



EBU Event Focus

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Welcome to this issue of Event Focus.

We hope to see many of you at Brighton, but there are many more events in the Autumn for those of you who thinking further ahead. Don't overlook the Telford Midweek Congress, and the Junior Teach-In, both at the end of the month.

Thanks for reading.



Brighton Summer Meeting

8 – 17 August 2014 – Hilton Metropole, Brighton

Join us at our flagship event for ten days, one session, or something in between – the choice is yours.

The 2013 congress was one of the best in recent years and we hope that you will be joining us this year for what promises to be another great event.

There is still time to enter and for a number of events we can accept entries 'on the door'. There is something for everyone, whether you want to play every day, at weekends, or just a single midweek session. You can also attend training courses or lessons.

See the congress information booklet [here](#).



TELFORD MIDWEEK CONGRESS

26 – 28 August 2014, Telford Hotel & Golf Resort

A fully Green Pointed midweek congress in the Shropshire countryside

This congress runs from Tuesday to Thursday and features a 3-session 'all play through' Championship Pairs event and a one-day Swiss Teams event.

Entry fees are specially reduced for this particular congress. Both events will be stratified into three categories with extra prizes and Master Points available for those in the 'B' or 'C' categories.

The schedule includes time to play golf at the hotel, or enjoy attractions in the area, including Ironbridge (right).



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



CONFIANCE GUERNSEY CONGRESS

12 – 21 September 2014, La Trelade Hotel, Guernsey

A ten-day congress, mixing bridge with sightseeing opportunities

The schedule is full and varied with a mixture of pairs and teams events. There are also Seniors competitions for those 60 or over.

There is time in the schedule so you can enjoy Guernsey, whether it is the scenery, beaches, villages, or historic sites.

Visitors to the Guernsey Congress have a free choice of hotel and travel arrangements. Early reservations for flights and accommodation is recommended. www.visitguernsey.com may be useful in your planning.



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FORTHCOMING ENTRY DEADLINES

The Crockfords Cup

Entries are now open for the English open teams-of-four championship. Initial rounds are knock-out matches played privately, qualifying eight teams to contest an all-play-all final in September 2015.

The event is part of the **Championship Series**, in which points can be earned towards the [Player of the Year Championship](#) (see below).

The draw in the early rounds is regionalised to reduce travelling, and some teams will be seeded based on Gold Points.

Entries close on 11th September.

[The Crockfords Cup webpage](#).

The National Interclub Knockout

Entries are now open for the teams-of-four competition for players of the same affiliated club. An unlimited number of teams can enter from any one club.

The draw in the early rounds is regionalised to reduce travelling and some teams will be seeded based on Gold Points.

Entries close on 18th September.

Please see the [event webpage](#) for eligibility criteria and an entry form.

Forthcoming events

Mark your calendars for:

October 4th - 5th – [Great Northern Swiss Pairs](#)

October 8th - 14th – [Bridge Overseas Montenegro Congress](#)

October 17th - 19th – [Autumn Congress, Peterborough](#)

8th – 12th September – [EBED Autumn Simultaneous Pairs](#) – **proceeds will go to the EBED charity to support the development of bridge in England.** If your club is not already taking part please encourage it to do so.

National Pairs

If you wish to enter the National Pairs your club can host a heat. Heats can be hosted by any EBU affiliated club, and the heats can be part of an ordinary club night as not every pair need make themselves eligible – any game with at least three tables can generate qualifiers.

Blue points are awarded in the heats, with Green points available in regional and national finals. The event is also part of the **Championship Series**, in which points can be earned towards the [Player of the Year Championship](#) (see below).

Heats must be completed by mid-February. If you are interested then ask your club secretary or chairman to look on [our website](#) or contact [Peter Jordan](#) on 01296 317203.

Junior Teach In 2014

Friday 22nd – 24th 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



Player of the Year Championship

The EBU is pleased to announce the introduction of a new competition, the **Player of the Year Championship**.

Players will gain points based on finishing in the top places of the most prestigious events on the EBU calendar. The player accumulating the most place points in the year (1st October to 31st September) will win the prize of £1000.

The events in which points can be scored include knockout competitions and congress tournaments. The first event will be the **Two Star Pairs at the [Autumn Congress](#) in October**.

While this competition will appeal to those battling for the top prize, we also hope that it will prompt some friendly rivalries amongst those lower down the points list as they vie for bragging rights amongst their club-mates. Previous experience indicates that the prize money will be covered by an increase in entries.

The competitions which will make up the Championship Series, and the points that can be scored in each, are available [on 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



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 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.



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

Best regards,

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