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STATE WIDE PAIRS 2004

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The 2004 State Wide Pairs will be held on three consecutive weeks from 1st-22nd August 2004. For clubs that have not previously competed in this event, we present the following quick synopsis:

- The event is run one session per week over the first three weeks in August.
- There is no need to disrupt your normal duplicate pairs sessions as the State Wide Pairs is essentially just superimposed over your normal session.
- The only special requirement is that you must find a reliable person to pre-deal the boards. Should your club possess a dealing machine, we can supply you with the appropriate files.
- Participating players must play in the same partnership for all three weeks.
- Scoring across the State will be returned to you in October, together with a range of prizes including cash prizes to 5th place.

You may like to consider the FABC's preferred option of running the event separately from your normal duplicate, thereby avoiding the situation where some players end up 'participating' in the event (hand records and booklets etc) without paying the entry fee. Other than that, you just run your normal duplicate sessions using your usual director with whatever movement you like. The State Wide Pairs can accommodate casual players, so you do not have to turn away pairs who just turn up for one session only or who don't want to participate.

At the completion of the third session you return the score sheets to us and we matchpoint the event across all participating clubs. Results, prizes and certificates will be mailed out to all clubs in late October: it takes about two months to do all the entering, checking and processing. These results and mention for particular brilliancy will also be posted on the NSWBA web site.

All players receive hand records and a short analysis of each hand. Cash prizes are presented, as well as gift vouchers from the Bridge Shop, and certificates for the winners in each club. Prizes are also awarded in the restricted divisions of Under 5, Under 15 and Under 50 masterpoints (as at 30th June 2004).

Red masterpoints are issued at the congress B4 level. If you have any enquiries, please feel free to ring the Convenor whose details can be found at the end of this letter.

The total cost this year for all three sessions is **\$25 per pair**.

Please complete the accompanying form and post it to PO Box 733 Artarmon NSW 1570, whether or not your club plans to participate. As I need to get the various documents off to the printers, your response should be made before the end of May.

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