



# *EBU Event Focus*

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Dear

EBU

member

With December just around the corner, there aren't many days left until our Year End Congresses. Please remember that Santa looks favourably on the good boys and girls who get their entries in nice and early. Whilst we can take entries at the venue in London, it does help if you can get your entries in well before the office closes for the Christmas break.

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](tel:01296317203)/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**

### **Games**

Our online games with Funbridge are proving to be popular, and the ladder competition is adding some excitement for those competing for the cash prizes every month. The festive period might be a great time for you to give the games a try, with games every Saturday and Sunday (so 23rd, 24th, 30th and 31st), but also ones on Boxing Day and New Year's Day (these extra days will offer two games - one scored by match points and the other by IMPs - and you can play in both). As you can stop and start the game as often as needed it can hopefully provide some extra entertainment in between your other festivities. For more information on playing, please see our [FAQ page](#).

### **Online**

### **Knockout**

### **Teams**

Entries for this year's Online Knockout Teams are now open, and close on 8th January. Exactly as it sounds, this is a knockout teams competition, with the matches played online. See [here](#) for more details.

### **Junior**

### **Camrose**

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### **volunteers**

### **wanted**

On 16th - 18th February we will be hosting the annual Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer competitions in

Coventry. We will need volunteers for a variety of tasks, and any offers to help would be greatly appreciated. Please email [dawn@ebu.co.uk](mailto:dawn@ebu.co.uk) and let us know.

## **Year End Congress** *27th - 30th December, London*

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Four days of festive bridge at the traditional venue of the Royal National Hotel at Russell Square.

Wed 27th - Thurs 28th Dec: Stratified Swiss Pairs  
Fri 29th Dec: Mixed or Open Pairs  
Sat 30th Dec: Stratified Swiss Teams

Accommodation packages are available at the sister hotel, the Imperial. See the website for details.

[More details](#)

## **Blackpool Year End Congress** *28th - 30th December*

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We head back to the Lancashire coast again this year, to round off bridge in 2017.

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

Accommodation packages are available at the venue hotel, the Hilton. See the website for details.

[More details](#)



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## **National Point-a-Board Teams** *20th - 21st January, London*

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Held at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club, this competition is played exclusively on the point-a-board (BAM) format - a great opportunity to play

with this fascinating and skillful, but rare, form of scoring.

**The event was full last year so don't wait too long to enter this year.**

There will be a qualifying multiple-teams event on Saturday, and on Sunday there will be a main final for the top teams with longer head-to-head matches, and a consolation final for non-qualifiers.

Master Points will be awarded at a **50% enhanced rate** for matches won in the qualifier and main final, and points can be earned towards the **Player of the Year Championship**.

- [A short guide to Point-a-Board matches](#)
- [David Gold's guide to the tactics of PAB](#)
- [Brian Senior - the different tactics for Point-a-Board, IMPs and Match Points](#)

[More details](#)

## Harrogate Spring Congress

*16th - 18th February*

A popular long weekend of bridge in the spa town. Now organised by Yorkshire CBA on behalf of the EBU. **Please make entries directly with the YCBA.** Please see their entry form for more details: [Harrogate Congress entry form](#).

Friday afternoon - Mixed & Open Pairs  
Friday afternoon - Improvers Pairs  
Friday evening & Saturday - three session Swiss Pairs  
Sunday - two session Swiss Teams

Entry to the Full Congress or Swiss Pairs includes a two course buffet supper on Saturday.

The congress will be held at the [Cairn Hotel](#). Bookings should be made directly with the hotel.

[More details](#)

## Bridge Overseas Budapest Congress

1st - 7th February 2018  
Hilton Hotel, Castle Hill, Budapest

Join us on the banks of the Danube for our next Overseas Congress.

Taking place over seven days, it includes 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](tel:08000346246).

[More details](#)

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

[16 - 17 Dec](#)



Channel Trophy junior internationals - Belgium

[16 - 17 Dec](#)

Teltscher Trophy trials (for registered teams) - Solihull

[5 - 7 Jan](#)

Midland Counties Congress - Solihull

[5 - 7 Jan](#)



Camrose Trophy, 1st Weekend - Northern Ireland

[12- 15 Jan](#)

European Open Trials (for selected pairs) - Young Chelsea BC

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