



EBU Event Focus

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Dear EBU Member

More Face to Face Bridge happening this Autumn

As summer now nearly over it's an ideal time to start filling your bridge diary for the rest of the year. Following the success of the Summer Meeting in Eastbourne, we are planning plenty more live and online events in the coming months so we hope there is something for everyone. Less experienced players should note the next Really Easy weekend will take place at Wroxton House Hotel, from 18th - 20th February 2022. There will also be an Improvers Pairs at the Great Northern Swiss Pairs event - see below for details.

Autumn Congress

The next face-to-face EBU event will be the Autumn Congress. The Two Stars Pairs will start with qualification on Friday in the form of Matchpointed Swiss Pairs. Pairs Finals and Swiss Pairs will take place on Saturday.

See below for further details.

Player of the Year Competition

Congratulations to Boye Brogeland and Espen Lindqvist, who are joint winners of the 2020/21 Player of the Year Championship. The Championship awards points for finishing in the top positions of major competitions, and Boye and Espen topped the table with a joint 20 points after both winning the Point-a-Board Teams and the Spring Foursomes. In joint third place were David Bakhshi and Simon Gillis.

The full list of those who won points can be seen [here](#).

The first points of the 2021/22 competition will be won at the Gold Cup finals on 9th - 10th October, and then at the Autumn Congress later in the month. To be in with a chance of winning you have to take part, so check the list of competitions which make up the Championship Series and get start planning your year of bridge - see [here](#) for details.

Club and County Events in September

There are plenty of County events coming up over the next few weeks, many of them Green Pointed. Hertfordshire & Essex, Dorset, Manchester, Bedford and the Isle of Man 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

National Handicap Championship Pairs

12th September

Various Clubs

The National Handicap Pairs Championship is open to all clubs.

The competition will be played as a single extended session, about 30 boards, scored by match-points across all participating venues. The time of the event will be determined by the host venue providing the start time is no earlier than 11am and no later than 2pm. Please see below for information. Handicaps will be based on the average NGS of the two players in



Autumn Congress

22nd - 24th October

Delta by Marriott, Warwickshire

Join us in the newly rebranded 4* Delta by Marriott Hotel, near Warwick.

The event follows the same format as previous years:

- The prestigious Two Stars Pairs on Friday and Saturday (with the option to just play on Friday if you wish). The Two Stars Pairs is part of the Player of the Year Championship.
- A Swiss Pairs on Saturday for those who do not qualify for the finals of the Two Stars Pairs, and those who join the congress that day
- A two-session multiple teams event on Sunday.

Book your bridge sessions online via My EBU. Book accommodation for the event directly with event sponsors First for Bridge to take advantage of the special hotel rates package, by calling 01858 435646, or use their [online reservation form](#).

[More details](#)



The NICKO Entries close 25th September

The National Inter-Club Knockout is one of our most popular events, and is open to teams from all EBU affiliated clubs. Each club can enter an unlimited number of teams, so why not team up with your clubmates and take part?!

It is played as a knockout throughout, with the draw regionalised to reduce travelling. 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 that all players meet the qualification requirements to represent the club - this includes that they should have been a member of club for at least three months prior to the closing date, and this membership should have been registered with the EBU.

[More details](#)



Great Northern Swiss Pairs 2nd - 3rd October Harrogate

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.

Entry fees for the Swiss Pairs include an evening meal on Saturday and hot buffet lunch on Sunday.

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

It is hoped that this event will be held face to face at the Hilton in Harrogate, if this is not possible, the event will be held online via BBO. The event is run by Yorkshire Contract Bridge Association on behalf of the EBU - please enter directly with the YCBA.

[More details](#)

Seniors Congress 29th - 31st October Chesford Grange, Kenilworth

The Championship Pairs is a two-day event - the qualifying stage on Friday, and the 'A' and 'B' finals on Saturday, each stage comprising two sessions. The top 14 pairs from the qualifying stage play in the 'A' final, the next 14 pairs play in the 'B' final, and non-qualifiers play in the Swiss Pairs. There is no carry-forward from the qualifying stage to the finals.

The Swiss Pairs Championship is a two session event, with a total of nine 6-board matches and is open to pairs eliminated from the Championship Pairs at the end of Friday evening, and to players joining the congress on Saturday. The Swiss Teams comprises seven 7-board matches with a short break after three matches.

[More details](#)

Other dates for your diary

[4 Sept](#)

[Bedford GP Swiss Pairs \(BBO\)](#)

4 - 5 Sept

[Bolton Congress \(RealBridge\)](#)

11 Sept

[Isle of Man GP Swiss Pairs \(RealBridge\)](#)

12 Sept

[Isle of Man GP Swiss Teams \(BBO\)](#)

18 - 19 Sept

[Herts and Essex GP Congress \(RealBridge\)](#)

19 Sept

[Wiltshire Swiss Pairs \(Devises Bowl Club\)](#)

25 - 26 Sept

[Cumbria/Westmoreland GP Weekend \(RealBridge\)](#)

25 - 26 Sept

[Surrey GP Weekend \(RealBridge\)](#)

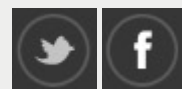
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[Suffolk GP Congress \(RealBridge\)](#)

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