



EBU Event Focus

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Dear

EBU

member

It is just under a month until the start of the Summer Meeting in Eastbourne. We hope you will be taking part. Whilst we are happy to take entries on the day it helps us a lot with our planning if you enter in advance, so if you know you will be playing then do please enter as soon as you can.

Online

competitions

We are pleased to have reached an agreement with [Funbridge](#) for them to host tournaments on our behalf. These online competitions will start in early September, and the specific details will be circulated in the coming weeks. In the meantime you may wish to visit their website, or download their app, to familiarise yourself with the platform so you can get involved from the start when our competitions begin in September.

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.

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.

Thursday: Pre-Congress Pairs

Friday: Multiple Teams

Saturday & Sunday: Stratified Swiss Pairs

[More details](#)

Northern Midweek Congress

22nd - 24th August
Old Swan Hotel, Harrogate

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE

A fully green pointed congress, with **reduced entry fees**.

Tuesday & Wednesday: Stratified Championship Pairs

Thursday: Stratified Swiss Teams

[More details](#)



The Summer Meeting

4th - 13th August

Winter Garden, Eastbourne

Weekend Challenge events

Friday 4th - Sunday 6th: Swiss Pairs Championship

This is played over 14 eight-board matches across four sessions. Master Points are at an enhanced level to reflect the status of the event.

Friday 11th - Sunday 13th: Four Stars Swiss Teams Championship

This is played over 10 eight-board matches across three sessions. The top 16 teams then compete in the round-robin finals, with the remaining teams playing four more matches in the Swiss Teams. Master Points are at an enhanced level to reflect the status of the event.

One Day events

These take place almost every day (not the first weekend), and include pairs and teams events, and one- and two-session competitions. The two-session competitions are the One Day Swiss Pairs which take place on Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th.

Seniors Congress

Monday 7th - Thursday 10th

Pairs and Teams competitions for those born in 1957 or earlier.

U26 Championships

Monday 7th - Tuesday 8th

Based on requests, this competition will now be over two days. Open to those under 26 on 31st December 2017.

Plus TD training, expert seminars, late night speedballs, and more.

To help plan your trip to Eastbourne the [Pre-Congress webpage](#) has information on hotels, travel, etc.

[More details](#)

The Really Easy Congress

*7th - 10th August
Winter Garden, Eastbourne*

Part of the Summer Meeting, a mix of competitions & lessons for all levels of novice players

Monday 7th August

A **free** introductory day for those who want to find their feet, or knock off any rust.

Tuesday 8th to Thursday 10th August

The main events, with a mixture of lessons and competitions, including a two-session Swiss Pairs on Thursday.

The congress is aimed at those who:

- ♥ have recently learned to play
- ♣ are wanting to make a comeback to competitive bridge
- ♦ play regularly but aren't ready for the events in the Summer Meeting

All players should have little/no experience of green-point events, and be below the rank of Master and lower than a Jack on the NGS. Higher ranked/more experienced players should enter competitions in the main congress.

This year there will not be a 'beginners group' (previously called the 'First Step' group) as declining numbers have made it unviable. The congress hosts will, however, do their best to accommodate the more inexperienced players. Such players may wish to attend on Monday before committing to

the other days – bookings for the remaining sessions can be made on Monday evening.

You can come as a partnership, or individuals – partners will be found.

[More details](#)

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

[8 - 15 July](#) **BBO** 🏆 European Youth Team Championships, Slovakia

[22 - 23 July](#) Green Point weekend - Essex/Herts; Gloucs/Hereford; Notts; Dorset; Manchester; Sussex

[24 - 27 July](#) British Summer Sim Pairs

[12 - 26 Aug](#) **BBO** 🏆 World Team Championships, Lyon, France

[15 - 24 Aug](#) **BBO** 🏆 World Youth OpenTeam Championships, Lyon, France

[1 - 3 Sep](#) Junior Teach-In, Loughborough

[2 - 3 Sep](#) Crockfords Finals, Solihull (for qualified teams)

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