



EBU Event Focus

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Dear EBU Member

The coming weeks and months are always full of events for all standards of players, and this year even with the competitions currently online, is no exception. The upcoming National Swiss Teams provides the opportunity to play in a national field. There is still time to enter the Schapiro Spring Foursomes which always attracts a strong field. With regional events, and the EBED Spring Sim Pairs, there really is something for everyone - we hope there's something which takes your fancy.

Play in the National Swiss Teams

The [National Swiss Teams](#) will this year be played online on BBO. The competition consists of fourteen 7-board matches using instant Swiss assignments based on results of the matches that are just completed. Scoring is by traditional Match Points. Hosts, Teammates & Partners, are available, please contact Darren Evetts Entry@nationalswissteams.co.uk.

The Schapiro Spring Foursomes

The [Schapiro Spring Foursomes](#) will take place online this year, but the format will remain the same. The Spring Fours is one of the great events in the English calendar. The principal event the Schapiro Trophy has become one of the toughest events in domestic bridge. It is run on double-elimination lines over nine sessions each of 32 boards.

The booking is going fast - we have now taken 40 entries so there are only a few places remaining! You can see the current entry list [here](#). Don't delay adding your names to list soon.

EBED Spring Sim Pairs

Taking place **Monday 10th - Thursday 13th May**, is the EBED Spring Sim Pairs. If you would like to register your club for the EBED Spring Sim Pairs, or any of the Sims events in 2021, please register online

via your club My EBU. Once registered, commentary booklets and hands will be available to download via your clubs My EBU page.

Further details about all upcoming Sims event in 2021, can be found on the [Sim Pairs 2021 overview](#) or the [Sims webpage](#).

Club and County Events in April and May

There are plenty of County events coming up over the next few weeks, many of them Green Pointed. NEBA, Shropshire, Somerset, Jersey, Cheltenham, Cambs & Hunts, Leeds, Richmond, Avon, East Anglian, Northamptonshire, Sussex, Kent and Merseyside & Cheshire all have events taking place. Further details can be found below, or on the [EBU calendar](#). As these are county run events, please contact the counties directly for further 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 or via 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

Lambourne Jersey Festival

24th April - 2nd May

RealBridge, Online

This wonderful and very popular congress is usually held annually on the delightful island of Jersey. However, this year, due to covid restrictions, the event will be played online on RealBridge. If you have not previously had a chance to visit Jersey directly, this may be a great opportunity to enjoy this excellent, relaxed yet challenging congress. There are Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams events, along with mixed and open pairs and a seniors pairs event.

To be eligible for a seniors event, players must have their 62nd birthday or beyond during the

calendar year (January-December) of the event. For example, a player can play in a Seniors event at the age of 61 provided their 62nd birthday falls later that year.

[More details](#)

National Swiss Teams

15th - 16th May
BridgeBaseOnline

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

29th - 31st May
RealBridge, Online

A relaxed congress held over the three-day holiday. The Championship Pairs is a four-session event with a two-session qualifying round on the Saturday, leading to a pair of two-session finals for the top 36 pairs on Sunday, split into two 18-pair finals. The format may change, depending on the number of entries. The non-qualifying players move in to the Swiss Pairs. Please note that the Swiss Pairs is now a one-day event on the Sunday. The Swiss Teams event is stratified and suits a whole range of players from Club Master to Grand Master.

[More details](#)

Virtual Seaside Summer Congress

2nd - 4th July
RealBridge

This event will take place online in 2021 and for this year only will be referred to as the "Virtual Seaside Summer Congress". This congress will be composed of the combined English Riviera Congress and Scarborough Summer Congress.

You can see full details clicking on the link below.

[More details](#)



Summer Seniors Congress

9th - 11th July
RealBridge

The Saturday Swiss Pairs is open to all players eliminated from the Championship Pairs on Friday, as well as new entrants joining the event at this stage. The Edith Kaplan Memorial Award provides a prize of £100: awarded to the winner of the Teams Championship, along with the Edith Kaplan Trophy.

To be eligible for the congress, players must have their 62nd birthday or beyond during the calendar year (January-December) of the event - i.e. entrants must be born in 1959 or earlier.

[More details](#)

Autumn Overseas Congress

6th - 13th October
Side, Turkey

Join us in the beautiful city of Side, on the southern Mediterranean coast of Turkey, close to Antalya, for the Overseas Congress sponsored by First for Bridge.

It will be held at the 5-star Sense De Luxe Hotel & Spa. Two fantastic excursions are included.

PCR tests will no longer be required from 15th April for entry into Turkey. UK citizens no longer require a visa to enter Turkey for holidays.

Most importantly your monies are fully protected by ABTA.

[More details](#)



Summer Meeting

6th - 15th August
Eastbourne

We are hopeful that this year's Summer Meeting will go ahead in Eastbourne as a face to face event. However, if booking early it is advisable for the moment to be able to cancel.

The Summer Meeting will still incorporate Weekend Challenges and One Day Events and the Really Easy Congress. All events are Level 4 except for the Really Easy Congress, which is Level 2.

[More details](#)

Other dates for your diary

[18 Apr](#)

[NEBA GP Swiss Teams](#)

[24 - 25 Apr](#)

[Shropshire Congress](#)

<u>25 Apr</u>	<u>Cambs & Hunts BP Swiss Pairs</u>
<u>25 Apr</u>	<u>Somerset BP Swiss Pairs</u>
<u>30 Apr - 2 May</u>	<u>Cheltenham Congress</u>
<u>8 May</u>	<u>Leeds BP Swiss Pairs</u>
<u>9 May</u>	<u>Richmond BP Swiss Pairs</u>
<u>22 - 23 May</u>	<u>Avon GP Weekend</u>
<u>22 - 23 May</u>	<u>East Anglian GP Weekend</u>
<u>22 May</u>	<u>Northamptonshire GP Swiss Pairs</u>
<u>23 May</u>	<u>Kent GP Swiss Teams</u>
<u>23 May</u>	<u>Merseyside & Cheshire Swiss Pairs</u>

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