



# EBU Event Focus

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## Welcome to this issue of Event Focus.

As the weather warms up, we get set to take our events to the seaside (and Oxfordshire).

This newsletter also contains information about events for inexperienced players and juniors, so please forward it to anyone who you think would be interested.



More information on any events mentioned can be found on our website. It's easy to enter any of the events 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 take a look at our [diary changes page](#) for any changes to the details of future events since the diary went to print.



## Spring Bank Holiday Congress

24 – 26 May 2014 – Bournemouth

### A relaxed and popular congress, just minutes from the beaches and piers in Bournemouth

The congress includes a two-day Championship Pairs event, a stratified Swiss Teams event, and a Really Easy Afternoon.

The Championship Pairs is a four session event with a two session qualifying round on the Saturday, leading to a pair of two session 'all-play-all' finals on Sunday. Those who do not qualify for the finals play in a Swiss Pairs on the Sunday. Entry for the Swiss Pairs event only is available.

The Swiss Teams event on Bank Holiday Monday is stratified in three levels, so suits players of all standards.

The final round of the Championship Pairs, and the Swiss events, are Green Pointed (Blue Points are awarded in the qualifying round of the Championship Pairs).



The congress also includes a Really Easy Afternoon on Saturday, which is intended as an introduction to 'congress bridge' for those with less experience and who have not played in such events before. We hope you will let your friends, family and club-mates know.

For more information and the full congress schedule [visit our website](#).



## THE OXFORD MIDWEEK CONGRESS

27 – 29 May 2014 – Milton Common, Oxfordshire

### A fully Green Pointed midweek congress, just outside Oxford

The congress features a three session 'all play through' Championship Pairs event on Tuesday and Wednesday, and a one-day Swiss Teams event on Thursday.

Both events will be stratified into three categories with extra prizes and Master Points available for those in the 'B' or 'C' categories.

Entry fees, and prize money, are reduced for this congress.

The venue is the Oxford Belfry Hotel – which has a spa, swimming pool and tennis courts – and is only ten miles from the centre of Oxford. There will be a courtesy bus taking players to Oxford on the Wednesday morning. To take advantage of specially arranged rates book via the [EBU Accommodation Booking Service](#) by calling Bridge Overseas freephone on: 0800 0346 246.

For more information on the congress please [visit our website](#).



## ENGLISH RIVIERA CONGRESS

27 – 29 June 2014 – Torquay

A summer congress at the fabulous [Riviera Centre](#) which overlooks Torquay Harbour

The congress starts with a Swiss Teams on Friday, and continues with a three session Swiss pairs event on Saturday and Sunday. All events are fully Green Pointed.

Hotels for this event can be booked through the EBU's [Accommodation Booking Service \(ABS\)](#) on freephone 0800 0346 246. The service is operated by Bridge Overseas, and is available from 9am-5pm Monday to Friday and Saturday 9.30am-1pm.

For more information please [visit our website](#)



## SUMMER SENIORS CONGRESS

4 – 6 July 2014, Eastbourne

A long weekend of bridge at the popular Winter Gardens.

There is a two-day Championship Pairs event with two qualifying sessions on Friday being followed by three sessions of finals on Saturday.

There is a Swiss Pairs on the Saturday for those eliminated from the Championship Pairs on Friday, and for new entrants joining the event at this stage. On Sunday there is a Swiss Teams event.

All events are fully Green Pointed, save for the Championship Pairs qualifying rounds (Blue Points, but all qualifiers are guaranteed a Green Point award).

The event is supported by the Edith Kaplan Memorial Award of a £500 enhancement to the overall prize fund. There will be special category prizes for veterans pairs and teams (all members of the pair/team must be at least 70 years of age on the first day of play).

To be eligible to play in the congress, players must be born on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December 1954.

For more information on the congress please [visit our website](#).



## GERARD FAULKNER SALVER

**The deadline for entries to the Senior Knockout Teams competition is 6<sup>th</sup> June.**

It is open to teams consisting of four to six players, all of whom are EBU members born in 1954 or earlier.

The event is played as a knockout throughout, with matches played privately. Early rounds will be arranged so as to avoid long journeys for the 'away' side. The option of playing online will be available for some matches.

There will be a repechage to ensure all non-seeded teams play at least two matches. Between four and eight teams will be seeded and will be given byes to the third round.

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

To enter please email [comps@ebu.co.uk](mailto:comps@ebu.co.uk) or ring 01296 317203/219



## Forthcoming events

**52nd European Teams Championships – 21<sup>st</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 – Opatija, Croatia**

Open, women and senior teams. Watch the matches on BridgeBase Online.

Read the captains' blogs during the event at <http://ebuselection.blogspot.co.uk/>.

Mark your calendars for:

[Corwen Trophy](#) – 31<sup>st</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June, Northampton

[Pachabo Cup](#) – 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June, Nottingham

[Scarborough Summer Congress](#) – 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July, Scarborough

[Brighton Summer Meeting](#) – 8<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August, Brighton

British Summer Simultaneous Pairs – 28<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August

## Junior Teach In 2014

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2014  
Loughborough University

The Junior Teach In is a bridge weekend for juniors of all ages and bridge ability – from absolute beginners to junior experts.

Whilst bridge is the main focus, with plenty of opportunities to play and learn, there is time for other fun activities too.

Adults are welcome to accompany the children and to join in with the bridge.



For more details, pictures from previous Teach Ins, and an application form, please visit:  
[www.ebu.co.uk/youth/Junior-Teach-In](http://www.ebu.co.uk/youth/Junior-Teach-In)

## EBU Blue Point Holidays

We are pleased to be offering five EBU Blue Point Bridge Holiday events in 2014. This is in response to the demand from members for a more social & friendly environment to play and earn national ranking master points.

We hope that these Blue Point holidays can either be a stepping stone towards playing in our Congresses, or simply a fun bridge holiday. As such they are not intended for seasoned bridge congress-goers: they are aimed primarily at those who are below a Jack in the NGS and below the rank of Regional Master. These events therefore may not be suitable for most recipients of Event Focus, but we hope that you will know someone who may be interested and will pass this information on to them.

The next holiday is at Albrighton Hall, near Shrewsbury, on 7<sup>th</sup> July. For more details [visit our website](#).

## Standby Volunteers

We would always like to hear from pairs who are willing to act as standby at our events, especially for Swiss Pairs competitions.

Both the directors and the players are very grateful for the role played by standby pairs and your generosity would be much appreciated.

We ask that you attend the competition and if you are required to play then you would receive free entry to the event. If you are not required then reasonable travel expenses will be paid.

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact [Gordon@ebu.co.uk](mailto:Gordon@ebu.co.uk)



We hope to see you at one of our events in the not too distant future.

Best regards,

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