



# ***EBU Event Focus***

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Dear

EBU

member

It's a packed newsletter this month, with competitions coming thick and fast over the next few months. There is still chance to enter this weekend's Portland Pairs - but please do so before Friday as that morning we will start installing our new membership software in the Aylesbury office and won't be able to process any entries for a few days while the system is down. You can still get in touch with us about competitions during that period, we just won't be able to add your entry to the system or take payment so will need to get back in touch with you at a later date - it would therefore be helpful to us if you could call before Friday or wait until there is an announcement on the homepage of the website saying that the system is up and running again.

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](mailto: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](http://www.ebu.co.uk/members).

### **Portland Pairs - Entries still open**

*19th March*

*Various local venues*

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Entries are **still open** for the national Mixed Pairs competition, but **please enter before Friday**.

The event is 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

Burnham, Bucks

Darlington

Exeter

London (Young Chelsea BC)

Richmond

Sheffield

Solihull

Stamford

Tunbridge Wells

Welwyn Garden City

Please enter with the EBU for all venues (see website for details).

[More details](#)

## National Swiss Teams Congress

13th - 14th May

*West Midlands Bridge Club, Solihull*

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Formerly part of the National Teams Congress, the Swiss Teams competition is now its own congress.

The event is being run by Warwickshire CBA on behalf of the EBU. Full information and an [entry form](#) is available on their website - [www.nationalswissteams.co.uk](http://www.nationalswissteams.co.uk)

The Congress includes fourteen matches across the two days, starting at midday on Saturday.

To enter please download an [entry form](#) or email: [Entry@nationalswissteams.co.uk](mailto:Entry@nationalswissteams.co.uk)

[More details](#)

## Entries open for Premier League and Open Team trials

Trials for pairs to represent the England Open Team in the 2018 European Championships will take place on 12th - 15th January at Young Chelsea BC.

Entries are also invited for the 2017 Premier League which will act as trials for the Camrose Home International series in 2018 and the 2018 EBL Champions Cup.

Applications for both competitions should be made to [dawn@ebu.co.uk](mailto:dawn@ebu.co.uk) - by 31st May for the Premier League and 7th November for the Open Team trials.

[More details](#)

## Easter Festival, London

14th -17th April

Royal National Hotel, London

Spend your Easter weekend in the capital. The congress is suitable for everyone, with stratified and flighted competitions, and a Really Easy Afternoon for novice players.

*Friday\** & *Saturday* - Championship Pairs

\* - there is an early start option on Friday

*Sunday* - Stratified Swiss Teams

*Monday* - Flighted Swiss Pairs

### Really Easy Afternoon for novice players

On Friday there will be a competition for novice players (ranked lower than Master and below Jack on the NGS). It will be played at multiple venues.

*Royal National Hotel, London - 4pm start*

*Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley - 1:30pm start*

*Exeter BC - 2:30pm start*

*Other venues TBC*

### Under 21 Championship Pairs

*Saturday, starts at noon*

For those aged under 21 on 31st December 2017.

The event is **free** to enter, but entries should be made in advance. Participants can also play for free in the Swiss Teams, and for half price in the Swiss Pairs.

[More details](#)

## Northern Easter Festival

14th -16th April

Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley

A 'northern alternative' for those wanting an Easter weekend full of bridge.

The event is run by Yorkshire Contract Bridge Association on behalf of the EBU and offers a range of competitions.

*Friday* - Open, Mixed and Improvers Pairs

The Improvers Pairs is part of the Really Easy Afternoon - see the London panel for more information.

*Friday evening & Saturday* - Swiss Pairs

*Sunday* - Swiss Teams

To enter please download an [entry form](#) or contact Stuart Davies of theYCBA directly - Tel: 01274 598408; email: [stuart@svd1.uk](mailto:stuart@svd1.uk)

[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](#)

## Spring Bank Holiday Congress

27th - 29th May  
Crowne Plaza, Stratford upon Avon

A relaxed congress held in Shakespeare's home town over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Saturday & Sunday -  
Championship Pairs  
Sunday - Swiss Pairs  
Monday - Stratified Swiss Teams

The congress will include a Really Easy Afternoon on Saturday for less experienced players.

[More details](#)



## **BBO operators wanted**

We are always looking for operators when we cover competitions on Bridge Base Online.

In the coming year our coverage will include the final stages of the Spring Foursomes in Stratford, the Premier League in London, Manchester and

Solihull, and international trials in London and Solihull.

If you are able to help please contact [Gordon Rainsford](#). A contribution towards your expenses can be made.



## Entries open for Hubert Phillips Bowl

Entries are open for the Hubert Phillips Bowl, England's knockout mixed teams-of-four championships.

Matches are played on the full pivot principle, so you will play one-third of the match with each of your teammates as a partner.

There is a plate competition, at no extra cost, for those losing in the early rounds. Please see the website for more details.

Entries close on 13th April.

[More details](#)

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

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

Club Stratified Sim Pairs  
British Spring Sim Pairs

[31 Mar - 2 Apr](#)

Really Easy Weekend, Wroxton, nr Banbury

[8 - 9 Apr](#)

National Pairs final (for qualified pairs), Daventry

[8 - 9 Apr](#)  
[1 - 3 Sept](#)

Junior Bridge Camp, Cheltenham  
EBED Junior Teach-In, Loughborough

[21 - 23 Apr](#)



Lady Milne Trophy, Wrexham

[22 - 23 Apr](#)

Portland Bowl semi-finals and final, London

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