

The Federation of Affiliated Bridge Clubs

NSW State Wide Pairs - 2002

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Dear Organiser,

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The following information and instructions, if followed carefully, should enable the State Wide Pairs to run efficiently. Much of the information is relevant to the Director of the event, so please make these instructions available to him/her. Instructions specific only to the Director are also attached.

1. The event consists of three sessions, one per week, between 4th and 24th August, 2002.
Week 1: Sunday 4th August to Saturday 10th August.
Week 2: Sunday 11th August to Saturday 17th August.
Week 3: Sunday 18th August to Saturday 24th August.

2. Copies of the hand records for the players for all three weeks are colour coded as follows:
Week 1: Blue
Week 2: Pink
Week 3: Yellow

Take great care that you distribute the correct set of hand records for the appropriate week.

3. Security regarding the hand records is obviously very important; please make sure no stray copies of the hand records are left lying around. The person who prepares the hands is not eligible to win any prizes, and should not be allowed to play unless desperately needed to make up the table numbers. Similarly, it would be preferable, but not obligatory, that the Director does not play.

4. The event is scored as a single field with red masterpoints awarded at B4 congress level.

5. **Movements.** *Some of this information is new, please read this section carefully.*

The maximum number of tables in a section is 14. If you have more than 14 tables, please divide the field into two or more sections. Half tables are allowed. **If you are running a Howell movement, please use the movement on the guide cards included with this package.** Either copy the guide cards for Weeks 2 and 3, or retain the guide cards used in Week 1. Alternatively, other copies of these guide cards are available from the NSWBA Website:

<http://www.nswba.com.au/fabc/01swp/guide.html>

Casual pairs are allowed to play in any or all sessions but do not receive any masterpoints.

6. **Hand Duplication.**

If your club has access to a dealing machine, the hands can be made available to you in .BRI or .DLM format. The files will only be sent by email, so if you want them, you will need to send me an email requesting the hands and specifying which club the request is for and the format your dealing machine uses. My email address is vcummings@ozemail.com.au

You have been provided with a set of travelling score sheets onto which the hands have already been photocopied.

A non-participant who is responsible for dealing the entire set of 32 boards should do the actual duplication. The dealer's job can be made much easier if the players are asked to suit the boards after the final round of the previous session. After the boards have been made up, each traveller should be attached to the appropriate board. (Since a complete movement is not required, the players can be asked to deal the hands from the score sheets for the first round. Play would actually begin after the first move. This is the method adopted by the World-Wide Simultaneous Pairs. Be warned, however, that half tables and skip movements may result in many pairs not playing a fair number of boards, so dealing the hands at the table should only be done as a last resort.)

Whichever method is used, *it is essential that all players at the end of the first round of play check that the hands have been dealt correctly.*

7. **Prizes.** Sectional prizes based on masterpoint rankings will continue. Naturally these prizes will be limited to players who are members of the ABF masterpoint scheme. There will be under 5, under 15 and under 50 masterpoint sections. These sectional prizes will be in addition to those presented every year; viz.

- cash to the overall place-getters down to fifth position,
- prize vouchers from the Bridge Shop for all session winners and runners-up,
- annual subscription (for 2003) to Australian Bridge to the clubs of the session winners
- certificates of achievement to the winning pair in each club.

Certain hands have been selected on which, should a competing pair perform creditably, they will be listed on our Roll of Honour on the NSWBA web site:

Offers of meaningful discounts arranged in the interest of participants are also mentioned in the booklets.

8. **Submitting results.** Please put your club name and number at the top of each form.

After the first week, fill in the CLUB DETAILS form and return it, with payment of \$20.00 per pair. This is very important since we need to know the total number of separate sessions being run across the state before we do any data entry.

Everything else (viz. the score sheets for all three weeks, the COMPETING PAIRS form (which incorporates the session details), the CASUAL PAIRS form and the SUBSTITUTES form) should all be sent together at the end of the Week 3 session.

9. We expect results to be posted out sometime in mid October. These results will be posted to the same address to which this has been sent (unless you advise me to do otherwise on the club details form).

All results will be posted on the NSWBA web site: <http://nswba.com.au/>

Have a good tournament, and good luck,

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