



EBU Event Focus

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Dear EBU member

As a chill returns to the air and as today is the Autumn equinox, it means autumn is officially here, and so is the new bridge season. There are lots of competitions and congresses to keep you busy in the run up to Christmas (which will be here before you realise), so don't delay and start planning, and booking, your bridge for the next few months now.

Player of the Year

Congratulations to **Graham Osborne**, winner of the Player of the Year Championship for 2018/19. The Championship awards points for finishing in the top positions of major competitions, and Graham topped the table after winning the Premier League and Crockfords Cup, and high finishes in the National Point-a-Board Teams and Easter Pairs.

The full list of points scorers, and information on the 2018/19 competition can be seen via www.ebu.co.uk/poty

NICKO

Entries for the National Inter Club Knockout (NICKO) **close on Monday 30th September.**

The NICKO is open to all affiliated EBU bridge clubs. The early rounds are of 24 boards, increasing to 32 boards for the quarter-finals and semi-finals and 48 boards for the final, with the draw regionalised to reduce travelling.

Entries should be made by the club secretary, using this [entry form](#). More information is available below.

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.



Tunbridge Wells A - winners in 2018

The NICKO

Entries closing soon

Closing date - 30th September

The National Inter-Club Knockout (NICKO) is open to teams from all EBU affiliated clubs. Each club can enter an unlimited number of teams, so why not join up with your clubmates and take part?!

It is played as a knockout throughout, with the draw regionalised to reduce traveling. A Plate competition is available at no extra charge.

Entry forms are available on our website and should be submitted by the Club Secretary.

Please ensure all players meet the qualification requirements - including that their membership of the club should have been registered with the EBU before 24th June.

[More details](#)

Great Northern Swiss Pairs

5th - 6th October

Hilton Hotel, Leeds

Seven 7-board matches on Saturday, and five more on Sunday, makes this a full weekend of Swiss Pairs.

Green points are awarded for each match won, with bonus awards based on the stratified results.

There is also an Improvers Pairs on Sunday afternoon, so please encourage your less experienced friends or family to take part.

Entry fees include a buffet supper on Saturday and hot lunch on Sunday.

The event is run by Yorkshire Contract Bridge Association on behalf of the EBU - please enter directly with the YCBA, and see their website for accommodation information.

[More details](#)

**SOMERSET CBA 2019
WEST OF ENGLAND CONGRESS**
 Incorporating two Green Pointed Events
**Friday October 4th 2019 to
Sunday October 6th 2019 at
The Winter Gardens Pavilion,
Weston Super Mare**
 Chief Tournament Director - JOHN PYNER
 For further details, to download an entry form or
to enter on line, please visit
www.bridgewebs.com/somerset
 or EMAIL **woe2019@icloud.com**
 80+ tables anticipated

**EBU ONLINE
KNOCKOUT TEAMS 2020**

For teams of four
 Matches played online
 Green points awarded
 Plate competition
 at no extra cost



Entries close 13th January 2020

<https://www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/onlineko>



Autumn Congress
18th - 20th October
 Mercure Hotel, Daventry



Seniors Congress
1st - 3rd November
 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
 2018 Lorne Anderson, Rob Lawy, Warner
 Solomon, Andrew Thompson 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](#)

A congress for those born in, or before, 1958

Friday - Saturday: Championship Pairs (*winners in
 2018 Glyn Meredith & Jo Copping 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](#)

Teltscher Trophy & Lady Milne Trials
Entries now open

Teltscher Trophy Trials

14th – 15th December
2019 venue TBC. Players must be born in 1958 or earlier. Applications should be made to charlie@ebu.co.uk by 8th November. Entrants to date can be seen [here](#).

Lady Milne Trials

11th-12th January: Trial stage one (all applications accepted)
25th-26th January: Trial final stage - for qualifiers from stage one, plus applicants the Selection Committee choose to exempt from stage one. Venue TBC.

The closing date for applications is 8th November to charlie@ebu.co.uk. Entrants to date can be seen [here](#).

Blackpool Year End Congress
28th - 30th December
Blackpoll Conference Centre & Spa

We round off bridge in 2018 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](#)

Other dates for your diary

[28 - 29 Sept](#)

Green Point events in [Cumbria/Westmorland](#) and [Derbyshire](#)

[5 - 6 Oct](#)

[Felixstowe Congress](#)

[5 - 6 Oct](#)



[Premier League - 1st weekend](#) - various venues

[7 - 10 Oct](#)

[British Autumn SIM Pairs](#)

[11 - 13 Oct](#)

[Really Easy Autumn Break](#)

[12 - 13 Oct](#)



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

[26 - 27 Oct](#)



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

26 - 27 Oct

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

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