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# 2022 DATES

Friday 18th February – Saturday 26th February 2022

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Friday 17th February – Saturday 25th February 2023

# ACCOMMODATION

For accommodation enquiries, contact Di Hodges –

M - 0439 764 658 or E – [dihodges1954@gmail.com](mailto:dihodges1954@gmail.com)wal

Some accommodation options are listed on the GCC website: <http://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/accom.php>

See also [**YOUTH BRIDGE ACCOMMODATION**](#_YOUTH_PLAYERS_ACCOMMODATION)**:**

We are offering youth accommodation at Capricornia Apartments <https://www.capricornia.com.au/> for $17 per night (born in 1997 or later) or $27 per night for older youths (up to 32ish) – contact Jessica Brake at [jessicabrake@hotmail.com](mailto:jessicabrake@hotmail.com), 0414 134 888, or via a Facebook message.

Accommodation is limited.  Preference is given to those born in 1997 or later, or to older youths not in full time employment

# ADVERTISING IN BULLETIN

**Events** Any ABF event and any QBA Gold Point event held prior to June 30th can have a free advertisement – size is the Editors prerogative.  All other ABF events will be published in the Coming Events Calendar.  Strict deadlines must be adhered to.  Deadlines set by Editor with Tournament Organiser’s approval.

# ADVERTISEMENTS

**Advertisements** are $300 a page.  The editor has the prerogative to negotiate with prospective advertisers regarding possible columns to be published in the Bulletins for advertising.

# AIR CONDITIONING – PLAYER COMFORT

There are approximately two thousand players at the venue, ensuring the comfort of ALL players is a challenge.

Over time the organisers have noticed that there are areas where it is particularly cold due to air pockets coming from the air conditioner.

The room sometimes leaks from condensation due to the amount of air conditioning we are using.

What you **CAN** do to improve your personal comfort level:

* as advertised in all communication, please bring a jumper or something to keep you warm;
* we have a supply of pashminas and wraps so please just ask a caddy who will bring it to you - we do ask -that you return these to the caddy at end of the session
* if it is obviously too cold for you and those around you please ask the caddy to report the table number and section to Kim Ellaway who will bring her thermometer to see if it can be fixed or perhaps we can move the table.

# ALERTS - SUMMARY

***PRE-ALERTS***

List your unusual or complex treatments in the pre-alerts section of the system card. For instance – RCO 2s, Bergen raises, DONT Dbl vs 1NT, unusual carding (leading low from doubletons should be noted in the “leads” section of system card).

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

Announce the number of clubs contained in a 1♣ opening and the HCP range of a 1NT opening. Those playing a strong club system just need to announce 1♣ as “Strong 16+”.

***ALERTS DURING THE AUCTION***

Alert by circling partner’s call and saying “Alert” but don’t offer an explanation unless asked (then aim to be concise, yet complete).

***DON’T ALERT:***

* Any double or redouble
* Any call beyond 3NT, except a conventional opening bid
* A bid of a suit *bid* or *shown* by an opponent
* Any 2♣ response to a INT opening bid in an uncontested auction (*e.g. Stayman*)
* Any Jump Raise in a contested auction

For our New Zealand players, we do **NOT** use STOP Cards

***DO ALERT:***

All other conventional calls (such as Transfers, 2♥=hearts and a minor)

‘Unusual’ natural bids. These include: weak jump shift responses, pre-emptive jump raises (but only in uncontested auctions), inverted minors, canapé tendency, negative free bids, transfer accepts that deny four trumps, etc.

At the end of the auction, the declaring side should mark any unusual calls that weren’t alerted at the time. Do this with a plus sign (+).

***IF PARTNER STUFFS UP***

**Declarer/Dummy**: If partner fails to alert or provides a wrong or misleading explanation, you should wait until the ***end of the auction*** before calling the Director and correcting.

**Defenders**: wait until the ***end of the hand*** before piping up.

# BBO

THE BBO liaison Officer is Ray Ellaway.  Open Semi-finals and Finals will be the only matches on BBO. BBO will only be available if operators come forward to assist.  Semi-finals may not be broadcast if operators aren’t available.

# BRIDGE MATES

If you have never used the Bridgemate Scoring Units we suggest you arrive a few minutes before your first session and ask a Director for a quick tutorial. We are confident that your opponents will also help you to use this user-friendly technology.

# BRIDGE MATES II – PLAYER NUMBERS FOR THE TEAMS

During the team events, when you turn on the Bridgemates, you will be asked to enter your player numbers. This is NOT your ABF number. Each player in every team has been assigned a number. These will be found on the bright orange sheet which will be on your table at the start of play. NS at the home table should enter the player numbers for the players in your own team.

The reason for this is that, if done correctly, the scoring team will produce a summary of the results for each pair in your team, comparing their results against the average score across your section on each board (the datum). These results have no official status and are just for your own interest. It is a service we are happy to be able to provide, but to take advantage of it, it is important that the player numbers are accurately entered each round.

Our observations from recent years show that over 90% of teams sit in the same seats for the whole event. To simplify the process for entering player numbers for these teams, from Round 2 onwards if your team is sitting in the same seats as in Round 1, you may just enter “1” for all four players. The unit will display “same as Round 1” as the player names and the system will correctly record the pairs.

# BRIDGE WIDOWS

We offer hospitality for those partners who do not play bridge. The first function will be at 11:00am Saturday 20th February. Venue will be advised upon nomination with our Hospitality Co-Coordinator, Sue Ziegenfuss. Other activities will be decided at the first function. To nominate, contact:

Sue - gcc[hospitality@qldbridge.com.au](mailto:hospitality@qldbridge.com.au) or 0424 830 158

Lana (m) 0481 187 578 or Ian Wright (m) 0417 194 347 (Golf Only)

Saturday 19th 11.00am-12.00pm **Get together Non-Bridge Partners**

Apt 3204, Air on Broadbeach Cost: Free

Golf days will be discussed at the same time. Arranged by Ian Wright

Sunday 20th 11.15am – 4.30pm **Tropical Fruit World** <https://www.tropicalfruitworld.com.au/>

Ground Floor, Air on Broadbeach Cost: $20 p/p bus only. $48 p/p $39 Concession.

Lunch & Tea costs to be incurred by self.

The world’s largest selection of tropical fruits in one location. Climb aboard a tractor train for a guided tour, discover rare exotic treats, such as Chocolate Pudding fruit, Dragon fruit, Chewing Gum tree and Lemonade fruit. Also, a wild-life boat cruise and fruit tasting. Enjoy lunch in the café with views over the plantation. They also have natural food and beauty products.

Monday 21st 10.30am – 11.30am **Fashion Parade**

Meeting at Change Alley Level one Outside the Barcode café Cost: Free

Tuesday 22nd 10.30am–11.00am **Get together Non-Bridge Partners**

Apt 3204, Air on Broadbeach Cost: Free

Tuesday 22nd 11.00am–4.30pm **Mt Tamborine Skywalk**

<http://www.rainforestskywalk.com.au/>

Apt 3204, Air on Broadbeach Cost: $20 bus. Skywalk $19.90 adult, Seniors $16.50, bring card. Food and drink not included.

Drop off those interested in the shopping – tourist strip and gift shops, then drive to the Tamborine Skywalk. 1.5km walk takes approx. 45 minutes at a leisurely pace. Includes rock pools, butterfly lookout, local history enclosure, sheltered rest areas. On returning time to browse souvenir shop, café. Approx. 2 hours at Skywalk, collect shoppers and home.

Wednesday 23rd  11.00am – 4.30pm **Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary** <https://currumbinsanctuary.com.au/>

Apt 3204, Air on Broadbeach $10 bus, Adult entry $45.00, Seniors/Concession $39.95. Food and drink not included.

World-renowned for its feeding of huge flocks of free-flying wild rainbow lorikeets. Dingo encounters, free flight bird shows and behind the scenes Veterinary and rehabilitation hospital. Drop off, pick up

Thursday 24th 10.45am– 4.30pm **Byron Bay NSW**

Apt 3204, Air on Broadbeach $20 bus return. Lunch at own expense.

Byron Bay is a paradise on the North Coast of NSW. Beautiful beaches, spectacular coastal trails and amazing marine life including dolphins, turtles and whales from the view of the lighthouse. Byron bay is also known for its delicious cafes and restaurants, and vibrant markets

Friday 25th  8.15am **Champagne Breakfast**

Meeting at In-Her Shoes Oasis Shopping Ctr Cost: Free

All welcome to a champagne breakfast where you will receive a 10% discount on certain items. Enter a free draw to win a pair of shoes, to be drawn at the breakfast.

Friday 25th  11am-4.30pm **Sanctuary Cove, Georges Paragon Seafood Restaurant**

Meeting at Air on Broadbeach Cost: $10 for bus. Lunch at own expense

A fun lunch out to Georges, for a Greek seafood experience. All day half price menu available online. Views over the water.

**Other options**:

**Harbour Town -** Visits are also available to Harbour Town, one of Australia’s largest outlet shopping centres with over 240 stores, as well as providing alfresco dining. Harbour Town have their own shuttle buses to and from the Convention Centre at 9.15am & 10.30am, returning 2pm & 5pm. VIP invitations to Harbour Town are available at the get together at apartment 3204, Air on Broadbeach.

**The Paddock Bakery -** Delicious food, with great atmosphere, set in an old weatherboard home with a leafy garden. Renowned for their award-winning breakfasts, lunches and delicious treats such as the crème brûlée doughnut.

20 Hibiscus Haven Miami Qld

# BULLETIN

Andy Hung and Liam Milne are the Bulletin co-editors. The quality of the Bulletin is enhanced with contributions from players of all standards. Quality play, defence or bidding or humorous stories from the tournament or even general comments or criticisms are greatly appreciated. There are many ways to make a submission including:

* see a Bulletin Editor – there is almost ALWAYS one at the venue at any given time
* phone or SMS the number on the header of the Daily Bulletin (0425 101 094)
* send an email to the address on the header of the Daily Bulletin [andygccbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:andygccbulletin@gmail.com) )
* put a submission in the Bulletin Submission box opposite the Administration desk

# BULLETIN RECYCLING

**Helping the environment and keeping the costs down.** There has been an increasing trend for players to read the Daily Bulletin online. This has enabled us to reduce the print runs of the bulletin reducing our carbon footprint and keeping down the costs for you the players. You can further assist by returning any bulletins which you no longer require to the venue allowing us to recycle them, especially from the early days to those players who attend only for the teams.

# BUS - GCC

The Gold Coast Congress Bus will pick up and return visiting players who are residing within a reasonable distance from the Gold Coast Convention Centre.

The bus service is mainly for those who need the service. This year, only pre -bookings will be picked up. To make pre-bookings – contact Barry on 0418 747 078 and book your seat.

Covid Conditions apply.

No pickup from The Star Gold Coast or Freshwater Point Resort.

# CADDY NOTES AND INSTRUCTIONS

**2022 Caddy Dates are Sunday 20th February to Saturday 26th February – 2 sessions each day except the last Saturday where there is one**. A couple of you will be asked to work Saturday 19th February and some will work different sessions than others, some will only be asked to work for three days (our busiest days). I am, however, conscious of family connections and car travelling.

I need to know that you have read this document. Please advise me via email that you have done so.

**Caddy Notes and Instructions**

PLAYERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THEIR MOBILE PHONES DURING SESSION TIMES. STAFF ARE NOT ALLOWED MOBILE PHONES AND THAT MEANS **CADDYS ARE NOT ALLOWED MOBILE PHONES FOR ANY REASON**. Prue (Operations Manager), the Bridge Administration Office or the Congress’s coffee shop (in the foyer) will look after your phone if you are expecting urgent calls.

**CADDYS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE EAR PHONES IN THEIR EARS FOR ANY REASON** as they need to be listening for caddy calls.

A good caddy is one whose section never needs to call for a caddy as **WE LIKE PROACTIVE CADDYS**. A proactive caddy is one who regularly patrols their section recognising fast tables and rather than have them call you, you have boards ready to go on their table.

**FEEL FREE TO BRING A BOOK** however do not get immersed in the book as a good caddy is proactive caddy. There is always something to do so if you are bored and you have not brought reading materials, ask your floor manager for jobs.

**DO NOT LEAVE THE FLOOR FOR ANY REASON WITHOUT YOUR FLOOR MANAGER BEING ADVISED** including toilet visit or coming out to the Admin Office to see me.

**CADDIES CAN BE SEEN BUT NOT HEARD. YOU MUST NOT SPEAK TO A PLAYER UNLESS YOU ARE SPOKEN TO FIRST. DO NOT DISTURB THEM FOR ANY REASON**

**Clothing -** Caddy attire includes a Shirt (Purple colour) provided by me and it is to be worn during the bridge session. The shirt provided is to be handed in at the end of the day for washing and a different shirt will be issued the following day. It is strongly recommended that you wear long shorts/pants (rather than skirt or dress) and enclosed shoes. Short Shorts or Skirts are not appropriate – **all clothing MUST be at least half way down the thigh**. ALL caddies MUST wear covered in **comfortable enclosed shoes** throughout the whole week – runners are perfect. Walking around in bare feet is not allowed – thongs are not considered appropriate and there is a lot of walking. **Caddys will be sent home if they are dressed INAPPROPRIATELY**.

**Hours -** You will need to arrive half an hour before a session especially your first one. Your allocated Floor Manager will advise of starting times. **PLEASE DON’T BE LATE!**

**Pay -** Caddying is not an hourly rate but instead you receive $55 per session – there are two sessions most days. Additional payment for those who are asked to stay behind to assist with set up will be made.

**Parking** – I have limited and minimal free parking – if you car pool with other caddies (2 minimum), I will certainly give you free parking. An alternative is to park at the Casino and walk over. It is free to park at the Casino.

**Caddy Bags -** At the start of the event you will receive a caddy bag which carries what the players may need - system cards, pens and bidding pads. Spare Scoring Booklets for the Event you are caddying should be added to your bag. You will need to have your caddy bag with you throughout each session – When you start the caddy bags will have the required stationery for the first event except scoring book. After that event it is your responsibility to ensure you have the correct stationery for the players. Managers will explain what the stationery is for each event.

**Distributing & Picking Up Boards -** Each caddy will be allocated a section and Floor Manager. Your job is to ensure players always have boards to play. Each event has different board allocation requirements. **LISTEN TO YOUR FLOOR MANAGER** as to distribution of boards. The numbers of the boards change but it is your job to hand them in the numerical order as instructed. **IT IS VITAL THAT THE BOARDS GET HANDED OUT CORRECTLY**.

Once the players have finished with their boards you must go and pick up the boards and put them in the correct order in your boxes. A new round within a session cannot commence until all boards have been found.

**Caddy Calls -** A player will call for a caddy for three reasons (1) when they need a new board or (2) when they need something from your caddy bag or (3) when they need you to fill in as dummy (see elsewhere). When they ask for a new board it is your job to go and find the board they are after. Your Floor Manager will advise you as to where you can get boards from and listen to the players as they usually know which boards they want. Once the players have finished with the board that you have got for them, you will need to return it to the table you took it from. Smokers and Toilet visits are looked after at events with caddys offering to be dummy whilst the player leaves the table. All you have to do is pull the card that the player nominates and turn it after the trick has been played. We will show you, but this is part of the service of being a caddy. However, remember at the end of the session you will not have time to be dummy as there will be lots of caddy calls.

**Director Calls –**If you realise that the player who is calling for the Director is not being heard, you can assist by standing next to the player and calling for the director yourself.

**Turn Overs –** At the end of each event, we need to turn the rooms around. The major turnovers are Monday and Thursday. Additional payment for those who are asked to stay behind to assist with set up will be made.

Water bubblers are located in the playing area.

We generally do NOT invite caddies to the dinner dance HOWEVER if you wish to attend please see me and if there is a vacancy I am more than happy to give you a ticket but this will be at very late notice.

**BRING YOUR LUNCH** On most days you will not have time to go home or across the road between the sessions to get something to eat and we do not supply meals on any of the days, please be prepared. There is a snack bar at the Centre which is costly. Please bring your own food or there are snack food stores across the way, but you may not have time to access these. We will have a fridge and a microwave for staff use and we will advise their location once you start.

Caddies usually come back for a second go so it is enjoyable especially if you do the right thing by your floor manager.

Please note – do not bring any expensive items on to the premises as there is nowhere to store valuables when you are busy. I am contactable throughout the whole congress – if you have any problems, **my number is 0412064903** - Kim Ellaway, Manager.

# CALENDAR 2022

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| **Fri 18 Feb** | **Sat 19 Feb** | **Sun 20 Feb** | **Mon 21 Feb** | **Tue 22 Feb** | **Wed 23 Feb** | **Thu 24 Feb** | **Fri 25 Feb** | **Sat 26 Feb** |
|  | Bobby Richman Pairs Championship | | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs | | Monday Butler Pairs |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Rookie  0-10 MP Pairs |  |  |  | Rookie  0-10 MP Pairs |  |  |
| No Frills Walk-in | Walk-in Pairs | Walk-in Pairs | Walk-in Pairs | Walk-in Pairs | Walk-in Pairs | Walk-in Pairs | Walk-in Pairs | Walk-in Pairs |
|  |  |  |  | Teams Championship | | | Teams Finals | Open Teams Final |
|  |  |  |  | 0-50 Masterpoint Pairs | 0-50 #1&2 Masterpoint Pairs | 0-50 #1&2 Masterpoint Pairs | Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Seres McMahon Pairs |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Friday Novice Pairs |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Dinner Dance** |

# CATEGORIES - TEAMS

All teams should have nominated their categories when submitting their entry.

Please check to see you are entered correctly into the various categories as once winners are announced, no correspondence will be entered into.

Teams nominating for the Women's or Seniors' categories are NOT eligible to qualify to the Open Finals Series.

**Open** Categories: Men’s, Seniors’, Women’s, Mixed\*, Overseas and Queensland

**Under 1500** MPs Categories: Same sex and Mixed\*

**Intermediate** Categories: Same sex, Mixed\* and Queensland

**Restricted** Categories: Same sex, Mixed\* and Queensland

**Novice** Categories: Same sex and Mixed\*

*\*Mixed category requires at least 1 male and 1 female player*

# CELEBRITY SPEAKERS

<https://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/2020/speakersV5.pdf>

The GCC Celebrity Speakers Seminars are held upstairs opposite the office.

**Min $5** contribution to ABF Youth Bridge (Free entry to Youth Players).

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| Saturday  2.00-2.45pm | Paul Marston | **Improve your bidding judgement**  Four tips that will help you to become an expert bidder  • Choosing between two trump suits (4-4 v 5-3 and the  Vondracek Phenomenon)  • When to grab the contract  • When to bid super-tight games  • When to prefer notrumps ahead of a proven major suit fit | Multi-Level |
|  | | **Paul Marston** has won more than 50 open national titles and his books have sold more than 500,000 copies. | |

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| Sunday  9.30-10.15am | Joan Butts | **Major Suit Raises- a vital decision**  Whether you play a part score, game or slam is often based on responder’s decision when showing support for opener’s major. The number of trumps, the shortages, and the overall quality of the hand all impact on the bid responder chooses. | Multi-Level |
|  | | **Joan Butts** has represented Australia in world championships. Quarter finalist 2018 South West Pacific Teams at the Summer Festival of Bridge. Her passion is bridge education.  As the Australian Bridge Federation’s National Teaching Coordinator, Joan trains teachers, introducing them to the latest methods in bridge education. | |
| Monday  2 sessions (repeat)  11.30 -12.15  12.30 – 1.15 | Andy Hung | **Expert Tips on Opening Leads** (With lead problems that Andy has faced in international tournaments!)  If you find yourself stressing on Opening Lead dilemmas, come to Andy’s talk and he will give some insightful tips! | Multi-Level |
|  | | **Andy Hung** is a professional bridge player and teacher who has represented Australia at both Youth and Open competitions. He has won several Australian National titles and is once again on the Australian Open team for 2020. He thoroughly enjoys teaching bridge at all levels, and regularly runs bridge holidays. | |
| Tuesday  9.30-10.15am | Laura Ginnan & Pete Hollands | **Tricks for not falling into card play traps**  If you feel like you are always one trick off the pace you might be making some common card play errors. Come along to find out what they are and clean them out of your game. | Multi-Level |
|  | | **Laura Ginnan & Pete Hollands** are Melbourne based profession-al bridge players and teachers. Pete represented Australia at the Bermuda Bowl | |
| Thursday  9.30-10.15am | William Jenner-O’Shea | **Handling Interference After Our 1NT** (And Interfering with Theirs)  How to compete to the best contract and bid your games after your 1NT gets overcalled. Will also discusses the most effective ways to interfere with their 1NT and some additional NT responses that you may not already play. | Multi-Level |
|  | | **Will Jenner-O’Shea** has been teaching bridge for over 10 years. He has taught hundreds of Beginners and thousands of Intermediate and Advanced players. Will has taught at most of the largest Clubs in Sydney, as well as presented bridge lessons during various National Events. He has represented Australia and won several National events. | |
| Thursday  2.00-2.45pm | Kim Frazer | **Gaining the mental edge at Bridge**  Kim will discuss one of the themes from her newly published book, Match Pressure, together with some real-life situations and hands which are featured in the book. | Multi-Level |
|  | | **Kim Frazer** represented Australia on numerous occasions in target shooting winning numerous Australian titles and other awards. She first represented Australia in Bridge in 2018 as a member of the Australian Women’s Team. | |

# CHARITY 2022 – ZEPHYR FOUNDATION

Please see [**ZEPHYR FOUNDATION**](#_ZEPHYR_FOUNDATION_(2016)

# CHECK IN QLD APP

All players will need to check in daily using the Check In Qld app.

# CLOSING TIMES FOR ENTRIES FOR EVENTS

All events except Friday events (mentioned below) close 24 hours before the event starts.

Friday events:

**Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs** Thursday 2.30pm

**Friday Novice Pairs** Thursday 2.30pm

**Swiss McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs** Thursday 2.30pm

Any player making changes to their entries at the venue will be charged an administration fee of $10 per player.

# COFFEE AND TEA

As a service to participants the event will be operating a tea and coffee service. Coffee is made from freshly ground coffee beans with fresh milk and will cost $4 a cup (additional $2.50 for an extra shot) and cookies at $3.00 each. The service will start around one hour before play and continue until late into the last session of the day. Please understand that the service is run for the benefit of players by volunteers. Correct change is a blessing but not essential.

# COLOUR CODING FOR SECTIONS

For player convenience, playing areas will be colour coded for the whole event through the use of coloured tablecloths and matching coloured flag. This will help to identify your section, results and playing area.

* **Open** Area will be dressed up in Light and Dark Blue
* **Under 1500** Teams, **Saturday to Monday Walk Ins** and **Seres McMahon** in Pink
* **Intermediate** in Light and Dark Yellow
* **Restricted** will be in Light and Dark Green
* **Novice Pairs/Teams and Friday Novice** in Purple
* **Rookies** in Fuchsia
* **0-50** in Fuchsia
* **Open Matchpoint Swiss Pairs, Open Monday Butler and Walk Ins Tuesday to Saturday** in Orange
* **0-500 Matchpoint Swiss Pairs and 0-500 Monday Butler** in Maroon

Coloured Flags will identify your seating, section results and the areas that you

play within.

# CONGRESS SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS 2022

System regulations are published on the website after 1 January 2022.

<https://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/2020/systemRegulations.pdf>

**Supplementary regulations** are published on the website after 1 February 2022.Please refer to this link: <https://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/2020/2020GCCSupplementaryRegulations.pdf>

# CONTACTS FOR GCC STAFF

For a complete list of the GCC contacts, refer to this link:

[**http://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/contacts.php**](http://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/contacts.php). The main contacts are:

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| **General Enquiries** | Kim and Ray Ellaway (07) 3351 8602, 0412 064 903 [manager@qldbridge.com](mailto:manager@qldbridge.com).au |
| **Tournament Organiser** | Tim Runting 0458 448 765 [gccconvenor@qldbridge.com.au](mailto:gccconvenor@qldbridge.com.au) |
| **Partnership Enquiries** | Toni Bardon Mobile 0401 082 054 [tmbardon@hotmail.com](mailto:tmbardon@hotmail.com)  Or signup at Partnership Desk on MyABF for each event |
| **Accommodation Enquiries** | Di Hodges 0439 764 658 [dihodges1954@gmail.com](mailto:dihodges1954@gmail.com) |
| **Entry Enquiries**  **Chief Director**  **New Zealand enquiries**  **Hospitality** | Pele Rankin 0439 949 060 [gccentries@qldbridge.com](mailto:gccentries@qldbridge.com).au  Dr Laurie Kelso 0412 559 171 [lskelso@ihug.com.au](mailto:lskelso@ihug.com.au)  Alister Stuck [acs@inspire.net.nz](mailto:acs@inspire.net.nz) (06) 358 3449  Sue Ziegenfuss [gcchospitality@qlbridge.com.au](mailto:gcchospitality@qlbridge.com.au) 0424 830 158 |

# CORRECTION OF SCORES

**Scoring Area Phone Number is 0456587765 – accepts text messages only**

After each session, a printout of the results for each pair or team will be made available. For the last session of a stage of an event, you may obtain a copy on request from the Scoring Enquiries Desk – located in the Administration Office during the pairs and outside the playing area thereafter.

If you believe that there is a mistake, you need to follow this procedure:

1. on the board where you believe that there was an error, agree with your opponents that the score was entered incorrectly;

2. make the correction on your printout and have them sign it;

3. give the corrected printout to the Scoring Liaison Officer, Toni Bardon, under the sign “SCORING ENQUIRIES” next to the Scoring Room. She will check that you have provided all the necessary information. The correction will be made by the scorers during the following session and a new personal printout will be made available for you to collect.

Agreed scoring errors need to be advised within the scoring correction period for the session in which the error occurred. The scoring correction periods are displayed prominently near the scoreboards. At the conclusion of the scoring correction period, scores become final and, under the Laws of Bridge, no further changes can be made. **This is critical for the last rounds** when the correction period is limited, and scorers may not pick up anomalies. You are responsible for your own actions - or lack thereof.

# COURTESY BUS

The Gold Coast Congress Bus will pick up and return visiting players who are residing within a reasonable distance from the Gold Coast Convention Centre.

The bus service is mainly for those who need the service. This year, only pre -bookings will be picked up. To make pre-bookings – contact Barry on 0418 747 078 and book your seat.

Covid Conditions apply.

No pickup from The Star Gold Coast or Freshwater Point Resort.

# COVID

GCCEC Covid Safeplan applies and the Gold Coast Congress Event Covid Safeplan applies.

# DATES FOR FUTURE YEARS

Friday 17th February – Saturday 25th February 2023

# DINNER DANCE

Saturday 26th February 7.30pm.

Table Lists can be collected from the Dinner Dance Table next to the Scoring Area. Table sizes are for 10 guests and unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate larger tables than 10. Numbers will be restricted to 350 people. Please advise us of any special dietary requirement when making your booking.

Please return your form before 5:00pm Wednesday 23rd February. Seating allocation will be based on the time of lodgement of your form.

To help us in providing you with the best possible food, wine and entertainment at the GCC, as well as eliminating the waste of no shows, we are asking all participants in the Gold Coast Congress other than the Walk-In Duplicates to contribute $20. Non- players are asked to pay $50. No tickets will be issued. Your table allocation will be posted on boards next to the dining hall doors.

The evening includes a 3-course meal, prize giving, and the return of the fabulous “Captain Wow” to dance the night away.

Pre-dinner drinks will be served in the GCCEC foyer from 7.00pm, followed by dinner at 7.30pm with doors opening at 7.20pm.

Only first prizes to be presented and only for: Pairs Championships (4 divisions), Teams Championships (5 divisions) and Ivy Dahler (3 divisions). First in Open Pairs and Open Teams will be announced even if players not there to collect.

The GCCEC has strict guidelines regarding its liquor licence and the responsible serving of alcohol. Under no circumstances can alcohol be brought onto the premises for consumption at the dinner dance, nor can any alcohol purchased at the GCC Dinner be taken from the premises during or after the event. No alcohol will be served to those under 18, or the drunk and disorderly. Please refer to GCCEC website for its policy on the responsible serving of alcohol. <http://www.gccec.com.au/>responsible service alcohol.

Should you have any further questions regarding the dinner dance, please go to the Dinner Dance desk in the Office.

# DIRECTOR, CHIEF TOURNAMENT

Laurie Kelso is the Chief Tournament Director

# DIRECTORS GET TOGETHER

<http://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/2019/directorsMeeting.pdf>

A Directors get-together will be conducted by Chris Snook on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 from 8.30am to 9.45am upstairs in Meeting Room 12 opposite administration office. Enquiries: Chris Snook 0413136435 [chris@snook.id.au](mailto:chris@snook.id.au)

# DISCOUNT ACCOMMODATION - YOUTH BRIDGE PLAYERS

The Gold Coast Congress offers heavily subsidised accommodation in holiday units to youth(ish) players. The cost is:

* $17 a night for those born in 1997 or later
* $27 a night for older youths (up to 32 years or so)

Capricornia Apartments <https://www.capricornia.com.au/> have air-conditioning in the living area (fans in bedrooms) and a fully equipped kitchen. The complex is a short stroll to the venue (and is even closer to the beach). It has a pool, BBQ area, tennis court, complimentary boogie boards, spa and sauna.

For details, or to book, contact Jessica Brake at [jessicabrake@hotmail.com](mailto:jessicabrake@hotmail.com), 0414 134 888, or via a Facebook message. Accommodation is limited. Preference is given to those born in 1997 or later, or to older youths not in full time employment.

# DISCOUNT ENTRY FEES - YOUTH BRIDGE PLAYERS

All players born on or after 1 January 2004 are entitled to free entry. If free-entry Youth wins a cash prize, half the value of entry fee to be deducted before payment.

All players born on or after 1 January 1997 are entitled to a 50% discount.

Your state-based bridge association or local bridge club may also offer a subsidy – it doesn’t hurt to ask!

# DISCOUNT PERIOD FINISHING DAY

The $10 discount per person for most entry fees applies if prepaid by midnight Monday 7th February 2022. No discount for Rookie Pairs and Under 50 Masterpoint pairs.

# DOCTOR

During session time, if you need a doctor or medical assistance you can contact Kim Ellaway through the Administration Desk. Kim will direct you to the inhouse Doctor.

Outside of session time, contact the Broadbeach Medical Centre on 07-5531-6344, Suite GO1, 2681 Gold Coast Highway Broadbeach. Please note they do not bulk bill.  After-hours service: National Home Doctors Service on 137425 who do bulk bill.

# DRAW FOR NEXT ROUND PAGE

The draw for the next round in the Teams and Swiss Pairs events will be published on the web at the same time it is displayed on the projector screens at the venue. So, if you are “connected” you can check your standings and the draw online.

# DRESS UP THEME DAY

The theme for this year’s event is ***DIAMONDS***. Celebrate our 60th year and wear your most colourful costume. Sessions for dress up are Wednesday morning and afternoon.

# ELIGIBILITY

General eligibility\* is based on awards processed as officially released by the ABF in October 2021. Players must individually meet the eligibility criteria to compete in the events. This includes Team/Pair events where all players must be under the stated masterpoint range or age as per below.

Overseas players may enter Novice, Restricted and Intermediate events, however, they must quote their local registration number and be eligible to play in equivalent events in their own country.

Grand Slam players must state their rating when entering, eligibility includes under 54% for Novice, 56% and under for Restricted, and 59% and under for Intermediate events and 62% and under for the Under 1500 event.

A player may not have previously won two or more ABF events with the same masterpoint restriction, or higher, as the one entered. Notwithstanding, players who have already entered a restricted category at the time of winning their second such ABF event will be deemed eligible. Winners of events restricted by masterpoints cannot play in the identical event in subsequent years.

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| **CATEGORY** | **GENERAL ELIGIBILITY** | **NZ ELIGIBILITY** |
| **0-10MP’s (Rookie)** | Under 10 MPs as at 30/9/2021\* | Novice as at 30/09/2021 |
| **0-50 MP’s** | Under 50 MPs as at 30/9/2021\* | Certificate of Proficiency or lower as at 30/09/2020 |
| **NOVICE** | Under 100 MPs as at 30/9/2021\* | Club Master or lower as at 30/09/2020 |
| **RESTRICTED** | Under 300 MPs as at 30/9/2021\* | Provincial or lower as at 30/09/2020 |
| **0-500 MP’s** | Under 500 MPs as at 30/9/2021\* | Master or lower as at 30/09/2021 |
| **INTERMEDIATE** | Under 750 MPs as at 30/9/2021\* | Master or lower as at 30/09/2021 |
| **0-1500 MP’s** | Under 1500 MPs as at 30/9/2021\* | Life Master or lower as at 30/9/21 |
| **MIXED** | Required to have at least 1 male and 1 female player | |
| **SENIORS’** | Must be born prior to 01/01/1961 | |
| **YOUTH** | Must be born on or after 01/01/1997 | |

Players born on or after 01/01/2004 (under 18 years) and born on or before 01/01/1922 (over 100 years) are entitled to free entry - courtesy of Gold Coast Congress. Players born on or after 01/01/1997 (under 25 years)are entitled to a 50% discount. Please advise DOB when entering (ABF Policy).

# ENTERING

[**https://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/2020/gcc2020\_V03.pdf**](https://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/2020/gcc2020_V03.pdf)

On-line entering with MyABF is the preferred and only option to enter. Pele from Entries, and Kim and Ray from Enquiries can assist in these areas.

Pele Rankin: gccentries@qldbridge.com.au m: 0439 949 060

Kim & Ray Ellaway: manager@qldbridge.com.au m: 0412 064 903 p: (07) 3351 8602

# ENTRIES

Please ensure you get your entries in and remember they need to be paid by 7th February 2022 to receive the early bird discount. Never rely solely on your team-mates to do it for you.

MyABF is the preferred option for entering. Pele, Kim, and Ray are available to assist.

Entries close 24 hours prior to event start for all events. Late entries for Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs, Seres McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs and Friday Novice Pairs will be accepted up to 2.30pm on Thursday 24th February 2022. Any changes to entries to these events will be charged an administration fee of $10 per player. QBA reserves the right not to accept late entries and also reject entries without assigning cause.

**Online** **entries** close 48 hours prior to event. Phone entries may be accepted up to 24 hours prior to play starting, however for events on Friday and Saturday, entries will be accepted until 2.30pm on Thursday 24th February.

Refunds are automatically given to those pairs who qualify for teams final. Youth players claiming a reduction in fees must disclose DOB at time of entry.

# ENTRY DISCOUNTS

Youth Players and Senior Players are entitled to free entry (see DOB eligibility details in table below). GCC Prize Money Policy applies. Players born on or after 1 January 1997 (under 25 years) are entitled to a 50% discount. Players claiming a discount must disclose DOB at time of entry (ABF Policy). Early Bird Prices only apply if entry payment is received by 7 February 2022.

# ENTRY FEES

Entry Fees – A few players, because of extenuating circumstances, have not been able to pre-pay their entry fee. If this means YOU, then please proceed to Bridge Administration Desk and take care of the matter. **Your team or pair cannot commence play if an entry fee is unpaid**.

Entry Fees for the events are as follows –

* Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs: $260 p/pair ($240 if paid by 7/2)
* Bobby Richman Pairs Championship: $310 p/pair ($290 if paid by 7/2)
* Monday Butler Swiss Pairs: $150 p/pair ($130 if paid by 7/2)
* Teams Championships: $740 p/team ($700 if paid by 7/2)
* Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs: $210 p/pair ($190 if paid by 7/2)

Rookie Pairs (No discount): $50 p/pair per session

* 0 - 50 Masterpoint Pairs (1 session): $50 p/pair x Tuesday

(No discount) (2 sessions): $90 p/pair x Wednesday

$90 p/pair x Thursday

* Seres-McMahon

Match Point Swiss Pairs: $150 per/pair ($130 if paid by 7/2)

* Friday Novice Pairs: $150 per pair ($130 if paid by 7/2)
* Walk In Pairs: $15 per player (Pay at table)

Players born on or after 1 January 2004 (under 18 years) and born on or before 1 January 1922 (over 100 years) are entitled to free entry - courtesy of Gold Coast Congress. Players born on or after 1 January 1997 (under 25 years) are entitled to a 50% discount. Please advise DOB when entering (ABF Policy).

If you have not paid, you must see Pele at the Bridge Administration Desk before play starts. Entry to the Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs, Seres McMahon Swiss Pairs and Friday Novice Pairs will be accepted up to 2.30pm on Thursday.

**Early bird discount of $10.00 applies to each person for most events if entry and entry fee is received prior to midnight Monday 7th February 2022.**

# ENTRY FORM

Access the 2022 entry form here: Link TBA

# ENTRY REFERNCE NUMBER

This is the number allocated when an on-line entry is made. This number is used by each member of a pair or team when paying the entry fee separately so that each payment may be matched to the original entry.

# EVENT ORGANISERS

Tournament organiser – Tim Runting

Chief Tournament Director –Dr Laurie Kelso

Chief Scorer – Matthew McManus

# EVENT INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

**OPEN:** Carries ABF Open Playoff Points. Swiss Pairs Events do not carry playoff points.

**SENIORS:** Open to players born prior to 1st January 1961.

**YOUTH**: Open to players born after 1st January 1997.

**0-1500:** Open to players who have not attained 1500 MPs as at 30 Sept 2021

**INTERMEDIATE:** Open to players who have not attained 750 MPs as at 30 Sept 2021

**0-500 MP**s: Open to players who have not attained 500 MPs as at 30 Sept 2021

**RESTRICTED:** Open to players who have not attained 300 MPs as at 30 Sept 2021

**NOVICE:** Open to players who have not attained 100 MP’s as at 30 Sept 2021

**UNDER 50 MP:** Open to players who have not attained 50 MPs as at 30 Sept 2021

**ROOKIE:** Open to players who have not attained 10 MP’s as at 30 Sept 2021

# EVENTS FOR NOVICE PLAYERS

Please refer to [**NOVICE EVENTS**](#_NOVICE_EVENTS) or the following link: TBA

# FINALISTS

Those teams qualifying for a berth in the Finals series of the Teams Championships in all sections do so only on the condition that they are willing and available to progress to the conclusion of their respective events.

For the Intermediate, Restricted and Novice - If one or two teams are not available the play off for the finals to be given to third and/or fourth place.  If no two teams are available, the team willing to participate in the finals series to be given the title and prizemoney with the runner up to be given second place status.

At the end of Round 12 of the Teams Qualifying, teams nominating for the Women's or Seniors' categories are **NOT** **eligible** to qualify to the Open Finals Series.

At the end of Round 12 in the Open Teams field, the two highest placed eligible **Seniors’ teams** will qualify to a 48 board Final on Friday, February 25th.

At the end of Round 12 in the Open Teams field, the two highest placed eligible **Women’s teams** will qualify to a 48 board Final on Friday, February 25th.

# FINALS INCLUDING TOP 4 AND SEMI FINALS

The top 2 from each field of Intermediate, Restricted and Novice teams will play in finals beginning at 10.00 am on Friday. The top 6 in the Open Field will play finals on Friday and then the top 2 on Saturday.

**OPEN - TOP 6 AT END OF MATCH 12**

Round of 4 - 3rd to 6th

Friday 9:00am 24 Boards (2x12 Board Stanzas)

Losing teams in the round of 4 do not feed into the Ivy Dahler Pairs. Pairs may choose to play in the Walk In Pairs.

**OPEN - SEMI FINAL**

1st, 2nd and winners of the Round of 4

Friday 2:00pm 36 Boards (3x12 Board Stanzas)

**OPEN - FINAL**

Saturday 9:00am 48 Boards (4x12 Board Stanzas)

**NOVICE, RESTRICTED, INTERMEDIATE**

Top 2 at the end of Match 12

Friday 10:00am 48 Boards (4x12 Board Stanzas)

**SENIORS’/WOMEN’S - FINAL**

Top 2 at the end of Match 12 in the Open Teams field

Friday 10:00am 48 Boards (4x12 Board Stanzas)

# FINDING US ONLINE

For more information, visit our website or find us on Facebook**:**

[www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc](http://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc)

# <https://www.facebook.com/Gold-Coast-Bridge-Congress-126609190720551>

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Please refer to this link as it may answer your question: TBA

# GOLD POINTS

Gold points are awarded for all events except Walk In Pairs.

For further information regarding masterpoint allocation, please refer to [MASTERPOINTS - WALK-IN PAIRS RED AND ALL OTHER EVENTS INCLUDING ROOKIES AND 0-50MPS ARE GOLD MASTERPOINT](#_MASTERPOINTS_-_WALK-IN)

# HAND SANITISER

Hand Sanitiser will be supplied by the GCCEC in various places in the building.  GCC will also do the same.

# HELP BEFORE PLAY

Help will be available as follows:

Rookies Sunday 20th February play starts 10.00am help from 9.00am

Thursday 24th February play starts 10.00am help from 9.00am

Under 50s Tuesday 22nd February play starts 10.00am help from 9.30am

Wednesday 23rd February play starts 10.00am help from 9.30am

Thursday 24th February play starts 10.00am help from 9.30am

Novices Saturday 19th February Novice Pairs start 10.00am help from 9.30am

Tuesday 22nd February Novice Teams start 10.00am help from 9.30am

Friday 25th February Novice Pairs starts 10am help from 9.30am

Assistance will be available for filling out system cards, helping you find your seat & working out where you go, where the boards move and using Bridgemates etc. We can also assist with any queries regarding alerting or anything else you might like to know, but also refer to the timetable of activities. Helpers can be identified by

their bright yellow fluorescent jackets.

# HELP BEFORE PLAY VOLUNTEERS

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| Date | Day | Event | Help from | Play Starts | Volunteers |
| 19/02/2022 | Saturday | BR Novice Pairs | 9.30am | 10.00am | Mick Fawcett, Lyn Tracey, Richard Fox |
| 20/02/2022 | Sunday | Rookies | 9.00am | 10.00am | Lorraine King, Helen Standfast, Mick Fawcett |
| 22/02/2022 | Tuesday | Novice Teams | 9.30am | 10.00am | Kathy Males, Warren Males, Craig Francis |
| 22/02/2022 | Tuesday | 0-50s | 9.30am | 10.00am | Jim Evans, Pamela Evans, Phil Hale |
| 23/02/2022 | Wednesday | 0-50s | 9.30am | 10.00am | Richard Fox, Rachel Langdon, Craig Francis |
| 24/02/2022 | Thursday | 0-50s | 9.30am | 10.00am | Jessica Brake Presentation, Jim and Pamela Evans |
| 24/02/2022 | Thursday | Rookies | 9.00am | 10.00am | Kathy Males, Warren Males, Craig Francis |
| 25/02/2022 | Friday | Novice Pairs | 9.30am | 10.00am | Mick Fawcett, Lyn Tracey, Phil Hale |

# HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT AND KEEPING COSTS DOWN

There has been an increasing trend for players to read the Daily Bulletin online. This has enabled us to reduce the print runs of the bulletin reducing our carbon footprint and keeping down the costs for you the players. You can further assist by returning any bulletins which you no longer require to the venue allowing us to recycle them, especially from the early days to those players who attend only for the teams.

# HOSPITALITY

Hospitality is held in the Convener’s Unit daily usually after the afternoon’s play in the pairs and after the last match during the teams.  The Convener, at times, allows other officers to host hospitality sessions.

# HOUSE TEAMS AND PAIRS

Any nominations are welcomed in the event that House Teams or Pairs are required. House players are eligible to win prizes and master points.

# IMPORTANT POINTS

* Gold Points are awarded in all events except Walk-in Pairs
* List of prizes are published on the website after 1st January 2022
* System regulations are published on website after 1st January 2022
* Supplementary regulations are published on website after 1st February 2022
* Seating for Pairs and Teams Championships are available on website 24 hours prior to event
* Supplementary Gold Coast Congress Compendium updated regularly as information comes to hand

# INDIVIDUAL PLAYER RESULTS

Individual player results are available on the Results page of the GCC website.

# INTERMEDIATE ELIGIBILITY

Open to players who have not attained 750 MP’s as at 30 September 2021.

# LATE ENTRIES IVY DAHLER BUTLER PAIRS, SERES MCMAHON SWISS MATCHPOINT PAIRS AND FRIDAY NOVICE PAIRS

Entries for the end-of-week events (Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs, Sere McMahon Swiss Pairs and Friday Novice Pairs) close at **2.30pm Thursday**.

To relieve the pressure on the Administration Desk at this time, and to cut down on the queues, we are leaving the web site on-line entries open right up until **2.30pm Thursday** for players wishing to enter and pay on-line by credit card. The QBA reserves the right not to accept late entries and reject entries without assigning cause.

You will still be able to pay at the Administration Desk using cash, cheque, or credit card. Changes to existing entries (different players, changing events, cancellations etc.) will need to be done at the Administration Desk. Any changes to entries to these events will be charged an administration fee of $10 per player.

Avoid the queues and enter on-line using your iPad, notebook or smartphone. If you make the finals, you will automatically receive a refund.

# LOLLIES

Available at office and scoring area (not available at coffee shop). May not be available in 2022 due to Covid guidelines.

# LUNCHES

The Convention Centre Kiosk, The Combi, will sell a few sandwiches, salads and sausage rolls. We recommend you pre-order lunch to avoid long queues. Alternatively, here are some suggestions nearby from the GCCEC - <https://www.gccec.com.au/coffee-calling.html>.

# MASTERPOINTS

Walk-In Pairs are awarded Red Masterpoints.

All other events including Rookies and 0-50mps are awarded Gold Masterpoints.

**Masterpoint Awards: Gold in main events, red for walk-ins**

Weekend Swiss Matchpoint Pairs - Open 0.36 gold masterpoints for each win

Weekend Swiss Matchpoint Pairs – 0-500 0.29 gold masterpoints for each win

Monday Swiss Butler Pairs - Open 0.36 gold masterpoints for each win

Monday Swiss Butler Pairs – 0-500 0.29 gold masterpoints for each win

Open Teams 1.12 gold masterpoints for each win

Intermediate Teams 0.50 gold masterpoints for each win

Restricted Teams 0.41 gold masterpoints for each win

Novice Teams 0.36 gold masterpoints for each win

Open Butler Swiss Pairs 0.64 gold masterpoints for each win

Intermediate Butler Swiss Pairs 0.29 gold masterpoints for each win

Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs 0.23 gold masterpoints for each win

0-50 MPs Butler Swiss Pairs 0.16 gold masterpoints for each win

Seres McMahon MP Swiss Pairs 0.32 gold masterpoints for each win

Friday Novice Pairs 0.21 gold masterpoints for each win

Substantial awards for outright places (top half of field in pairs, top third of field in Teams and Swiss pairs). All Masterpoint awards are subject to final field size.

# MINOR SPONSORS

Voucher Sponsors are entitled to free advertisements.  A  $50 voucher is entitled to an advertisement equivalent to the size of 1/6th of a page.  $500 of vouchers will provide a daily advertisement of the same size.

# NEW ZEALAND MASTERPOINT CONVERSION

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| **CATEGORY** | **NZ ELIGIBILITY** |
| **Rookie** | Novice as at 30/09/2021 |
| **Under 50** | Certificate of Proficiency or lower as at 30/09/2021 |
| **NOVICE** | Club Master or lower as at 30/09/2021 |
| **RESTRICTED** | Provincial or lower as at 30/09/2021 |
| **0-500 MP’s** | Master or lower as at 30/09/2021 |
| **INTERMEDIATE** | Master or lower as at 30/09/2021 |
| **Under 1500** | Life Master or lower as at 30/09/2021 |
| **SENIORS** | Born prior to 01/01/1961 |
| **Youth** | Born after or on 01/01/1997 |

# NIGHT PLAY

No night bridge apart from No Frills Walk In

# NO FRILLS WALK-IN PAIRS

Friday 18th February 6pm – 6.15pm Staggered start

# NOVICE ELIGIBILITY

Open to players who have not attained 100 MP’s as at 30 September 2021.

# NOVICE AND ROOKIE ACTIVITIES

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| **NOVICE & ROOKIE ACTIVITY** | **VENUE** | **DATE/TIME** |
| **GCC Novice Pairs Welcome**  Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc | Maroon Tablecloths  Main Playing Area | Saturday 19th  Help from 9.30am |
| **GCC Rookie Pairs Welcome**  Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc | Fuchsia Tablecloths  Main Playing Area | Sunday 20th  Help from 9.30am |
| **GCC 0-50 MP Welcome**  Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc | Fuchsia Tablecloths  Main Playing Area | Tuesday 22nd  Help from 9.30am |
| **GCC Novice Teams Welcome**  Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc | Maroon Tablecloths  Main Playing Area | Tuesday 22nd  Help from 9.30am |
| **GCC 0-50 MP Welcome**  Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc | Fuchsia Tablecloths  Main Playing Area | Wednesday 23rd  Help from 9.30am |
| **GCC Rookie Pairs Welcome**  Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc | Fuchsia Tablecloths  Main Playing Area | Thursday 24th  Help from 9.00am |
| **GCC 0-50 MP Welcome**  Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc | Fuchsia Tablecloths  Main Playing Area | Thursday 24th  Help from 9.30am |
| **GCC Novice Pairs Welcome**  Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc | Maroon Tablecloths  Main Playing Area | Friday 25th  Help from 9.30am |

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# NOVICE EVENTS

**ROOKIE PAIRS – under 10 masterpoints** (2 separate events)

Sunday 20th Feb 10.00am (min 24 boards) finish approx. 1.45pm, $50 per pair

Thursday 24th Feb 10.00am (min 24 boards) finish approx. 1.45pm. $50 per pair

**0-50 MASTERPOINT PAIRS**

Tuesday 22nd Feb 10.00am (min 24 boards) finish approx. 1.45pm

Wednesday 23rd Feb - 2 session event 10:00am & 2.30pm finish 5.45pm approx. (must play both sessions)

Thursday 24th Feb - 2 session event 10:00am & 2.30pm finish 5.45pm approx. (must play both sessions)

$50 per pair for Tuesday and $90.00 per pair for Wednesday and Thursday

**Small tea break will be held during sessions of 0-50 and 0-10 masterpoint sessions**

**FRIDAY NOVICE PAIRS – under 100 masterpoints**

Friday 25th Feb 10am & 2pm (2 sessions) finish approx. 5.15pm

$150 per pair ($130 if prepaid by 7/2)

**NOVICE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP – under 100 masterpoints**

5 sessions must play all

Sat 19th Feb 10.00am & 2.30pm finish approx. 5.45pm

Sun 20th Feb 10.00am & 2.30pm finish approx. 5.45pm

Mon 21st Feb 10.00am finish approx. 1.30 pm

$310 PER PAIR ($290 if prepaid by 7/2)

**NOVICE TEAMS – under 100 masterpoints - 12 matches**

Tue 22nd Feb, 10:00am & 2.30pm (4 matches) finish 6.00 pm approx.

Wed 23rd Feb, 10:00am & 2.30pm (4 matches) finish 6.00 pm approx.

Thu 24th Feb, 10:00am & 2.30pm (4 matches) finish 6.00 pm approx.

$740 PER TEAM ($700 if prepaid by 7/2)

(Top 2 at the end of match 12 play the finals at 10am Fri 25th Feb – 4 x 12 board stanzas)

# NOVICE HELP BEFORE PLAY

Help will be on hand one hour before the start of play for all 0-50, Rookie and half an hour before play for Novice players. Assistance will be available for filling out system cards, helping you find your seat & working out where you go, where the boards move and using Bridgemates etc. We can also assist with any queries regarding alerting or anything else you might like to know, but also refer to the timetable of activities. Helpers can be identified by their bright yellow fluorescent jackets.

Novice Teams Tue 22nd Feb play starts 10.00am - help from 9.30am

Novice Pairs Fri 25th Feb play starts 10.00am - help from 9.30am

# ONLINE ENTRIES

Enter online via MyABF <https://www.myabf.com.au/>. Online entries close 48 hours prior to event. Phone entries may be accepted up to 24 hours prior to play starting, however for events on Friday 25th February, entries will be accepted until 2.30pm on Thursday 24th February.

# ONSITE PERSONNEL

Attending the congress during the tournament will be:

**Australian Bridge Federation:**

Alison Stralow – President

Bruce Neill - ABF President Emeritus

Kim Frazer - Secretary

Mark Guthrie - **National Technology Officer**

Jane Rasmussen – Secretariat

Peter Cox – Head of Marketing

Joan Butts – National Teacher Coordinator

Richard Wallis – Management

Dr Laurie Kelso - Joint National Event Coordinator and Secretary of WBF Laws Committee

Matthew McManus – Joint National Event Coordinator

Peter Reynolds – A/Chairman ABF Tournament Committee

Andy Hung – Bulletin Editor, ABF What should I bid

Ben Thompson – Zone 7 President, WBF Management

**New Zealand Bridge**:                                     Allan Morris – Chairman NZ Bridge

                                                                         Alister Stuck–Secretary – NZ Bridge

**IBPA**

David Stern – Executive Vice President International Bridge Press Association; Member World Bridge Federation Youth Committee

Liam Milne – Executive member of the International Bridge Press Association, Bulletin Editor

Richard Solomon - Executive member of the International Bridge Press Association, Bulletin Editor

Geo Tislevol - Executive member of the International Bridge Press Association, Bulletin Editor

# OPEN PAIRS and TEAMS PLAYOFF POINTS

[**http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/pqp/standings/2020/2020\_PQP\_Table.html**](http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/pqp/standings/2020/2020_PQP_Table.html)

Open Pairs Championship carries ABF Open Playoff Points. Swiss Pairs Events do not carry playoff points. PQP’s awarded are:

**1st = 36, 2nd = 28, 3rd = 20, 4th = 12, 5th = 6**

Open Teams Championship carries ABF Open Playoff Points. PQP’s awarded are:

**1st = 48, 2nd = 24, 3rd = 18, 4th = 12, 5th 8, 6th 4**

**Women’s Pairs - Top 5th in the datums = 12**

**Open Teams – Women’s Category 1st 16, 2nd 8**

**Open Teams – Seniors’ Category 1st 16, 2nd 8**

# OVERSEAS ELIGIBILITY

**New Zealand eligibility is publicised. Players from other countries will need to contact the Convenor.**

**ROOKIE 0-10 MP’s:** Novice as at 30/09/2021

**0 – 50 MP’s:** Certificate of Proficiency as at 30/09/2021

**NOVICE:** ClubMaster or lower as at 30/09/2021

**RESTRICTED:** Provincial or lower as at 30/09/2021

**0 – 500 MP’s**: Master or lower as at 30/09/2021

**INTERMEDIATE** under 750 MP’s**:** Master or lower as at 30/09/2021

**Under 1500**: Life Master or lower as at 30/09/2021

**Seniors:** Must be born prior 01/01/1961

**Youth:** Must be born after 01/01/1997

# PARKING

Parking will be available for $12 per entry per day or $60 for a weekly pass with unlimited entry from Saturday 19th February to Saturday 26th February inclusive.

The Bridge Administration Desk is the ONLY place you can obtain a weekly pass. It will be open on Friday 18th February from 3pm until 6pm then from Saturday one hour before play to half an hour after play finishes. Weekly passes can only be used from Saturday to Saturday inclusive.

For those requiring casual day parking, a one entry one exit ticket will be available from the machine upon entry. Those parking will need to pay $12 on departure at the pay stations which are located at the lifts as you are exiting. Note that the $12 ticket is a one entry and one exit ticket so if you intend to leave between sessions you will be required to pay a second $12 parking fee.

# PARTNERSHIP REQUESTS

You may put in a partnership request with Toni Bardon M:0401 082 054 or E:[tmbardon@hotmail.com](mailto:tmbardon@hotmail.com) or signup at Partnership Desk for each event on MyABF.

# PAYING AN ENTRY THAT'S ALREADY BEEN LODGED

A detailed "How to" guide illustrating this is on the My ABF Resources website here:

<https://www.abf.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/MY-ABF-HOW-TO-MAKE-PAYMENTS-FOR-AN-EXISTING-ENTRY.pdf>

# PAYMENT OF PRIZE MONEY

When players come to the admin desk for their prize, they will be asked for Bank Account Details for one member of the winning pair or team.  The Bank of Qld has closed in Broadbeach so cashing cheques is not practical.  Overseas winners will need to discuss with Administration Staff.

# PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. Direct Deposit BSB: 484-799 Acc No: 452338505 Name: QBA

2. Cheques payable to: “Queensland Bridge Association”. Post to Pele Rankin

3. Credit Card (complete details below)

Please charge my credit card the amount of $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Mail entries to Pele Rankin, 38 Kirkdale Rd Chapel Hill Qld 4069

ONLINE ENTRANTS: If you enter on-line and promise payment by cheque or mailed credit card details, all you **need to provide is the Payment Reference number** along with the cheque or credit card details. No need to complete other parts of the form.

# PENS

Pens will be issued at the start of the Pairs and start of the Teams and belong to the players who are responsible for carrying their own pens from table to table.

# PHOTOS POLICY

The Gold Coast Congress photographer takes random photos of winners and players during the week of the congress. Should any player not wish to have their photo taken, they should advise the GCC Manager in writing at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the congress.

# PLAYER NUMBERS FOR THE TEAMS USING BRIDGEMATE II

See [**BRIDGE MATES II – PLAYER NUMBERS FOR THE TEAMS**](#_BRIDGE_MATES_II)

# PLAYER QUALIFYING POINTS

Please refer to [**PQPs – PLAYER QUALIFYING POINTS**](#_PQPs_–_PLAYER_1)

# POLICY DINNER DANCE

**Conditions of Entry to the Dinner Dance:** The GCCEC has strict guidelines regarding its liquor licence and the Responsible Service of Alcohol. Under no circumstances can alcohol be brought onto the premises for consumption at the dinner dance, nor can any alcohol purchased at the GCC Dinner be taken from the venue during or after the event. No alcohol will be served to those under 18, or to anybody deemed to be drunk and/or disorderly.

# POLICY PHOTOS

The Gold Coast Congress photographer takes random photos of winners and players during the week of the congress. Should any player not wish to have their photo taken, they should advise the GCC Manager in writing at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the congress.

# POLICY YOUTH DISCOUNT

Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, all players born after 1 January 2004 are entitled to free entry. If free-entry Youth wins a cash prize, half the value of entry fee to be deducted before payment.

In accordance with Australian Bridge Federation policy, all players born on or after 1 January 1997 are entitled to a 50% discount on entry fees. Please advise DOB when entering (ABF Policy).

# PQPs – PLAYER QUALIFYING POINTS

PQP’s are earned as per table below:

[**http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/pqp/standings/2020/2020\_PQP\_Table.html**](http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/pqp/standings/2020/2020_PQP_Table.html)

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| **EVENT** | TYPE | **1ST** | **2ND** | **3RD** | **4TH** | **5TH** | **6TH** |
| **Gold Coast Pairs** | MP Pairs | **36** | **28** | **20** | **12** | **6** |  |
| **Gold Coast Teams** | Teams | **48** | **24** | **18** | **12** | **8** | **4** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Gold Coast Open Teams**  **Woman’s Pair: Top 5th in the datums** | Teams | **12** |  |  |  |  |
| **Gold Coast Open Teams**  **Woman’s Category** | Teams | **16** | **8** |  |  |  |
| **Gold Coast Open Teams**  **Seniors’ Category** | Teams | **16** | **8** |  |  |  |

# PRIZES

Link with the list of prizes is published on the GCC website after 1 January 2022

Please see the prize board near the office. We pay from 1st to 3rd in all sections of Matchpoint pairs.

House players are eligible to win prizes.

Youth players who had free entry to an event and win a prize, will have half the entry fee deducted from their prize should it exceed $150.

# PRIZE MONEY – 2022

**PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**OPEN PLATE REST INTER NOVICE**

**Champ**

**1st** $2,000.00 $1,000.00 $700.00 $700.00 $700.00

**2nd** $1,000.00 $750.00 $500.00 $500.00 $500.00

**3rd** $750.00 $500.00 $300.00 $300.00 $300.00

**4th**  $500.00

**Best Women’s Pair (Open) -** $200.00

**Best Queensland Pair**

$200.00 (v) $200.00 (v) $200.00(v) $200.00(v)

**All session winners in Qualifying to receive pens**

**All session winners in Finals to receive pens or wine**

**Other Sections**

**1st** $400.00 $400.00 $400.00 $400.00 $400.00

**2nd** $300.00 $300.00 $300.00 $300.00 $300.00

**3rd** $200.00(C&V) $200.00(C&V) $200.00(C&V) $200.00(C&V) $200.00(C&V)

**C & V = $100 in Vouchers and $100 in Direct Deposit. Vouchers will be for Bridge Supplies at Paul Lavings Book Shop situated in Convention Centre Foyer or Nominated Shops within Oasis Shopping Centre.**

**V = Vouchers only**

**WEEKEND MATCHPOINT SWISS PAIRS**

**OPEN 0-500**

**1st**  $550.00 **1st** $350

**2nd** $350.00 **2nd** $250

**3rd**  $250.00 (C & V) **3rd** $200 (C & V)

**4th**  $200.00 (C & V)

**C & V = Prize of $250.00 = $100 in Vouchers and $150 in Direct Deposit. Prize of $200.00 = $100 in Vouchers and $100 in Direct Deposit. Vouchers will be for Bridge Supplies at Paul Lavings Book Shop situated in Convention Centre Foyer or Nominated Shops within Oasis Shopping Centre.**

# PRIZE MONEY CONTINUED – 2022

**MONDAY BUTLER SWISS PAIRS**

**OPEN – 2 FIELDS 0-500**

**1st NS/EW** $250.00 **1st** $250.00

**2nd NS/EW** $200.00 **2nd** $200.00

**3rd NS/EW** $150.00 (C & V) **3rd** $150.00 (C & V)

**C & V = Prize of $150.00 = $100 in Vouchers and $50 in Direct Deposit. Vouchers will be for Bridge Supplies at Paul Lavings Book Shop situated in Convention Centre Foyer or Nominated Shops within Oasis Shopping Centre.**

**ROOKIE PAIRS**

**1st** $80.00 for both North-South and East-West

**2nd** $50.00 for both North-South and East-West – Vouchers

**Vouchers - Vouchers will be for Bridge Supplies at Paul Lavings Book Shop situated in Convention Centre Foyer or Shops within Oasis Shopping Centre not Woolworths**

**UNDER 50 PAIRS – 2 SESSIONS**

**Over 30 Tables 1st** $100.00 for both North-South and East-West

**2nd** $70.00 for both North-South and East-West – Vouchers

**Under 30 Tables 1st** $80.00 for both North-South and East-West

**2nd** $50.00 for both North-South and East-West – Vouchers

**Vouchers - Vouchers will be for Bridge Supplies at Paul Lavings Book Shop situated in Convention Centre Foyer or Nominated Shops within Oasis Shopping Centre.**

**UNDER 50 PAIRS – 2 SESSIONS**

**If over 30 Tables If under 30 Tables**

**1st** $250.00 **1st** $200.00

**2nd** $200.00 **2nd** $150.00

**3rd** $150.00 (Vouchers) **3rd** $100.00 (Vouchers)

**WALK IN PAIRS**

$50 vouchers for North/South and East/West Daily Winners.

**No Frills Walk Ins** – Sectional and Directional Winners to receive wine and pen

# PRIZE MONEY CONTINUED – 2022

**TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Open Seniors Women’s Under 1500 Inter Rest Nov**

**1st** $5,000.00 $1,500.00 $1500.00 $2,000.00 $2,000.00 $2,000.00 $1,500.00

**2nd** $3,000.00 $1,000.00 $1000.00 $1,500.00 $1,500.00 $1,500.00 $1,000.00

**3rd** $1,500.00 $1,000.00 $1,000.00 $1,000.00 $700.00

**3rd** $1,500.00

**5th** $1,000.00

**5th** $1,000.00

If Open Field has more than 250 teams, prize money to be reviewed. If Novice receive more than 50 teams, fourth prize money to be added. If Intermediate and Restricted receive more than 150 teams, fourth prize money to be added. Under 1500 masterpoints is based on less than 50 tables.

**Categories**

**1st** $400.00 (C & V) $400.00(C&V) $400.00(C&V) $400.00(C&V) $400.00(C&V)

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**C & V = $100 in Vouchers and $300 in Direct Deposit. Vouchers will be for Bridge Supplies at Paul Lavings Book Shop situated in Convention Centre Foyer or Nominated Shops within Oasis Shopping Centre.**

**IVY DAHLER BUTLER SWISS PAIRS**

**Open – 2 fields Intermediate Restricted**

**1st NS/EW** $600.00 $500.00 $500.00

**2nd NS/EW** $300.00 $300.00 $300.00

**3rd NS/EW** $200.00 $200.00 $200.00

**4th NS/EW** $150.00 (C&V)

**C & V = $50.00 in Vouchers and $100 in Direct Deposit. Vouchers will be for Bridge Supplies at Paul Lavings Book Shop situated in Convention Centre Foyer.**

**SERES-MCMAHON MATCH POINT PAIRS**

**1st** $200.00

**2nd** $150.00

**3RD** $100.00 (C & V)

**C & V = $50.00 in Vouchers and $50 in Direct Deposit. Vouchers will be for Bridge Supplies at Paul Lavings Book Shop situated in Convention Centre Foyer.**

# PRIZE MONEY CONTINUED – 2022

**FRIDAY NOVICE PAIRS**

**1st** $300.00

**2nd** $200.00

**3RD** $150.00 (C & V)

**Fourth place prize money to be added if over 50 tables.**

**C & V = $100 in Vouchers and $50 in Direct Deposit. Vouchers will be for Bridge Supplies at Paul Lavings Book Shop situated in Convention Centre Foyer.**

# PRIZES – PAYMENT

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# PRIZES – YOUTH

If a youth player has paid no entry fee and he/she wins a prize over $150, half price entry fee to be taken out of the prize.

# PROBLEMS

Tim Runting is the Convenor and Kim Ellaway the Manager. If you experience any problems with the events, see either of them. Kim can be contacted on 0412 064 903 at any time during the congress, or Tim on 0458 448 765.

# PROTECTED PAIRS

Pairs playing a **GREEN** system can apply for an Orange sticker if both are below Life Master or one is below State Master.

This affords protection from **BROWN STICKER** conventions in all events where they are permitted with the exception of the major Final of the Open Pairs.

# PROGRAM

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| Fri 18 Feb | **No Frills Walk-In Pairs** | Staggered starts between 6.00pm and 6.15pm. No registration necessary. Entry fee $15 per player collected at the table. Finished by 10pm. |
| Sat – Mon  19-21 Feb | **Bobby Richman Pairs Championship - 5 sessions**  (all pairs play in all sessions)   * Open * Intermediate (under 750 MPs) * Restricted (under 300 MPs) * Novice (under 100 MPs) | 2 qualifying sessions:  Saturday 10.00am and 2.30pm finishing 5.45pm  3 finals sessions:  Sunday 10.00am and 2.30pm finishing 5.45 pm, and Monday 10.00am finishing 1.30pm  **Open** Pairs Championship will be playing for the Bobby Richman Trophy - sponsored by Penline.  Best **Women's** pair will be playing for the Gerda Stern Trophy – sponsored by David Stern.  Best **Qld** Pair will receive the Wide Bay Bank Shield.  Best **Intermediate** Pair will receive a Trophy.  **Restricted** Pairs Championship will be sponsored by twitch.tv/v8mama.  **Novice** Pairs Championship will be playing for the Tony Jackman Shield. |
| Sat – Sun  19-20 Feb | **Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs - 3 sessions**   * Open * 0-500 | |  | | --- | | Matchpointed Swiss Pairs event 9 x 9-board matches over 3 sessions:  Saturday 2.30pm Matches 1-3  Sunday 10.00am and 2.30pm Matches 4-9 finish 5.45pm | |
| Sat 19 Feb | **Mecca Bah Walk-in Pairs** | 10.00am and 2.30pm. No registration necessary. Entry fee $15 per player collected at the table |
| Sun 20 Feb | **Rookie Pairs**  **Hideaway Kitchen and Bar Walk-in Pairs - 2 Sessions** | 10.00am finishing approx 1.30pm. Single session Matchpoint pairs for players under 10 MPs – 24 boards minimum. Sponsored by Annette Maluish  10.00am and 2.30pm. No registration necessary. Entry fee $15 per player collected at the table |
| Mon 21 Feb | **Monday Butler Swiss Pairs (2 sessions)**   * **Open** (2 field Swiss) * **0-500**   **Walk-in Pairs - 2 Sessions** | 10.00am and 2.00pm. Butler Swiss Pairs event –  Separate NS and EW fields in the Open.  6 x 9 board matches over 2 sessions finishing by 5.15pm  10.00am and 2.00pm. No registration necessary. Entry fee $15 per player collected at the table. |
| Tue to Thu 22-24 Feb | **Teams Championship**   * Open\*\* * Under 1500 MPs * Intermediate (under 750 MPs) * Restricted (under 300 MPs) * Novice (under 100 MPs)   \*\*Seniors’ and Women’s will be playing in the Open Field | Comprising 12 x 14-board matches for all sections.  **Open** Teams field will play for the Cosmetics Plus Trophy. **Seniors’** Teams will play for the RetireInvest Trophy. **Women’s** Teams will play for the Therese Tully Trophy. **Intermediate** Teams will play for the Two Men and a Truck Trophy. **Restricted** Teams Trophy is in memory of Pauline Evans – Prize money is partially sponsored by Jim Evans. **Novice** Teams will play for the Therese Tully Trophy.  **Matches:** Starting times each day – 10.00am & 2.30pm  (4 matches per day), finish by 6.00pm.  **Finals:** Fri-Sat - see below |
| Tue 22 Feb | **Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs**  **Walk-in Pairs - 2 Sessions** | 10.00am - Single session matchpointed pairs for players with fewer than 50 MPs.  10.00am and 2.30pm. No registration necessary. Entry fee $15 per player collected at the table. Sponsored by Sage Restaurant |
| Wed 23 Feb | **Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs**  **Sessions 1 & 2**  **Walk-in Pairs - 2 Sessions** | Two-session matchpointed pairs for players with fewer than 50 MPs - 10.00am and 2.30pm  10.00am and 2.30pm. No registration necessary. Entry fee $15 per player collected at the table |
| Thu 24 Feb | **Rookie Pairs**  **Walk-in Pairs - 1 Session**  **0-50 Masterpoint Butler Swiss Pairs** | 10.00am. Single session matchpointed pairs for players with fewer than 10 MPs. Sponsored by Annette Maluish.  2.30pm. No registration necessary. Entry fee $15 per player collected at the table  10.00am and 2.30pm. Two-sessions with 6 x 8 board matches for players with fewer than 50 MPs |
| Fri and Sat 25-26 Feb | **Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs**   * Open * Intermediate (under 750 MPs) * Restricted (under 300 MPs) | Comprises 10 x 8-board matches over 3 sessions:  Friday 10.00am and 2.00pm, session finishing by 6.00pm, and Saturday 10.00am finishing by 1.30pm.  Open, Intermediate and Restricted players will be playing for the Ivy Dahler Trophies.  Two fields in Open section.  Single fields in Intermediate and Restricted sections.  No drop-outs will be permitted |
| Fri and Sat 25-26 Feb | **Teams Finals** | **Open Round-of-Four** for 3rd to 6th places Friday 9.00am 2x12-board matches  **Open Semi-Finals** for 1st and 2nd and two winners from Round-of-four Friday 2.00pm 3x12-board matches  **Open Finals** for 2 Semi-finals winners Saturday 9.00am 4x12board matches  **Seniors'/Women’s Finals** for top 2 at the end of Match 12 Friday 10.00am 4x12-board matches  **Novice, Restricted and Intermediate Finals** for top 2 at the end of Match 12 Friday 10.00am 4x12-board matches |
| Fri 25 Feb | **Seres-McMahon Match Point Swiss Pairs** | 10.00am and 2.00pm. Comprises 6 x 8-board matches over 2 sessions. Playing for the Seres McMahon Shield. |
| **Friday Novice Pairs** | 10.00am and 2.00pm. Comprises 6 x 8-board matches over 2 sessions. Sponsored by Annette Maluish. |
| **Walk-in Pairs - 2 Sessions** | 10.00am and 2.00pm. 2 separate sessions. No registration necessary. Entry fee $15 per player collected at the table. |
| Sat 26 Feb | **Walk-in Pairs - 1 Session**  **Dinner Dance** | Starts 10.00am. No registration necessary. Entry fee $15 per player collected at the table.  All players will need to pay $20 with non-players paying $50. Please book at the venue prior to Wednesday 24th February to ensure you place is secured. 7.00pm for 7.30 start |

# QLD CHECK IN APP

All players will need to check in daily using the Check In Qld app.

# RECORDERS

Recorders are as follows:

Richard Ward

Bob Sebesfi

Jodi Tutty

Liam Milne

David Beauchamp

The Director will guide you to the appropriate adviser.

# REFERENCE NUMBER

The Entry ID is sometimes referred to as Ref No. This is the number allocated when an on-line entry is made. This number is used by each member of a pair or team when paying the entry fee separately so that the payment may be matched to the original entry.

# REGULATIONS

System regulations are published on the website after 1 January 2022.

<https://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/2020/systemRegulations.pdf>

Supplementary regulations are published on the website after 1 February 2022.

<https://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/2020/2020GCCSupplementaryRegulations.pdf>

# RESTRICTED ELIGIBLITY

Open to players who have less than 300 MP’s as at 30 September 2021.

# RESULTS AND DRAWERS VIA MOBILE

If you wish to receive your results or drawer via your mobile, complete the following link [www.tinyurl.com/abftext](http://www.tinyurl.com/abftext) prior to the event.  If you have registered at other ABF events or at the 2022 Gold Coast Congress you will automatically be on the list.

# RESULTS & DRAW FOR NEXT ROUND – WEB PAGE

On the 2022 GCC Results Page<https://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/results2020.php>, there is an option, "Individual Player Results." Click on this and enter your surname or ABF number (or anyone else whose results you may be interested in). You will now see a list of every session in which you played at the 2022 GCC, your score, the number of masterpoints won, and a link to your scorecard for the session. This page will be updated at the end of each day's play.

The draw for the next round in the Teams and Swiss Pairs events will be published on the web at the same time it is displayed on the projector screens at the venue. So, if you are “connected” you can check your standings and the draw online. Alternatively download the Apple/Android App

# REVIEWERS

Sheila Bird, Bruce Neill, Peter Reynolds

# REVIEW CONSULTANTS

David Appleton, Neville Francis, Jonathan Free

# ROOKIE (0-10), 0-50 AND NOVICE LIAISON OFFICERS

Mick Fawcett, Lyn Tracey, Richard Fox, Lorraine King, Helen Standfast, Kathy Males, Warren Males, Craig Francis, Jim Evans, Pamela Evans & Phil Hale

# ROOKIE (0-10), 0-50 AND NOVICE COLOURS

* **0-50** in fuchsia
* **Rookies** in fuchsia
* **Novice** in purple

# ROOKIE (0-10), 0-50 AND NOVICE EVENTS

<https://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/2021/noviceEvents.pdf>

Also under [**NOVICE EVENTS**](#_NOVICE_EVENTS_1)

# ROOKIE (0-10), 0-50, AND NOVICE HELP

Help will be available as follows:

Rookies Sunday 20th February play starts 10.00am help from 9.00am onwards

Thursday 24th February play starts 10.00am help from 9.00am onwards

Under 50s Tuesday 22nd February play starts 10.00am help from 9.30am

Wednesday 23rd February play starts 10.00 help from 9.30am

Thursday 24th February play starts 10.00 help from 9.30am

Novices Saturday 20th February Novice Pairs start 10.00am help from 9.30am

Tuesday 22nd February Novice Teams start 10.00am help from 9.30am

Friday 25th February Novice Pairs 10am help from 9.30am

Assistance will be available for filling out system cards, helping you find your seat & working out where you go, where the boards move and using Bridgemates etc. We can also assist with any queries regarding alerting or anything else you might like to know, but also refer to the timetable of activities. Helpers can be identified by

their bright yellow fluorescent jackets.

Our thanks to our helpers: To be advised

# ROOKIE (0-10) ELIGIBILITY

Open to players who have not attained 10 MP’s as at 30 September 2021.

# ROOKIE (0-10) HELP BEFORE PLAY

Help will be on hand before the start of play for all 0-50, Rookie and Novice players. Assistance will be available for filling out system cards, helping you find your seat & working out where you go, where the boards move and using Bridgemates etc. We can also assist with any queries regarding alerting or anything else you might like to know, but also refer to the timetable of activities. Helpers can be identified by their bright yellow fluorescent jackets.

Sun 20th Feb play starts 10.00am - help from 9.00am

Thu 24th Feb play starts 10.00am - help from 9.00am

# ROOM SET UP – COLOUR CODING

Coloured flags will identify your section, results and playing areas. For the whole event, the room tablecloth colours will be:

**Open** — Light and Dark Blue

**Under 1500, Sat to Mon Walk Ins & Seres McMahon** - Pink

**Intermediate** — Yellow and Dark Yellow

**Restricted** — Green and Dark Green

**Novice Pairs/Teams & Friday Novice** — Purple

**Rookies** — Fuchsia **0-50 Events** — Fuchsia

**W/end Swiss 0-500 & Monday Butler 0-500** — Maroon

**W/end Swiss Open, Monday Butler Open** & **Walk Ins Tue to Sat** — Orange

# SANITISERS

Hand Sanitiser will be supplied by the GCCEC in various places in the building.  GCC will also do the same.

# SCORE BOOKLETS

Scoring booklets are provided at the start of each event. Should you require another one, please ask a caddy.

**SCORING ISSUES**

The Scoring Liaison Officer is Toni Bardon. She will act as liaison between players and the Scoring Unit. Any problems and concerns you have about scoring and results should be addressed to Toni – she has a desk outside the Scoring Room.

# SCORING CORRECTION PERIODS

See also [**CORRECTION OF SCORES**](#_CORRECTION_OF_SCORES)

Errors in scoring must be advised to the Scoring Enquiries desk before the following times:

**Pairs Championships**

Qualifying One 7.00pm Saturday

Qualifying Two One hour after scores are posted

Final One 7.00pm Sunday

Final Two 2:00pm Monday

Final Three One hour after scores are posted

**Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs**

Matches 1-3 11:30am Sunday

Matches 4-6 4.00pm Sunday

Matches 7-9 One hour after scores for Match 9 are posted

**Monday Butler Swiss Pairs**

Matches 1-3 2:00pm Monday

Matches 4-6 One hour after scores for Match 6 are posted

**Teams Championships**

Matches 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 One hour after the end of the next even numbered match

Matches 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 At the start of the next even numbered match

Matches 11, 12 8:30pm Thursday for corrections affecting Final series qualification. Midnight, Thursday, for all other corrections

**Ivy Dahler Open and Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs**

Matches 1-3 3:00pm Friday

Matches 4-7 11.00am Saturday

Matches 8-10 One hour after scores for Match 10 are posted

**Seres McMahon Swiss Pairs and Novice Pairs**

Matches 1-3 3:00pm, Friday

Matches 4-7 20 minutes after scores for Match 7 are posted

**All Other Sessions**

**Sessions Not Listed Above** 20 minutes after scores for the session are posted

World Championships have been awarded based on scoring errors. E/W Pairs should not simply acknowledge the scores on the Bridgemates, but should carefully check them as incorrect scores, apart from affecting the results of the event which may involve others not related to the scoring error but may also affect: draws for teams and Swiss Pairs events, Masterpoints, Playoff Qualifying Points.

# SEATING

Seating for Pairs and Teams Championships are available on the GCC website 24 hours prior to the event.

# SENIORS’ ELIGIBILITY

Must be born prior to 01/01/1961 and carries ABF Senior Playoff Points.

# SENIORS’ FINALS

At the end of Round 12, the two highest placed eligible Seniors’ teams in the Open field will qualify to a 48 board Final on Friday, February 25th.

# SENIORS’ PLAYOFF POINTS

Senior Teams Category within the Open Teams Championship carries ABF Playoff Points. PQP’s awarded are: **1st = 16, 2nd = 8**

**SERVICES**

During session time, if you need a doctor or medical assistance you can contact Kim Ellaway through the Administration Desk. Kim will direct you to the inhouse Doctor.

Outside of session time, contact the Broadbeach Medical Centre on 07-5531-6344, Suite GO1, 2681 Gold Coast Highway Broadbeach. Please note they do not bulk bill.  After-hours service: National Home Doctors Service on 137425 who do bulk bill.

# SESSION TIMES

All session times are shown in the Daily Bulletin every day.

Pairs Championship – Open, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice

Saturday 10.00am, 2.30pm finishing 5.45pm

Sunday 10.00am, 2.30pm finishing 5.45pm

Monday 10.00pm finishing 1.30pm

Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs – Open and 0-500 MPs

Saturday 2.30pm finishing 5.45pm

Sunday 10.00am and 2.30pm finishing 5.45pm

Monday Butler Swiss Pairs

Monday 10.00am – 1.15pm and 2.00pm – 5.15pm

Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs – 2 sessions

Wednesday 10.00am and 2.30pm finishing 5.45pm

Under 50 Masterpoint Butler Swiss Pairs – 2 sessions

Thursday 10.00am and 2.30pm finishing 5.45pm

Rookie Pairs – two separate events

Sunday 10.00am – 1.15pm Short coffee break during session

Thursday 10.00am – 1.15pm Short coffee break during session

Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs – 1 session

Tuesday 10.00am – 1.15pm finish

Teams Championship

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10.00am – 1.30pm and 2.30pm – 6.00pm

**NOTE – The top 2 from each field of Under 1500, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice teams will play in finals beginning at 10.00am on Friday. The top 6 in the Open Field will play finals on Friday and then the top 2 on Saturday. The top 2 Seniors’/Women’s teams in the Open Field at the end of Match 12 will play in finals beginning 10.00am on Friday.**

Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs

Friday 10.00am – 1.30pm; 2.00 pm – 6.00pm (Approx finish times)

Saturday 10.00am – finished by 1.30pm

Seres-McMahon Match Point Swiss and Friday Novice Pairs

Friday 10.00am – 1.30pm; 2.00 pm – 5.00pm (Approx finish times)

Walk In Pairs

Friday 18th  No Frills Walk-In 6.00-615pm, staggered start

Saturday 19th 10.00am and 2.30pm Sunday 20th 10.00am and 2.30pm

Monday 21st 10.00am and 2.00pm Tuesday 22nd 10.00am and 2.30pm

Wednesday 23rd 10.00am and 2.30pm Thursday 24th 2.30pm

Friday 25th 10.00am and 2.00pm Saturday 26th 10.00am

# SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

19/2-25/2/20 Collection for Zephyr Education Inc. The GCC Official Charity

Helping Children affected by Domestic Violence Getting Back to School. Foyer GCCEC

20/2-25/2/20 TBIB Daily Prize Wheel. You Must be Present to Win. A TBIB lucky star under a chair in main playing area for a spin opportunity

Foyer GCCEC

21/2 Monday 10.30-11.30 Fashion Parade

With our Guest Models Jill Dunning & Lana Politi

Change Alley Oasis Shopping Centre

Lvl 1 (on top escalators above Woolworths)

23/2 Wednesday 8.30am Directors Get Together - Hosted by Jan Peach

Upstairs Room 12

23/2 Wednesday 2.30pm - *DIAMONDS Theme* Parade

2.45pm Foyer GCCEC

25/2 Friday 8.15am Champagne Breakfast for Shoe shoppers

In Her Shoes, Gnd Flr, Oasis Shopping Centre

# SPONSORS – (MINOR)

Voucher Sponsors are entitled to free advertisements.  A $50 voucher is entitled to an advertisement equivalent to the size of 1/6th of a page.  $500 of vouchers will provide a daily advertisement of the same size.

# SPONSORS

The Gold Congress could not run without our sponsors. We are deeply indebted to them and would ask you to show your appreciation by supporting them.

**ANNETTE MALUISH:** Annette has a passion for encouraging new people to take up bridge to share her love of the game. She provides the prize money for both Rookie Days, and the Friday Novice Pairs.

**AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE MAGAZINE:** Australia's national bridge magazine now comes in two different editions, Regular and Novice, so players of all levels will find something of interest. You can subscribe to either magazine at Paul Lavings' book stall or visit [www.australianbridge.com](http://www.australianbridge.com).

**DAVID STERN:** in memory of his late mother Gerda Stern – the best Women’s Pair in the Open Pairs will receive prize money and trophy donated by David Stern in Gerda’s memory.

**GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB:** has been home to bridge players for over 50 years providing locals and visitors with a place to play their favourite sport in congenial surroundings. In addition, they are hosting a special night for Youth Players on Wednesday February 19th. Please visit their website on [www.goldcoastbridgeclub.com](http://www.goldcoastbridgeclub.com/).

**JAY FARANDA:** Jay sponsors the event with the purchase of the Chocolate Frogs to be given to those players who do that little bit extra to make life at the table a little bit more pleasant. Nominations to the office if you feel someone should be nominated and by nominating you get a Frog for yourself.

**JIM EVANS:** In memory of his late wife Pauline Evans – The Restricted Teams trophy will be dedicated to Pauline’s Memory. Prize Money has also been donated by Jim.

**OASIS SHOPPING CENTRE:** It’s great to have them back as a sponsor in 2022, so please support them as you venture down towards the Broadbeach Mall. Oasis gives shared vouchers to all third places in the Gold Coast Congress.

**PAUL LAVINGS BRIDGE BOOKS AND SUPPLIES**: [www.bridgegear.com](http://www.bridgegear.com/) Paul has been a stalwart supporter of this event for many years and gives vouchers for all third places in the Pairs Championship. Best way you can support Paul is by shopping in his shop located in the foyer.

**PENLINE:** [www.penline.com.au](http://www.penline.com.au/)  Maryo Derofe supplies all our playing pens at a very discounted rate. Penline is also sponsoring the Bobby Richman Open Pairs in the way of a cash sponsorship.

**SPRING NATIONALS – NSWBA:** The Spring Nationals offer free entry to one restricted teams entry and two restricted pairs entries; one intermediate teams entry and two open pairs entries. This is done on a reciprocal basis as we give free entry to one restricted and one novice pair; one intermediate and one open team to the Gold Coast Congress.

**SUPERIOR SCAPES**: Magnus Moren has provided all the palms that brighten up the corridors and provide the greenery to brighten up our days. If you need any landscaping done he is your man! [magnusmoren1@gmail.com](mailto:magnusmoren1@gmail.com).  0456181841

**SURFERS PARADISE BRIDGE CLUB**: welcomes newcomers and visitors and offers duplicate sessions six days a week for the experienced players or introductory sessions and supervised sessions for those wanting to learn the game. They always support the Gold Coast Congress by supplying many of our substitutes and “house players”. Surfers Paradise also supplies any additional stationery supplies we need like additional bidding pads and Bridgemates. Please visit them on <http://www.surfbdge.com/>

**TONY BEMROSE INSURANCE BROKERS :** <http://www.tbib.com.au/abf.php>. Something a little different this year, the TBIB Prize Wheel! Each day, 5 names will be drawn from the congress register and those 5 will get a chance to spin the TBIB Prize Wheel to win Bridge gift vouchers and a bunch of TBIB goodies. Don’t miss out! TBIB provide the highest quality, professional insurance advice available to businesses and individuals. They have conducted a significant market investigation to not only provide greater coverage and benefits for the Australian Bridge Federation, but also a range of preferential services and market leading products for members. TBIB pay $5000.00 in sponsorship plus the Prize Wheel. Take the opportunity to speak to them at the Congress – it is cost free to ask and you may well be pleasantly surprised

**VANESSA BROWN:** Could you imagine a "tv show" about bridge? It’s happening every lunchtime. You might like to check out twitch.tv/v8mama to watch her play bridge with viewers who drop in to play. Many viewers from around the world drop in to just say hi, ask questions or give advice in a very relaxed sociable friendly afternoon of bridge. v8mama is an experienced Sydney based player, who loves to encourage people of all levels to share their passion for the game and help each other with bidding and play advice. Twitch is an interactive platform to watch, join in the play or chat with others. You can do this from your own computer, tablet or phone just by going to twitch.tv/v8mama . If I’m off stream there are videos which you can watch. If watching isn’t enough, I encourage you to come and say hi, by simply registering with twitch (give yourself a fun name - maybe your favourite cake or playing card!) for FREE and be part of this new way of enjoying bridge from your own home. I’m streaming every day at 12:30pm for 3 hours except when I’m competing at national bridge events. v8mama is sponsoring the Gold Coast Restricted Pairs.

**TO THOSE WHO WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS:** We have a few of these and we can only say thank you.

**VOLUNTEERS:** to all those players, friends and family members who donate their hours to make this event the success it is.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU MENTIONED ABOVE.**

# SPRING NATIONALS 2021 FREE ENTRY TO 2022 GCC

* Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs winners get free entry into the Bobby Richman Restricted or Intermediate Pairs
* Bridgegear Intermediate Teams winners get free entry into the GCC Intermediate or Under 1500 Teams
* Spring National Novice Pairs winners get free entry into the Bobby Richman Novice or Restricted Pairs
* TBIB Open Teams – one free entry into the GCC teams to whichever category applies to their standing

Spring Nationals 2022 will give the 2022 GCC event the following prizes:

* + - One Restricted Teams Entry
    - Two Restricted Pairs entries
    - One Intermediate Teams entry
    - Two Open Pairs entries

If you are a restricted player, then consider entering the 2021 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams for your opportunity to win free entries for the 2022 Gold Coast Congress.

# STAFF PHOTOES

Staff photos are taken every second year.

# STAFFING

Our Floor Managers, Kim, Amber, Scott, Jinny and Jessie are dressed in light blue vests. Our Caddies are in purple however they are only here to caddy – see our floor managers if further assistance is required. Also, our Directors led by Laurie Kelso have the navy vests with blue undershirts.

Our Scoring Staff are led by Matthew McManus and can be found wearing Black Shirts. However, all scoring issues should be addressed to the Scoring Enquiries Desk outside the scoring room just inside the doors in the centre of the playing area.

Please do not hesitate to ask any questions at the Bridge Administration Desk where there is a team of people only too willing to help.

# STARTING TIMES

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| Sat to Mon 19-21 Feb | **Pairs Championship**   * Open * Intermediate (under 750 MPs) * Restricted (under 300 MPs) * Novice (under 100 MPs) | 2 qualifying sessions:  Saturday 10.00am and 2.30pm  3 finals sessions:  Sunday 10.00am and 2.30pm  Monday 10.00am |
| Sat & Sun 19-20 Feb | **Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs** | 3 sessions: Saturday 2.30pm  Sunday 10.00am and 2.30pm |
| Sat 19 Feb | **Mecca Bah Walk-in Pairs - 2 Sessions** | 10.00am and 2.30pm |
| Sun 20 Feb | **Sunday Rookie Pairs**  **Hideaway Kitchen and Bar Walk-in Pairs - 2 Sessions** | 10.00am  10.00am and 2.30pm |
| Mon 21 Feb | **Monday Butler Swiss Pairs**  **Walk-in Pairs 2 Sessions** | 10.00am and 2.00pm  10.00am and 2.00pm |
| Tue to Thu 22-24 Feb | **Teams Championship**   * Open * Under 1500 * Intermediate (under 750 MPs) * Restricted (under 300 MPs) * Novice (under 100 MPs) | 10.00am and 2.30pm |
| Tue 22 Feb | **0-50 Masterpoint Pairs**  **Walk-in Pairs 2 Sessions** | 10.00am  10.00am and 2.30pm |
| Wed 23 Feb | **0-50 Masterpoint Pairs** (2 sessions)  **Walk-in Pairs 2 Sessions** | 10.00am and 2.30pm 10.00am and 2.30pm |
| Thu 24 Feb | **Thursday Rookie Pairs**  **Walk-in Pairs 1 Session**  **Thursday Under 50 MPs Swiss Butler Pairs** (2 sessions) | 10.00am  2.30pm  10.00am and 2.30pm |
| Fri and Sat 25-26 Feb | **Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs**   * Open * Intermediate (under 750 MPs) * Restricted (under 300 MPs) | 3 sessions:  Friday 10.00am and 2.00pm Match 1-7  Saturday 10.00am Match 8-10 |
| **Teams Finals** | **Open Round-of-Four** for 3rd to 6th places Friday 9am  **Open Semi-Finals** for 1st and 2nd and two winners from Round-of-four Friday 2pm  **Open Finals** for 2 Semi-finals winners Saturday 9am  **Seniors'/Women’s Finals** for top 2 at the end of Match 12 in Open Field Friday 10am  **Novice, Restricted and Intermediate Finals** for top 2 at the end of Match 12 Friday 10am |
| Fri 25 Feb | **Seres-McMahon Match Point Swiss Pairs**  **Friday Novice Pairs**  **Walk-in Pairs 2 Sessions** | All events are 2 sessions  10.00am and 2.00pm |
| Sat 26 Feb | **Walk-in Pairs 1 Session**  **Dinner Dance** | 10.00am  7.00pm for 7.300pm |

# SUBSTITUTES

If you do not feel well and require a substitute, see Toni Bardon at the Scoring Desk. Please use this service only when essential.

# SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

Supplementary regulations are published on the GCC website at this link after 1 February 2022: LINK TBA

# SYSTEMS AND SYSTEM CARDS

System regulations are published on the GCC website after 1 January 2022.

<https://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/2020/systemRegulations.pdf>

Each pair is required to have two current ABF approved, systemically identical system cards on the table for the opposing pair before the start of each round. Overseas players will be permitted to use New Zealand and WBF system cards in addition to ABF cards. ABF system cards and guide to completing them are available at this site: <http://www.abf.com.au/member-services/system-cards/>.

GREEN and BLUE systems are permitted without restriction.

RED systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted in all events except for **Restricted and Novice Pairs and Teams Championships**, all **0-50 Masterpoint events, Rookie Pairs, Friday Novice Pairs** and **Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs**. In addition, in these events, the CTD may also further restrict a pair from playing any method which the director judges may not be readily understood by a significant proportion of players in the field.

Eligible pairs may claim Protected Pair status in all events with the exception of the major Final of the **Open Pairs Championship**.

Provided the required system submission (detailed below) has been complied with, YELLOW systems will be allowed in the **Open Teams Championship** from Round 3 onwards. They may not be played against a contestant with a current position in the lower two-thirds of the field (decimals rounded up).

Pairs intending to play a YELLOW system must provide the Tournament Organiser with an adequately completed ABF Standard system card and a bona fide defence before 10.00am on February 7, 2022.

# TEA AND COFFEE

We run a small Coffee ‘outlet’ for your benefit. It is allocated in the foyer outside the main entrance to the playing area. Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate is $4 a cup. The coffee is made from freshly ground coffee beans; it is not instant coffee. The Bridge Coffee outlet is run by volunteers (usually friends and family of the Organisers) – so please bear this in mind.

# TEACHING

Any Celebrity Teaching Session held will be publicized in the Bulletin so look for details in the daily bulletin. Refer to [**Celebrity Speakers**](#_CELEBRITY_SPEAKERS_1)

# TEAM CATEGORIES

All teams should have nominated their categories when submitting their entry. The lists of categories received will be published at various points around the Convention Centre.

Please check to see you are entered correctly into the various categories as once winners are announced no correspondence will be entered into.

# THEME

We encourage all players to dress in keeping with the Gold Coast Annual Theme for Wednesday afternoon Teams Session. The theme is “***Diamonds***”. Please celebrate our 60th year and wear your most glittering costume. The photography will commence when play finishes and the parade from 2:30pm to 3:00pm Wednesday 23rd February. Prizes will be available for some combination of groups, pairs or individuals. Next year’s theme will be “To be Advised” for the 61st Anniversary.

# TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

**Tournament Organiser**: Tim Runting - 0458 448 765

**Chief Tournament Director**: Dr Laurie Kelso – 0412 559 171

**Bulletin Editors**: Andy Hung - [andygccbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:andygccbulletin@gmail.com)

Phone or SMS – 0425 101 094

**Chief Scorer**: Matthew McManus

# TRANSPORT

Please refer to [**BUS - GCC**](#_BUS_-_GCC) for the courtesy bus.

Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre - [How to get there](http://www.gccec.com.au/how-to-get-here.html)

* [Airport - Hotel Shuttles](https://www.con-x-ion.com/)
* [Airtrain Timetable](https://airtrain.com.au/timetable)
* [G:link Light Rail](http://ridetheg.com.au/)
* [Premier Transfers](https://www.premiertransfers.com.au/)
* [Gold Coast Cabs](http://www.gccabs.com.au/)

# TROPHIES

<https://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/2021/2021TrophyList.pdf>

**Trophies and Sponsorship as at “date to be advised”**

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| **EVENT** | **TROPHY DEDICATION / SPONSOR / NAME OF TROPHY** |
| Open Pairs Championship | Trophy is in the memory of Bobby Richman. Prize money is partially sponsored by Penline. |
| Open Pairs Championship – Women’s | Trophy is in the memory of Gerda Stern. Prize money is donated by David Stern. |
| Best Qld Pair - Open Pairs Championship | Wide Bay Bank Shield |
| Intermediate Pairs Championship | Trophy |
| Restricted Pairs Championship | Trophy – Prize money partially sponsored by twitch.tv/v8mama |
| Novice Pairs Championship | Shield is in the memory of Tony Jackman. |
| Open Teams | Cosmetics Plus Trophy |
| Women’s Teams | Therese Tully Trophy – in recognition of Therese’s hard work as convenor of the Gold Coast Congress event can contact Convenor. |
| Senior Teams | RetireInvest Trophy |
| Intermediate Teams | Trophy |
| Restricted Teams | Trophy is in the memory of Pauline Evans. Prize money is partially sponsored by Jim Evans. |
| Novice Teams | Therese Tully Trophy |
| Open Butler Pairs/Intermediate/Restricted | Ivy Dahler Shield – dedicated to the memory of Ivy Dahler |
| Friday Matchpoint Swiss | Shield - Dedicated to the memory of Tim Seres and Mary McMahon |
| Weekend Swiss Pairs and 0-500 MPs | Trophy |
| Novice Pairs 0-50 (2 sessions) | Trophy |
| Monday Butler Pairs and 0-500 MPs | Trophy |
| Friday Novice Pairs | Trophy – prize money donated by Annette Maluish |
| Rookie Pairs | Prize money donated by Annette Maluish |

# UNDER 1500S ELIGIBILITY

Open to players who have not attained 1500 MP’s as at 30 September 2021.

# UNDER 50S ELIGIBILITY

Open to players who have not attained 50 MP’s as at 30 September 2021.

# UNDER 50s HELP BEFORE PLAY

Help will be on hand one hour before the start of play for all 0-50, Rookie and half an hour before start of play for Novice players. Assistance will be available for filling out system cards, helping you find your seat & working out where you go, where the boards move and using Bridgemates etc. We can also assist with any queries regarding alerting or anything else you might like to know, but also refer to the timetable of activities. Helpers can be identified by their bright yellow fluorescent jackets.

Tue 22nd Feb play starts 10.00am - help from 9.00am

Wed 23rd Feb play starts 10.00am - help from 9.00am

Thursday 24th Feb play starts 10.00am - help from 9.00am

# UNIFORMS

Administrative Staff - Grey shirts with Gold Coast Logo

Floor Managers – Light Blue Jacket with white undershirts

Directing –Blue shirts Navy Directors Jackets

Scoring – Black shirts with Gold Coast Logo

Caddies – Purple shirts with Gold Coast Logo

# WALK-IN PAIRS AT THE GOLD COAST CONGRESS

Walk In events mean you do not have to pre-register. You turn up with your partner and pay at the tables designated for walk ins. Walk ins are master pointed with redpoints.

*Youth Walk-Ins*

*Unless you have the appropriate token, there will be no free places at the Walk Ins.  Tokens can only be obtained from the Scoring Liaison Officer,  Toni Bardon or Kim Ellaway.  Youth can only claim half price regardless of date of birth.  Youth definition for Walk-ins is born on or after 01/01/1997.*

Cost is $15.00 per player. Voucher Prizes for each Session Winner.

All Walk In Sessions are sponsored by Broadbeach Restaurants and Fashion Shops.

Friday 18th February 6.00 pm\*\*\*

Saturday 19th February 10.00am and 2.30pm

Sunday 20th February 10.00am and 2.30pm

Monday 21st February 10.00am and 2.00 pm

Tuesday 22nd February 10.00am and 2.30pm

Wednesday 23rd February 10.00am and 2.30pm

Thursday 24th February 2.30pm

Friday 25th February 10.00 am and 2.00pm

Saturday 26th February 10.00 am

\*\*\*No Frills Walk Ins – 6.00 pm to 6.15 pm Staggered Start – No Frills means exactly that. No Outlets opened, no coffee, no bottled water, no food.

# WEB RESULTS PAGE

On the 2022 GCC Results Page, http://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/results2020.php (or if you hate typing like your editors https://tinyurl.com/y7qfrojh), there is an option, "Individual Player Results". Click on this and enter your surname or ABF number (or anyone else whose results you may be interested in). You will now see a list of every session in which you played at the 2022 GCC, your score, the number of masterpoints won, and a link to your scorecard for the session. (This page will be updated at the end of each day's play).

An alternate website for results can be found at http://www.gcc.bridgeaustralia.org.

# WEB DRAW FOR NEXT ROUND PAGE

The draw for the next round in the Teams and Swiss Pairs events will be published on the web at the same time it is displayed on the projector screens at the venue. So, if you are “connected” you can check your standings and the draw online. Alternatively, [download the Apple/Android App.](#_APP_–_GOLD)

# WEBSITE

This is the Gold Coast Congress website. Look to the Tabs on the left hand side in the blue column to help you navigate around. If you enter via the ABF website go to the red Players Tab on the top right hand side of the home page then go to upcoming events and click on the GCC. If you enter via the QBA home page in the centre under upcoming state and major events click on the words 2022 GCC web site.

# WHAT’S NEW THIS YEAR

* Bobby Richman Pairs Final 3 is at 10.00am
* All morning sessions start at 10.00am
* Afternoon sessions start at 2.30pm, except Monday and Friday - 2.00pm
* All Rookie and 0-50 events commence at 10.00am
* There is a new division in Teams Championship - Under 1500 masterpoints

# WITHDRAWALS

Players are permitted to withdraw from all divisions of the Championship Pairs (Open, Senior, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice) Finals (Sunday 20th February and Monday 21st February) at the end of the qualifying rounds, provided that they notify the Chief Director or Bridge Administration Desk within **ONE HOUR** of the qualifying scores being posted. No portion of the entry fees will be refunded.

# WOMEN’S FINALS

At the end of Round 12, the two highest placed eligible Women’s teams will qualify to a 48 board Final on Friday, February 25th 10.00am.

# YOUTH ELEGIBILITY

Must be born on or after 1 January 1997

# YOUTH, STUDENT & OTHER CONCESSIONAL ENTRY FEES–ADVISE WHEN ENTERING

* Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, players born on or after 1 January 2004 are entitled to free entry.
* In accordance with Australian Bridge Federation policy, all players born on or after 1 January 1997 (under 25) are entitled to a 50% discount on entry fees.
* Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, all players born before 1 January 1922 are entitled to free entry except for Walk-Ins.
* Youth Walk-Ins - Unless you have the appropriate token, there will be no free places at the Walk Ins.  Tokens can only be obtained from the Scoring Liaison Officer,  Toni Bardon or Kim Ellaway.  Youth can only claim half price regardless of date of birth.  Youth definition for Walk-ins is born on or after 01/01/1997.

# YOUTH PLAYERS ACCOMMODATION

The Gold Coast Congress offers heavily subsidised accommodation in holiday units to youth(ish) players. The cost is:

* $17 a night for those born in 1997 or later
* $27 a night for older youths (up to 32 years or so)

Capricornia Apartments <https://www.capricornia.com.au/> have air-conditioning in the living area (fans in bedrooms) and a fully equipped kitchen. The complex is a short stroll to the venue (and is even closer to the beach). It has a pool, BBQ area, tennis court, complimentary boogie boards, spa and sauna.

For details, or to book, contact Jessica Brake at [jessicabrake@hotmail.com](mailto:jessicabrake@hotmail.com), 0414 134 888, or via a Facebook message. Accommodation is limited. Preference is given to those born in 1997 or later, or to older youths not in full time employment

# YOUTH - PRIZES

If a youth player has paid no entry fee and he/she wins a prize over $150, half price entry fee to be taken out of the prize.

# ZEPHYR FOUNDATION (2022 GCC Charity)

ZEPHYR EDUCATION INC UPDATE

I’m writing this letter to give you an update on what Zephyr Education Inc is doing almost 7 years after it began life as Zephyr Foundation. (The change came with incorporation so we could be given tax deductible status.)

QCBC my home club’s management and members were right there beside me from the very beginning.  The wider bridge community continues to support Zephyr with club charity days and individual donations. The QBA has Zephyr as its charity again next year at the Gold Coast Congress. The value of this exposure is incalculable, as it is our hope that someone will want to replicate our model in the remaining 5 States and territories. Our appreciation for your huge support is humbling, overwhelming and gratefully received.

Most of you are familiar with what Zephyr Education is about. Just for the few who are unaware of Zephyr's work - we provide children in Domestic Violence shelters, Family Service organisations and outreach services with some or all of their full school needs. This is, as and when required – on approval only, which approval is frugally and carefully assessed. We don’t pay into any private accounts and often pay directly to the school.

The range of what Zephyr pays for includes:

The full book list specific to the child's year and school;  
Full uniform including shoes, socks, hats;  
Swimwear;  
Lunchbox and water bottle;  
Resource fees.

And as our funding has become more reliable, we are providing iPads and laptops - an expensive, yet indispensable learning tool in this day and age.

We respond to requests immediately and we generally provide what’s required within 24 to 48 hours.

Our aim is solely to have that child, the saddest and most vulnerable victims of domestic violence, look like every other school child, so they do not feel out of place, nor less valuable than others, nor attract the eye of a potential bully and so they can hopefully resume their education **successfully.**

We currently support 87 shelters in Queensland, all 7 in Tasmania and 8 in WA. That is a total of 102 organisations under Zephyr’s umbrella.

In the last 12 months to July 2019 Zephyr

* Supported 2800 children, and
* Volunteers packed and distributed over $230,000 worth of cost price stock out of the $344,590 paid out for uniforms, stock and fees.

Below is a snapshot of how certain moneys were spent –the cost items were:

·         $5391 - school stationery packs (for 80 children)

·         $4603 - school uniforms (for 31 children)

·         $3849 - school bags (for 154 children)

·         $3403 - school shoes (for 81 children)

·         $ 388   - resource levies (for 4 children).

Since Zephyr Education was established in 2013, requests for our support and our capacity to respond have increased each year. Shelter co-ordinators frequently tell us about the impact our support is having. One manager sent us the following email:

*Thank you so much for your continual support. You have honestly lifted a weight from the shoulders of our mums and given the kids the comfortable transition they need to succeed both academically and socially in their new schools!*

Another sent this email:

*Refuge can be a lonely and challenging time for families living in crisis accommodation. Your support assists us to alleviate some of the financial pressures that arise for families at this time. With your continual support we are helping families to get through times of desperate need that seemed hopeless by giving them the support and encouragement, they need.*

*More important is the impact your support has on the children accessing our service. Your support enables children to transition to a new school with the appropriate resources they need that allows them to keep their dignity, self-worth and minimises the risk of “standing out in the crowd”. On behalf of the children who have benefited from your program I say thank you.*

Our focus is, and always has been, on the children and their education. We assist the carers of all children who fall within our scope, including Mothers, Fathers, Grandparents, foster carers and guardians. I took a call in January from a father who was at his wit’s end trying to get his 13-year-old daughter back to school, whilst trying to care for a 9-year-old and 4-year-old as well. By that very afternoon, his children’s school requirements were on the road to him.

Zephyr continues to be supported by a growing number of talented and dedicated volunteers. None of our members or other volunteers receives any remuneration or allowances for their work, whether their work involves making up school packs, delivering school items to shelters or attending functions to speak on our behalf.

Their commitment highlights that Zephyr Education is a real team effort with dedicated people who truly believe that what we provide for these children is not only much needed but life changing.

We received this from a shelter manager:

‘*Just a brief line Isabella to thank you so much for meeting our request this morning and so promptly too.  We are left breathless by the abilities and generosity of Zephyr. Please thank your team.’*

We didn’t start Zephyr for feel good reasons – My sister Isabella saw the need and marshalled a small army to make it happen. As I keep telling people, I just wanted to play bridge –that’s the truth, but as Isabella mistook my reluctant acquiescence, for enthusiasm, I too, within a short period of time became a convert. Our husbands, David and Terry, in retirement from their respective jobs as Qld Ombudsman and DCJ spend much of their time serving Zephyr as well. However, Terry has ‘escaped’ back to work for a short time.

One of the many unexpected joys amidst the toil is that it has opened up whole worlds of wonder at the generosity of people –such as you. People generally want to help others – they just have to be shown something that appeals to them as worthy and true.

In past years at the GCC, we have run raffles and had specific collection days with volunteers at the doors as you’re trying to find your seat to start play. Zephyr is massively appreciative of your support but is also mindful not to interfere too much with your enjoyment of this wonderful congress. To that end, in 2022 there will be donation slips and collection boxes available at various fixed locations.

All donations are tax deductible and for those of you who may wish to donate –

**Zephyr’s bank account details are:   BSB:  084 004        ACC:  15 629 0526**

Please Reference Your Name and send an email to [admin@zephyreducation.com.au](mailto:admin@zephyreducation.com.au)   so we can forward your receipt.

The great Irish poet Yeats said ‘Education in not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire’. Please help us continue lighting that fire!

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Carmel Martin

Treasurer

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