



EBU Event Focus

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Dear

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member

Easter is just a few days away, but there is still time to enter for the Festivals in London and Leeds. Entries are being taken all week, and at London you can enter on the day (though a surcharge will apply - except for entries to the Jack High Swiss Pairs, so as to encourage new participants).

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. Entries can be made by calling this number, or through My EBU, the members area of the website - www.ebu.co.uk/members.

Really Easy Weekend, 5th/6th to 8th April - places still available

There is still chance to join us on the Really Easy Weekend in Wroxton, near Banbury. This is a 'house party style' event for less experienced players. You can come for two nights or three (Thursday or Friday start) and rooms are still available. See [here](#) for further details.

Easter Festival, London

30th March - 2nd April

Spend your Easter weekend in the capital. The congress is suitable for everyone, with a range of competitions for different ages and abilities, and includes the new Jack High Swiss Pairs for congress newcomers.

*Friday** & *Saturday* - Championship Pairs

* - there is an early start option on Friday

Saturday - U21 Championship Pairs

Sunday - Stratified Swiss Teams

Monday - Swiss Pairs or Jack High Swiss Pairs

Monday Swiss Pairs

Monday now offers two options:

Swiss Pairs - open to all with seven 7-board matches. In a change from previous years, this competition is no longer 'flighted'.

New: Jack High Swiss Pairs.

This new event is aimed at club players who are interested in taking the first steps into congress bridge but may have found it daunting to jump straight into a major congress event.

In order to qualify to play in this event, you must have an NGS of **no higher than 'Jack'** at the time of entering. We envisage that at the lower end, players will be '7' or higher. The event will be stratified too so that there are extra Master Points and an extra prize available for pairs of players both ranked '9' or lower.

The format will be six 6-board matches with a break after three matches.

This competition is priced at a discounted rate to encourage new participants to congress bridge.

Under 21 Championship Pairs

Saturday, starts at noon

For those aged under 21 on 31st December 2018.

The event is **free** to enter, but entries should be made in advance. Participants can also play for free in the Swiss Teams, and for half price in the Swiss Pairs.

[More details](#)

Northern Easter Festival

30th March - 1st April, Leeds

A 'northern alternative' for those wanting an Easter weekend of bridge.

The event is run by Yorkshire Contract Bridge Association on behalf of the EBU and offers a range of competitions.

Friday - Open, Mixed and Improvers Pairs

Friday evening & Saturday - Swiss Pairs

Sunday - Swiss Teams

The Improvers Pairs is a separate, more relaxed competition, alongside the main congress event, and aimed at less experienced players.

The cost of entry for the Full Congress, or Saturday's Swiss Pairs, includes a two-course hot buffet supper on Saturday evening.

To enter please contact Stuart Davies of the YCBA directly - email: stuart@svd1.uk

[More details](#)



Hubert Phillips Bowl

Entries close 12th April

Lambourne Jersey Festival

27th April - 6th May

Entries are closing soon for England's knockout mixed teams-of-four championships.

Matches are played on the full pivot principle so you will play one-third of the match with each of your teammates as a partner.

There is a plate competition, at no extra cost, for those losing in the early rounds. Please see the website for more details.

The deadline for entries is **12th April**.

[More details](#)

A ten day congress with competitions each evening and all weekend, allowing enough time to enjoy the sights of the island. For those wanting more bridge, and less sightseeing, there is a midweek afternoon Seniors Congress.

Entries should be made directly to the organisers. See the website for full information.

[More details](#)



Schapiro Spring Foursomes

4th - 8th May
Hilton, Warwick/Stratford

Over half the places for the Schapiro Spring Foursomes, one of the highlights of our calendar, have been filled, so please enter soon. A list of entrants is available [here](#).

With two consolation events available it ensures a full long-weekend of high quality bridge.

Please note the different venue this year (for one year only). Book with Bridge Overseas via [this webpage](#).

[More details](#)

National Swiss Pairs Congress

12th - 13th May
West Midlands BC, Solihull

Formerly part of the National Teams Congress, the Swiss Teams competition is now its own congress, with fourteen matches across the two days.

The event is being run by Warwickshire CBA on behalf of the EBU. Please enter with WCBA directly. More details and an entry form can be found on their [website](#) - www.nationalswissteams.co.uk.

[More details](#)

Spring Bank Holiday Congress

26th - 28th May
Crowne Plaza, Stratford upon Avon

A relaxed congress held in Shakespeare's home town over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Saturday & Sunday -
Championship Pairs
Sunday - Swiss Pairs (for non-qualifiers in the Championship Pairs, and new entrants)
Monday - Stratified Swiss Teams

[More details](#)

Other dates for your diary

[6 - 8 Apr](#)



Camrose Trophy, 2nd Weekend - Ireland

[6 - 8 Apr](#)

County Congress in [Devon](#)

[9 - 12 Apr](#)
[30 Apr - 3 May](#)

[British Spring Sim Pairs](#)
[EBED Spring Sim Pairs](#)

[14 - 15 Apr](#)



Lady Milne Trophy - Scotland

[28 - 29 Apr](#)

County Congress in [Shropshire](#)

[5 - 6 May](#)

[Cheltenham Congress](#)

[19 - 20 May](#)

County Green Point weekend - events in [Avon](#), [Kent](#), [Merseyside & Cheshire](#), [Northants](#), and [Sussex](#)

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