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STATE OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2004

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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 9th and 10th October 2004.

It should be noted that the Regulations pertaining to this event have been changed this year. These changes include granting the winning pair a fully subsidised direct berth to the Open Pairs at the subsequent year's Australian National Championships.

The new Tournament Regulations are attached. ***Please read them carefully!***

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 3 pairs.
2. 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.
3. 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 2004**.

Session times for the Championship Final are:

Saturday 9th October 2004	12:00 pm	and	4.00 pm
Sunday 10th October 2004	10.00 am	and	2.00 pm

Those pairs who do not proceed to the final round on Sunday will be granted free entry to the Swiss Pairs event for which the NSWBA extends generous prize money.

4. Participating clubs must send the following to the Convenor:
 - A ***cheque***, made payable to the FABC, for the red masterpoints calculated at \$0.90 per masterpoint, plus the Championship Final entry fee of \$100.00 per pair for compulsory representatives, and \$50 per pair for voluntary representatives.
 - 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***.
5. 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.

All correspondence and cheques should be sent to the Convenor, marked:

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