## Federation of Affiliated Bridge Clubs

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Dear Organiser,

Enclosed are the results of the 2002 State Wide Pairs. You will find

- a) Three "session" printouts relating to your club. Note that when the event is matchpointed across the state, percentages and order of rank can vary quite considerably from those obtained when matchpointing involves only those players within the club.
- b) A "final" printout showing positions overall within the club. Any pair who failed to play a session was assigned 48% for the missed session. Casual pairs are not included.
- c) A copy of the first 50 place-getters across the state. Should participants be interested in final state-wide results which are not among the first 50 this information is available on the NSWBA Website: http://www.nswba.com.au/fabc/index.htm

This year's winners were **Jennifer Hector & Liz Scorer** from Bathurst Bridge Club with a huge average score of 70.2 %.

Second place went to **Alister & Heather Cox** with 64.9 % from Glen Bridge Club and third to **Noel & Annemari Athea** from Goulburn Bridge Club with 63.8%.

Cash prizes have been awarded down to fifth place. Winning pairs for each session receive a \$60 prize voucher from the Bridge Shop, while the runners-up receive \$40 prize vouchers.

Subscriptions to Australian Bridge for the year 2003 are awarded to the clubs of the sessional winners. If any of your members have won prizes, they are enclosed with these results.

Certificates have been enclosed for the top placed partnerships in each club.

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Session 3		
1 <sup>st</sup> Jennifer Hector & Liz Scorer	72.0%	Bathurst Bridge Club
2 <sup>nd</sup> Janet Brown & Eric Hurley	69.4%	Ballina Bridge Club

The appropriate lucky clubs will receive a free annual subscription to Australian Bridge Thanks to the excellent performance of the three winning pairs.

Winners in the restricted masterpoint categories were:

2002 State-Wide Pairs Session Winners:

Below 5 Masterpoints: Travis Buchan & Robert Meakins 56.2 % Shoalhaven Bridge Club Below 25 Masterpoints: John Fuller & Howard Rose 55.8% Ballina Seniors Bridge Club Below 50 Masterpoints: Leon & Natalie Burke 62.1% Dubbo Bridge Club

These pairs will be receiving a gift voucher from the Bridge Shop to the value of \$30.

A total of 699 pairs competed in the event this year, not quite achieving last years total. Masterpoints were awarded for each session and for overall finishing position. It is disappointing that the numbers of casual entries were actually greater this year than last in spite of the efforts of organisers to restrict these numbers.

I was responsible for the hand analysis again this year and sincerely hope that my Efforts were interesting and useful. Your opinion on this is most welcome.

Many players made use of the discounted books which the FABC made available through The Bridge Shop last year and I hope will do so again this year.

Do please participate again next year when the event will be held from Sunday  $4^{th}$  August to Saturday  $24^{th}$  August.

If you have any improvements or suggestions you'd like to see, please let me know. Thanks for participating and see you again next year.

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