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TO THE TOURNAMENT SECRETARY, ALL AFFILIATED CLUBS
STATE OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2003

Valerie Cummings FABC Convenor

The FABC, on behalf of the Tournament Committee of the New South Wales Bridge Association, invites all affiliated clubs to conduct one or two qualifying events of the Open Pairs Championship Final to be held at the NSWBA on the weekend of 11th and 12th October 2003.

1. Clubs not wishing to run a qualifying competition may nominate one pair per 50 home club members or part thereof with a limit of three pairs. Each player must be a financial member of the nominating club.
2. The Tournament Regulations are attached. Please read them carefully. It is your responsibility to adhere to these regulations.
3. Clubs located over 200 km. from Sydney *may apply* to the FABC for financial assistance for pairs representing their clubs in the Championship Final. Only one subsidy per club will be allowed.
4. Timetable. Clubs should carefully note the following dates and times:
Club qualifying competitions must be completed and results and pair nominations, must be sent to the convenor by no later than **30 September 2003**.
Session times for the Championship Final are likely to be:
Saturday 11th October 2003 12:00 pm and 4.00 pm
Sunday 12th October 2003 10.00 am and 2.00 pm
5. Participating clubs must send the following to the Convenor by **30 September 2003**:
 - A cheque, made payable to the FABC, for the red masterpoints calculated at \$0.85 per masterpoint, (which includes \$0.10 GST) plus the Championship Final entry fee of \$100.00 per pair.
 - The names and ABF numbers of the nominated pairs.
 - A complete copy of the results of each qualifying session.
 - The completed Congress Award forms/diskette (see over).
6. Clubs should note that red masterpoints for the qualifying sessions will be awarded after the Championship Final, and only to those clubs having a pair that played in the Championship Final.
7. All correspondence and cheques should be sent to the Convenor, marked Attention Valerie Cummings at the FABC PO Box above.

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