

# ***EBU Event Focus***

## ***Issue 100***

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Dear Club/County Officials

You have been sent this email in your capacity as a club/county official, please pass this information on to the members of your club and anyone you think may be interested.

It is now officially summer! We have had the longest day of the year but hopefully there will be plenty of good weather over the next few months to look forward to. Lockdown is due to ease and the coming weeks and months are still full of bridge events for all standards of players. While we are still playing events online, we do expect to return to face-to-face play with our Summer Meeting in Eastbourne in August. Until then, we have plenty of online events happening, starting next weekend with the Virtual Summer Seaside Congress, more details below.

### **Play in the Virtual Summer Seaside Congress**

There is still time to enter the [Virtual Summer Seaside Congress](#) taking place 2nd - 4th July. Previously the English Riviera Congress, 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.

### **Club and County Events in July**

There are plenty of County events coming up over the next few weeks, many of them Green Pointed. London, Gloucestershire & Herefordshire, Hertfordshire & Essex, Dorset and Manchester 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](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)



## **Virtual Summer Seaside Congress**

*2nd - 4th July*  
*RealBridge, Online*

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There will be a Swiss Teams competition on Friday and a Stratified Swiss Pairs competition on Saturday and Sunday.

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[More details](#)



## **Summer Meeting**

*6th - 15th August*  
*Eastbourne*

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## **Summer Seniors Congress**

*9th - 11th July*  
*RealBridge, Online*

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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](#)

We are expecting this year's Summer Meeting to go ahead in Eastbourne as a face to face event.

First Weekend: Swiss Pairs Championship for the Harold Poster Trophy

Second Weekend: Four Stars Teams Championship

Midweek: GCH Fox Pairs Championship (new format); Mixed Pivot Teams Championship; and Mixed Pairs Championship. A new Patton (Hybrid Scoring) Teams event taking place on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. On Friday afternoon there will be Point-a-Board Teams.

There will be a Progressive Congress taking place midweek from Monday to Thursday, with competitions for all ranges of lower ranked players, with 6 High, 9 High and Jack High pairs competitions.

[More details](#)



## British Summer Sim Pairs

*26th- 29th July*

*Various Clubs*

The next Sim Pairs event takes place in July. All clubs are welcome to participate, including clubs from Scotland and Wales.

Your club can enter direct via the club My EBU log in. For more details about entry and prizes, click the link below.

[More details](#)





### Guernsey Bridge Congress

13th - 19th September  
St Pierre Park Hotel

The venue St Pierre Park Hotel is set in beautiful gardens and just one mile from the picturesque harbour of St Peter Port. The town is a short stroll with all its facilities, shopping and restaurants, and boat trips to the islands.

To kick off the week, there will be a mixed teams competition on the Monday, followed by a mixed pairs competitions on the Tuesday. On Wednesday there will be Pivot Teams and IMP Pairs. Thursday and Friday will be Swiss Pairs. The week will close with Swiss Teams on the Saturday and Sunday.

[More details](#)



### Autumn Congress

22nd - 24th October  
Delta by Marriott,  
Warwickshire

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

The Two Stars Pairs will start with qualification on Friday in the form of Matchpointed Pairs. Pairs Finals and Swiss Pairs will take place on Saturday. There is also the two-session multiple teams event on Sunday, competing for the Eastbourne Bowl, Burlington Cup and Sussex Cup.

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.

[More details](#)



### National Handicap Championship Pairs

12th September  
Various club venues

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 each pair. Players will need to have their NGS visible.

[More details](#)

### Other dates for your diary

[2 - 4 July](#)

[Virtual Summer Seaside Congress](#)

[9 - 11 July](#)

[Summer Seniors Congress](#)

[11 July](#)

[NICLF \(National Inter-County League Finals\)](#)

[17 - 18 July](#)

[London Congress](#)

[17 - 18 July](#)

[Gloucestershire & Herefordshire GP Weekend](#)

26 - 29 July

[British Summer Sim Pairs](#)

31 July - 1  
Aug

[Herts / Essex GP weekend](#)