



EBU Event Focus

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Dear EBU member

The new season is now well under way, and there is a lot of bridge to keep you busy in the coming weeks. Not only are there congresses in which you can take part, but there is also chance to watch some top quality bridge on BBO - see the dates at the bottom, and don't forget the ongoing World Bridge Series in Orlando - and our games with Funbridge continue every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday - see www.ebu.co.uk/funbridge for details.

Importing from the calendar

You may be aware of the calendar on the EBU website which lists not only EBU events, but also county congresses and other licensed competitions. But did you also know that you can import information from it in to most calendar types on your phone or computer? The calendar is available at www.ebu.co.uk/calendar, and at the foot of the page are instructions on how to add specific competitions, certain types of competition, or the whole calendar.

Partner finder messageboard

If you need a partner or team mates for an EBU congress don't forget that there is a message board on each congress webpage you can use to try to make contact with others who are seeking someone for that event.

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.



Autumn Congress

19th - 21st October
Mercure Hotel, Daventry

A three day, Green Pointed congress including:

Friday - Saturday: The four-session Two Star Pairs Championship

Saturday: One Day Swiss Pairs for non-qualifiers and those joining on Saturday

Sunday: Championship Teams (*'A' Final winners in 2017 Andrew McIntosh, Andrew Black, Gunnar Hallberg & Phil King pictured*)

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

[More details](#)



Seniors Congress

2nd - 4th November
Hallmark Hotel, Gloucester

A congress for those born in, or before, 1958

Friday - Saturday: Championship Pairs (*winners in 2017 Rob Lawy & Mike Huggins pictured*)

Saturday: One-Day Swiss Pairs (for those eliminated from the Championship Pairs, or joining the congress on Saturday)

Sunday: Swiss Teams

This is a new venue for this congress. To take advantage of negotiated rates book through Bridge Overseas - call 0800 0346 246, or use their [online reservation form](#).

[More details](#)

WORCESTERSHIRE CONTRACT
BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

THE MALVERN CONGRESS

**GREEN POINTED SWISS
WEEKEND**

Saturday 27th &
Sunday 28th October 2018

RGS The Grange, Claines, Worcester

Enquiries: Martin 07777679697
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Also on Saturday - No Fear Events
(Pairs, afternoon; Teams, evening)

Sponsor - Wall James Chappell Solicitors 

**EBU ONLINE
KNOCKOUT TEAMS 2019**

For teams of four

Matches played online

Green points awarded

Plate competition
at no extra cost

Entries close 14th January

www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/onlineko



Year End Congress, London

27th - 30th December

Royal National Hotel, Russell Square

Join us for four days of festive bridge in the capital.

Wed 27th - Thurs 28th: Stratified Swiss Pairs

Thurs 28th: Jack High Swiss Pairs*

Fri 29th: Mixed or Open Pairs

Sat 30th: Stratified Swiss Teams

* - a new competition, with a reduced entry fee, for players no higher than Jack on the NGS.

Accommodation packages are available at the venue. See the website for details.

[More details](#)

Blackpool Year End Congress

28th - 30th December

Blackpool Conference Centre & Spa

We round off bridge in 2018 back on the Lancashire Coast.

28th: Mixed or Open Pairs

28th - 29th: Stratified Swiss Pairs

30th: Stratified Swiss Teams

The venue is the same as previous years, but has been re-named. Accommodation packages are available at the venue. See the website for details.

[More details](#)



National Point-a-Board Teams

19th - 20th January
Young Chelsea BC, London

This competition is played exclusively on the point-a-board (BAM) format.

Saturday: Qualifying
Sunday: a main final for the top teams, and a consolation final for non-qualifiers.

Master Points will be awarded at a **50% enhanced rate** in the qualifier and main final.

Part of 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](#)

Athens Congress
30th January - 5th February
Wyndham Grand, Athens

Join us for a smashing congress in Greece.

It will be held at the Wyndham Grand in the centre of Athens, near the Acropolis and Parthenon.

To attend you must book your accommodation through Bridge Overseas. For more details, or to make a reservation, please see [here](#), or call 08000 346246.

The Congress includes Pairs and Teams competitions, with Green Pointed Swiss competitions to start and finish the event.

[More details](#)

Teltscher Trophy & Lady Milne Trials
Entries close this month

Teltscher Trophy Trials

15th – 16th December 2018 at West Midlands Bridge Club in Solihull. Players must be born in 1958 or earlier. Applications should be made to dawn@ebu.co.uk by 15th October. Entrants to date can be seen [here](#).

Lady Milne Trials

11th-13th January: Pre-trials (all applications accepted)
1st-3rd February: Trials - for qualifiers from the Pre-trials, plus applicants the Selection Committee choose to exempt from the Pre-Trials
Both trials will be at the Young Chelsea BC.

The closing date for applications is 24th October to dawn@ebu.co.uk. Entrants to date can be seen [here](#).

Other dates for your diary

[13 - 14 Oct](#)



[Gold Cup Semi-Finals & Final](#) - Young Chelsea BC, London

[27 - 28 Oct](#)



[Premier League - 2nd weekend](#) - West Midlands BC, Solihull

[27 - 28 Oct](#)

[Kent Congress](#), [Lancashire Congress](#) and [Malvern Congress \(Worcestershire\)](#)

[2 - 4 Nov](#)

[NEBA Congress](#)

[3 - 4 Nov](#)



[Premier League - 2nd weekend](#) - West Midlands BC, Solihull

[8 - 10 Nov](#)



[EBL Champions Cup](#)

17 - 18 Nov

[Tollemache Cup](#) qualifying round (for qualified teams) - Daventry

24 - 25 Nov

[Middlesex Congress](#) - Harrow

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