



# ***EBU Event Focus***

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Dear

EBU

member

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Summer Meeting. We hope you enjoyed your trip to Eastbourne and we hope to see you there in 2019. As for 2018...

### **The Summer Festival 2018**

As the Devonshire Park complex is undergoing extensive refurbishment, they will not have space to accommodate us for the Summer Meeting in 2018. We will therefore not be going to Eastbourne, and will instead be holding a one-off Summer Festival in 2018 between 3rd and 19th August.

♠ The main weekend competitions will be held at the Royal National Hotel in London.  
Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th August: the Swiss Pairs Championship (preceded by an Open Pairs on Friday afternoon).

Friday 17th - Sunday 19th August: the Four Stars Swiss Teams Championship (preceded by a Point-a-Board Teams on Friday afternoon).

♦ Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th August - One day Swiss Pairs at the Royal National Hotel

♣ The Summer Meeting's main midweek competitions will continue to take place, and will be held in the fortnight between the two weekend competitions - provisionally on 6th/7th and 15th/16th August. These may be run as multi-venue events (locations TBC), and will include a London venue so you can combine playing in these competitions and the weekend events.

♥ There won't be any Seniors competitions held during this fortnight, but new Seniors competitions have been added to the [Scarborough Summer Congress](#).

♠ There will be a Really Easy Congress in the summer of 2018 but details are still to be finalised.

### **The 2018 Summer Seniors Congress**

Although the refurbishment will affect the Summer Meeting in 2018, the Summer Seniors Congress will still take place in Eastbourne, using the facilities at the tennis centre on the far side of the Devonshire Park complex.

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 My EBU, the members area of the website - [www.ebu.co.uk/members](http://www.ebu.co.uk/members).

## Online competitions with Funbridge

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Starting on 2nd September you will be able to play in EBU competitions on Funbridge.

- ♥ Competitions each Saturday and Sunday
- ♠ Play with, and against, robots so you can play at any time during the day (midnight to 10pm)
- ♦ Stop and restart as often as you like
- ♣ Matches are over 20 boards
- ♥ Entry costs €2
- ♠ Acol bidding systems available
- ♦ Everyone can take part
- ♣ Master Points are awarded.

We hope you will take part. Please see the FAQ for more details and information on how to play.

- [FAQ on our games with Funbridge](#)
- [Funbridge](#)



*The Mossop team - 2015/16 winners*

## **Crockfords Cup**

*Entries close on 7th September*

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Entries are open for England's premier teams competition.

The event is played as a knockout in the early stage, prior to an 'all-play-all' final between the final eight teams.

A Plate competition is open at no extra charge to all unseeded teams defeated in their first match.

[More details](#)

### **Watch the 2017 Crockfords Finals**

The finals of this year's competition will be shown on Funbridge on 2nd & 3rd September. You will be able to watch live through their app - more details will be available prior to the finals. And during the breaks play in our new online competitions (see above).



*TGR A - the 2015/16 winners*

## **The NICKO**

*Entries close on 25th September*

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The National Inter-Club Knockout is one of our most popular events, and is open to teams from all EBU affiliated clubs. Each club can enter an unlimited number of teams, so why not team up with your clubmates and take part?!

It is played as a knockout throughout, with the draw regionalised to reduce travelling. A Plate competition is available at no extra charge.

Entry forms are available on our website and should be submitted by the Club Secretary.

Please ensure that all players meet the qualification requirements to represent the club - this includes that they should have been a member of club for at least three months prior to the closing date, and this membership should have been registered with the EBU.

[More details](#)

## **Guernsey Congress**

8th - 17th September  
Les Cotils, St Peters Port

The main congress events are at weekends and on midweek evenings, allowing time to enjoy the sights of the island.

There are Seniors events on midweek afternoons.

**New for 2017** - There will be a 'social pairs' competition on Wednesday evening, open to both members and non-members.

[More details](#)

### Great Northern Swiss Pairs

30th September - 1st October  
Hilton Hotel, Leeds

Seven 7-board matches on Saturday, and five more on Sunday, makes this a full weekend of Swiss Pairs. Green points are awarded for each match won, with bonus awards based on the stratified results.

There is also an Improvers Pairs on Sunday afternoon, so please encourage your less experienced friends or family to take part.

[More details](#)

### Autumn Congress

20th - 22nd October  
Wokefield Park, Reading

The congress has moved to a new venue (one which was popular when used for the 2016 Seniors Congress).

Friday - Saturday: The prestigious Two Star Pairs Championship  
Friday: Really Easy Afternoon  
Saturday: One day Swiss Pairs  
Sunday: Championship Teams

The Really Easy Afternoon is for less experienced players and will be held at multiple venues (other venues TBC)

[More details](#)

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

[22 - 24 Aug](#)

Northern Midweek Congress, Harrogate (change of venue)

[1 - 3 Sept](#)

Junior Teach-In, Loughborough

[2 - 3 Sept](#)



Crockfords finals (for qualified teams), Solihull

[4 - 8 Sept](#)

[2 - 5 Oct](#)

EBED Autumn Sim Pairs  
British Autumn Sim Pairs

[9 - 10 Sept](#)

[23 - 24 Sept](#)

[4 - 5 Nov](#)



Premier League (for registered teams) - various venues

[23 - 24 Sept](#)

Green Point Weekend - events in Cumbria/Westmorland, Derbyshire, Essex/Herts, Surrey

[7 - 8 Oct](#)



Gold Cup finals

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