



EBU Event Focus

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Dear EBU member

With the current concerns surrounding coronavirus, if any changes are required to be made to the events detailed below, we will keep you informed via the [EBU website](#).

The coming weeks and months are always full of events for all standards of players, and this year is no exception. We have a range of competitions suitable for congress newcomers and less-experienced players, and some of these are highlighted below. Specifically for 'higher ranked' players there's the Spring Foursomes on the horizon, which always attracts a strong field. With regional events, and the Easter Festivals, there really is something for everyone - we hope there's something here to take your fancy.

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

The National Pairs takes place this Sunday 15th March, and there is still time to enter to take part in this nationwide, yet local, competition. To find out if a venue near you is hosting a heat, check out the full list of venues [here](#). Hopefully there is a heat near you and you will be keen to take part.

Competitions for congress newcomers or 'lower ranked' players

The coming months have a number of competitions aimed at congress newcomers or 'lower ranked' players.

The Jack High Swiss Pairs at the Easter Festival in London - for players Jack or below on the NGS (see below), who don't already have experience of playing in congresses.

The Improvers Pairs and Improvers Teams at the [Northern Easter Festival](#) (see below for details).

The Really Easy Spring Break in Wroxton - a relaxed, residential weekend of bridge near Banbury on 3rd - 5th April. See [here](#) for details.

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. Please enter online through [My EBU](#), or by phone or email to the [Competitions Department](#).

The Schapiro Spring Foursomes

The Schapiro Spring Foursomes is at the Hilton Warwick this year, but the dates are later than usual due to the change in the bank holiday date.

Entries are coming in - you can see the current entry list [here](#). Don't delay and add your name soon.

Portland Pairs

29th March
Various Locations

A national Mixed Pairs competition 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

Bradford

Devizes

Exeter

Oxford

Richmond

Solihull (WMBC)
Tunbridge Wells
Welwyn Garden City
Young Chelsea

Further clubs are expected.



Really Easy Weekend

3rd - 5th April

Wroxton House Hotel, Near Banbury

[More details](#)

The Really Easy Weekends take place at various times throughout the year. The next event is to be held at Wroxton House Hotel, near Banbury.

These 'House party' style events, are designed for novice players of up to approximately 5 years experience. Players are probably below the rank of Master and lower than a Jack on the NGS scale. These weekends are strictly limited to 10 tables.

There are bridge sessions each day. These are mostly normal pairs sessions, and on Sunday we will play a Swiss Pairs competition. There will be a seminar, with hands to play, on Saturday morning, and on Friday afternoon we will discuss the hands we have played in earlier sessions.

[More details](#)

Easter Festival London

10th - 13th April

ILEC Conference Centre

The congress in 2019 at the ILEC Conference Centre near Earls Court was successful and well received, so we are going to continue to run this

Congress there. It is just a short stroll from West Brompton station, which has both underground and national rail services.

Spend your Easter weekend in the capital. The congress is suitable for everyone, with a range of competitions for all abilities.

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

10th - 12th April
York Marriott Hotel

This year the event is being run at the exciting new venue of the York Marriott Hotel.

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](#)

National Swiss Teams Congress

2nd - 3rd May

West Midlands BC 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](#)

Spring Bank Holiday Congress

23rd - 25th May
Crowne Plaza, Stratford

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](#)

English Riviera Congress

26th - 28th June
Torquay

A summer congress at the fabulous Riviera Centre which overlooks the bay in Torquay, featuring a one-day Swiss Teams event on the Friday, followed by a two-day Swiss Pairs event on the Saturday and Sunday. Away from the table enjoy the beaches and harbours of the English Riviera, venture into Dartmoor, or visit some of the area's tourist attractions.

[More details](#)

Other dates for your diary

[13 - 17 Mar](#)

[Olympiad Open Trial](#)

[19 - 29 Mar](#)



ACBL National

[3 - 7 Apr](#)

[Olympiad Mixed Trial](#)

[17 - 19 Apr](#)



[Lady Milne](#)

[24 - 28 Apr](#)

[Olympiad Senior Trial](#)

[15 - 17 May](#)



Teltscher Trophy (Ireland)

[23 - 26 May](#)

[Olympiad Women's Trial](#)

[30 - 31 May](#)

[Corwen Trophy](#)

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