



EBU Event Focus

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Dear EBU member

Merry Christmas from all the staff and TDs. Thank you for your participation in our events this year, and we hope to see you for more bridge in 2017.

In fact, we hope to see you sooner than that - at one of the Year End Congresses. See below for how to get your fix of bridge over the festive period.

Also, don't forget to enter the Online Knockout Teams in the next few weeks. Entries for that close before Christmas. See below for more details.

As always, if you have any queries about any of the events featured here then please don't hesitate to contact the Competitions Department on 01296 317203/219 or at comps@ebu.co.uk. Entries can be made by calling this number, or through the members area of the website - www.ebu.co.uk/members.

Year End Congress

27th - 30th December

Royal National Hotel, London

The popular congress for those who have had enough 'cold turkey' over the Christmas period.

Tues 27th & Wed 28th - Stratified Swiss Pairs

Thurs 29th - Mixed & Open Pairs

Friday 30th - Stratified Swiss Teams

[More details](#)

The Congress is held at the Royal National Hotel, [WC1H 0DG](#). A four night package rate is available at the Imperial Hotel, 100 yards away. Please see our website for more details and book directly with the hotel.

Blackpool Year End Congress

28th - 30th December

Hilton Hotel, Blackpool

After a few years away, the 'northern' Year End Congress returns to its popular former home at the Hilton in Blackpool.

Wed 28th - Mixed & Open Pairs

Wed 28th & Thurs 29th - Swiss Pairs

Friday 30th - Swiss Teams

[More details](#)

Arranged rates are available at the Hilton through Bridge Overseas. Please contact them on 0800 0346 246.

Really Easy Afternoon - Tuesday 27th December

A duplicate pairs at multiple venues for less experienced players

This event is aimed at those below Master & lower than Jack on NGS. It is held at multiple venues, and scored across all sites, giving less experienced players chance to play in a national competition at a venue close to them.

There will be heats at: [Richmond Bridge Club](#); [First Class Bridge Academy in Billericay](#); [Leeds Bridge Club](#); and [Sheffield Bridge Club](#).

Please enter with the EBU for Richmond and Billericay, and direct with the club for Leeds and Sheffield.

Please note that there will not be a heat at the Year End Congress in London - those in the South East should play in Richmond or Billericay.

National Point-a-Board Teams

21st - 22nd January

Young Chelsea BC, London

After three years as part of the National Teams Congress*, this competition now becomes a congress in its own right.

Saturday - a qualifying multiple-teams.

Sunday - a main final for the top teams, and a consolation final for everyone else.

A short guide to Point-a-Board matches is available [here](#), and articles are available by [David Gold](#) and [Brian Senior](#).

[More details](#)

* - The Swiss Teams element of the National Teams Congress is in May at West Midlands Bridge Club - see [here](#) for more details.

Harrogate Congress

*17th - 19th February
Cairn Hotel, Harrogate*

A popular long weekend of bridge in the spa town. Now organised by Yorkshire CBA on behalf of the EBU.

Friday afternoon - Mixed & Open Pairs

Friday afternoon - Improvers Pairs

Friday evening & Saturday - three session Swiss Pairs

Sunday - two session Swiss Teams

[More details](#)

The entry fee for Saturday includes dinner, and for Sunday includes lunch.

Please make entries directly with the YCBA.

Please see their entry form for more

details: [Harrogate Congress entry form](#) .

Overseas Congress,

Lisbon

2nd - 8th February

Join us for some late winter sun, bridge and culture in Portugal's capital.

The venue is the five star Real Palacio Hotel, in a quiet quarter of the city.

The schedule combines competitions (including Green Pointed Swiss events) with enough time for sightseeing.

The congress may sell out, so book soon.

[More details](#)

Ranked Masters Pairs

25th - 26th February

Masters Pairs

26th February

A group of competitions catering for all Master Point ranks.

The Ranked Masters Pairs is for higher ranks, and is held over two days near Birmingham.

[More details](#)

The Masters Pairs is for lower ranks and is a one-day competition held at multiple venues around the country.

[More details](#)

Online Knockout Teams

A knockout competition for teams of four, with all matches played online.

The competition is open to teams from all home nations, so why not involve your friends from over the border?! There is a plate competition for those defeated in early rounds.

Green Points are awarded in the main competition, and Blue Points in the Plate competition.

Entries close 22nd December

[More details](#)

Lady Milne Trials - Final call for applications

Those wishing to take part in the Lady Milne Trials should ensure that their application has been received by Monday 12th December. More information - including a current list of applicants - is available [here](#).

Applicants will be advised if they have been successful by 19th December. The trials will take place on 27th - 29th January at Young Chelsea BC in London. The Lady Milne competition takes place in Wrexham on 21st - 23rd April.

Other dates for your diary (click the dates for more information)

[16 - 18 Dec](#)

BBO  Junior Channel Trophy, Young Chelsea Bridge Club

[16 - 17 Dec](#)

BBO  Teltscher Trophy Trials, West Midlands BC (for accepted applicants)

[6 - 8 Jan](#)
[3 - 5 Mar](#)

BBO  Camrose Trophy - 1st weekend, [Brandon Hall Hotel](#), Warwickshire.
Spectators welcome. We seek volunteers to help - please contact [Gordon Rainsford](#)
Camrose Trophy - 2nd weekend, Scotland

[9 - 12 Jan](#)
[7 - 8 Feb](#)

British Winter Sim Pairs
Bridge England Sim Pairs

[11 - 12 Feb](#)

Tollemache Final (for county representatives), West Midlands BC

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