



# ***EBU Event Focus***

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Dear EBU member

Happy New Year! We hope you have a great, bridge-filled 2018.

The first months of the year have a great mixture of events, with rare formats, single-site congresses (both domestic and overseas), and multi-venue tournaments.

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).

### **Trials for England Women's Team**

Applications to take part in the trials to represent the England Women's Team in the 2018 European Team Championships, are now being accepted, and close on 29th January.

The trials will be 2nd to 5th March at Young Chelsea BC. See [here](#) for more details.

### **Last chance to enter the Online Knockout**

Entries for this year's Online Knockout Teams close on **8th January**. Don't miss out on taking part, and get your entry in before Monday. See [here](#) for more details on the competition.



*The winning Hinden team in 2017*

## **National Point-a-Board Teams**

*20th - 21st January, London*

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 qualifying sessions on Saturday, with carry-forwards for qualifying teams. 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

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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](#)

### Ranked Masters Pairs

24th - 25th February

A group of competitions catering for all Master Point ranks of Regional Master and above.

It will be held in Daventry.

[More details](#)

## Masters

25th February

A competition for lower ranks and is a one-day, two-session competition held at multiple venues around the country. It is scored across all venues and Green Points are awarded.

Members who have recently attained a landmark promotion to the rank of Master are entitled to free entry.

Heats will be held at:

Billericay  
Bradford  
Exeter  
Richmond  
Solihull  
Tunbridge Wells  
Welwyn Garden City

Map showing the location of all venues can be seen [here](#)

[More details](#)

## Pairs

## National

Regional Finals: 18th March  
National Final: 14th-15th April

The Regional Finals are open to all and played at various venues around the country. All venues will play the same boards and the event will be scored across the entire field. The top 50 pairs nationally qualify for the National Final.

An additional ranking list will be produced from each region (scored by itself), with the winning pairs awarded regional trophies.

Heats will be held at:

Billericay  
Bradford  
Brighton  
Bristol  
Exeter  
London (Young Chelsea BC)  
Richmond  
Solihull  
Stamford  
Tunbridge Wells

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The event is part of the **Championship Series**, in which points can be earned towards the **Player of the Year Championship**.

[More details](#)

## Pairs

## Portland Pairs

25th March

A national Mixed Pairs competition held at various venues around the country and scored across all venues. It is played over two sessions, and Green Points are awarded.

Heats will be held at:

Billericay  
Bournemouth  
Brierfield, Lancs  
Bristol  
Burnham, Bucks  
Darlington  
Exeter  
London (Young Chelsea BC)  
Peterborough  
Richmond  
Sheffield  
Solihull  
Tunbridge Wells  
Welwyn Garden City

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Please enter with the EBU for all venues.

[More details](#)

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

[6-7 Feb](#)

Bridge England Sim Pairs - raising funds to support the junior teams competing in the 2018 World Youth Team Championships in China.

[16-18 Feb](#)



Junior Camrose & Peggy Bayer - Coventry

[17-23 Feb](#)

[European Winter Games - Monaco](#)

[2 - 4 Mar](#)



Camrose Trophy, 2nd Weekend - Ireland

[3 - 4 Mar](#)

Green Point weekend - events

in [Wiltshire](#), [Leicestershire](#), [Manchester](#), [Bedfordshire](#), [Kent](#), [Merseyside & Cheshire](#)

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