



# ***EBU Event Focus***

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Dear

EBU

member

As summer now seems to have ended it's an ideal time to start filling your bridge diary for the rest of the year. There's plenty of events in the coming months so we hope there is something for everyone. Less experienced player should note the Really Easy Afternoon held as part of the Autumn Congress, the Really Easy Congress which will be taking place in Budapest, and the Improvers Pairs at the Great Northern Swiss Pairs event - see below for details.

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).

### **Crockfords Cup - entry deadline extended**

The deadline for entering the Crockfords Cup has been extended by a few days, so you have a final chance to take part in the 2017/18 competition. Please get your entries to us **by 9am on Monday 18th**. See [here](#) for more details on England's premier knockout teams competition.

### **Player of the Year Competition**

Congratulations to Alexander Allfrey and Andrew Robson, who are joint winners of the 2016/17 Player of the Year Championship, a title they also jointly won in 2015/16. They won the Swiss Pairs at the Summer Meeting, and were part of the victorious team in the Spring Foursomes and Premier League. Mike Bell was third, and David Bakhshi was fourth. The full list of those who won points can be seen [here](#). The first points of the 2017/18 competition will be won at the Gold Cup finals on 7th-8th October, and then at the Autumn Congress later in the month. To be in with a chance of winning you have to take part, so check the list of competitions which make up the Championship Series and get start planning your year of bridge - see [here](#) for details.

## Bridge

## Overseas

## Halkidiki

## Congress

There is now limited availability for accommodation at the Anthemus Sea Beach Hotel, the venue for the Autumn Overseas Congress which takes place 9th - 15th October. Please check with Bridge Overseas regarding availability before making any travel arrangements.



*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](#)

## **Great Northern Swiss Pairs**

*30th September - 1st October, Leeds*

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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.

Entry fees for the Swiss Pairs include an evening meal on Saturday and hot buffet lunch on Sunday.

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

The event is run by Yorkshire Contract Bridge Association on behalf of the EBU - please enter directly with the YCBA.

[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 Two Star Pairs Championship (*2016 winners Richard Granville & Graham Sadie pictured above*)  
Friday: Really Easy Afternoon  
Saturday: One day Swiss Pairs  
Sunday: Championship Teams

The Really Easy Afternoon is for less experienced players and will also be held at other venues around the country, including Exeter BC (other venues TBC)

[More details](#)

### Seniors Congress

3rd - 5th November  
Wokefield Park, Reading

A congress for those born in, or before, 1957\*

Friday - Saturday: A Championship Pairs.  
Saturday: One day Swiss Pairs  
Sunday: Swiss Teams

The Swiss Pairs Competition is open to pairs eliminated from the Championship Pairs at the end of Friday evening, and to players joining the congress on Saturday.

\* - The WBF - and consequently the EBL and Bridge Great Britain - have adjusted their criteria for eligibility for Seniors events, and this will come in to effect in 2018. As this was done at short notice the EBU will not be making any changes to the criteria for entry to its senior congresses until 2019 (trial events will be changed in 2018).

[More details](#)

### Year End Congresses

Royal National Hotel, London  
and Hilton Hotel, Blackpool

London:  
27th - 28th Dec: Stratified Swiss Pairs  
27th Dec: Really Easy Afternoon  
29th Dec: Mixed or Open Pairs  
30th Dec: Stratified Swiss Teams

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[More details](#)

Blackpool:  
28th Dec: Mixed or Open Pairs  
28th - 29th Dec: Stratified Swiss Pairs  
30th Dec: Stratified Swiss Teams

[More details](#)

## Bridge Overseas Budapest Congress

1st - 7th February 2018

Hilton Hotel, Castle Hill, Budapest

Join us on the banks of the Danube for a congress with bridge to suit all abilities.

The Congress includes Really Easy competitions (1st - 5th February) for less experienced players

(below Jack on NGS and ranked below Master), and these are also open to non-members.

The main events take place over seven days with a mixture of pairs and teams competitions, including Green Pointed Swiss competitions.

The schedule includes some free evenings to enjoy the culinary and cultural delights of Hungary's capital, and time for optional tours and excursions.

Attendance is exclusive to delegates booking accommodation with Bridge Overseas - please make all accommodation enquiries with them on 0800 0346 246.

[More details](#)

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

[23 - 24 Sept](#)  
[4 - 5 Nov](#)

**BBO** Premier League (for registered teams) - various venues

[23 - 24 Sept](#)

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

[2 - 5 Oct](#)

British Autumn Sim Pairs

[7 - 8 Oct](#)

**BBO** Gold Cup finals (for qualified teams) - London

[9 - 11 Nov](#)

**BBO** EBL Champions Cup (for qualified teams) - Riga, Latvia

[18 - 19 Nov](#)

Tollemache Cup qualifying round (for qualified teams) - Solihull

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