



EVENTS FOCUS - Issue 12

Welcome to our September edition of **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. We'll be releasing this each month, so you can keep fully up-to-date with what's going on.

Lots of highly enjoyable events coming soon, including the Autumn Congress, the Seniors Congress, and much more!

Please don't forget to remind your club to enter its teams for the [National Inter Club Knock Out \(NICKO\)](#). Deadline for entry is 20 September 2013, although late entries will be considered until 23 September.

In addition to the below events, we would like to take this opportunity to remind our readers about the **Accommodation Booking Service (ABS)**. The service is operated by Bridge Overseas. Please visit <http://www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/abs> for more information.

Please don't forget to take a look at our *diary changes* page, here: <http://tinyurl.com/czvugga>

Finally, each edition of Events Focus now includes an article or two written especially for our tournament players. This month, we include an article by Clive Owen from this year's Gerard Faulkner Salver final. This can be viewed here: <http://www.ebu.co.uk/node/1196>

It's easy to enter any of the events below, or read all about the competitions, or 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.

GUERNSEY CONGRESS

20 - 29 September 2013

The venue is set in the picturesque parish of St Martin which takes in many of the traditional Guernsey houses, quiet country lanes, as well as superb cliffs. Near to the hotel are a number of interesting and historic places including the Little Chapel, the Occupation Museum, St Martin's Church, and the Doyle Monument at Jerbourg. Swiss Pairs held over the first weekend and Swiss Teams over the second weekend. A variety of events midweek, including Seniors events.

More information: <http://www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/guernsey-congress>

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

AUTUMN CONGRESS

18 - 20 October 2013

This popular congress is held in Stratford-upon-Avon at the Holiday Inn hotel, with an early finish on the Saturday night to allow a leisurely dinner in the pleasant surroundings of historic Stratford.

The main event of the Congress is the Two Stars Pairs, a prestigious four-session event culminating in two all-play-all finals, with a Swiss Pairs available as an alternative to the main pairs' event, as well as for those who don't qualify for the finals. On the final day is a two-session multiple teams' event with several finals.

More information: <http://www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/autumn-congress>

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

SENIORS CONGRESS

1 - 3 November 2013

This congress, held at the Daventry hotel in Northamptonshire, is for players who were born in 1953 or earlier. It features a four-session Championship Pairs, a one-day Swiss Pairs for those who wish to start play on the Saturday as well as for those who fail to qualify for the main Championship Pairs finals, followed by a two-session Swiss Teams on the Sunday.

More information: <http://www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/seniors-congress>

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

EBU OVERSEAS MALTA CONGRESS

4 - 10 February 2014

The Spring Overseas Congress is sponsored by Bridge Overseas. Attendance at this congress is exclusive to delegates booking their package with Bridge Overseas. Please note that we are now running the Bridge England Sim Pairs instead of the Pre-Congress Pairs as printed in the Brochure.

Please contact Bridge Overseas to book the accommodation set out or to arrange a bespoke package.

Please contact Peter Jordan on 01296 317203 if you require any further information.

More information: <http://www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/malta-congress>

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

COMING SOON...

We have many more exciting and interesting bridge events coming up in the future.

Please have a look at our Competitions page for more information: <http://www.ebu.co.uk/competitions>.

Until then, enjoy your bridge and we'll be here next month with another edition of Events Focus.

Best regards,

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