



# Back to Bridge: SBU Congress 11-13 March 2022 at Peebles Hydro



## Celebrate the return of face-to-face bridge in Scotland

After what has been a very challenging time for everyone in the bridge-playing world, the SBU asks for your support in making sure we return to face-to-face bridge in numbers.

We are going to meet on 11 March 2022 and, with your help, deliver the very best bridge event Scotland can offer:

- We will start officially at 20:00 on Friday with session one of a three-session Swiss Teams and have experts on hand in the bar to support the post-mortem questions.
- On Saturday, we will host a two session Swiss Pairs finishing at 17:30.
- In true Scottish style, on Saturday evening we will be piped into the Gala Dinner, offering three courses with wine.
- After dinner, there will be late-night speedball, fun bridge!
- On Sunday we will enjoy two rounds of Teams, completing the three session Swiss and move swiftly into the evening prize giving, accompanied by complimentary drinks.
- We aim to restore a sense of occasion to the game, and therefore black tie, suits, or equivalent eveningwear are all strongly encouraged at the evening sessions, with a special emphasis on the Gala dinner.
- The congress is designed as a celebration of the social aspects of the game, it is a residential congress, and we encourage everyone to stay in the hotel.

We hope that you will all support this event and show that in the “new bridge normal” there is a place for well attended congress tournaments. We will of course work within Government guidelines and with the local authority to ensure that any protocols required at the time of the congress to protect against the spread of the virus are met.

### Timetable

Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
14:00	Pre-congress Teams	10:45	Swiss Pairs session 1	13:50	Swiss Teams session 2
20:00	Official Opening followed by Swiss Teams session 1	15:00	Swiss Pairs session 2		
23:00	Nightcap with the experts	18:45	Gala Dinner, followed by speedball	19:45	Swiss Teams session 3

### A note from our SBU President



*I am very much looking forward to attending this event and proud to have the opportunity to support a major congress as President. I hope you will all join me in celebrating a return of tournament bridge to Scotland.*

*I introduce Andrew McIntosh, our Congress Ambassador. After establishing himself as a Scottish International as a teen, Andrew went on to pursue a full-time career as a bridge professional. He has agreed to support this congress bringing his experience of developing the game, a collection of English caps, Gold Cups and international accomplishments. We hope with his support we can deliver a congress that attracts players from around the world.*

### A note from our Congress Ambassador



*Andrew Robson described Peebles and the SBU congress in the Times as “the Murrayfield of bridge”, a sentiment I share. Scotland has a long history of sharing its intellectual capital with the world and if we combine our love of the game with our warm and welcoming culture, we can offer the bridge world a unique tournament experience.*

**For Prices and Entry Details please see the congress brochure online [www.sbu.org.uk](http://www.sbu.org.uk) If you have any questions contact Julie at [sbucongressdesk@gmail.com](mailto:sbucongressdesk@gmail.com) or on 0131 343 3838 or 0782 8036821**