



# EBU Event Focus

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Welcome to this issue of Event Focus looking forward to a busy period in the bridge calendar



It's easy to enter any of the events below, read about all our competitions, or choose the events you want to attend, by 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](mailto:comps@ebu.co.uk) to enter or get further information.

Please don't forget to look at our [diary changes page](#) for any changes to the details of future events.



## 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; and a two-session Swiss Teams on the Sunday.



*In response to feedback from players last year, those who qualify for the main semi-final of the Championship Pairs will carry forward their first session score. There will be no carry-forward to the secondary semi-final, and it will be possible to qualify for the final from either semi-final.*

[Full congress information](#)

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## YEAR END CONGRESS

Our year end congresses provide a great way to fill the week between Christmas and New Year. Finish the year on a high, or give one last outing to those bad habits you hope to ditch in your New Year's Resolutions – the choice is yours. Either way both congresses provide festive bridge in excellent settings.

### BLACKPOOL

28 - 30 December 2013

This congress has earned the reputation of being relaxed and friendly, and is ideal for players entering a national congress for the first time.

There is a pairs event on the first afternoon, a three-session Swiss Pairs across the first evening and second day, and finishes with a Swiss Teams on the final day.



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### LONDON

27 - 30 December 2013

This congress offers 'stratified' tournaments, so caters for all standards, from elite to novice, ensuring an enjoyable congress for all.

There is a stratified Swiss Pairs across the first two days, and a stratified Swiss Teams on the fourth day. Mixed and open pairs competitions take place on the third day.



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## NATIONAL TEAMS CONGRESS – new format for 2014

18 – 19 January 2014

A new format for 2014! A pair of events running in parallel: Point-a-Board teams (with enhanced master points) for those who wish, or Swiss Teams for those who prefer. Teams who fail to qualify at the end of the second session for Sunday's main Point-a-Board final may join the Swiss Teams with a carry-forward score, or can continue playing Point-a-Board in a secondary final. Ideal for players wishing to add to their Green Point tally. Thirteen 7-board matches are played in all in the Swiss Teams, eight on Saturday and five on Sunday. Point-a-Board format subject to numbers, but at least as many boards as the Swiss Teams.



2012 National Swiss Teams Champions: Duncan Happer, Michael Byrne, Martin Jones and Neil Rosen

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## EBU OVERSEAS MALTA CONGRESS

4 – 10 February 2014

Join us for some winter sun in Malta. There will be bridge on all seven days of the congress, yet enough free time in the schedule to enjoy the sights of the island. Malta is home to seven UNESCO World Heritage sites, and the culture is a wonderful blend of Mediterranean influences, 'colonial' Britain and many more.

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.

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## REMINDERS

### Tollemache Cup Entries

Please remember that entries for the Tollemache Cup are now due and **must be received by 6<sup>th</sup> November**.

This is an the inter-county championships for teams of eight with entry open only to County Associations of the EBU and District Associations of the WBU.

The first round is 23 - 24 November in Daventry.

If you know your county intends entering please ask your secretary to submit the entry form to [Peter](#) or [Dawn](#) before the closing date.

### BBO Online Tournaments

We now run EBU games with masterpoints, on [Bridge Base Online \(BBO\)](#). They are open to anyone, not just EBU members, although they are specifically aimed towards our members by issuing EBU masterpoints and using EBU regulations.

These games are every Wednesday at 4pm and 11pm, and every Sunday at 4pm, 6pm and 9pm.

We hope that this will cater to a range of our members without taking them away from their regular face-to-face club games in clubs. This schedule may be expanded once the games are more established.

Please see our website for [more information](#).

### Accommodation Booking Service

When considering your accommodation for all tournaments and congresses please remember the Accommodation Booking Service operated by Bridge Overseas. Please see our website for [more information](#)



We hope to see you at one of our Events in the not too distant future.  
Until then, enjoy your bridge and we'll be in touch again soon with another issue of Events Focus.

Best regards,

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