

PRE-BULLETIN

Thank you for entering at least one event at this year's Autumn Nationals.

SESSION START TIMES

From Thursday to Sunday, play starts at 9.45am each day. Please arrive early enough to be seated in advance of any pre-play announcements.

PARKING

Showground parking is available in the Rose Terrace car park. It costs \$14 per day.

There are parking passes available for \$26 for all four days. If you wish to purchase a parking pass, please contact Barbara Travis: anot@sabf.asn.au or 0437 919 928 to arrange one. Please pay in advance, \$26 to the SA Bridge Federation, BSB 085333, Account number 79191 1424.

For those who have pre-purchased their passes but not yet received them, please enter and take a ticket on day 1. We will provide you with your parking pass during the morning session, and you then use the pass to exit and from then on.

The Showground has advised that they are particularly busy during our event, and advise to arrive early as there may be high demand for parking and/or some delays.

LUNCHES

Lunch can be purchased from the Goyder Cafe, directly across from Ridley Centre.

There will be an order form available at the Cafe that you can complete in advance, then collect your food/drink during the lunch break. The Cafe is cash-free.

There are other options: within the Showground, there is Jubilee Cafe, between Ridley Centre and the Rose Terrace carpark; across Goodwood Road there is Drakes Supermarket with a wide array of very nice lunch options; there is a Vietnamese street food place behind Drakes; Subway is down the road at the petrol station.

MyABF APP

If you want your next draw sent directly to your phone, download the MyABF app, which will be working throughout the event.

VOTING and the ELECTION: remember to vote

Polling booths are open from 8am till 6pm on Saturday 3rd May, so I recommend you vote early.

One option is to apply for postal voting: www.aec.gov.au/pva

Alternatively, from Tuesday 22nd April you can vote early in person. You can find your nearest early voting centre: www.aec.gov.au/where

PRIZE PRESENTATIONS

ROOKIES: After play on Thursday 1st May, presentations to the first three pairs will be done in the Break-out Area, near the partition with scores. Please gather there, not in the Main Playing Area.

PAIRS: Before play on Saturday 3rd May, from 9.20am, presentations to first and second in each Pairs event will occur. This will be done in the Main Playing Area.

TEAMS: After play on Sunday 4th May, presentations will be made to first and second in each of the Under Grand and Under Life Master Teams, and the finalists in the Open Teams will be announced. Their presentation will occur at the completion of the final on Monday 5th May.

Please be prepared to have your photo taken if you are a prize-winner.

SPONSORS

The organisers of the Autumn Nationals are very proud of the fact that all sponsorship money received is returned to players in the form of cash prizes! Together with other actual prizes donated and the free/half-price entries to the events in the next year, prizes worth in excess of \$11,000 are distributed.

Please support those who support bridge:

- **TBIB** provide money that is used for first prizes in the Open Teams, and Open and Mixed Pairs. They also provide vouchers for use at Paul Lavings' BridgeGear stall, plus their lucky draw prize. Steve Weil will be present, at a table in the Break-out Area, and is happy to speak with you about travel insurance or any other insurance needs.
- **StepBridge** sponsor the Under Grand Master and Under Life Master Teams and Pairs. Their President, Chris Larter, can't attend this year, but their support is much appreciated. Don't overlook their online bridge platform, which now also has camera capacity.
- **Fixed Income Solutions** is a new sponsor, and is providing a free drink voucher (to the value of \$5.50) to every player on Friday 2nd May. Daniel Grey will be present, with a table in the Break-out Area, and would love to have you come to discuss any financial planning issues that he may be able to assist you with.
- **Paul Lavings BridgeGear** provides prize vouchers every year. Paul will also have a stall in the Break-out Area. Find your next bridge-reading material there!
- **Fella Hamilton** has provided vouchers for the Rookie Pairs, as well as goodie bags which will be distributed through the event. They have ladies clothing shops in Norwood, Mitcham and Glenelg where you can use the discount vouchers in the goodie bags.
- **Fuzzy the Physio** has provided the cash prizes for the Rookie Pairs, along with the Best Datum prizes. He is very keen to hear from any locals who need assistance, especially any who may require a Home Care Package.
- **Never Never Distilling** have generously donated bottles of gin.
- **Tynte Flowers** have kindly donated vouchers that will be used as spot prizes through the Rookie and Under Life Master events.
- **Ricoh** look after the SABF's photocopying needs.

AUTUMN NATIONALS IN 2026

Next year, the Autumn Nationals are undergoing a change. Instead of Butler Pairs, we plan to introduce a top-level Matchpoint Pairs event back to the Australian calendar (with no Gold Coast, Bobby Richman Pairs). This new event will be called the Australian Blue Ribbon Pairs, and will have various categories for the different standard of players. The new format will be Teams first, then Pairs Qualifying as the Open Teams final is played (Finalists can drop into the Pairs Semi Final).

Wednesday 29th April: TEAMS : Open, Under Grand Master, Under Life Master

Thursday 30th April: TEAMS

Friday 1st May: BLUE RIBBON PAIRS Qualifying: Open, Under Grand, Under Life, Novice

Saturday 2nd May: BLUE RIBBON PAIRS SemiFinals and consolations

Sunday 3rd May: BLUE RIBBON PAIRS Finals and consolations

Keep those dates free in 2026.

BOWERBIRD MARKET

The Bowerbird Market will be held next door to our playing area, from Friday 2nd May to Sunday 4th May. The stalls are open late on Friday evening. A local bridge player, George Duncan, will be exhibiting her "Lonely Goat Cashmere". Her range includes cashmere ponchos, scarves, jumpers, slippers, beanies, travel wraps and more. Anyone who mentions the Autumn Nationals Bridge will receive a 10% discount. www.lonelygoatcashmere.com.au