



EBU Event Focus

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Dear EBU member

Easter is just a few weeks away, but there is still time to enter the Festivals in London and Ilkley. Entries are being taken up until the day of competitions (though a surcharge will apply - except for entries to the Jack High Swiss Pairs, so as to encourage new participants).

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.

Entries open for Hubert Phillips Bowl and Gerard Faulkner Salver

Entries are now being taken for the Knockout Mixed Pivot Teams - the [Hubert Phillips Bowl](#) - and the Seniors Knockout Teams - the [Gerard Faulkner Salver](#). The closing date for entries for the former is **15th April**, and for the latter is **17th June**. Please enter online through [My EBU](#), or by phone or email to the Competitions Department.

The Schapiro Spring Foursomes

A return to Stratford for the [Schapiro Spring Foursomes](#) the venue name has changed but it is the same venue as has been used in previous years.

The booking is going fast - we have now taken 58 entries so there are only 6 places remaining! You can see [the current entry list here](#). Don't delay adding your names to list soon.

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, which 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
Craiglands Hotel, 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.

[More details](#)

Isle of Man Bridge Congress
13-15 September 2019



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Hubert Phillips Bowl

Entries close 15th April

Entries are closing soon for England's knockout mixed teams-of-four championships.

Matches are played on the full pivot principle so you will play one-third of the match with each of your teammates as a partner.

There is a plate competition, at no extra cost, for those losing in the early rounds. Please see the website for more details.

The deadline for entries is Monday **15th April**.

[More details](#)

Lambourne Jersey Festival

26th April - 5th May

A ten day congress with competitions each evening and all weekend, allowing enough time to enjoy the sights of the island. For those wanting more bridge, and less sightseeing, there is a midweek afternoon Seniors Congress.

Entries should be made directly to the organisers. See the website for full information.

[More details](#)

National Swiss Teams Congress

11th - 12th May, Solihull

Formerly part of the National Teams Congress, the Swiss Teams competition is now its own congress, with fourteen matches across the two days.

The event is being run by Warwickshire CBA on behalf of the EBU. Please enter with WCBA directly. More details and an entry form can be

found on their website -
www.nationalswissteams.co.uk.

[More details](#)

EBED Spring Sim Pairs

13th - 16th May
Various regional venues

This event is supporting the work of the charity English Bridge Education and Development, and will go specifically to EBED's work relating to the social and health benefits linked to playing bridge, including combatting social isolation and cognitive decline.

You can see a list of the clubs which are registered to take part by clicking on the link below.

[More details](#)

Spring Bank Holiday Congress

25th - 27th May
Crowne Plaza, Stratford upon Avon

A relaxed congress held in Shakespeare's home town over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Saturday & Sunday -
Championship Pairs
Sunday - Swiss Pairs (for non-qualifiers in the Championship Pairs, and new entrants)
Monday - Stratified Swiss Teams

[More details](#)

Dates for your diary

[12 - 14 Apr](#)



[Lady Milne Trophy - Ireland](#) (Spectator event shown on BBO)

[13 - 14 Apr](#)

[Portland Bowl Finals](#)

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[Easter Festival, London](#) and [Northern Easter Festival](#)

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