



EBU Event Focus

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Dear EBU member

After a flurry of activity in recent weeks, there is a brief pause in the competition calendar for most of you - dare I say it, but it's a chance to start contemplating events at the end of December. No, not Christmas - I'm talking about sorting your entry for our end of year congresses. It's too early to start buying stocking fillers, but it's never too early to organise your festive bridge - entries are open now.

If your usual partner or team mates are unavailable for any EBU congress you don't need to miss out. There is a message board on each congress webpage you can use to try to make contact with others who are seeking someone for that event. Don't be stuck at home over Christmas if you'd rather be playing bridge - post your details, or respond to someone else, and find a game for the Year End Congresses.

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.

Year End Congress, London

27th - 30th December

ILEC Centre, London

There is a new venue for this year, the festive fun has moved to the ILEC, Earl's Court. Join us for four days of bridge in the capital.

Fri 27th - Sat 28th: Stratified Swiss Pairs

Sat 28th: Jack High Swiss Pairs*

Sun 29th: Mixed or Open Pairs

Mon 30th: Stratified Swiss Teams

* - The competition is back after being very well received last year, there is still a reduced entry fee, and is open to players no higher than Jack on the NGS.

Accommodation packages are available at the venue.

[More details](#)



Masters Pairs

1st March
Various Locations

The Masters Pairs is a national competition hosted in club heats to compete for the Ann Staveley trophy, it is aimed at players with fewer Masterpoints.

This event is open to players below the rank of Regional Master and allows free entry for members who have achieved a landmark promotion to the rank of Master.

Blackpool Year End Congress

28th - 30th December
Blackpool Conference Centre & Spa

We round off bridge in 2019 back on the Lancashire Coast.

Sat 28th: Mixed or Open Pairs
Sat 28th - Sun 29th: Stratified Swiss Pairs
Mon 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](#)

Green Points are awarded throughout, both for session results and for final ranking. Session awards go to the top 1/4 of the overall field based on the session scores alone. In addition, ranking points go to the top 1/2 of the overall field based on the two-session total score. Session awards and final ranking awards are cumulative.

The results will be stratified with those below the rank of Master in the 'B' stratification.

[More details](#)

National Pairs

Regional Heats: 15th March
Various Locations

The Regional Heats 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.

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](#)

Rome Congress

5th - 11th February
Hotel Quirinale, Rome

Join us for a marvellous congress in Rome.

It will be held at the 4* Hotel Quirinale, located by the Piazza della Repubblica, Piazza Venezia and the Trevi Fountain.

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](#)

Harrogate Congress

21st - 23rd February
Cairn Hotel, Harrogate

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](#)

Other dates for your diary

[14 - 16 Nov](#)



[EBL Champions Cup](#)

[22 - 24 Nov](#)



[European Open Trial - Stage Two](#)

[30 Nov - 1 Dec](#)

[Middlesex Congress](#) - Harrow

[14 - 15 Dec](#)



[Seniors Trials for the Teltscher Trophy](#)

[20 - 22 Dec](#)



[Junior Channel Trophy](#) - Utrecht, Netherlands

[3 - 5/6 Jan](#)



[European Open Trial Final Stage](#) and [Women's Trial Stage One](#)

[3/4 - 5 Jan](#)

[Midlands Counties Congress](#) and [Manchester Congress](#)

10 - 12 Jan



[Camrose Trophy](#), 1st Weekend - Scotland

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