



EBU Event Focus

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Dear EBU member

January can be a long month after the chaos of Christmas and the holiday season. However, now that we have settled into the new year, there is a great mixture of bridge events coming up between now and Easter.

Bridge England Sim Pairs

The Bridge England Sim Pairs event is coming up, 4th - 7th February 2019 at [various venues](#).

Ranked Masters Pairs

Entries for this year's Ranked Masters Pairs close on 20th February. Don't miss out in taking part, the easiest way to enter is online via [MyEBU](#). **Please note the change of venue:** the event will be in Peterborough, not Daventry. See [here](#) for more details on the competition.

Easter Congress

This Easter sees the return of the Easter Congresses, both in London and Yorkshire. See below for more details, including the new London venue.

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 317203/219 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.

National Pairs

Regional Finals: 10th March
Various Locations

Portland Pairs

24th March
Various Locations

The Regional Finals are open to all and played at various venues around the country. All venues will play the same boards and the event will be scored across the entire field. The top 50 pairs nationally will qualify to play in the National Final.

An additional ranking list will be produced from each region (scored by itself), with the winning pairs awarded regional trophies.

Green Points are awarded.

Heats will be held at:

Billericay (First Class Bridge Academy)
Bradford
Brighton (Patcham)
Bristol
Exeter
Richmond
Solihull (West Midlands)
Stamford

The National Final venue is to be confirmed - if qualifiers for the National Final are unable to play, places will be offered to the highest-placed non-qualifiers.

[More details](#)

The National Mixed Pairs championship held at various venues around the country and scored across all venues. It is played over two sessions, and Green Points are awarded.

Heats will be held at:

Billericay (First Class Bridge Academy)
Burnley (Brierfield BC)
Bristol
Burnham (South Bucks BC)
Chester (Deva BC)
Exeter
London (Young Chelsea BC)
Oxford
Richmond
Sheffield
Solihull (West Midlands BC)
Stamford
Tunbridge Wells
Welwyn Garden City

[More details](#)



WLGBC
Spring Swiss Pairs
Saturday 6th April, 2019
1:30pm - 6:30pm

Pimlico, London SW1V 3AA

[Find out More](#)

The banner features a pink speech bubble containing the text 'WLGBC Spring Swiss Pairs' and the date and time. To the right, there is an image of a branch with red cherry blossoms. Below the image, the location 'Pimlico, London SW1V 3AA' is listed, and a pink button with the text 'Find out More' is positioned at the bottom right.

Easter Festival, London

19th - 22nd April

The London Easter Festival is back with a full program of events including Championship Pairs, Swiss Pairs, Jack High Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams. This year sees a **new venue for 2019**, the [ILEC Conference Centre](#) near Earls Court.

Spend your Easter weekend in the capital. The congress is suitable for everyone, with a range of competitions for all abilities. There is a new Championship Pairs format for 2019. The Championship is a stratified event scored across the field. Each pair will play in five sessions of 18 boards - making a total of 90 boards, an increase on previous years at no extra cost.

Green points are awarded to the top of half of the field for the Championship Pairs. The remaining events are fully green pointed.

[More details](#)

Northern Easter Festival

19th - 21st April, Ilkley

A 'northern alternative' for those wanting an Easter weekend of bridge. The Northern Easter Festival will take place at the [Craiglands Hotel](#), Ilkley.

The full program of events includes Swiss Pairs, Swiss Teams, Mixed & Open Pairs, Improvers Pairs, and Improvers Teams.

The Improvers Pairs and Teams are separate, more relaxed competitions, alongside the main congress event, and aimed at less experienced players.

The Swiss events are fully Green Pointed; the Mixed and Open Pairs award Blue Points.

The event is run on behalf of the EBU by the Yorkshire Contract Bridge Association, visit their [website](#) for further details.

[More details](#)

Other dates for your diary

[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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