



# ***EBU Event Focus***

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Dear

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member

Events in Russia may mean "it's coming home" for the first time since 1966, but almost as historic will be that for first time since the inception of the Summer Meeting in 1967 the main competitions are leaving the south coast. The long-weekend Swiss Pairs and 4 Star Teams will be in London, as will two one-day Swiss Pairs. The midweek competitions will be taking place at eleven different clubs around the country - there are two host clubs just a stone's throw from The Channel so not everything is heading north this year. The midweek heats are being hosted by the clubs, and they receive a share of the entry fees, so by taking part you are not just supporting the EBU, but also the clubs themselves.

Please see below for information on all events in the Summer Festival. For the midweek competitions hosted by clubs, entry should be made directly with the host clubs. For other competitions please enter with the EBU. Entry in advance is required for the midweek competitions and is requested and recommended for the weekend competitions - we wouldn't want to have to turn you away at the door if we were to sell out.

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).

### **Too hot to go outside? Stay in and play on Funbridge!**

Our popular games with Funbridge are ideal for those days when its too hot to do anything but stay in a cool, dark room and play bridge online. We have games on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays

(so could give you something to do this weekend if you prefer 4-4-4-1 to 4-4-2) and you can stop and re-start as often as you wish so you don't have to play all 20 deals at once.

There are Master Points awarded for each games, and the monthly and year-long competitions award cash prizes.

For more details on the games, and how to take part, see [this page on our website](#).



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.

<b>Swiss</b>	<b>Pairs</b>	<b>Championship</b>	<b>for</b>	<b>the</b>	<b>Harold</b>	<b>Poster</b>	<b>Cup</b>
Friday	3rd	-		Sunday	5th		August
<b>Four</b>		<b>Stars</b>		<b>Swiss</b>			<b>Teams</b>
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 (we do not need to know in advance which start time you are choosing)

- 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

Please enter in advance with the EBU - there may be capacity to take entries on the day, but we cannot be sure at this stage, so get your entry in early to avoid disappointment.

## 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.

Please enter in advance with the EBU - there may be capacity to take entries on the day, but we cannot be sure at this stage, so get your entry in early to avoid disappointment.

## Midweek Competitions

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

**Held at numerous venues around the country**

Venue	Start time	Entry fee	Entry process
<b>Monday 6th August - Play with the Experts Pairs</b>			
<u>Bath BC</u>	7.15pm	£7 club members, £8 visitors, £4 juniors	<i>Enter <a href="#">online here</a></i>
<u>Huddersfield BC</u>	7pm	£5.50 club members, £6.50 visitors	<i>Enter <a href="#">by email</a></i>
<u>Leeds BC</u>	TBC	TBC	<i>TBC</i>

<a href="#"><u>Richmond BC</u></a>	7.30pm	£10 club members, £12 visitors	<i>Enter <a href="#">online here</a></i>
<a href="#"><u>Sheffield BC</u></a>	7.10pm	£4 club members & visitors	<i>Enter <a href="#">by email</a></i>
<a href="#"><u>St Leonards BC</u></a>	7pm	£5 club members & visitors	<i>Enter <a href="#">by email</a></i>

**Tuesday 7th August - GCH Fox Championship Pairs**

<a href="#"><u>Bristol BC</u></a>	7.15pm	£7 club members & visitors	<i>Enter <a href="#">by email</a></i>
<a href="#"><u>Huddersfield BC</u></a>	7pm	£5.50 club members, £6.50 visitors	<i>Enter <a href="#">by email</a></i>
<a href="#"><u>Leeds BC</u></a>	TBC	TBC	<i>TBC</i>
<a href="#"><u>Richmond BC</u></a>	7.30pm	£10 club members, £12 visitors	<i>Enter <a href="#">online here</a></i>
<a href="#"><u>Tunbridge Wells BC</u></a>	7.30pm	£6.50 club members, £8 visitors	<i>TBC</i>
<a href="#"><u>Worthing BC</u></a>	7.15pm	£6 club members & visitors	<i>Enter <a href="#">by email</a></i>

**Wednesday 15th August - Mixed Pivot Teams**

<a href="#"><u>First Class Bridge Academy - Billericay</u></a>	3.30pm	£25 per team	<i>Enter <a href="#">by email</a></i>
<a href="#"><u>Bristol BC</u></a>	7.15pm	£7 club members & visitors	<i>Enter <a href="#">by email</a></i>
<a href="#"><u>Huddersfield BC</u></a>	7pm	£5.50 club members, £6.50 visitors	<i>Enter <a href="#">by email</a></i>
<a href="#"><u>Richmond BC</u></a>	7.30pm	£10 club members, £12 visitors	<i>Enter <a href="#">online here</a></i>

**Thursday 16th August - Mixed Pairs Championships**

<a href="#"><u>Huddersfield BC</u></a>	7pm	£5.50 club members, £6.50 visitors	<i>Enter <a href="#">by email</a></i>
<a href="#"><u>Kenilworth BC</u></a>	7pm	£5 club members, £7 visitors	<i>Enter <a href="#">by email</a></i>
<a href="#"><u>Richmond BC</u></a>	7.30pm	£10 club members, £12 visitors	<i>Enter <a href="#">online here</a></i>
<a href="#"><u>Sheffield BC</u></a>	7.10pm	£4 club members and visitors	<i>Enter <a href="#">by email</a></i>
<a href="#"><u>Tunbridge Wells BC</u></a>	7.30pm	£6.50 club members, £8 visitors	<i>TBC</i>

Prices per person except where stated. Some venues have withdrawn since the list was circulated in Event Focus #69.

**FOR ALL VENUES ENTER IN ADVANCE 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.

## **Scarborough Summer Congress**

*Inc. Northern Senior Pairs Championship  
25th - 29th July*

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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](#)



## 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](tel:0800-0346246), or use their [online reservation form](#).

[More details](#)



The Cope team - winners in 2017

## Crockfords Cup

*Entries open now*  
*Closing date - 17th September*

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.

[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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