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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.

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.

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.

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

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

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 or email support@stepbridge.com.au

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 They are amazing! Since 2010 they have done a fantastic job moving all our gear from Brisbane to the Gold Coast Convention Centre and back. This is worth a fortune to us. They are cheerful, willing, flexible and efficient. They also sponsor the Intermediate Teams Event. If you have just one item to move or a whole unit, house or office, make sure to give them a call.

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