



# ***EBU Event Focus***

## ***Issue 104***

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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.

### **Lots of Online Bridge happening this Autumn**

It is starting to feel wintry. The clocks have gone back, the nights are drawing in, but there is still plenty of bridge to be played, albeit mainly still online! Below are highlighted some of the competitions taking place over the next few weeks.

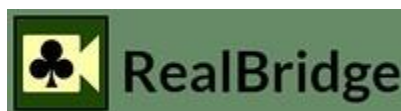
### **Seniors Congress**

The Seniors Congress 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 November**

There are plenty of County events coming up over the next few weeks, many of them Green Pointed. 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](mailto: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](http://www.ebu.co.uk/members)



## Seniors Congress

*7th - 9th December*

*RealBridge*

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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 Tuesday, and the finals on Wednesday, each stage comprising two sessions. The top pairs from the qualifying stage play in the finals, 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 seven 7-board matches and is open to pairs eliminated from the Championship Pairs at the end of Tuesday evening, and to players joining the congress on Wednesday.

The Swiss Teams comprises seven 7-board matches with a break after three matches.

[More details](#)



## Year End Congress

*27th - 30th December*

*RealBridge and Various Club Venues*

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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.

On Wednesday 29th the Mixed Pairs and Open Pairs events will be played online and at various venues around the country, all playing the same boards. For information about clubs taking part click the more details link below. If your club is interested or has further questions, please email [gordon@ebu.co.uk](mailto:gordon@ebu.co.uk)

Finally on Thursday 30th there will be Stratified Swiss Teams and a 9-High Improvers Pairs. The Improvers event will

start slightly later at 11.30am and will be run by Kent CBA on BBO.

[More details](#)

### Malta Congress

2nd - 8th February

Join us for the first overseas congress of 2022, in Qawra, Malta. Sponsored by our travel partners First for Bridge, it will be held at the 4\* Superior db San Antonio Hotel & Spa, located in the northern part of the island of Malta, right in the heart of Qawra and just 100 metres from the bus terminus which offers direct routes to all areas of Malta.

Malta was one of the first countries added to the UK's green list, they have a high vaccination rate and low Covid infection rates.

We strongly recommend that you book your place early so we can confirm the event and to allow you to secure the best flight prices available. Secure your place on this holiday with deposits of £150 per person.

[More details](#)

### National Point-a-Board Teams

22nd - 23rd January  
Online

The event in 2022 will be played as a two day round robin. 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).

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](#)

### River Cruise Congress Holland and 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](#)

### Other dates for your diary

[13 Nov](#)

[Malton BP Swiss Pairs](#) (BBO)

[14 Nov](#)

[Richmond BP Swiss Pairs](#) (RealBridge)

<a href="#">19 - 22 Nov</a>	<a href="#">Open European Trials Stage 2</a> (F2F, Young Chelseas BC)
<a href="#">20 Nov</a>	<a href="#">Metropolitan Cup</a> (RealBridge)
<a href="#">20 Nov</a>	<a href="#">Welsh Cup Final</a> (BBO)
<a href="#">21 Nov</a>	<a href="#">Cambria Cup Final</a> (BBO)
<a href="#">21 Nov</a>	<a href="#">Sussex GP Swiss Pairs</a> (BBO)
<a href="#">21 Nov</a>	<a href="#">Dorset Weymouth &amp; Hardwick Cup</a> (RealBridge)
<a href="#">27 - 28 Nov</a>	<a href="#">Middlesex Congress</a> (RealBridge)
<a href="#">28 Nov</a>	<a href="#">Somerset BP Swiss Teams</a> (RealBridge)
<a href="#">5 Dec</a>	<a href="#">Realbridge Junior International Festival</a> (RealBridge)
<a href="#">5 Dec</a>	<a href="#">Essex BP Mixed Pairs</a> (RealBridge)
<a href="#">5 Dec</a>	<a href="#">Wiltshire BP Swiss Teams</a> (RealBridge)
<a href="#">5 Dec</a>	<a href="#">Wimbledon BP Swiss Pairs</a> (RealBridge)

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