbury	
<b>Jul</b>		6 - 8	Summer Seniors and Veterans Congress	Eastbourne
		9 - 19	European Youth Championships (assumed dates)	TBA
		14 - 15	Open Trials Stage I (Pre-qualifying)	Solihull
		19 - 29	(American Summer Nationals)	Nashville
	21	One-day events	Various	
	22	One-day events	Various	
	25 - 27	World Junior Individual	Nashville	
	26 - 29	Northern Summer Congress	Scarborough	
	27 - 29	English Riviera Congress	Torquay	
	28 - 4	Aug World Junior Camp	TBA	
	30 - 31	BGB Summer Sim Pairs	Clubs	
	<b>Aug</b>	10 - 19	Brighton Summer Congress	Brighton
		13 - 15	Really Easy Congress	Brighton
31 - 2		Sep Junior Teach-in	Loughborough	



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### Season 2007/08 (August to September)

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<b><u>2007</u></b>				
<b><u>Jul</u></b>	28 - 4	Aug	World Junior Camp	TBA
<b><u>Aug</u></b>	10 - 19		Brighton Summer Congress	Brighton
	13 - 15		Really Easy Congress	Brighton
	31 - 2	Sep	Junior Teach-in	Loughborough
<b><u>Sep</u></b>	1 - 2		Open Trials Stage IIA	TBA
	1 - 2		Bedford Congress	Cranfield
	8 - 9		Women's Trials Stage IA	Solihull
	15 - 16		Open Trials Stage IIB	Solihull
	17 - 18		EBU Autumn Sim Pairs	Clubs
	21 - 30		Guernsey Congress and Seniors Congress	Guernsey
	22 - 23		Women's Trials Stage IB	Solihull
	29		One-day events	Various
	30		One-day events	Various
<b><u>Oct</u></b>	5 - 7		West of England Congress	Weston-super-Mare
	6 - 7		Women's Trials Stage IIA	Solihull
	6 - 7		Open Trials Stage IIIA	Solihull
	6 - 7		Great Northern Swiss Pairs	Warrington
	10 - 11		BGB Autumn Sim Pairs	Clubs
	13 - 14		Women's Trials Stage IIB	Solihull
	13 - 14		Open Trials Stage IIIB	Solihull
	19 - 21		Autumn Congress	Bournemouth
	20 - 3	Nov	World Championships (Bermida Bowl and Venice Cup) (assumed dates)	TBA
	27 - 28		Malvern Congress	Bransford
<b><u>Nov</u></b>	2 - 4		Seniors Congress	Daventry
	9 - 11		NEBA Congress	Allensford
	17 - 18		Middlesex Congress	Harrow
	22 - 2	Dec	(American Fall Nationals)	San Francisco
	24 - 25		Tollemache Cup Qualifier	Coventry
	26		European Internet Sim Pairs	Clubs
	28		European Internet Sim Pairs	Clubs
<b><u>Dec</u></b>	8 - 9		Gold Cup Finals (assumed dates)	Peebles
	21 - 23		Junior Channel Trophy	Netherlands
	27 - 30		Year-End Congress	London
	28 - 30		Year-End Congress	Blackpool
<b><u>2008</u></b>				
<b><u>Jan</u></b>	4 - 6		Midland Counties Congress	Bewdley
	5 - 6		Open Trials Stage IVA (semi-finals)	London
	5 - 6		Seniors Trials (semi-finals and final)	London
	7 - 9		BGB Winter Sim Pairs	Clubs
	11 - 13		Camrose - first weekend	Northern Ireland
	11 - 13		EBU Online Players Congress	Hinckley
	19 - 20		National Swiss Teams	Daventry
	26 - 27		National Women's and Men's Pairs	Coventry
<b><u>Feb</u></b>	3 - 9		EBU Overseas Congress (provisional)	TBA
	9 - 10		Tollemache Cup Final	West Bromwich
	10		G.W. Arnott-Davidson Trophy Qualifier	London, Sheffield

<b>Feb</b>	15 - 17	National Women's Teams	Bromsgrove	
	16 - 17	Junior Camrose Weekend	England	
	22 - 24	Spring Congress	Harrogate	
	23	Golfprint Regional Finals	Various	
<b>Mar</b>	23 - 24	Open Trials Stage IVB (final) (default date)	TBA	
	1 - 2	Ranked Masters Pairs	Daventry	
	6 - 16	(American Spring Nationals)	Detroit	
	7 - 9	Camrose - final weekend	Republic of Ireland	
	8	One-day events	Various	
	9	One-day events	Various	
	14	Lords v Commons (provisional)	London	
	14 - 16	Cumbria Congress	Bassenthwaite	
	15	Young Bridge Challenge (inc Schools Cup)	Loughborough	
	16	National Pairs Regional Finals	Bradford, Bristol, Leatherhead, Peterborough, Solihull	
	16	National Newcomers Pairs	Counties	
	21	G.W. Arnott-Davidson Trophy Final	London	
	21 - 22	Under-25 Pairs	London	
	21 - 23	Easter Festival	Blackpool	
	21 - 24	Easter Festival	London	
	22	Under-19 Pairs Final	London	
	28 - 30	Cornwall Congress	Newquay	
	29	Golfprint National Final	Solihull	
	30	Portland Pairs	Various	
<b>Apr</b>	30 - 31	Isle of Man Congress	Isle of Man	
	9 - 11	BGB Spring Sim Pairs	Clubs	
	11 - 13	Lady Milne Trophy	Scotland	
	11 - 13	Norfolk Congress	Kings Lynn	
	11 - 13	Devon Congress	Torquay	
	19 - 20	National Pairs Final	West Bromwich	
	25 - 4	May Lambourne Festival and Seniors Congress	Jersey	
	26 - 27	Portland Bowl Finals	London	
	26 - 27	Telford Congress	Shrewsbury	
	<b>May</b>	2 - 4	Cheltenham Congress	Cheltenham
		2 - 6	Schapiro Spring Foursomes	Stratford
10		One-day events	Various	
10 - 11		Crockfords Final	West Bromwich	
11		One-day events	Various	
14 - 15		EBU Spring Sim Pairs	Clubs	
17		Garden Cities Regional Finals	Bradford, Bristol, Peterborough, Richmond	
<b>Jun</b>	24 - 26	Spring Bank Holiday Congress	Bournemouth	
	6 - 7	Worldwide Sim Pairs	Clubs	
	6 - 8	Yorkshire Congress	Harrogate	
	7 - 8	Corwen Trophy	West Bromwich	
	14 - 15	Pachabo Cup	West Bromwich	
	21	Garden Cities National Final	Coventry	
	21	One-day events	Various	
	21 - 5	Jul European Teams Championships (assumed dates)	TBA	
	22	One-day events	Various	
	27 - 29	Summer Congress	Shrewsbury	
<b>Jul</b>	4 - 6	Summer Seniors and Veterans Congress	Eastbourne	
	10 - 20	(American Summer Nationals)	Las Vegas	
	19	One-day events	Various	
	20	One-day events	Various	
	24 - 27	Northern Summer Congress	Scarborough	
	25 - 27	English Riviera Congress	Torquay	
	28 - 29	BGB Summer Sim Pairs	Clubs	
	<b>Aug</b>	8 - 17	Brighton Summer Congress	Brighton

<b><u>Aug</u></b>	11 - 13	Really Easy Congress	Brighton
<b><u>Sep</u></b>	5 - 7	Junior Teach-in	Loughborough
	27	One-day events	Various
	28	One-day events	Various