



EBU Event Focus

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Dear

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member

This is an exciting period in our calendar with a wide range of competitions to suit all levels, and with venues the length and breadth of the country. Whether you are a novice, an elite player, or in somewhere between, there is a competition for you. Whether you are in Devon, County Durham, or somewhere in between, there is a venue close to you.

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.

Ranked Masters Pairs

25th - 26th February

Holiday Inn, Birmingham Airport

Masters Pairs

26th February

Various local venues

This is a group of Green Pointed competitions catering for all Master Point ranks.

The Ranked Masters Pairs is for higher ranks - Regional Masters and above - and is held over two days. There are six competitions, each for those of a certain Master Point rank - or a player will be allowed to "play up" to join a partner of a higher

rank providing their NGS grade meets certain criteria (see the website for more details).

[More details](#)

The Masters Pairs is for those ranked below Regional Master and is a one-day, two-session competition held at multiple venues around the country. It is scored across all venues.

Members who have recently attained a landmark promotion to the rank of Master are entitled to free entry.

Heats will be held at:

Billericay

Bradford

Exeter

Richmond

Solihull

Tunbridge

Welwyn Garden City

Wells

[More details](#)

National Pairs

Regional finals: 12th March

Various local venues

National final: 8th - 9th April

Venue TBC

The Regional Finals are open to all and played at various venues around the country. All venues will play the same boards and the event will be scored across the entire field.

The top 50 pairs nationally will qualify to play in the National Final.

An additional ranking list will be produced from each region (scored by itself), with the winning pairs awarded regional trophies.

Heats will be held at:

Billericay

Bradford

Brighton

Bristol

Exeter

London (Young Chelsea BC)

Richmond

Solihull

Stamford

Tunbridge Wells

The event is part of the Championship Series, in which points can be earned towards the **Player of the Year Championship**.

[More details](#)

Entries open for the Hubert Phillips Bowl

Entries are open for the EBU's knockout mixed pivot teams competition - the Hubert Phillips Bowl. The closing date for entries is midday on 13th April.

[More details](#)

Portland Pairs

19th March

Various local venues

A national Mixed Pairs competition held at various venues around the country and scored across all venues. It is played over two sessions, and Green Points are awarded.

Heats will be held at:

Billericay

Bournemouth

Brierfield, Lancs

Bristol

Bury St Edmunds

Burnham, Bucks

Colwyn Bay

Darlington

Exeter

London (Young Chelsea BC)

Richmond

Sheffield

Solihull

Stamford

Tunbridge Wells

Welwyn Garden City

Please enter with the EBU for all venues, except Colwyn Bay (see website for details).

[More details](#)

Easter Festival, London

14th -17th April

Royal National Hotel, London

Northern Easter Festival

14th -16th April

Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley

Drag yourself away from your chocolate eggs and join us at one of the Easter Festivals. There are competitions for everyone, with many competitions stratified or flighted.

London

Friday & Saturday* - Championship Pairs

* - there is an early start option on Friday

Friday - a Really Easy Afternoon, for novice players (played at multiple venues which are TBC)

Saturday - Under 21 Championships

Sunday - Stratified Swiss Teams

Monday - Flighted Swiss Pairs

[More details](#)

Ilkley

Friday - Open, Mixed and Improvers Pairs (part of the Really Easy Afternoon)

Friday evening & Saturday - Swiss Pairs

Sunday - Swiss Teams

[More details](#)

Harrogate Congress

17th - 19th February

Cairn Hotel, Harrogate

Entries close 14th February

There is still chance to enter this popular long weekend of bridge. The event is being run by the YCBA with prices reduced, or a meal included in the entry fee.

Friday afternoon -
Mixed, Open & Improvers
Pairs
Friday evening & Saturday -
Swiss Pairs
Sunday - Swiss Teams

[More details](#)

Lambourne Jersey Festival

21st - 30th April
Westhill Country Hotel,

A ten day congress with competitions each evening and all weekend, allowing enough time to enjoy the sights of the island. For those wanting more bridge, and less sightseeing, there is a midweek afternoon Seniors Congress.

Entries should be made directly to the organisers. See the website for full information.

[More details](#)



Schapiro Spring Foursomes

28th April - 2nd May
Crowne Plaza, Stratford upon
Avon

Entries are open for the Schapiro Spring Foursomes, one of the highlights of our calendar.

With two consolation events available it ensures a full long-weekend of high quality bridge.

Please note that the event is being held at the same hotel as in the past, but it is now rebranded as a Crowne Plaza.

[More details](#)

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

[11 - 12 Feb](#)

Tollemache Final (for county representatives), West Midlands BC

[17 - 19 Feb](#)



Junior Camrose/Peggy Bayer, Ireland

[3 - 5 Mar](#)



Camrose Trophy - 2nd weekend, Scotland

[4 - 5 Mar](#)

County Green Point weekend, various counties (see the EBU calendar for links)

[4 Mar](#)
[8 - 9 Apr](#)

Young Bridge Challenge, Loughborough Grammar School
Junior Bridge Camp, Cheltenham

[13 - 16 Mar](#)
[3 - 6 Apr](#)

Club Stratified Sim Pairs
British Spring Sim Pairs

[31 Mar - 2
Apr](#)

Really Easy Weekend, Wroxton, nr Banbury

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