



# ***EBU Event Focus***

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Dear EBU member

Happy New Year! We hope you have a fantastic bridge-filled, 2019.

The first months of the year have a great mixture of events coming up.

### **Lady Milne Pre-Trials**

The [Lady Milne Pre-Trials](#) event is this weekend, 11th - 13th January 2019 at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club. It is the first stage for selection to represent England in the Lady Milne Trophy in Ireland in April. The pre-trial will be displayed on [Bridge Base Online](#) and spectators are welcome at the venue itself. We are also looking for two BBO operators for the Sunday from 10.30am-2pm - contact [gordon@ebu.co.uk](mailto:gordon@ebu.co.uk).

### **Last chance to enter the Online Knockout**

Entries for this year's Online Knockout Teams close on 14th January. Don't miss out on taking part, and get your entry in before Monday. See [here](#) for more details on the competition.

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).



### **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. The competition is 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](#)

## Harrogate Congress

*8th - 10th February*  
*Cairn Hotel, Harrogate*

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A popular long weekend of bridge, organised by Yorkshire CBA on behalf of the EBU. **Please make entries directly with the YCBA.** Please see [the YCBA website](#) for more details and an entry form.

Friday afternoon - Mixed & Open Pairs

Friday afternoon - Improvers Pairs

Friday evening & Saturday - three session Swiss Pairs

Sunday - two session Swiss Teams

Entry to the Full Congress or Swiss Pairs includes a two course buffet supper on Saturday.

[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](#)

### Online Knockout Teams Entries close 14th January

A knockout competition for teams of four, with all matches played online.

The competition is open to teams from all home nations, so why not involve your friends from over the border?!

There is a plate competition for those defeated in early rounds, so everyone is guaranteed two matches.

Juniors receive half-price entry on a pro-rata basis.

Green Points are awarded in the main competition, and Blue Points in the Plate competition.

[More details](#)

### Sicily Congress 8th - 14th October 2019 Atahotel, Naxos Beach

Join us for some autumn sunshine on the Italian island of Sicily.

It will be held at the Atahotel Naxos Beach, a coastal resort in a stunning location in the shadow of Mount Etna.

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.

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## Other dates for your diary

[11 - 13 Jan  
& 1 - 3 Feb](#)



[Lady Milne Pre-Trials & Trial Final](#) - London

[14 - 17 Jan](#)

[British Winter Sim Pairs](#)

[4 - 7 Feb](#)

[Bridge England Sim Pairs](#)

[15 - 17 Feb](#)



[Junior Camrose & Peggy Bayer](#) - Northern Ireland

[22 - 28 Feb](#)

[EBL Mixed Teams Championships](#) - Lisbon, Portugal

[1 - 3 Mar](#)



[Camrose Trophy - 2nd Weekend](#)

[11 - 14 Mar](#)

[EBU Club Stratified Sim Pairs](#)

[1 - 4 Apr](#)

[British Spring Sim Pairs](#)

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