



Bridge fees

Full congress	£85 pp
Early Bird price if paid before 1st January 2023	£75 pp

Single event fees

Teams	£48 pp
Pairs	£32 pp
Friday afternoon Open Pairs	£16 pp

Congress places are limited. Priority will be given to guests staying at the hotel

Participants are encouraged to follow the evening dress code – black tie, lounge suit or jacket and tie for gentlemen, and equivalents for the ladies.

Booking

Book for the **bridge** at sbu.org.uk, and ...

Book for the **hotel** at peebleshydro.co.uk – click on **CHECK IN / OUT** and enter the dates, click on **GUESTS** and complete as wanted, enter the **PROMO CODE SBU2023**, and click on **BOOK NOW**. This will take you to the special rates for the congress – check availability and click **Book today** against your chosen option.

If you have any questions please email congress@sbu.org.uk, or text or call Anne Perkins on 07941 817395.



Peebles Hydro Hotel Accommodation

	2 nights (Fri – Sat)	3 nights (Fri – Sun)
Double / Twin	£231.00 pp	£329.00 pp
– for single occupancy	£331.00 pp	£466.50 pp
Triple	£201.00 pp	£290.00 pp
Quad	£186.00 pp	£270.25 pp

All rates include:

- two or three soup and sandwich lunches
- dinner on Friday (and Sunday) evening
- Gala Dinner with wine on Saturday evening
- full breakfast every morning

Non-residents can book soup and sandwich lunch(es) with tea/coffee for £12.95 pp and / or the Gala Dinner for £45 pp via the Congress Bridge Booking Form on sbu.org.uk. **Advanced booking is required for either.**

Hotel check-in is from 3pm on Friday, but SBU guests may register at Reception on arrival to avoid delay when collecting keys and leave their luggage in the lobby until after play.

Check-out by 11am on Monday



SBU Congress 2023 Red-pointed event



Peebles Hydro Hotel 10th to 12th March 2023

SBU Chair:

Alan Goodman

Congress Convenor:

Anne Perkins

Directing Staff:

Andrew Barnes

Horst Kopleck

Matthew Robb

Ian Ross

Timetable

Friday 10th March

- 12.15 Lunch on arrival* (soup and sandwiches)
- 14.00 Open Pairs
- 18.00 Dinner*
- 19.45 Open Pairs prize-giving
- 19.50 Congress Swiss Teams – session 1
- 23.00 Nightcap with the experts

Saturday 11th March

- 10.30 Congress Swiss Pairs – session 1
- 13.45 Soup and sandwich lunch*
- 15.00 Congress Swiss Pairs – session 2
- 19.30 Drinks reception**
- 20.00 Special Gala Dinner***
- 22.00 Midnight Speedball Pairs
for the Martin Stephens Trophy

Sunday 12th March

- 12.15 Soup and sandwich lunch*
- 13.50 Congress Swiss Teams – session 2
- 18.00 Dinner*
- 19.45 Congress Swiss Teams – session 3
- 23.00 Prize Giving

** Lunches and dinners are included for full board residents of the Hydro. Non-residents may book lunches at £12.95 pp in advance on sbu.org.uk.*

*** The drinks reception is for those attending the Gala Dinner.*

**** Special Gala Dinner tickets are available to non-residents at £45 pp (includes drinks reception and wine with the meal). Book in advance on sbu.org.uk.*

The Hydro sits on the hillside above the small historic Borders town of Peebles which is well worth a visit for the many and varied small shops or a walk along the River Tweed.

The hotel offers many leisure facilities including a swimming pool and spa – further details on the hotel website.

If you want to see more of this fabulous area, it is possible to extend your stay.

Peebles has a regular bus service to and from Edinburgh for anyone not travelling by car.



Andrew Robson has described Peebles and the SBU Congress in *The Times* as “the Murrayfield of Bridge”.

We aim to make the congress a unique experience for all participants of any standard. It is intended to be an occasion which is as enjoyable socially as it is challenging in the excitement and expectations at the table.

The main Pairs and Teams competitions are based on the Swiss format, which ensures that you will usually play people of your own standard. The Open Pairs on Friday afternoon provide a gentle introduction to the weekend, while the Saturday evening Speedball Pairs (when all bidding and play happens at twice the usual rate) is intended to encourage a rather more carefree attitude after the serious bridge earlier in the day.

