

2023 ANOT: Bulletin 1

Entry to the Autumn Nationals is now open on MyABF.

Dates: Thursday 4th May to Sunday 7th May (with the Open Teams final on Monday 8th May).

What's the same as 2022?

- Venue: Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showground
- Starting time: All Pairs and Teams events start 9.30am daily, Thursday to Sunday.
- Format: 8 x 14 board matches, 9.30am start each day (finish 5.45pm) – except Rookie Pairs

There will be plentiful water provided on-site. Cups will be available, but bring a refillable bottle if you can. (Tea or coffee can be purchased from the Goyder Cafe, or Drakes supermarket across Goodwood Road.)

What's new in 2023?

There is a new one-day event being held on Thursday 4th May:

Rookie Butler Swiss Pairs.

It is restricted to players who have fewer than 35 MPs at 31st March 2023, so encourage your friends who are 'newer' to competition bridge to have a go. The Rookie Pairs is being sponsored by Australian Bridge (magazine) and Boston Bay Wines.

There are no consolation events on Monday 8th May, only the Open Teams final (which will be held at SA Bridge Association, 243 Young Street, Unley).

Sponsorship and Prizes

And I'm delighted to announce that **StepBridge**, www.stepbridge.com.au, have become a sponsor of the Autumn Nationals. They will be sponsoring the:

- StepBridge Under Grand Master Pairs
- StepBridge Under Life Master Pairs
- StepBridge Under Grand Master Teams
- StepBridge Under Life Master Pairs

(The cut-off date for masterpoint eligibility for the above events is 31st March 2023.)

Due to this sponsorship, there will be **cash prizes** for 1st place in all events, with other prizes for 2nd place-getters:

- StepBridge Under Grand and Under Life Master Pairs: 1st = \$400 per pair
- StepBridge Under Grand and Under Life Master Teams: 1st = \$800 per team

Tony Bemrose Insurance Brokers (TBIB) have continued their support for the ANOT. With this sponsorship, the cash prizes for 1st place in all events has been increased, with other prizes for 2nd place-getters:

- TBIB Open Pairs: 1st = \$600 for the pair (Best Women's / Senior Pair = \$100 per pair)
- TBIB Mixed Pairs: 1st = \$500 for the pair
- TBIB Open Teams: 1st = \$1,200 for the team (Best Datum Pair = \$100 for the pair)

Early Bird Discount:

The Early Bird Discount for the two-day events will be 10% of the full entry fee, i.e. \$30 per pair for the Pairs events and \$60 per team for the Teams events.

To be eligible for the Early Bird Discount your entry must be paid in full (both players in Pairs, all players in Teams) no later than 31st March 2023.

2022 Place-Getters:

Your free entry (1st place) or half-price entry (2nd place) should have been processed on MyABF already. Please let me know if there is any problem and I shall resolve the situation.

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