



EBU Event Focus

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Dear EBU member

Apologies, please for this slight correction to my earlier email: the mid-week single-session events are blue-pointed not green-pointed.

Summer is now upon us, we have had at least 3 sunny days in a row anyway! It is now just under three weeks until the Summer Meeting and the Really Easy Congress - the highlights of our summer calendar. More details are below, and if you haven't already started planning to join us then we will hope you will do so soon. Before the excitement of the Summer Meeting, we have plenty of competitions in some great destinations.

British Summer Sim Pairs

There is still time to enter the British Summer Sim Pairs, taking place 22nd - 25th July. Check if your local club is hosting an event [here](#).

Scarborough Summer Congress

Taking place the same week as the British Summer Sim Pairs is the Scarborough Summer Congress, 24th - 28th July. The congress is held in a splendid venue right on the seafront and has a relaxed holiday atmosphere ideal for players new to national bridge competitions. See below for more information.

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 [MyEBU](#), the members area of the website - www.ebu.co.uk/members.



British Summer Sim Pairs
22nd - 25th July

The British Summer Sim Pairs is a popular event with 159 clubs registered to hosting at least one evening during the week. There is still time to enter to take part, check if your local club is hosting an event.

[More details](#)

Scarborough Summer Congress

25th - 29th July

Hoping to build up numbers for an event that was held for the first time last year, which was held in response to demand for more seniors events in the North of England, the Scarborough Congress is taking place again in 2019. There will be a Seniors Pairs on the Wednesday and Thursday with qualifying rounds followed by a final. The rest of the congress format is unchanged, and open to all, but there will be a prize for the top 'senior team' in Friday's Multiple Teams competition.

Wednesday - Thursday: Seniors Championship Pairs (qualifying rounds on Wednesday, finals on Thursday)

Thursday: Open Pairs (for younger players and late arrivals)

Friday: Multiple Teams

Saturday & Sunday: Stratified Swiss Pairs

[More details](#)

We hope you will take part in some - or maybe even all - of the Summer Meeting, which is once again back in Eastbourne and taking place at the newly refurbished Devonshire Park.

Weekend Challenge Competitions

If you are looking for an intensive weekend of quality bridge, these are for you.

Swiss	Pairs	Championship	for	the	Harold	Poster	Cup
Friday		2nd -	Sunday		4th		August

Four**Stars****Swiss****Teams**

Friday 9th - Sunday 11th August

- Green Points are at an enhanced level to reflect the status of the events.
- Two start times on Friday - a 6:30pm start for those wanting to get away early, or a 7:45pm start for those who have to work/travel on Friday afternoon
- An earlier finish for everyone on Sunday
- A free Open Pairs at 2pm on Friday 3rd for participants in the Swiss Pairs
- A free Point-a-Board Teams at 2pm on Friday 9th for participants in the Four Stars Teams

One Day Swiss Pairs**Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th August**

Two One Day Swiss Pairs competitions, ideal for those who do not have team mates for the Four Stars Teams, who cannot commit to a full weekend, or who would just prefer to play that type of competition.

The competition will be fully Green Pointed at the standard level. There will be a bonus award for the pair with the best combined result across the two days.

Midweek Competitions**Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th August**

All the well-known midweek events are in the One Day Event programme, including the daily Open Pairs and our regular evening events:

'Play with the Experts' Pairs on Monday (stratified); The GCH Fox Championship Pairs (stratified) on Tuesday; Mixed Pivot Teams Championship on Wednesday; the Mixed Pairs Championship on Thursday (stratified); and a Point-a-Board teams on Friday afternoon.

All the mid-week single-session events are blue-pointed, with an early start available in some of the evening pairs events.

The four midweek evening events will additionally be scored across the field with events held at a number of clubs across the country.



Really Easy Congress
5th - 8th August
Eastbourne

A congress specifically for less experienced players.

Join us for a fun week of competitions and lessons. It will be a great introduction to congresses for those who haven't yet taken the step up from club bridge, so please encourage your friends to take part too.

You should be ranked below Master and no higher than a Jack on the NGS.

There is no lower limit, but you should be able to play unassisted, and we expect most participants will be 7 or higher on the NGS.

It will take place at the same venue as the main Summer Meeting, the newly refurbished Devonshire Park.

[More details](#)

Northern Midweek Congress

20th - 22nd 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 246, or use their [online reservation form](#).

[More details](#)

Dates for your diary

[5 - 7 July](#)

[Summer Seniors Congress](#)

[22 - 25 July](#)

[British Summer SIM Pairs](#)

[24 - 28 July](#)

[Scarborough Congress](#)

[2 - 11 Aug](#)

[Summer Meeting](#)

5 - 8 Aug

[Summer Meeting - Really Easy Congress](#)

17 - 18 Aug

[Under 26 Championship Pairs](#)

20 - 22 Aug

[Northern Midweek Congress](#)

**30 Aug - 1
Sept**

[Saint-Malo 4th International Bridge Festival](#)

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