



EBU Event Focus

Issue 103

Dear EBU Member

You have been sent this email as you have recently played in an EBU tournament and we wanted to inform you of further upcoming events.

More Online Bridge happening this Autumn

In the last issue we were confident that there would be more face-to-face events this Autumn. Unfortunately, we have made the decision to now hold the remaining 2021 EBU congresses online. The next face to face events will now take place in early 2022. Less experienced players should note the next Really Easy weekend will take place at Wroxton House Hotel, from 18th - 20th February 2022.

Autumn Congress

The Autumn Congress will be played on the same dates (22nd - 24th October) and follow the same format: Two Star Pairs, Swiss Pairs and Teams-of-Four but with an 11am start time each day.

See below for further details.

Seniors Congress

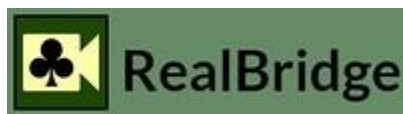
The Seniors Congress has moved dates. It will now be held mid-week 7th - 9th December. The playing format is unchanged. Please see below for further details.

Club and County Events in October

There are plenty of County events coming up over the next few weeks, many of them Green Pointed. The West of England, NEBA, Kent, Malvern and Lancashire 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



Autumn Congress

22nd - 24th October

RealBridge

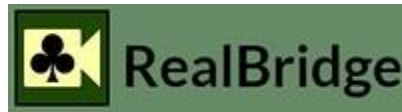
This event will now take place online via RealBridge.

The event will follow 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.

Play in the whole three day congress for just £80 (one day for £30 and two days for £55).

[More details](#)



Seniors Congress

7th - 9th December

RealBridge

This event will now take place online via RealBridge.

It has also moved dates from October to mid-week in December. The format will remain the same, with Pairs, Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams, but also with an 11am start time each day.

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 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](#)

River Cruise Congress Holland & Belgium

29th May - 4th June

Join us for our first ever EBU River Cruise Congress next May, with a journey through Holland and Belgium, with bookings now open with our travel partners First for Bridge.

This will be a celebration of colour experiencing one of the Netherlands most famed floral events on this very special EBU Congress River cruise. As we journey through Holland and Belgium, the focal point of the cruise will be the fabulous Floriade Expo which only takes place every 10 years! Held in Almere, on the outskirts of Amsterdam, the theme will be 'growing green cities'.

7 days from £1,075pp. Secure your place on this holiday with deposits of just £50 per person.

[More details](#)

National Point-a-Board Teams

22nd - 23rd January
Online

The event in 2022 will be played as a two session qualifier on Saturday with a Final (with carryover) and a Consolation Final (without carryover) over the two days. Master Points for matches won will be enhanced throughout. As well as providing a rare opportunity to play with this fascinating and skilful form of scoring, the congress will be ideal for players wishing to add to their Green Point tally since there will be enhanced master points (masterpoints will be awarded for matches won at a 50% enhanced rate in the qualifier and main final of the Point-a-Board teams). The Point-a-Board Teams is part of the Championship Series, in which points can be earned towards the Player of the Year Championship.

[More details](#)



Year End Congress

27th – 30th December

RealBridge

The Year End Congress will be held on the same dates as usual, 27th - 30th December, with the format the same as last year's event. Play will start at 11am each day. The Swiss Teams and Swiss Pairs are both stratified events.

On Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th the event will start with the Stratified Swiss Pairs. There will be Jack High Swiss Pairs on Tuesday 28th, with Mixed and Open Pairs on Wednesday 29th and finally Stratified Swiss Teams on Thursday 30th.

[More details](#)

Other dates for your diary

8 - 10 Oct

[West of England Congress](#) (face to face)

9 - 10 Oct

[NEBA Congress](#) (RealBridge)

30 - 31 Oct

[Kent Congress](#) (RealBridge)

30 - 31 Oct

[Malvern Congress](#) (RealBridge)

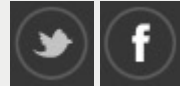
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[Lancashire Congress](#) (BBO)

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