



EBU Event Focus

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Dear EBU member

The start of the Summer Festival is just a few days away - but don't worry if you haven't entered. There is still chance to enter in advance - which we would much prefer - and you can also enter at the venue if you have to make last minute decision. See below for more details.

New venue for the Seniors Congress

The venue for the Seniors Congress in November has been confirmed, and we are heading to Gloucester. We hope you will join us at the Hallmark Hotel, 2nd to 4th November - assuming of course that you were born in 1958 or earlier. See [our webpage](#) for more details, and make your hotel bookings with [Bridge Overseas](#).

Overseas Congresses in 2019 - Athens & Sicily

From 30th January to 5th February our Overseas Congress will be held in Athens. Escape the winter weather and join us in Greece. Bookings are now being taken - please see [the Bridge Overseas website](#) and [our webpage](#).

In October 2019 we are heading to Sicily. We'll be there 8th to 14th - full details will be confirmed soon, but mark it in your new EBU diary (where the provisional dates are slightly different).

Diary changes

Most of you will hopefully have received the EBU Members' Diary. Please remember that some details may have changed since the diary went to print, so please check the [diary changes page](#), and the relevant competition webpage, before making any plans.

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.



It is never too late to enter to play in any of the Summer Festival competitions in London. Whilst we would prefer that all entries are made in advance (either online, by phone or email), you can enter at the venues (the Royal National and University of London Union) for all competitions. Please note, however, that there is a £2 surcharge for entries made at the venue. If entering at the venue please arrive in plenty of time to enter before you play - and payment by credit/debit card (rather than with cash) is much preferred.

Weekend Challenge Competitions

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.

One Day Swiss Pairs

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th August
Upper Hall, University of London Union

Midweek Competitions

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

Held at numerous venues around the country

For details of all the competitions - both in London and the multi-venue midweek competitions taking place - please see [our website](#), or [the last Event Focus](#).

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](tel:0800_0346) [246](#), or use their [online reservation form](#).

[More details](#)



The Cope team - winners in 2017

Guernsey Congress

7th - 16th September
Les Cotils, St Peter Port

Head to the Channel Islands for ten days of bridge. The main congress events are at weekends and on midweek evenings, allowing time to enjoy the sights of Guernsey. On midweek afternoons there are Seniors events - for those born in 1958 or earlier - but the mornings are still free for sightseeing.

The programme includes Swiss Pairs on the first weekend, and Swiss Teams on the second weekend, with timings to allow travel home on the Sunday evening.

The Swiss Pairs, Swiss Teams, and midweek Seniors Pairs and Teams are Green Pointed - in the other events Blue Points are awarded.

[More details](#)

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.

[More details](#)



Tunbridge Wells A - winners in 2017

The NICKO

Entries open now

Closing date - 24th September

The National Inter-Club Knockout (NICKO) is open to teams from all EBU affiliated clubs. Each club can enter an unlimited number of teams, so why not join up with your clubmates and take part?!

It is played as a knockout throughout, with the draw regionalised to reduce traveling. A Plate competition is available at no extra charge.

[Entry forms](#) are available on our website and should be submitted by the Club Secretary.

Please ensure all players meet the qualification requirements - including that their membership of the club should have been registered with the EBU before 24th June.

[More details](#)

Other dates for your diary

[9 - 18 Aug](#)



[World Youth Team Championships](#) - China

[31 Aug - 2 Sep](#)

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

[3 - 7 Sep](#)

[EBED Autumn Sim Pairs](#)

[8 - 10 Sep](#)

Green Point events in [Isle of Man](#) and [Bedfordshire/Northants](#)

14 - 16 Sep

Green Point events in [Cornwall](#), [Cumbria/Westmorland](#) and [Essex/Herts](#)

15 - 16 Sep



[Premier League - 1st weekend](#) - various venues

22 - 23 Sep

Green Point events in [Derbyshire](#) and [Surrey](#)

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