



# Gold Coast Congress 2023 Information Manual

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## GOLD COAST CONGRESS INFORMATION MANUAL

### 2023 DATES

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### 2024 DATES

TBA

### ACCOMMODATION

For accommodation enquiries, contact Sue Smith –  
M - 0429 056 445 or E – [Sue.gccongress@gmail.com](mailto:Sue.gccongress@gmail.com)

Some accommodation options are listed on the GCC website: [ACCOMMODATION](#)

Regretfully, we will no longer offering youth accommodation.

### ADVERTISING IN BULLETIN

**Events** Any ABF event and any QBA Gold Point event held prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ADVISORS

David Appleton, Neville Francis

### 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.

Things you can do that will **NOT** improve your comfort level:

- discuss the issue with a Director or the Scoring Staff
- discuss it with the Recorder

## 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 1NT 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 Finals will be the only matches on BBO. BBO will only be available if operators come forward to assist.



## **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 COMPANION'S PROGRAM**

Please note that in 2023, we will have one bus and one people carrier. Numbers limited, pre bookings welcome.

We look forward to seeing you all again– having a little fun – and visiting spots along our famous Gold Coast.

Below, please find the organised activities for the week.

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Here's to a fun week, Sue and Lana

## 2023 Bridge Companion's Program

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Location	Dates	Event	Meeting	Depart	Costs
	<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Get together Non-Bridge Partners.  Golf days will be discussed at the same time. Arranged by Ian Wright	Apartment Air on Broadbeach 10:30am-12pm		
	<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>  Walk at Natural Bridge, Springbrook <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural_Bridge,_Queensland">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural_Bridge,_Queensland</a>  Thereafter: Hinze Dam for lunch/tea <a href="https://viewcafe.com.au/">https://viewcafe.com.au/</a>	The park's Natural Bridge section features a picturesque rock formation, formed by the force of the waterfall over the basalt cave. An easy one-kilometre circuit. Lunch at the Hinze Dam restaurant  Please bring your walking shoes, sunhat, sun cream and water bottle	Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach	10:30am – bus back by 5pm latest	Lunch and tea costs to be incurred by self  \$20 bus
	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>  Fashion Parade	Fashion Parade, at the Oasis Shopping Centre, Level 1.	Meeting at Change Alley Level 1 Outside at 'A Little Oasis Café' 2pm – 3pm.		No cost to self
	<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Get together for Non-Bridge Partners	Apartment Air on Broadbeach	10:00am-10:30am	

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	<p><b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b></p> <p>Mt Tamborine Botanic Gardens</p> <p><a href="https://tmbotanicgardens.org.au/">https://tmbotanicgardens.org.au/</a></p>	<p>The Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens were established in 1983. They are administered entirely by volunteers. The Gardens combine a colourful and diverse range of flora with a glorious lake as the centrepiece, a tranquil Japanese garden, a relaxing tropical rainforest walk</p>	<p>Apartment Air on Broadbeach</p>	<p>Leave 10 :30 am - back latest 5:15pm</p>	<p>\$20 bus</p>
	<p><b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b></p> <p>David Fleay Wildlife Park</p> <p><a href="https://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/parks/david-fleay/">https://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/parks/david-fleay/</a></p>	<p>David Fleay Wildlife Park is a wildlife park with a difference! You can stroll through natural habitats and visit a nocturnal house to see some of Australia's most iconic wildlife. You'll meet crocodiles, koalas, emus, brolgas, dingoes, dunnarts, bilbies and kangaroos, as well as platypus.</p>	<p>Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach</p> <p><b>No host</b> Drop off-Pick up.</p>	<p>10:30 am – 4:30pm</p>	<p>\$10 bus</p>
	<p><b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b></p> <p>Burleigh Heads National Park. Walking trails. Map below</p> <p><a href="https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0017/162512/burleigh-head-webmap.pdf">https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0017/162512/burleigh-head-webmap.pdf</a></p> <p>The Paddock bakery for tea/lunch <a href="https://www.paddockbakery.com/">https://www.paddockbakery.com/</a></p>	<p><b>Burleigh Heads National Park</b> offers perfect views of the Gold Coast City skyline, access to remote beaches and creeks, native rainforest and several unique viewpoints. Please see map for different trails</p> <p><b>Paddock Bakery</b></p> <p>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 brulee doughnut.</p>	<p>Ground floor Air on Broadbeach</p>	<p>10.30am – 4:30pm Approx.</p>	<p>\$10 bus</p> <p>Lunch at own expense</p>
	<p><b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Champagne Breakfast <b>inherSHOES</b></p>	<p>All welcome to a champagne breakfast where you will receive a 10% discount on certain items.</p> <p>Enter a free draw to win a pair of shoes, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, handbag/clutch 2<sup>nd</sup> prize to be drawn after the breakfast.</p>	<p>Meeting at In-Her Shoes Oasis Shopping Centre, 8.15am</p>		<p>No cost</p>

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	<p><b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Surfers Paradise River cruises</p> <p>The cruise departs from Surfers Paradise and travels on the waterways and canals of the Gold Coast - past Chevron and Cronin Islands. Then to Paradise Waters all the way up to the Marina, Versace Hotel and out to Sea World before returning. Throughout the duration of the cruise, interesting and informative commentary will be given.</p> <p><a href="http://www.surfersparadisrivercruises.com.au/daily-gold-coast-river-canal-waterways-cruises/">http://www.surfersparadisrivercruises.com.au/daily-gold-coast-river-canal-waterways-cruises/</a></p> <p><b>Other Options</b></p>	<p>All cruises are 1.5h cruise which includes complimentary snacks- Includes cheese and crackers</p> <p>The vessel has two levels - inside seating, back covered deck and upstairs sundeck. There are 2 toilets on board.</p>	<p>Air on Broadbeach</p> <p><b>No Host</b> Drop off -Pick up</p>	<p>1:15pm-3:30pm / after boat return</p>	<p>\$5 bus</p> <p>\$29 per person for cruise</p>
	<p>Harbour Town</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Harbour Town have their own shuttle buses to and from the Convention Centre at 9.15am &amp; 10.30am, returning 2pm &amp; 5pm. VIP invitations to Harbour Town are available at the get together at apartment 3204, Air on Broadbeach.</p>			
	<p><b>SkyPoint</b> Surfers Paradise</p> <p><a href="https://www.skypoint.com.au/">https://www.skypoint.com.au/</a></p>	<p>See an incredible view of the Gold Coast from <b>SkyPoint</b> Observation Deck while you enjoy delicious food and drinks in the heart of Surfers Paradise.</p>			
<p><b>Any expressions of interest or pre-bookings would be very welcome.</b></p>	<p><b>Contacts:</b></p> <p>Sue (m) 0424 830158</p>	<p>gcchospitality@qldbridge.com.au</p>	<p>Bridge Companions</p>		
	<p>Lana(m) 0481187578</p>		<p>Bridge Companions</p>		
	<p>Ian (m) 0417194347</p>	<p><a href="mailto:ian83@me.com">ian83@me.com</a></p>	<p><b>Golf Only</b></p>		

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### BULLETIN

Stephen Lester is the Bulletin Editor with co-editors to be advised. 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 (0468 459 351)
- send an email to the address on the header of the Daily Bulletin [sleksix@gmail.com](mailto:sleksix@gmail.com)
- put a submission in the Bulletin Submission box opposite the Administration desk

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

The bus service is mainly for those who need the service. To make pre-bookings – contact Barry on 0418 747 078 and advise your location so he is aware when driving the loop.

### CADDY NOTES AND INSTRUCTIONS

**2023 Caddy Dates are Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February – 2 sessions each day except the last Saturday where there is one.** A couple of you will be asked to work Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 EARPHONES 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**



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**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 halfway 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 carpool 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.

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**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.

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 2023

Fri 17 Feb	Sat 18 Feb	Sun 19 Feb	Mon 20 Feb	Tue 21 Feb	Wed 22 Feb	Thu 23 Feb	Fri 24 Feb	Sat 25 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	
								<b>Dinner Dance</b>

**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.

**Open** Categories: Same Sex, Mixed\*, Queensland and Best New Zealand Team

**Under 1500** MPs Categories: Same Sex, Mixed\*, Queensland

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

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

**Novice** Categories: Same Sex, Mixed\*, Queensland

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


**TEAM CATEGORY PRIZE POLICY**

Special category prizes (awarded to the highest placed team not qualifying for the finals series. Teams must nominate a single category for which they wish to contend prior to the category nomination closing time specified by the TO. There must be at least 6 teams within a category for a prize to be awarded. If there are fewer than 6 teams in a category at the close of entries, such teams will be moved to a different category.

**CELEBRITY SPEAKERS**

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

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

<b>Saturday</b> 1.30pm-2.15pm <b>Peter Gill</b>	<b><i>Which Suit to Play When You Declare 3NT</i></b> Lots of people find No-Trumps to be the most difficult contracts to play, and for good reason, we have to think about <i>all</i> four suits! Peter will give you lots of simple tips and ideas and can be easily implemented in your games.	Multi-Level
	<b>Peter Gill</b> has won more than 50 open national titles and is frequently in the Australian Open Team – 7 of the last 9 years.	
<b>Sunday</b> (2 sessions) 9.00am-9.45am 1.30pm-2.15pm <b>Andy Hung</b>	<b><i>High Level Competitive Decisions</i></b> Imagine an auction where you and partner bid up to 4H and you opponents annoyingly bid 4S... what do you do? This is a common dilemma that every bridge player hates! Come along to Andy's talk for tips that will help you 'guess' better and better.	Multi-Level



	<p><b>Andy Hung</b> 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 a US national in 2019. He will be playing on the Australian Open Team for the 2022 World Championships. He also regularly runs bridge holidays – contact him for more info.</p> <p><b><u>Second Session is a Repeat</u></b></p>	
<p><b>Monday</b> 9.00am-9.45am <b>Liam Milne</b></p>	<p><b><i>Bid Boldly Like the Pros</i></b></p> <p>Ever noticed that when you're playing at the top tables, your opponents won't stop bidding? Find out when the pros like to bid a bit more than usual and learn about the modern aggressive competitive style.</p>	<p>Multi-Level</p>
	<p><b>Liam Milne</b> has appeared on the Australian Open team several times in recent years. His recent domestic wins include the 2019 Gold Coast Teams, 2019 South West Pacific Teams and 2021 Autumn National Open Teams.</p>	
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 9.30-10.15am <b>Nick Jacob</b></p>	<p><b><i>Looking after Partner</i></b></p> <p>No matter our level or ambitions, we all rise or fall with one person: partner. Whether you want to improve communication, discipline, bidding or defence, there is always something we can improve to get the most out of our partnerships.</p>	<p>Multi-Level</p>
	<p><b>Nick Jacob</b> played in New Zealand youth and Open team events and has represented Victoria in the Australian National Championships. He has won numerous National Teams and Pairs events.</p>	
<p><b>Thursday</b> 9.30-10.15am <b>William Jenner-O'Shea</b></p>	<p><b><i>Improve Your Defence</i></b></p> <p>A few simple tweaks to your leads and signals to help you and partner defend better. Improving your defence is the best way to improve your scores!</p>	<p>Multi-Level</p>
	<p><b>Will Jenner-O'Shea</b> has represented Australia in several bridge events, including the World Mind Sports Games in Beijing in 2008. Will has also built a successful career teaching.</p>	

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### CHARITY 2023 – ZEPHYR FOUNDATION

Please see [ZEPHYR FOUNDATION](#)

### CLOSING TIMES FOR ENTRIES FOR EVENTS

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

Friday events:

<b>Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs</b>	Thursday 2.30pm
<b>Friday Novice Pairs</b>	Thursday 2.30pm
<b>Swiss McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs</b>	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, volunteers will be operating a tea and coffee service for this event. Coffee is made from ground coffee beans with fresh milk and will cost \$4 a cup. The service will start around one hour before play and continue until late into the last session. Please understand that the service is run for the benefit of players by volunteers. There will be \$20 vouchers and \$40 vouchers available for purchase from the Bridge Office. \$20 entitles you to 5 coffees without handling any money apart from payment. \$40 entitles you to 11 coffees. As we are not allowed to run the free water service in the playing area this year we will be selling bottles of water at \$2.00 from the coffee shop. These can be purchased via voucher in lots of 2's. We cannot under any circumstance give free – a cup of hot water so please don't request – it is a public liability issue. We will not be doing double shots this year. VOUCHERS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE BRIDGE OFFICE VIA EFTPOS OR CASH. No refunds once a voucher has been purchased.

### 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, **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 Maroon
- **Rookies** in Fuchsia
- **0-50** in Fuchsia
- **Open Matchpoint Swiss Pairs, Open Monday Butler** in Orange
- **Saturday to Monday Walk Ins and Walk Ins Tuesday to Saturday TBA**

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

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### CONGRESS SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS 2023

System regulations are published 1 January on the Gold Coast Congress MyABF website.

Supplementary regulations are published on the website after 1 February 2023.

### CONTACTS FOR GCC STAFF

The main contacts are:

<b>General Enquiries</b>	Kim and Ray Ellaway 0412 064 903 <a href="mailto:manager@qldbridge.com.au">manager@qldbridge.com.au</a>
<b>Tournament Organiser</b>	Tim Runting 0458 448 765 <a href="mailto:gccconvenor@qldbridge.com.au">gccconvenor@qldbridge.com.au</a>
<b>Partnership Enquiries</b>	Toni Bardon Mobile 0401 082 054 <a href="mailto:tmbardon@hotmail.com">tmbardon@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Accommodation Enquiries</b>	Sue Smith 0429 056 445 <a href="mailto:Sue.gcccongress@gmail.com">Sue.gcccongress@gmail.com</a>
<b>Entry Enquiries</b>	Pele Rankin 0439 949 060 <a href="mailto:gcccentries@qldbridge.com.au">gcccentries@qldbridge.com.au</a> (Email preferred. Please call only between 9am and 5pm)
<b>Chief Director</b>	Dr Laurie Kelso 0412 559 171 <a href="mailto:lskelso@ihug.com.au">lskelso@ihug.com.au</a>
<b>New Zealand enquiries</b>	Alister Stuck <a href="mailto:acs@inspire.net.nz">acs@inspire.net.nz</a> (06) 358 3449
<b>Hospitality</b>	Sue Ziegenfuss <a href="mailto:gcchospitality@qldbridge.com.au">gcchospitality@qldbridge.com.au</a> 0424 830 158

### CORRECTION OF SCORES

#### Scoring Area Phone Number is 0456 587 765 – 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.**

The Scoring team may be advised of potential scoring errors via text to 0456-587-765 (receives texts only). Include the following information: Event, Session/Match, Pair number, Board number,

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Contract, Declarer, Score, What you believe is correct. The scoring team has a protocol to follow to determine if a result is manifestly wrong. If it is not accepted or if the error relates to the number of tricks taken, you will need to obtain written confirmation from your opponents as described above.

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

The bus service is mainly for those who need the service. To make pre-bookings – contact Barry on 0418 747 078 and advise your location so he is aware when driving the loop.

## DATES FOR FUTURE YEARS

TBA

## DINNER DANCE

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm. Limited Numbers.

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 200 people. Please advise us of any special dietary requirement when making your booking.

Please return your form before 5:00pm Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 2 course meal and drinks, prize giving and the return of the fabulous Captain Wow to dance the night away.

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.

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### **DIRECTOR, CHIEF TOURNAMENT**

Laurie Kelso is the Chief Tournament Director

### **DIRECTORS GET TOGETHER**

A Directors get-together will be conducted by Chris Snook on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 ENTRY FEES - YOUTH BRIDGE PLAYERS**

All players born on or after 1 January 2005 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 1998 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 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023. No discount for Rookie Pairs, one session Under 50 MP pairs and Walk-Ins.

### **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**

We encourage all players to dress in keeping with the Gold Coast Annual Theme for Wednesday Teams Sessions. The 2023 theme is  **MAD HATTERS DAY** ! Please celebrate our 61<sup>st</sup> year and wear your most glittering costume. The photography will commence when play finishes and the parade from 2:30pm to 3:00pm Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Prizes will be available for some combination of groups, pairs or individuals.



## **DROP-IN PAIRS**

Pairs of players defeated in the Open Teams Round-of-4 will be permitted to enter the Ivy Dahler Pairs commencing in Round 4 subject to the following conditions:

- only players who were in teams defeated in the Round-of-4 will be allowed to enter, but partnerships may be from different teams
- only an even number of entries will be accepted (i.e. 2 pairs, 4 pairs, etc)
- full entry fee will be payable
- entry for pairs of pairs must be submitted and paid for at Bridge Administration Desk by 1.00pm
- drop-in pairs will be randomly assigned to either the NS or EW field and will be randomly drawn against each other in Round 4
- drop-in scores will be assigned according to the formula described in the Appendices

## **DROP-IN SCORES - From the Appendices**

Drop-in scores for pairs entering the Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs - Open in Round 4

Assuming an original entry of  $n$  tables, pairs entering at Round 4 will be assigned a VP score,  $x$  (rounded to 2 decimal places), equal to the greater of:

- i) the average score of the top  $n/10$  (rounded up) pairs at the conclusion of Round 3; and
- ii) the leader's score at the conclusion of Round 3 minus 10.5.

Scores for NS and EW drop-in pairs will be calculated separately.

Such pairs will be assigned an IMP score for each of Matches 1-3 as nearly equivalent as possible to the IMP score which would convert to  $x/3$  VPs.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

General eligibility\* is based on awards processed as officially released by the ABF in October 2022. 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.

CATEGORY	GENERAL ELIGIBILITY	NZ ELIGIBILITY
<b>0-10MP's (Rookie)</b>	Under 10 MPs as at 30/9/2022*	Novice as at 30/09/2022
<b>0-50 MP's</b>	Under 50 MPs as at 30/9/2022*	Certificate of Proficiency or lower as at 30/09/2022
<b>NOVICE</b>	Under 100 MPs as at 30/9/2022*	Club Master or lower as at 30/09/2022
<b>RESTRICTED</b>	Under 300 MPs as at 30/9/2022*	Provincial or lower as at 30/09/2022
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>	Under 750 MPs as at 30/9/2022*	Master or lower as at 30/09/2022
<b>0-1500 MP's</b>	Under 1500 MPs as at 30/9/2022*	Life Master or lower as at 30/9/22
<b>MIXED</b>	Required to have at least 1 male and 1 female player	
<b>YOUTH</b>	Must be born on or after 01/01/1998	

Players born on or after 01/01/2005 (under 18 years) and born on or before 01/01/1923 (over 100 years) are entitled to free entry - courtesy of Gold Coast Congress. Players born on or after 01/01/1998 (under 25 years) are entitled to a 50% discount. Please advise DOB when entering (ABF Policy).

## ENTERING

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](mailto:gccentries@qldbridge.com.au) m: 0439 949 060. Email preferred. Please call between 9am and 5pm.

Kim & Ray Ellaway: [manager@qldbridge.com.au](mailto:manager@qldbridge.com.au) m: 0412 064 903

## ENTRIES

Please ensure you get your entries in and remember they need to be paid by 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 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 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 1998 (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 6 February 2023.

## 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 6/2)
- Bobby Richman Pairs Championship: \$330 p/pair (\$310 if paid by 6/2)
- Monday Butler Swiss Pairs: \$150 p/pair (\$130 if paid by 6/2)
- Teams Championships: \$780 p/team (\$740 if paid by 6/2)
- Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs: \$210 p/pair (\$190 if paid by 6/2)
- Rookie Pairs: \$50 p/pair per session (No discount)
- 0 - 50 Masterpoint Pairs (1 session): \$50 p/pair x Tuesday (No discount)
- (2 sessions): \$110 p/pair x Wednesday (\$90 if paid by 6/2)
- \$110 p/pair x Thursday (\$90 if paid by 6/2)
- Seres-McMahon Match Point Swiss Pairs: \$150 per/pair (\$130 if paid by 6/2)
- Friday Novice Pairs: \$150 per pair (\$130 if paid by 6/2)
- Walk In Pairs: \$15 per player (Pay at table)

Players born on or after 1 January 2005 (under 18 years) and born on or before 1 January 1923 (over 100 years) are entitled to free entry - courtesy of Gold Coast Congress. Players born on or after 1 January 1998 (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 applies to each person for most events if entry and entry fee is received prior to midnight Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

## ENTRY FORM

There is no official Entry Form but there is a form you can complete if you would like to post/email an entry. Control/Click this link: [Entry Form](#)

## EVENT ORGANISERS

Tournament organiser – Tim Runting  
Chief Tournament Director – Dr Laurie Kelso  
Chief Scorer – Matthew McManus



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### EVENT INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

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

**YOUTH:** Open to players born after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1998.

**0-1500:** Open to players who have not attained 1500 MPs as at 30 Sept 2022

**INTERMEDIATE:** Open to players who have not attained 750 MPs as at 30 Sept 2022

**RESTRICTED:** Open to players who have not attained 300 MPs as at 30 Sept 2022

**NOVICE:** Open to players who have not attained 100 MP's as at 30 Sept 2022

**UNDER 50 MP:** Open to players who have not attained 50 MPs as at 30 Sept 2022

**ROOKIE:** Open to players who have not attained 10 MP's as at 30 Sept 2022

### 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 Under 1500, 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.

### FINALS INCLUDING TOP 4 AND SEMI FINALS

The top 2 from each field of Under 1500, 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 - 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>

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

Losing teams in the round of 4 may feed into the Ivy Dahler Pairs or choose to play in the Walk In Pairs.

#### OPEN - SEMI FINAL

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

#### UNDER 1500, INTERMEDIATE, RESTRICTED and NOVICE,

Top 2 at the end of Match 12

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

### FINDING US ONLINE

[GCC website](#) or [Facebook](#)

### GOLD POINTS

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

For further information regarding masterpoint allocation, please refer to [Masterpoints](#) .

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### HELP BEFORE PLAY

Help will be available as follows:

Rookies	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> February play starts 10.00am help from 9.00am Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February play starts 10.00am help from 9.00am
Under 50s	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February play starts 10.00am help from 9.30am Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February play starts 10.00am help from 9.30am Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February play starts 10.00am help from 9.30am
Novices	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> February Novice Pairs start 10.00am help from 9.30am Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February Novice Teams start 10.00am help from 9.30am Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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

Date	Day	Event	Help from	Play Starts	Volunteers
18/02/2022	Saturday	BR Novice Pairs	9.30am	10.00am	Mick Fawcett, Lyn Tracey, Richard Fox
19/02/2022	Sunday	Rookies	9.00am	10.00am	Lorraine King, Helen Standfast, Mick Fawcett
21/02/2022	Tuesday	Novice Teams	9.30am	10.00am	Kathy Males, Warren Males
21/02/2022	Tuesday	0-50s	9.30am	10.00am	Jim Evans, Pamela Evans, Phil Hale
22/02/2022	Wednesday	0-50s	9.30am	10.00am	Richard Fox, Rachel Langdon
23/02/2022	Thursday	0-50s	9.30am	10.00am	Jessica Brake Presentation, Jim and Pamela Evans
23/02/2022	Thursday	Rookies	9.00am	10.00am	Kathy Males, Warren Males
24/02/2022	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 2023
- [System regulations](#) are available on the MyABF GCC website after 1 January 2023
- [Supplementary regulations](#) are published on website after 1st February 2023
- Seating for Pairs and Teams Championships are available on website 24 hours prior to event
- 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 or SMS Text via <http://www.abfevents.com.au/forms/signup/>.

## INTERMEDIATE ELIGIBILITY

Open to players who have not attained 750 MP's as at 30 September 2022.

## 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 **4.00pm 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 **4.00pm 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.

## LUNCHES

The Convention Centre Kiosk, The Combi, will sell a few sandwiches, salads and sausage rolls. Alternatively, here are some suggestions nearby from the GCCEC – [Cafes near GCCEC](#)

## MASTERPOINTS

Walk-In Pairs are awarded Red Masterpoints.

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

### Masterpoint Awards:

Weekend Swiss Matchpoint Pairs - Open  
Monday Swiss Butler Pairs - Open  
Open Teams  
Under 1500 MPs Teams  
Intermediate Teams  
Restricted Teams  
Novice Teams  
Open Butler Swiss Pairs  
Intermediate Butler Swiss Pairs  
Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs  
0-50 MPs Butler Swiss Pairs  
Seres McMahon MP Swiss Pairs  
Friday Novice Pairs

### Gold in main events, red for walk-ins

0.36 gold masterpoints for each win  
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1.12 gold masterpoints for each win  
0.56 gold masterpoints for each win  
0.50 gold masterpoints for each win  
0.41 gold masterpoints for each win  
0.36 gold masterpoints for each win  
0.64 gold masterpoints for each win  
0.29 gold masterpoints for each win  
0.23 gold masterpoints for each win  
0.16 gold masterpoints for each win  
0.32 gold masterpoints for each win  
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.

## MyABF REFUNDS

Should you withdraw from the event prior to publication of the draw, and you would like a refund of your entry fees, please refer to these instructions from MyABF.

<https://www.abf.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/MY-ABF-HOW-TO-WITHDRAW-AN-ENTRY-AND-REQUEST-A-REFUND.pdf>

## NEW ZEALAND MASTERPOINT CONVERSION

CATEGORY	NZ ELIGIBILITY
Rookie	Novice as at 30/09/2022
Under 50	Certificate of Proficiency or lower as at 30/09/2022
NOVICE	Club Master or lower as at 30/09/2022
RESTRICTED	Provincial or lower as at 30/09/2022
INTERMEDIATE	Master or lower as at 30/09/2022
Under 1500	Life Master or lower as at 30/09/2022
Youth	Born after or on 01/01/1998

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### NEXT YEAR'S THEME

Our 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary theme will be advised.

### NIGHT PLAY

No night bridge apart from No Frills Walk In

### NO FRILLS WALK-IN PAIRS

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 6pm – 6.15pm Staggered start

### NOVICE ELIGIBILITY

Open to players who have not attained 100 MP's as at 30 September 2022.

### NOVICE AND ROOKIE ACTIVITIES

NOVICE & ROOKIE ACTIVITY	VENUE	DATE/TIME
<b>GCC Novice Pairs Welcome</b> Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc	Maroon Tablecloths Main Playing Area	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> Help from 9.30am
<b>GCC Rookie Pairs Welcome</b> Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc	Fuchsia Tablecloths Main Playing Area	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Help from 9.30am
<b>GCC 0-50 MP Welcome</b> Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc	Fuchsia Tablecloths Main Playing Area	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Help from 9.30am
<b>GCC Novice Teams Welcome</b> Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc	Maroon Tablecloths Main Playing Area	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Help from 9.30am
<b>GCC 0-50 MP Welcome</b> Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc	Fuchsia Tablecloths Main Playing Area	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Help from 9.30am
<b>GCC Rookie Pairs Welcome</b> Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc	Fuchsia Tablecloths Main Playing Area	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Help from 9.00am
<b>GCC 0-50 MP Welcome</b> Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc	Fuchsia Tablecloths Main Playing Area	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Help from 9.30am
<b>GCC Novice Pairs Welcome</b> Assistance with System Cards and How it all Works etc	Maroon Tablecloths Main Playing Area	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Help from 9.30am

### NOVICE EVENTS

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

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am (min 24 boards) finish approx. 1.45pm \$50 p/pair

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 10.00am (min 24 boards) finish approx. 1.45pm \$50 p/pair

### 0-50 MASTERPOINT PAIRS

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 10.00am (min 24 boards) finish approx. 1.45pm \$50 p/pair

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb - 2 session event 10:00am & 2.30pm finish 5.45pm approx.

(must play both sessions) \$110.00 (\$90 if paid by 6/2) per pair

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb - 2 session event 10:00am & 2.30pm finish 5.45pm approx.

(must play both sessions) \$110.00 (\$90 if paid by 6/2) per pair

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

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**FRIDAY NOVICE PAIRS – under 100 masterpoints**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 10am & 2pm (2 sessions) finish approx. 5.15pm  
\$150 per pair (\$130 if prepaid by 6/2)

**NOVICE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP – under 100 masterpoints**

5 sessions must play all

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am & 2.30pm finish approx. 5.45pm

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am & 2.30pm finish approx. 5.45pm

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am finish approx. 1.30 pm

\$330 PER PAIR (\$310 if prepaid by 6/2)

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

Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 10:00am & 2.30pm (4 matches) finish 6.00 pm approx.

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 10:00am & 2.30pm (4 matches) finish 6.00 pm approx.

Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 10:00am & 2.30pm (4 matches) finish 6.00 pm approx.

\$780 PER TEAM (\$740 if prepaid by 6/2)

(Top 2 at the end of match 12 play the finals at 10am Fri 24<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> Feb play starts 10.00am - help from 9.30am

Novice Pairs Fri 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> February, entries will be accepted until 2.30pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.



## **ONSITE PERSONNEL**

Attending the congress during the tournament will be:

### **Australian Bridge Federation:**

Alison Stralow – President

Stephen Fischer – Secretary

Ian Thompson – Treasurer

Rob Ward – Board Member

Peter Cox – Head of Marketing

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

Matthew McManus – Joint National Event Coordinator

Peter Reynolds – Chairman ABF Tournament Committee

**QBA** - Richard Ward – QBA President

### **IBPA**

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

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

## **OPEN PAIRS and TEAMS PLAYOFF POINTS**

[http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/pqp/standings/2022/2022\\_PQP\\_Table.html](http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/pqp/standings/2022/2022_PQP_Table.html)

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

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

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

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

As the 2023 Australian Team Playoffs for will be Open entry, Seniors' and Women's PQPs ceased in 2022. Any Australian player entering the Gold Coast Congress Open Teams will be eligible for Open PQPs, irrespective of the category for which their team nominates. No Final play-offs on Friday for Women's and Seniors' teams at the Gold Coast Congress.

## **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 30/09/2022

**0 – 50 MP's:** Certificate of Proficiency as at 30/09/2022

**NOVICE:** Club Master or lower as at 30/09/2022

**RESTRICTED:** Provincial or lower as at 30/09/2022

**0 – 500 MP's:** Master or lower as at 30/09/2022

**INTERMEDIATE** under 750 MP's: Master or lower as at 30/09/2022

**Under 1500:** Life Master or lower as at 30/09/2022

**Youth:** Must be born after 01/01/1998

## **PARKING**

Parking will be available for **\$12** per entry per day or **\$60** for a weekly pass with unlimited entry from Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February inclusive. **The Fee is to be confirmed.**

The Bridge Administration Desk is the ONLY place you can obtain a weekly pass. It will be open on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 0401 082 054 or [tmbardon@hotmail.com](mailto:tmbardon@hotmail.com)

## **PAYING AN ENTRY THAT'S ALREADY BEEN LODGED**

A detailed "How to" guide illustrating this is on the My ABF Resources website [here](#):

## **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. 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Card Type: Mastercard Visa

Card holder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Card holders signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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, you **need to provide your name and event** along with the cheque or credit card details. No need to complete other parts of the form.



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### 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](#)

### PLAYER QUALIFYING POINTS

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

### 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 REFUNDS

Late refunds are issued at the Gold Coast Congress Management's discretion, ideally before the draw for the event is published. Gold Coast Congress Management reserve the right to charge an administration fee of 25% of the entry fee.

### POLICY TEAM CATEGORY

Special category prizes (awarded to the highest placed team not qualifying for the finals series. Teams must nominate a single category for which they wish to contend prior to the category nomination closing time specified by the TO. There must be at least 6 teams within a category for a prize to be awarded. If there are fewer than 6 teams in a category at the close of entries, such teams will be moved to a different category.

**POLICY YOUTH DISCOUNT**

Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, all players born after 1 January 2005 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 1998 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/2022/2022\\_PQP\\_Table.html](http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/pqp/standings/2022/2022_PQP_Table.html)

EVENT	TYPE	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	4 <sup>TH</sup>	5 <sup>TH</sup>	6 <sup>TH</sup>
Gold Coast Pairs	MP Pairs	36	28	20	12	6	
Gold Coast Teams	Teams	48	24	18	12	8	4

As the 2023 Australian Team Playoffs will be Open entry, Seniors' and Women's PQPs no longer apply from 2022. Any Australian player entering the Gold Coast Congress Open Teams will be eligible for Open PQPs, irrespective of the category for which their team nominates. There is no longer be a final play-off on Friday for Women's and Seniors' teams at the Gold Coast Congress.

**PRIZES**

Link with the list of prizes is published on the GCC website after 1 January 2023

Please see the prize board near the office. We pay from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 2023**

		<b>PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
<b><u>OPEN</u></b>		<b><u>REST</u></b>	<b><u>INTER</u></b>	<b><u>NOVICE</u></b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$2,000.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$ 750.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 500.00				

**Best Women's Pair (Open) - \$200.00**

**Best Queensland Pair**    \$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 (player's choice)**

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### Other Sections

1 <sup>st</sup>	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$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

1 <sup>st</sup>	\$550.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$350.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$250.00 (C & V)

#### 0-500 merged with Open

1 <sup>st</sup>	\$200
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$150

**C & V = Prize of \$250.00 = \$100 in Vouchers and \$150 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**

### MONDAY BUTLER SWISS PAIRS

#### OPEN

1 <sup>st</sup>	\$250.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$200.00

#### 0-500 merged with Open

1 <sup>st</sup>	\$200.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$150.00

### ROOKIE PAIRS

1 <sup>st</sup>	\$80.00 for both North-South and East-West
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$50.00 for both North-South and East-West – Vouchers

### UNDER 50 PAIRS – 1 SESSION

1 <sup>st</sup>	\$80.00 for both North-South and East-West
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$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

1 <sup>st</sup>	\$160.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$120.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$100.00 (Vouchers)

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

**WALK IN PAIRS**

**\$50/\$60 Restaurant or Clothing vouchers for North/South and East West Daily Winners.**

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

**TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP**

	<b><u>Open</u></b>	<b><u>Under 1500</u></b>	<b><u>Intermediate</u></b>	<b><u>Restricted</u></b>	<b><u>Novice</u></b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 700.00
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	\$1,500.00				
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	\$1,000.00				
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	\$1,000.00				

**Categories**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	\$400.00 (C & V)	\$400.00(C&V)	\$400.00(C&V)	\$400.00(C&V)	\$400.00(C&V)
	4 categories	2 categories	3 categories	3 categories	2 categories

**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**

		<b><u>Open – 2 fields</u></b>	<b><u>Intermediate</u></b>	<b><u>Restricted</u></b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>NS/EW</b>	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>NS/EW</b>	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>NS/EW</b>	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00

**If the Open event only requires one field, the prize money will be 600.00, 300.00 and 200.00 accordingly.**

**SERES-MCMAHON MATCH POINT PAIRS**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	\$200.00
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	\$150.00

**FRIDAY NOVICE PAIRS**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	\$200.00
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	\$100.00

## **PRIZES – PAYMENT**

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. Overseas winners will need to discuss with Administration Staff.

## **PRIZES – RESTRICTED PAIRS**

The top two Qld pairs in the Gold Coast Restricted Pairs will be awarded the airfare and entry to the ANC Restricted Pairs. To qualify for the prize, the pairs must meet the ABF Eligibility criteria for the ANC Restricted Pairs which is under 300 Masterpoints on 31 December 2022.

## **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.

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Fri 17 Feb	<b>No Frills Walk-In Pairs</b>	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 18-20 Feb	<b>Bobby Richman Pairs Championship - 5 sessions</b> (all pairs play in all sessions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open</li> <li>Intermediate (under 750 MPs)</li> <li>Restricted (under 300 MPs)</li> <li>Novice (under 100 MPs)</li> </ul>	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 <b>Open</b> Pairs Championship will be playing for the Bobby Richman Trophy - sponsored by Penline. Best <b>Women's</b> pair will be playing for the Gerda Stern Trophy – sponsored by David Stern. Best <b>Qld</b> Pair will receive the Wide Bay Bank Shield. Best <b>Intermediate</b> Pair will receive a Trophy. <b>Restricted</b> Pairs Championship will be sponsored by twitch.tv/v8mama. <b>Novice</b> Pairs Championship will be playing for the Tony Jackman Shield.
Sat – Sun 18-19 Feb	<b>Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs - 3 sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Open</b> - 0-500 merged with Open</li> </ul>	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 18 Feb	<b>Walk-in Pairs</b>	10.00am and 2.30pm. No registration necessary. Entry fee \$15 per player collected at the table
Sun 19 Feb	<b>Rookie Pairs</b> <b>Walk-in Pairs - 2 Sessions</b>	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 20 Feb	<b>Monday Butler Swiss Pairs (2 sessions)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Open</b> - 0-500 merged with Open</li> </ul> <b>Walk-in Pairs - 2 Sessions</b>	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 21-23 Feb	<b>Teams Championship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open**</li> <li>Under 1500 MPs</li> <li>Intermediate (under 750 MPs)</li> <li>Restricted (under 300 MPs)</li> <li>Novice (under 100 MPs)</li> </ul>	Comprising 12 x 14-board matches for all sections. <b>Open</b> Teams field will play for the Cosmetics Plus Trophy. <b>Under 1500</b> will play for a Trophy, <b>Intermediate</b> Teams will play for the Two Men and a Truck Trophy. <b>Restricted</b> Teams Trophy is in memory of Pauline Evans – Prize money is partially sponsored by Jim Evans. <b>Novice</b> Teams will play for the Therese Tully Trophy. <b>Matches:</b> Starting times each day – 10.00am & 2.30pm (4 matches per day), finish by 6.00pm. <b>Finals</b> (No Women's or Seniors' final): Fri-Sat - see below

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Tue 21 Feb	<b>Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs</b>  <b>Walk-in Pairs - 2 Sessions</b>	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.
Wed 22 Feb	<b>Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs Sessions 1 &amp; 2</b>  <b>Walk-in Pairs - 2 Sessions</b>	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 23 Feb	<b>Rookie Pairs</b>  <b>Walk-in Pairs - 1 Session</b>  <b>0-50 Masterpoint Butler Swiss Pairs</b>	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 24-25 Feb	<b>Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Open</li> <li>▪ Intermediate (under 750 MPs)</li> <li>▪ Restricted (under 300 MPs)</li> </ul>	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.  <b>Drop-outs will be permitted</b>
Fri and Sat 24-25 Feb	<b>Teams Finals</b>	<b>Open Round-of-Four</b> for 3rd to 6th places Friday 9.00am 2x12-board matches. Drop-outs will be permitted to Ivy Dahler Pairs  <b>Open Semi-Finals</b> for 1st and 2nd and two winners from Round-of-four Friday 2.00pm 3x12-board matches  <b>Open Finals</b> for 2 Semi-finals winners Saturday 9.00am 4x12board matches  <b>Under 1500, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice Finals</b> for top 2 at the end of Match 12 Friday 10.00am 4x12-board matches
Fri 24 Feb	<b>Seres-McMahon Match Point Swiss Pairs</b>	10.00am and 2.00pm. Comprises 6 x 8-board matches over 2 sessions. Playing for the Seres McMahon Shield.
	<b>Friday Novice Pairs</b>	10.00am and 2.00pm. Comprises 6 x 8-board matches over 2 sessions. Sponsored by Annette Maluish.
	<b>Walk-in Pairs - 2 Sessions</b>	10.00am and 2.00pm. 2 separate sessions. No registration necessary. Entry fee \$15 per player collected at the table.
Sat 25 Feb	<b>Walk-in Pairs - 1 Session</b>  <b>Dinner Dance</b>	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 24 <sup>th</sup> February to ensure you place is secured. 7.00pm for 7.30 start



## GOLD COAST CONGRESS INFORMATION MANUAL

### RECORDERS

The ABF is keen to ensure events are played in the spirit of sportsmanship, and that players have an enjoyable experience at events run under the auspices of the ABF. The recorders at this event fulfil an important role in supporting this objective.

Recorders may receive oral or written communication from players at the end of each session regarding issues that have arisen during the event relating to player ethics or behaviour. Please feel free to consult with them about any concerns you might have.

The recorders for this event are Richard Ward, Jodi Tutty and Liam Milne.

The Director will guide you to the appropriate adviser.

### REFUNDS

Should you withdraw from an event prior to the draw is done, and you would like a refund of your entry fees, please refer to these instructions from MyABF.

<https://www.abf.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/MY-ABF-HOW-TO-WITHDRAW-AN-ENTRY-AND-REQUEST-A-REFUND.pdf>

### REFUNDS POLICY

Late refunds are issued at the Gold Coast Congress Management's discretion, ideally before the draw for the event is published. Gold Coast Congress Management reserve the right to charge an administration fee of 25% of the entry fee.

### REGULATIONS

[System regulations](#) are published on the MyABF GCC website after 1 January 2023.

[Supplementary regulations](#) are published on the website after 1 February 2023.

### RESTRICTED ELIGIBILITY

Open to players who have less than 300 MP's as at 30 September 2022.

### RESTRICTED PAIRS PRIZE

The top two Qld pairs in the Gold Coast Restricted Pairs will be awarded the airfare and entry to the ANC Restricted Pairs. To qualify for the prize, the pairs must meet the ABF Eligibility criteria for the ANC Restricted Pairs which is under 300 Masterpoints on 31 December 2022.

### RESULTS AND DRAWS VIA MOBILE

If you wish to receive your results or draw via your mobile, complete the following link <http://www.abfevents.com.au/forms/signup/> prior to the event. If you have registered at other ABF events or at the 2023 Gold Coast Congress you will automatically be on the list. Alternatively -

If you wish to receive notification of your results and draw on your phone:



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3. Click on Settings.
4. Tick the box under Personal Notifications.

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Note 2: You must have your current mobile phone number entered in your MyABF profile.  
(Australian mobile numbers only)

### REVIEWERS

Sheila Bird, Bruce Neill, Peter Reynolds

### REVIEW CONSULTANTS

David Appleton, Neville Francis

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

Mick Fawcett, Lyn Tracey, Richard Fox, Kathy Males, Warren Males, Jim Evans, Pamela Evans, Phil Hale, Abby Wanigaratne, Carmel Martin and Rachel Langdon

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

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

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

Please refer to [NOVICE EVENTS](#)

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

Help will be available as follows:

Rookies	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> February play starts 10.00am help from 9.00am onwards Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February play starts 10.00am help from 9.00am onwards
Under 50s	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February play starts 10.00am help from 9.30am Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February play starts 10.00 help from 9.30am Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February play starts 10.00 help from 9.30am
Novices	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> February Novice Pairs start 10.00am help from 9.30am Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February Novice Teams start 10.00am help from 9.30am Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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.

## ROOKIE (0-10) ELIGIBILITY

Open to players who have not attained 10 MP's as at 30 September 2022.

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> Feb play starts 10.00am - help from 9.00am

Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> 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** — Maroon

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

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

## 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](#)

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	10:00am 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 4-6	20 minutes after scores for Match 6 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 check them carefully. Incorrect scores can change the result of an event even though the relevant pairs may have nothing to do with the scoring error. They 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.

## 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.

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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 online Daily Bulletin each 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

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
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### Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs – 2 sessions

Wednesday	10.00am and 2.30pm finishing 5.45pm
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### Under 50 Masterpoint Butler Swiss Pairs – 2 sessions

Thursday	10.00am and 2.30pm finishing 5.45pm
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### 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
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### 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. No longer Seniors'/Women's teams finals.**

### 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)
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### Walk In Pairs

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> No Frills Walk-In 6.00-6.15pm, staggered start

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am and 2.30pm	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am and 2.30pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am and 2.00pm	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am and 2.30pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am and 2.30pm	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.30pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am and 2.00pm	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am

## SMS RESULTS

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## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Refer also to [Bridge Companion's Program](#)

19/2-24/2			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
20/2	Monday	2.00pm-3.00pm	Fashion Parade Change Alley Oasis Shopping Centre Lvl 1 outside A Little Oasis Cafe
22/2	Wednesday	8.30am	Directors Get Together - Hosted by Chris Snook 0413136435 <a href="mailto:chris@snook.id.au">chris@snook.id.au</a> - Upstairs Room 12
22/2	Wednesday	2.00pm-2.15pm	Mad Hatters Theme Parade - Foyer GCCEC
24/2	Friday	8.15am	Champagne Breakfast for Shoe shoppers inher <b>SHOES</b> , 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).

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**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.

**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.

**PAUL LAVINGS BRIDGE BOOKS AND SUPPLIES:** Paul has been a stalwart supporter of this event for well over 20 years and all third placed pairs win vouchers for items from his stall. Best way you can support Paul is by checking out his shop in the foyer, you will be surprised by his range of items and reasonable prices. [www.bridgegear.com](http://www.bridgegear.com)

**PENLINE:** Maryo Derofo 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. [www.globalcatalogue.com](http://www.globalcatalogue.com)

**SPRING NATIONALS – NSWBA:** the Spring Nationals offer free entry to a Queensland Team and 2 Queensland Pairs to their event. This is done on a reciprocal basis as we give two free entries to the Gold Coast Congress.

**STEPBRIDGE:** StepBridge Australia is an Online Australian Bridge Club that offers Novice, Restricted and Open bridge sessions daily, in a friendly and controlled environment. For new players joining StepBridge, 5 free introductory games are provided. StepBridge has a Virtual Club facility that allows face-to-face bridge clubs to organise their own club sessions and congresses. For Youth Players we offer additional introductory free games, no membership fees, and match Participation Point purchases to provide half price table fees. For further information, visit [www.stepbridge.com.au](http://www.stepbridge.com.au) or email [support@stepbridge.com.au](mailto:support@stepbridge.com.au)

**THE 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. The Oasis gives shared vouchers to all third places in the Gold Coast Congress.

**TONY BEMROSE INSURANCE BROKERS:** 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 <https://www.tbib.com.au/abf/>

**TWO MEN AND A TRUCK:** [www.twomen.com.au](http://www.twomen.com.au) An amazing company. They move all our gear from Brisbane to Gold Coast at a very discounted rate.

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

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE SURROUNDING BRIDGE CLUBS.**

**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.**

Tim Runting and Kim Ellaway



## SPRING NATIONALS 2022 FREE ENTRY TO 2023 GCC

- Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs winners **Patrick Jiang - Hui Li** get free entry into the Bobby Richman Open Pairs
- Bridgegear Intermediate Teams winners **Patrick Jiang, Hui Li, Sherlock Shao, Wei Zhang** get free entry into the GCC Under 1500 (or Open) Teams
- Spring National Novice Pairs winners **Janice Olevson - Felix Shteyman** get free entry into Restricted Pairs
- TBIB Open Teams winners **Sophie Ashton - Sartaj Hans - Andy Hung - Geo Tislevoll - Nick Jacob - Geeske Joel** get one free entry into the GCC Open teams. Only 4 get the free entry unless in same team at GCC.

Spring Nationals 2022 gave the 2022 GCC event the following prizes:

- One Novice Teams entry
- Two Novice Pairs entries
- One Open Teams entry
- Two Open Pairs entries

If you are a novice player, then consider entering the 2022 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams for your opportunity to win free entries for the 2023 Gold Coast Congress.

## STAFF PHOTOS

Staff photos are taken every second year – 2023.

## STAFFING

Our Floor Managers, Kim, Amber, Scott, 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**

Sat to Mon 18-20 Feb	<b>Pairs Championship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Open</li> <li>▪ Intermediate (under 750 MPs)</li> <li>▪ Restricted (under 300 MPs)</li> <li>▪ Novice (under 100 MPs)</li> </ul>	2 qualifying sessions: Saturday 10.00am and 2.30pm 3 finals sessions: Sunday 10.00am and 2.30pm Monday 10.00am
Sat & Sun 18-19 Feb	<b>Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs</b>	3 sessions: Saturday 2.30pm Sunday 10.00am and 2.30pm
Sat 18 Feb	<b>Walk-in Pairs - 2 Sessions</b>	10.00am and 2.30pm
Sun 19 Feb	<b>Sunday Rookie Pairs</b> <b>Walk-in Pairs - 2 Sessions</b>	10.00am 10.00am and 2.30pm
Mon 20 Feb	<b>Monday Butler Swiss Pairs</b> <b>Walk-in Pairs 2 Sessions</b>	10.00am and 2.00pm 10.00am and 2.00pm
Tue to Thu 21-23 Feb	<b>Teams Championship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Open</li> <li>▪ Under 1500</li> <li>▪ Intermediate (under 750 MPs)</li> <li>▪ Restricted (under 300 MPs)</li> <li>▪ Novice (under 100 MPs)</li> </ul>	10.00am and 2.30pm
Tue 21 Feb	<b>0-50 Masterpoint Pairs</b> <b>Walk-in Pairs 2 Sessions</b>	10.00am 10.00am and 2.30pm
Wed 22 Feb	<b>0-50 Masterpoint Pairs (2 sessions)</b> <b>Walk-in Pairs 2 Sessions</b>	10.00am and 2.30pm 10.00am and 2.30pm
Thu 23 Feb	<b>Thursday Rookie Pairs</b> <b>Walk-in Pairs 1 Session</b> <b>Thursday Under 50 MPs Swiss Butler Pairs (2 sessions)</b>	10.00am 2.30pm 10.00am and 2.30pm
Fri and Sat 24-25 Feb	<b>Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Open</li> <li>▪ Intermediate (under 750 MPs)</li> <li>▪ Restricted (under 300 MPs)</li> </ul>	3 sessions: Friday 10.00am and 2.00pm Match 1-7 Saturday 10.00am Match 8-10
Fri and Sat 24-25 Feb	<b>Teams Finals</b>	<b>Open Round-of-Four</b> for 3rd to 6th places Friday 9am <b>Open Semi-Finals</b> for 1st and 2nd and two winners from Round-of-four Friday 2pm <b>Open Finals</b> for 2 Semi-finals winners Saturday 9am <b>No Seniors'/Women's Finals</b> <b>Novice, Restricted and Intermediate Finals</b> for top 2 at the end of Match 12 Friday 10am
Fri 24 Feb	<b>Seres-McMahon Match Point Swiss Pairs</b> <b>Friday Novice Pairs</b> <b>Walk-in Pairs 2 Sessions</b>	All events are 2 sessions 10.00am and 2.00pm
Sat 25 Feb	<b>Walk-in Pairs 1 Session</b> <b>Dinner Dance</b>	10.00am 7.00pm for 7.30pm

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### 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 2023.

### SYSTEMS AND SYSTEM CARDS

[System regulations](#) are published on the GCC MyABF website after 1 January 2023.

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 6, 2023.

### TEA AND COFFEE

As a service to participants, volunteers will be operating a tea and coffee service for this event. Coffee is made from ground coffee beans with fresh milk and will cost \$4 a cup. The service will start around one hour before play and continue until late into the last session. Please understand that the service is run for the benefit of players by volunteers. There will be \$20 vouchers and \$40 vouchers available for purchase from the Bridge Office. \$20 entitles you to 5 coffees without handling any money apart from payment. \$40 entitles you to 11 coffees. As we are not allowed to run the free water service in the playing area this year we will be selling bottles of water at \$2.00 from the coffee shop. These can be purchased via voucher in lots of 2's. We cannot under any circumstance give free – a cup of hot water so please don't request – it is a public liability issue. We will not be doing double shots this year. VOUCHERS CAN BE

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PURCHASED FROM THE BRIDGE OFFICE VIA EFTPOS OR CASH. No refunds once a voucher has been purchased.

## TEACHING

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

## 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.

## TEAM CATEGORY PRIZE POLICY

Special category prizes (awarded to the highest placed team not qualifying for the finals series. Teams must nominate a single category for which they wish to contend prior to the category nomination closing time specified by the TO. There must be at least 6 teams within a category for a prize to be awarded. If there are fewer than 6 teams in a category at the close of entries, such teams will be moved to a different category.

## THEME

We encourage all players to dress in keeping with the Gold Coast Annual Theme for Wednesday afternoon Teams Session. The theme is “ **MAD HATTERS DAY** ”. Please celebrate our 61<sup>st</sup> year and wear your craziest hat. The photography will commence when play finishes and the parade from 2:00pm to 2:15pm Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Prizes will be available for some combination of groups, pairs or individuals.

## TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

<b>Tournament Organiser:</b>	Tim Runting - 0458 448 765
<b>Chief Tournament Director:</b>	Dr Laurie Kelso – 0412 559 171
<b>Bulletin Editor:</b>	Stephen Lester <a href="mailto:sleksix@gmail.com">sleksix@gmail.com</a> Phone or SMS – 0468 459 351
<b>Chief Scorer:</b>	Matthew McManus
<b>Reviewers:</b>	Sheila Bird, Bruce Neill, Peter Reynolds
<b>Review Consultants:</b>	David Appleton, Neville Francis, Jonathan Free
<b>Recorders:</b>	Richard Ward, Liam Milne, Jodi Tutty
<b>ABF on site representative:</b>	Peter Reynolds

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### TRANSPORT

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

Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre - [How to get there](#)

- [Airport - Hotel Shuttles](#)
- [Airtrain Timetable](#)
- [G:link Light Rail](#)
- [Premier Transfers](#)
- [Gold Coast Cabs - 13 22 27](#)

### TROPHIES and SPONSORSHIP

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	StepBridge Trophy – Prize money is partially sponsored by StepBridge.
Under 1500 Teams	Trophy
Intermediate Teams	Two Men and a Truck 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	Trophy
Novice Pairs 0-50 (2 sessions)	Trophy
Monday Butler Pairs	Trophy
Friday Novice Pairs	Trophy – prize money donated by Annette Maluish
Rookie Pairs	Prize money donated by Annette Maluish

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### **UNDER 1500S ELIGIBILITY**

Open to players who have not attained 1500 MP's as at 30 September 2022.

### **UNDER 50S ELIGIBILITY**

Open to players who have not attained 50 MP's as at 30 September 2022.

### **UNDER 50s HELP BEFORE PLAY**

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### **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 01/01/1998.

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

All Walk-In Pairs sessions are sponsored by Broadbeach Restaurants and Fashion Shops.

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	6.00 pm***
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am and 2.30pm Walk-In Pairs
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am and 2.30pm Walk-In Pairs
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am and 2.00 pm Walk-In Pairs
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	10.00am and 2.30pm Walk-In Pairs
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	10.00am and 2.30pm Walk-In Pairs
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	2.30pm Walk-In Pairs



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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 am and 2.00pm Walk-In Pairs

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 am Walk-In Pairs

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

## 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.

## WEBSITE

The Gold Coast Congress website is on MyABF.

<https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/306>

## WITHDRAWALS

Players are permitted to withdraw from all divisions of the Championship Pairs (Open, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice) Finals (Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## YOUTH ELIGIBILITY

Must be born on or after 1 January 1998

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

Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, players born on or after 1 January 2005 are entitled to free entry. In accordance with Australian Bridge Federation policy, all players born on or after 1 January 1998 (under 25) are entitled to a 50% discount on entry fees.

Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, all players born before 1 January 1923 are entitled to free entry except for Walk-Ins.

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## YOUTH PLAYERS ACCOMMODATION

Regretfully, we will no longer be offering youth accommodation.

## 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 EDUCATION INC UPDATE

My name is Carmel Martin, I'm Zephyr's treasurer and Kim Ellaway has asked me to provide you with an update on what Zephyr Education Inc is doing almost 9 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 at the 2022 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 3 States and 2 territories. Our appreciation for your huge support is humbling, overwhelming and gratefully received.

Most of you are familiar with what Zephyr Education is about. For those who are unaware of Zephyr's work - we provide (mostly) children in Domestic Violence shelters, Family Service organisations and outreach services with some or all of their 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 now providing iPads and laptops - an expensive, yet indispensable learning tool. 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 appear less valuable than others, nor attract the eye of a potential bully and in the hope that they can resume their education successfully.

We currently support 111 shelters in Queensland, all 7 in Tasmania and 16 in WA. That is a total of 134 organisations under Zephyr's umbrella. In the 12 months to July 2021 Zephyr supported over 3000 children.

Volunteers packed and distributed: 155 computers, 1776 school bags, 1238 pairs of school shoes, 1365 primary school packs, 400 high school packs; and paid for uniforms for 1420 children, and resource fees for 172 children.

This amounted to \$467,956 worth of cost price stock, uniforms and resource fees. We receive no government funding and yet Zephyr has become an acknowledged game changer in the sector.

We don't meet the children we help or their mothers, so we can't ask them, but from the emails received from the managers of the organisations we support, it's plain that Zephyr's role is vital, and, often enough, life-changing.

One shelter manager wrote:

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'As always, I am so grateful for the support you provide our families! You should have seen this little boy on his first day of school with his uniform and books ready to go. Instead of being stressed his mum was able to relax and enjoy watching her baby start school. Your support has a huge impact on the lives of women and children and we can't thank you enough!'

Another said this to us:

'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.'

And another piece of feedback read:

'A Mother said her kids had never had new uniforms before and that they "won't know themselves in new uniforms." She then broke down and cried.'

The DV shelters and other organisations we help are not funded to supply the educational support we provide. One shelter manager wrote:

'I often wonder what alternative options our families would have if it was not for Zephyr Education as there is very limited support available. As a service that works with the most vulnerable families, we are extremely grateful to be in a position where we can advocate (not have to beg) on behalf of our clients.'

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.

Zephyr continues to be supported by a growing number (40), of talented and dedicated volunteers. None of our members or other volunteers receives any remuneration or allowances for their work. We operate from rent free premises and last year our unavoidable expenses, such as insurance, amounted to 1.6% of donations.

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 want 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 spend much of their time serving Zephyr as well.

One of the many unexpected joys Zephyr has brought us is the wonder at the enormous generosity of people –such as you. Thank you.

In past years at the GCC, we have run raffles and had specific collection days. Because of Covid restrictions, we won't be doing this but if you would like to make a donation, Kim Ellaway in the main office has kindly volunteered to accept these.

All donations are tax deductible. Details for donations are as follows:

**Zephyr Education Inc BSB: 084-004 Account number: 15-629-0526 Ref: Your name**

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

And while I've got your attention, there is an effortless way you can also support Zephyr. We have partnered with iSponsor who connect local businesses to Zephyr Education through a simple and easy-to-use shopping app. When you make a purchase online (must be done through the app), or at a sponsor's place of business and pay using your registered card, Zephyr will receive a

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percentage of your purchase. Zephyr earns funds from your everyday transactions at no extra cost to you or us. If you're interested please go to the iSponsor app.

Lastly, have a safe, brilliant congress. We're so lucky to have this fabulous game in our lives - non bridge players have no idea what they're missing.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Carmel Martin

Treasurer

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