



EBU Event Focus

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Dear

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member

The sun is shining (intermittently) and our thoughts are turning to our summer congresses. Join us over the coming months in some great destinations for enjoying the English summer. And before that - and with no disrespect to the tourist attractions of Solihull - there is the National Swiss Teams Congress, with entries still open for this weekend's event.

Scarborough

2018

Looking further ahead, in response to demand for more seniors events in the North of England, the Scarborough Congress will be expanded in 2018 to include new Seniors' Tournaments. There will be a Seniors Pairs on the Wednesday and Thursday with qualifying rounds followed by a final. The rest of the congress format will be unchanged, and open to all, but there will be a prize for the top 'senior team' in Friday's Multiple Teams competition. Entries for the 2017 event are now open – see below for details.

Fargo

No, not the venue for our next overseas congress (that's [Halkidiki](#)), but a bit of news relating to the television show of that name. Series 3 starts in the UK around the end of this month (date TBC) on Channel 4 and bridge is reportedly a significant part of the story (Ewen McGregor attended bridge congresses to do research for his part). If this genre of TV is your thing, and you haven't seen series 1 & 2, then you may want to catch up on it so you can enjoy this one when it airs.

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 (hopefully in the next few days) through the members area of the website - www.ebu.co.uk/members.

National Swiss Teams Congress

13th - 14th May
West Midlands BC, Solihull

**Entries still open - close on Friday.
Please enter directly with WCBA**

Formerly part of the National Teams Congress, the Swiss Teams competition is now its own congress, with fourteen matches across the two days.

Saturday: Midday - 7:30pm (approx)

Sunday: 11:30am - 7:00pm (approx)

There will be a short break each day after match 3.

The event is being run by Warwickshire CBA on behalf of the EBU. Please enter with WCBA directly. More details and an entry form can be found on their website - www.nationalswissteams.co.uk.

[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

Please note that the event is being played at the same venue as in the past - the hotel has been rebranded.

Really Easy Afternoon for novice players

On Saturday 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.

*Stratford-upon-Avon - 2pm start
First Class Bridge Academy, Billericay - 2pm start
Any other venues will be added on the webpage when known.*

[More details](#)



Gerard Faulkner Salver

Entries now open

Entries are open for the Seniors Knockout Teams for the Gerard Faulkner Salver. Entries close on **Friday 2nd June**.

The event is open to those born in 1957 or earlier.

A 'repechage system' is used, so every non-seeded team is guaranteed two matches.

[More details](#)

International Teams

Applications open now

Applications for all international teams/trials should be made to dawn@ebu.co.uk.

Premier League (Camrose trials)

Held in September and November. Applications close on 31st May. [More details](#).

European Open Team trials

Held 12th to 15th January 2018. Applications close on 10th November. [More details](#).

Commonwealth Nations Championship

Applications to represent England in the event, held in Australia 14th - 18th February 2018, should be made by 29th May. [More details](#).

Riviera Congress

30th June - 2nd July
Riviera Centre, Torquay

A summer congress at the fabulous Riviera Centre which overlooks the bay in Torquay.

There is a one-day Swiss Teams event on the Friday, followed by a two-day Swiss Pairs event on the Saturday and Sunday.

[More details](#)

Scarborough Summer Congress

27th - 30th July
Scarborough Spa Complex

The congress has a relaxed holiday atmosphere ideal for players new to national competitions. Mornings are free to enjoy the attractions of North Yorkshire.

There is a pre-congress pairs on Thursday, a multiple teams on Friday, and a Stratified Swiss Pairs on Saturday and Sunday.

[More details](#)

Summer Meeting

4th - 13th August
Winter Garden, Eastbourne

It's not too early to plan your trip to join us in Eastbourne for our biggest congress.

As always there are events for everyone - experienced players, less experienced players, seniors, juniors - plus TD and teacher training, and more.

Full programme
Details on travel, hotels, etc

[More details](#)

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

[19 - 21 May](#)



Teltscher Trophy, Northern Ireland

[3 - 4 June](#)

Corwen Trophy, Northampton (for qualified pairs)

[8 - 24 June](#)



European Open Championships, Italy

[10 - 11 June](#)

Pachabo Cup, Daventry (for qualified teams)

[24 June](#)

Garden Cities Trophy final, Solihull (for qualified teams)

[8 - 15 July](#)



European Youth Team Championships, Slovakia

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