

PRE-BULLETIN

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

SESSION START TIMES

From Wednesday to Sunday, play starts at 10.00am each day. Please arrive early enough to be seated in advance of any pre-play announcements. (Exception: Open Teams Final on Friday)

PARKING

Showground parking is available in the Rose Terrace car park. It costs \$14 per day. You can purchase a 5-day parking pass for \$28 online, using MyABF.

For those who have purchased parking passes but not yet received them, please enter and take a ticket on your first morning. Do not use your credit card, if so – press the green button to generate the ticket. We will provide you with your parking pass during the day (come and find me if you want because I don't know you all!); you then use the pass to exit, and from then on.

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 (on arrival in the morning), then collect your food/drink during the lunch break. The Cafe is cash-free.

There are other food options all within a short walk. Within the Showground, there is Jubilee Cafe, between Ridley Centre and the Rose Terrace car park. Across Goodwood Road, there is Drakes Supermarket with a wide range of appetising lunch options and there is a Vietnamese street food shop behind Drakes.

There are plenty of tables, inside Ridley North and outside in the Forecourt, where you can also eat your own brought lunches.

INTERNET

I will provide the details of internet and password at the venue.

MyABF APP

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

PRIZE PRESENTATIONS

UNDER GRAND MASTER and UNDER LIFE MASTER TEAMS:

Before play on Friday 1st May, from 9.40am, presentations to first and second in each of the above Teams events will be made by a representative of StepBridge, in the main playing area.

ROOKIE PAIRS:

At the end of play on Friday 1st May, presentations to the first three pairs will be done in the break-out area, near the partition showing the scores. Please gather there, not in the main playing area.

OPEN TEAMS:

Before play on Saturday 2nd May, from 9.40am, the Open Teams finalists will be presented to all players, and prizes will be presented by Lachlan Kennedy from TBIB, who sponsor this event.

ONE-DAY BUTLER PAIRS:

Before play on Saturday 2nd May, from 9.40am, presentations to first and second place-getters in each category of the One-Day Butler Pairs (Under Grand Master, Under Life Master, Novice) will be made in the main playing area. Fixed Income Solutions will be presenting these awards.

AUSTRALIAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS:

At the end of play on Sunday 3rd May, from approximately 5.00pm, first and second placed pairs in the three fields: Open, Under Grand Master and Under Life Master and any Consolation Finals, will be presented with their prizes.

Please be prepared to arrive early (per above) and to have your photo taken if you are a prize-winner.

AUTUMN NATIONALS 2027

Wednesday 28th April to Sunday 2nd May 2027.

Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showground.

Same format as this year.

NEW WEBSITE

Paul Dalley has created a new bridge website, www.BridgeChampions.com

He is offering all participants one month's free membership, using the promo code "BLUE".

www.bridgechampions.com

Matchpoint Pairs Ideas

With thousands of dollars in prize money on the line, every board matters.

PAUL'S PRINCIPLE

When our side has the points (22+): Bid conservatively.

When they have the points, or they're split evenly (20 or less): Bid aggressively.

Most players find that surprising!

Start with Problem 1

Use the practice link provided directly below this flyer.

If you enjoy these, please subscribe and get a free month with promo-code **BLUE**. You can cancel anytime.

[Matchpoint Practice Questions \(click here\)](#)

2026 AUTUMN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th April 2026

Welcome address at 9.45am

- Play to start at 10.00am.
- TBIB Open Teams Qualifying
- StepBridge Under Grand Master Teams
- StepBridge Under Life Master Teams.
- 8 x 14 board matches, 4 matches per day.

Friday 1st May 2026

Presentations to start at 9.40am (1st and 2nd place in the Restricted Teams events).

- TBIB Open Teams Final (starting time TBA)
- Play to start at 10.00am.
- Australian Blue Ribbon Open Pairs (matchpoint pairs) – Qualifying (3 day event)
- One Day Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs – Under Grand Master, Under Life Master, Novice (Under 100 MPs).
- David Lusk Rookie Butler Swiss Pairs (Under 35 MPs)
- 6 x 8 board matches.
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Saturday 2nd May 2026

Presentations to start at 9.40am (1st and 2nd in the TBIB Open Teams, 1st and 2nd place in the various One Day Butler Swiss Pairs events).

- Play to start at 10.00am.
- Australian Blue Ribbon Open Pairs – Semi Final A and Semi Final B (16 pairs qualify from SF A, 2 pairs qualify to the Final from SF B)
- Australian Blue Ribbon Under Grand Master Pairs – Qualifying (2 day event) (18 pairs qualify to the Final)
- Australian Blue Ribbon Under Life Master Pairs – Qualifying (2 day event) (18 pairs qualify to the Final)

Sunday 3rd May 2026

Play to start at 10.00am.

- Australian Blue Ribbon Open Pairs – Final and Consolation
- Australian Blue Ribbon Under Grand Master Pairs – Final and Consolation
- Australian Blue Ribbon Under Life Master Pairs – Final and Consolation

Presentations to take place at the conclusion of play (approx 5.00pm).

OUR SPONSORS



STEPBRIDGE AUSTRALIA

StepBridge Australia is an online Australian bridge club that offers novice, restricted and open bridge sessions daily, in a friendly and controlled environment. New players joining StepBridge receive five free introductory games. StepBridge has a virtual club facility that allows face-to-face bridge clubs to organise their own sessions and congresses. Youth players are offered additional introductory games, no membership fees and half-price table fees. www.stepbridge.com.au



TONY BEMROSE INSURANCE BROKERS (TBIB)

For many years, TBIB have been offering ABF members access to travel insurance – annual policies (even when travelling within Australia, more than 100km from home), single-trip policies, international or national travel. Policies can cover individuals, couples and families. Multi-trip cover includes cruising; international cover includes cover for Covid-19.

Take the opportunity to speak with them during the tournament; you will be impressed with the travel insurance (and other insurance) deals they offer. www.tbib.com.au/abf



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PAUL LAVINGS BRIDGE BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Paul supports the tournament with vouchers to purchase items from his stall. The best way you can support Paul is by checking out his stall in the break-out area. You will love the range of items and his prices. www.bridgegear.com