

Federation of Affiliated Bridge Clubs

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Dear Organiser,

Enclosed are the results of the 2004 State Wide Pairs.

You will find a printout showing the results by session and in total of all the participating pairs from the 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.

Any pair who failed to play a session was assigned 48% for the missed session. Casual pairs are not included.

You will also find 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 **Hazel Adamson & Suzanne Donoghue** from Bega Valley Bridge Club with an average score of 68.9 %. This partnership is remarkably consistent, having run second last year with an average of 63.4%. Congratulations.

Second place went to **Margaret Large & Yvonne Kelly** with 66.6 % from Mudgee Bridge Club and third to **Eric Hurley & Janet Brown** from Lismore Bridge Club with 64.3%.

Cash prizes have been awarded down to fifth place. Tom Carr & Kevin Farrell finished fourth and Helen Tootell & Ellen Watson fifth.

Winning pairs for each session receive a \$60 prize voucher from the Bridge Shop, while the runners-up receive \$40 prize vouchers.

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

Do not forget to remind your members that they may well see themselves listed on the Roll of Honour at <http://www.nswba.com.au/fabc/>

Subscriptions to Australian Bridge for the year 2005 are awarded to the clubs of the Session winners. If any of your members have won prizes, they are enclosed with these results.

2004 State-Wide Pairs Session Winners:

Session 1

1 st Tom Carr & Kevin Farrell	72.6%	Dubbo Bridge Club
2 nd Enid Dawes & Helen Britton	70.4%	Orange Bridge Club

Session 2

1 st Hazel Adamson & Suzanne Donoghue	69.9%	Bega Valley Bridge Club
2 nd Jennifer King & Anthony Wells	69.5%	Canobolas Bridge Club

Session 3

1 st Margaret Large & Yvonne Kelly	76.4%	Mudgee Bridge Club
2 nd Hazel Adamson & Suzanne Donoghue	70.7%	Bega Valley Bridge Club

Dubbo, Bega Valley and Mudgee Bridge 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:

Below 5 Masterpoints: Helen Rowsell & Peter Riddy of Muswellbrook with 51.5%.

Below 25 Masterpoints: Peter McClymont & David Watkins of Canobolas with 53.9%

Below 50 Masterpoints: Lynnette Walsh & Robin Carter of Nyngan Bridge Club 58.2%

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

A total of 527 pairs competed in the event this year, not quite achieving last year's total. Masterpoints were awarded for each session and for overall finishing position. It is disappointing that the numbers of casual entries again increased in spite of the efforts of organisers to restrict these numbers. However, I am pleased to report that there were no incidences of persons playing the same deals at two different venues this year.

Do please participate again next year when the event will be held from Monday 1st August to Monday 22nd August.

If you have any improvements or suggestions you'd like to see, please pass them on.

The FABC has been asked to consider reducing this event to two consecutive weeks, rather than the current three, in order to encourage participation. Your opinion on this suggestion, as a regularly participating club, would be very welcome.

Thanks for being involved and see you again next year.

Yours Sincerely,

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