



# NSW BRIDGE ASSOCIATION



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## 2016 STATE WIDE PAIRS

Dear Club Secretary,

Last year, my first year organising the State Wide Pairs after a long absence, has convinced me of the necessity for further changes in 2016. Very clearly, substitutions and pairs playing just one session are creating difficulties, both for you at the club level and for me at the state level. As reducing the entry fee and number of sessions was associated with an increased entry in 2015, we're going further - in 2016 the State-Wide Pairs will be a single session event, played in the first week of August. The entry fee has been reduced to \$8 per pair.

Once again, as much administration as possible will be done electronically. The club organiser will receive the hand records by email a few weeks prior to the event. If your club uses a computer scoring package, then you are expected to email the file from the scoring package rather than having to check and mail the travelling score sheets. The club organiser will be provided with information on how to do this.

For those clubs that have not previously competed, we present the following quick synopsis.

- The event may be run anytime in the week from 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> August.
- There is no need to disrupt your normal duplicate pairs sessions as the State Wide Pairs can be included as a normal session. Casual pairs can be accommodated, so you do not have to turn away pairs who don't wish to participate.
- 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 will supply you with the appropriate files.
- Cash prizes will be awarded, as well as gift vouchers from the Bridge Shop and certificates for the winners in each club. Prizes are also awarded in the divisions of Under 25, Under 50 and Under 100 masterpoints, as at 30th June 2016.
- The overall winning pair will be offered free entry to the State Open Pairs Finals held at the NSWBA on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2016. If the pair comes from a country area, the NSWBA will provide a travel subsidy to assist with costs.
- Red masterpoints are issued at Congress B4 level.

You do not need to score the event at your club, but may do so and award normal club green points for your session. The event is matchpointed across the state after the results from all participating clubs have been received.

Results, prizes and certificates will be sent to all clubs as soon as practicable after the event. The results are also posted on the NSWBA web site.

It is necessary that your event organiser be contactable by email as all event information is sent by email.

All correspondence and queries should be sent to [swp@nswba.com.au](mailto:swp@nswba.com.au) or ring me on (02) 9744 1555 after 10.00 am.

Enter via the online form at <http://www.nswba.com.au/forms/statewidepairs.asp>

I look forward to your response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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