



EBU Event Focus

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Dear

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member

August is fast approaching, and it is just half a dozen weeks or so until the Summer Festival and the Really Easy Congress - the highlights of our summer calendar. More details are below, and if you haven't already started planning to join us then we will hope you will do so soon. Please note the midweek competitions which are being held at venues around the country - there is likely to be one close to you.

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.

Mixed Teams trials

Applications close on **29th June** for those wanting to take part in the trials for the mixed team to represent England in the EBL's new competition, the European Mixed Teams Championship, which takes place in Lisbon on 22nd – 28th February 2019. This will act as the qualifying competition for the WBF's MixedTeams Championship. More details are [here](#).

Crockfords Cup - entries now open

Entries are open to the English open teams-of-four championship, the Crockfords Cup.

It consists of knock-out matches in the early stages, played privately, qualifying eight teams to contest an all-play-all final. A Plate competition is open to all unseeded teams who are defeated in their first match of the main event. The last eight from the Crockfords Plate will play alongside the main final.

The closing date for entries is 17th September. See [here](#) for more information.

Eastbourne Summer Seniors Congress

6th - 8th July

Devonshire Park, Eastbourne

A long weekend of bridge, open to those born in 1958 or earlier.

Friday & Saturday: Championship Pairs

Saturday: Swiss Pairs (for new entrants and non-qualifiers)

Sunday: Swiss Teams

Due to the renovations of the Winter Garden the congress will be held in the tennis centre on the same Devonshire Park site.

[More details](#)

Scarborough Summer Congress

Inc. Northern Senior Pairs Championship

25th - 29th July

In response to demand for more seniors events in the North of England, the Scarborough Congress will be expanded in 2018 to include a new, Northern Senior Pairs Championship (for those born in 1958 or earlier). The rest of the congress format is unchanged, and open to all, but there will be a prize for the top 'senior team' in Friday's Multiple Teams competition.

Wednesday - Thursday: Seniors Championship Pairs (qualifying rounds on Wednesday, finals on Thursday)

Thursday: Open Pairs

Friday: Multiple Teams

Saturday & Sunday: Stratified Swiss Pairs

[More details](#)



SUMMER FESTIVAL

3rd - 7th & 15th -19th August

London and venues around
the country

We hope you will take part in some - or maybe even all - of the Summer Festival, this year's replacement for the Summer Meeting while the Winter Garden at Eastbourne undergoes refurbishment.

Weekend Challenge Competitions

If you are looking for an intensive weekend of quality bridge, these are for you.

Swiss Pairs	Championship	for the Harold Poster Cup
Friday 3rd	-	Sunday 5th August
Four Stars	Swiss	Teams
Friday 17th - Sunday 19th August		

Both at the [Royal National Hotel](#), Russell Square, London.

- Master Points are at an enhanced level to reflect the status of the events.
- An extra match compared with Brighton/Eastbourne - there are now 15 across the three sessions at no extra cost (the format of Four Stars finals are unchanged)
- Two start times on Friday - a 6pm start for those wanting to get away early, or a 7:15pm start for those who have to work/travel on Friday afternoon
- An earlier finish for everyone on Saturday - so if you wish you can travel home and not have to stay in London
- A free Open Pairs at 2pm on Friday 3rd for participants in the Swiss Pairs
- A free Point-a-Board Teams at 2pm on Friday 17th for participants in the Four Stars Teams

One Day Swiss Pairs

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th August

[Upper Hall, University of London Union](#)

Two One Day Swiss Pairs competitions, ideal for those who do not have team mates for the Four Stars Teams, who cannot commit to a full weekend, or who would just prefer to play that type of competition.

The University of London Union is just a five minute walk from the Royal National Hotel, so it will be easy to meet before and after play with friends and family who are playing in the Four Stars Teams.

The competition will be fully Green Pointed at the standard level. There will be a bonus award for the pair with the best combined result across the two days.

Midweek Competitions

Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th August

Held at numerous venues around the country

Venue	Start time	Entry fee
Monday 6th August - Play with the Experts Pairs		
<u>Bath BC</u>	7.15pm	£7 club members, £8 visitors, £4 juniors
<u>Coventry & North Warwickshire BC</u>	TBC	TBC
<u>Huddersfield BC</u>	7pm	£5.50 club members, £6.50 visitors
<u>Leeds BC</u>	TBC	TBC
<u>Richmond BC</u>	7.30pm	£10 club members, £12 visitors
<u>Sheffield BC</u>	TBC	TBC
<u>St Leonards BC</u>	TBC	TBC
Tuesday 7th August - GCH Fox Championship Pairs		
<u>Bristol BC</u>	7.15pm	£7 club members & visitors
<u>Huddersfield BC</u>	7pm	£5.50 club members, £6.50 visitors
<u>Leeds BC</u>	TBC	TBC
<u>Richmond BC</u>	7.30pm	£10 club members, £12 visitors
<u>Tunbridge Wells BC</u>	7.30pm	£6.50 club members, £8 visitors
<u>West Midlands BC</u>	TBC	TBC
Wednesday 15th August - Mixed Pivot Teams		
<u>First Class Bridge Academy - Billericay</u>	3.30pm	£25 per team
<u>Bristol BC</u>	7.15pm	£7 club members & visitors
<u>Coventry & North Warwickshire BC</u>	TBC	TBC
<u>Huddersfield BC</u>	7pm	£5.50 club members, £6.50 visitors
<u>Richmond BC</u>	7.30pm	£10 club members, £12 visitors
Thursday 16th August - Mixed Pairs Championships		
<u>Huddersfield BC</u>	7pm	£5.50 club members, £6.50 visitors
<u>Kenilworth BC</u>	TBC	TBC
<u>Richmond BC</u>	7.30pm	£10 club members, £12 visitors
<u>Sheffield BC</u>	TBC	TBC
<u>Tunbridge Wells BC</u>	7.30pm	£6.50 club members, £8 visitors

FOR ALL VENUES ENTER DIRECTLY WITH THE HOST CLUBS.

A share of entry fees from the events are retained by the host club, so please take part in your local heat and support the clubs which are taking part.



Really Easy Congress

10th - 12th August

Warwick/Stratford-upon-Avon

A congress specifically for less experienced players.

Join us for a fun weekend of competitions and lessons. It will be a great introduction to congresses for those who haven't yet taken the step up from club bridge, so please encourage your friends to take part too.

You should be ranked below Master and no higher than a Jack on the NGS.

There is no lower limit, but you should be able to play unassisted, and we expect most participants will be 7 or higher on the NGS.

It will take place at the [Hilton Hotel between Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon](#). Rates have been negotiated by Bridge Overseas - please book through them (call 0800 0346 246, or use their [online reservation form](#)), though non-residential participants are permitted.

[More details](#)

Northern Midweek Congress

21st - 23rd August

Old Swan Hotel, Harrogate

A fully green pointed congress, with **reduced entry fees**.

Tuesday & Wednesday: Stratified Championship Pairs

Thursday: Stratified Swiss Teams

It takes place at [The Old Swan Hotel](#), in Harrogate.

In order to take advantage of negotiated rates book through Bridge Overseas - call 0800 0346 246, or use their [online reservation form](#).

[More details](#)

Other dates for your diary

[11 - 17 Jul](#)



[European Open Youth Pairs Championships](#) - Croatia

14 - 15 Jul

County Green Point Congress in [London](#)

21 - 22 Jul

County Green Point weekend - events
in [Dorset](#), [Essex/Herts](#), [Gloucs/Hereford](#), [Manchester](#), [Notts](#), and [Sussex](#)

23 - 26 July

British Summer Sim Pairs

9 - 18 Aug



[World Youth Team Championships](#) - China

**31 Aug - 2
Sep**

[Junior Teach-In](#) - Kings Langley, Herts

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