

Peebles 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 of face to face bridge in numbers. Peebles Hydro are offering a great value deal for the congress including the bridge, accommodation, food and the gala dinner on Saturday.

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 we have 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.

Register now for the [Pairs event here](#), and the [Teams event here](#).

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Any other queries email: congress@sbu.org.uk

The Bridge programme

Timetable

Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
14:00	Pre-congress Pairs	10:45	Swiss Pairs session 1	13:40	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	19:45	Swiss Teams session 3

Bridge Fees

Full Congress £75 pp

Single event fees are:

Teams £45 pp

Pairs £30 pp

Friday Afternoon £15 pp

Register now for the [Pairs event here](#), and the [Teams event here](#).

Peebles Hydro Deal

Peebles Hydro have put together a great value deal for the Congress.

Three Nights at the Hydro

Single £406.50 pp

Double/Twin £329.00 pp

Double for single occupancy £466.50 pp Triple £290.00 pp

Quad £270.00 pp

Includes dinner each night and breakfast each morning plus:

Soup & Sandwich lunch on Friday

Buffet Lunch Saturday & Sunday

Afternoon tea or coffee

Gala Dinner with wine Saturday night

Two-nights prices and Thursday night prices are available on the website or by contacting the hotel.

Payment is required at the time of booking to get this deal and it is non-refundable. This is bookable with voucher (or promo) code SBU2022. You can book online or over the phone. There are a limited number of rooms available for this deal and it will be first come, first served.

If you would like to have the option to cancel, there are other bed and breakfast rates available at the Peebles Hydro. These other deals will not include the gala dinner or any food other than breakfast. Lunches and dinner will be added to your bill if you take them at the hotel. You can still book and pay to go to the gala dinner. The cost is £45. Please email the SBU convenor on congress@sbu.org.uk

Book with the hotel online, over the phone or by email.

Booking instructions for Peebles Hydro

Booking online

Online bookings are available for *double/twin room bookings for 1 or 2 occupants only for the full package deal (SBU2022)*. Other deals can be booked online.

Go to www.peebleshydro.co.uk

At the top right hand corner – you'll see a button for "Book A Room".

Click "Book A Room" and enter the dates you'd like to stay for (e.g. Friday 11th March 2022) and the number of nights. Identify how many occupants will be in the room – 1 or 2.

If you wish to take up the package deal enter your Promo Code: SBU2022 and check availability. This will then bring you onto the dedicated SBU booking page, featuring the SBU logo, and package details.

From there – select the dates you want to stay. 2 nights (Friday & Saturday) are automatically selected. To extend on the Sunday night, you must click and drag along on the Saturday to Sunday night. Click Book Today (highlighted in green to the right).

This will take you onto the section to summarise your booking.

You can opt to add on an additional room at this stage at the top.

*Double check the occupancy for your rooms on the highlighted section – Adult Prices.

You then have the option to personalise your stay (early/late check-in, supplements, flowers, chocolates etc. for an additional cost).

Click continue, to enter your contact information. Please note any special requirements in this section (e.g. dietary requirements/allergens/if you require a twin bedded room as opposed to a double).

From there you enter your card payment details on the Secure Payment section. Full pre-payment is required at the time of booking for the SBU2022 deal.

Once payment is received, a confirmation email will be sent to the email address given in the contact information.

Booking over the phone

Call the hotel on 01764 655 555, take Option 2 for voucher bookings. Lines are open between 9am-6pm Monday-Friday and 10am-4pm on Saturday & Sundays. Please note that there is only one person manning the phones over the weekend, so mid-week would best. Phone lines are busy at the moment, so you may be on hold before getting through.

Booking using Email

You email stay@peebleshydro.co.uk to book your room. State the type of room you'd like to book, number of occupants and the dates. If you want the package deal quote voucher (promo) code SBU2022.

You will get an automatic response saying that it can take up to 48 hours for a personal response. Emails are prioritised based on date. The hotel has asked that you wait 48 hours before chasing to avoid confusion, and multiple responses from different team members.

What's happening when – the full timetable

FRIDAY 11 March 2022

- 12.15 Lunch on arrival* (soup & sandwiches)
- 14.00 Open teams
- 18.00 Dinner*
- 19.45 Open teams prize giving
- 19.50 Congress Swiss teams session 1 for the
Edward Whittaker Trophy
- 23.00 Night-cap with the experts

SATURDAY 12 March 2022

- 10.15 Congress Swiss pairs session 1 for the
Pieter Van Dijk Trophy
- 13.30 Buffet lunch*
- 14.30 Congress Swiss pairs session 2
- 18.15 Drinks reception**
- 18.45 Special Gala Dinner***
- 22.00 Midnight speedball pairs

SUNDAY 13 March 2022

- 12.15 Buffet lunch*
- 13.50 Prize giving for Swiss pairs
- 13.50 Congress Swiss teams session 2
- 18.00 Dinner*
- 19.45 Congress Swiss teams session 3
- 23.00 President's reception and prize giving

** Lunches & dinners are for full board residents of the Hydro*

*** The Drinks reception is for those attending the Gala Dinner*

**** Special Gala Dinner & Drink reception available to non-residents at £45pp*

Answers to other questions

What happens if I Cancel?

SBU fees will be refunded.

If you have booked the SBU2022 deal with Peebles Hydro it is non-refundable. You may be able to claim on travel insurance if the cancellation arose through illness or other unforeseen events. We suggest you check your travel insurance for this.

If you have booked other rates with the hotel on other deals, it will depend on the specific terms.

Can I go to the Gala Dinner if I don't have the SBU deal?

Yes. You can still book and pay to go to the gala dinner. The cost is £45. Please email the SBU convenor on congress@sbu.org.uk

What Covid related protections will be in place?

We want you to be safe and to enjoy this first face to face Congress after this difficult 2 years.

It is difficult to know what the Scottish government regulations will be in March, but we will, of course, comply with all of them. Currently, we would have to wear masks in all communal areas.

The hotel has a helpful page on their website (<https://www.peebleshydro.co.uk/hydro-health/>) which explains how they are protecting their guests and this is updated when measures change.

There will be plenty of hand sanitiser available and we will be doing what we can to avoid too many people clustering together to find their seats or get results by making these available online.

A risk assessment for the Congress is under development and will be maintained as the situation changes. Further updates to this information will be made as we approach the date of the Congress.