



EVENTS FOCUS - Issue 2

Welcome to our second **Events Focus**; keeping you up to date with forthcoming events and providing news on changes that we hope will improve your enjoyment of our varied calendar with less travel for many, no hotel bills, earlier start and finish times.

Lots of exciting and unique events this coming autumn and winter, including the Autumn Congress, the two Year End congresses and the Overseas Congress to Fuerteventura.

In addition, why not consider taking part in the trials for the Seniors Camrose or the Lady Milne? Both are a great opportunity to play some good bridge with potential team mates. The Seniors Camrose trials are taking place on 15 - 16 December 2012 at the West Midlands bridge club; and the Lady Milne trials are taking place on 25 - 27 January 2013 at the Young Chelsea bridge club. Closing dates for entries is 31 October 2012.

Finally, your club still has time to enter the NICKO (National Inter-Club Knockout) - deadline 21st September; and the National Pairs. Why not join us for one or both in 2012/2013 season?

It's easy to enter, read all about the competitions below, choose the events you want to attend, by simply visiting <https://www.ebu.co.uk/members/> and booking online through your personal members area. You can also contact Peter or Dawn during office hours on 01296 317203/219 or by emailing comps@ebu.co.uk to enter or get further information.

AUTUMN CONGRESS

19 - 21 OCTOBER 2012

For the second year, a new venue (Holiday Inn, Stratford upon Avon) and a new timetable featuring an early finish on Saturday evening (approx. 7.30pm) in order to enjoy the facilities of this very pleasant location.

The focal point of the congress is the prestigious 4-session Two Stars pairs event, commencing Friday afternoon. Players who prefer a more relaxed style may choose to enter the Satellite Pairs starting on the Friday evening. Other events are a Swiss Pairs on the Saturday and the Teams-of-Four Championship on Sunday, which is a sectional Multiple Teams event leading to two 14-team finals: The Eastbourne Bowl (Premier) and The Burlington Cup (Secondary). All non-qualifiers play in the Sussex Cup.

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SENIORS CONGRESS, DAVENTRY

2 - 4 NOVEMBER 2012

The Championship Pairs is a four-session event: a qualifying round, a semi-final, and a two session final on Saturday, the number of pairs qualifying from each stage depending on numbers.

Friday evening features a satellite pairs qualifier for those pairs eliminated in the afternoon and for new pairs entering the congress at this stage. This too leads to a two-session all-play-all final on Saturday.

The Swiss Pairs Championship is open to pairs eliminated from the Championship/Satellite Pairs on Friday afternoon and evening, and to players joining the congress on Saturday. It is a three-session event, with seven 8-board matches.

The Swiss Teams Championship is a two-session event, with a total of seven 7-board matches.

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PAUL HACKETT CAPE VERDE ISLANDS BRIDGE CRUISE

16 NOVEMBER 2012

What could be more inviting than a bridge cruise to the warm clear waters of the Cape Verde islands just 350 miles from the African coast, to liven up those grey November days? Join Paul Hackett, the EBU and WeCruise for seventeen days of indulgence from 16 November 2012.

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YEAR END CONGRESS, LONDON

27 - 30 DECEMBER 2012

YEAR END CONGRESS, BLACKPOOL

28 - 30 DECEMBER 2012

Why not wind down after the excesses of Christmas. Both congresses take place during the gap between Christmas and New Year, and are an excellent way to enjoy a bit of bridge during the holiday season.

In London, the Royal National hotel provides good playing conditions, and most players will travel daily or stay in other accommodation. The congress takes place over four days, and the Swiss Teams event is now a two-session stratified event. Please [click here](#) for details on Stratification.

In Blackpool, the congress is held over three days, and has earned the reputation of being relaxed and friendly. It's ideal for players entering a national congress for the first time and the Blackpool Hilton is probably the best value of all congress hotels.

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BRIDGE OVERSEAS CONGRESS, FUERTEVENTURA

6 - 12 FEBRUARY 2013

Twice a year, the EBU organises a bridge overseas congress in exciting destinations across Europe. If you have never played bridge outside the UK with English bridge players, why not give it a go this time?

The February overseas congress is taking place at the Barcelo Fuerteventura Thalasso Spa, Caleta de Fuste, and is sponsored by Bridge Overseas. Attendance at the congress is exclusive to delegates booking their accommodation with Bridge Overseas.

Book here: <https://www.ebu.co.uk/members/>

PS, there's still time to book for the Overseas Congress in October at Marmaris (10 - 16 October 2012). Book today, via the Competitions Department.

COMING SOON...

We have so many more exciting and interesting bridge events coming up in the future. Please have a look at our Coming Soon page for more information (<http://www.ebu.co.uk/general/frontpage/default.htm>).

More events will be showcased in the next Tournament Focus, coming out at the end of October.

Until then, enjoy your bridge!

Best regards,

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