



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – 2023

Tim Runting is the Tournament Organiser and Kim Ellaway the Manager. Any problems with the event see either one of them. Kim can be contacted on 0412 064903 at any time during the congress.

Colour Coding – Open = Light and Dark Blue, Under 1500 = Orange, Intermediate = Light and Dark Yellow, Restricted = Light and Dark Green, Novices = Maroon, Open Matchpoint Swiss Pairs and the Open Monday Butler Pairs = Orange, 0-500 Matchpoint Swiss Pairs and the 0-500 Monday Butler Pairs = Purple. Rookie/0-50/WalkIns = Fuchsia. Coloured Flags will identify your seating, section results and the areas that you play within.

Entry Fees – If you have not already paid and it is after February 6, Entry Fees for the events are as follows – Pairs Championship: \$165 per player, Teams Championship: \$780 per team, Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs: \$130 per player, Monday Butler Swiss Pairs: \$75 per player, Rookie Pairs: \$25 per player, Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs (1 session): \$25 per player, Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs (2 sessions) \$55 per player, Under 50 Butler Pairs (2 sessions) \$55 per player Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs: \$105 per player, Seres McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs \$75 per player, Friday Novice Swiss Pairs: \$75 per player. If you have not paid, you must see Pele at the Bridge Administration Desk before play starts. **It is not too late to enter the Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs, Friday Novice Pairs, Seres McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs, however entries for these events close 2.00 pm Thursday. Please remember the prices above are as at 6th February. A \$10.00 discount applies to each person and to each event if entry and entry fee is received prior to the 6th February.**

Session Times – all finishing times are approximate. No night bridge except No Frills Walk In.

Pairs Championship – Open, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice

Saturday - Sunday (Sat) 10.00 am and 2.30 pm finishing time 5.45 pm
(Sun) 10.00 am and 2.30 pm finishing time 5.45 pm
(Mon) 10.00 am – 1.30 pm

Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs

Saturday 2.30 pm – 5.45 pm
Sunday 10.00 am and 2.30 pm finishing time 5.45 pm

Monday Butler Swiss Pairs

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

Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs – 1 session

Tuesday 10.00 am – 1.15 pm finish

Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs – 2 sessions

Wednesday 10.00 am and 2.30 pm – finishing time 5.45 pm

Under 50 Butler Pairs – 2 sessions

Thursday 10.00 am and 2.30 pm– finishing time 5.45 pm

Rookie Pairs – two separate events

Sunday 10.00 am – 1.45 pm finish – there will be a short coffee break during session
Thursday 10.00 am – 1.45 pm finish – there will be a short coffee break during session

Teams Championship

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

NOTE – The top 2 from each field of 0-1500, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice teams within the Open Field will play in the finals beginning at 10.00 am on Friday 25th February. The top 6 in the Open Field will play finals on Friday and then the top 2 on Saturday.

Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs

Friday 10.00 am - approx. 1.30 pm 2.00 pm – approx. 6.00 pm
Saturday 10.00 am – finished by 1.30 pm

Seres-McMahon Matchpoint Swiss and Friday Novice Pairs

Friday 10.00 am – approx. 1.30 pm 2.00 pm – approx. 5.00 pm

Walk In Pairs – Every session except Thursday Morning – Tables are limited

No Frills Walk-In Friday 19th – starting time 6.00 pm to 6.15 pm. Staggered start.

ALL WALK INS \$15.00 PER PLAYER PER SESSION – TO BE PAID AT TABLE.

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 Area Phone Number is 0456587765 – accepts text messages only.

Substitutes – If you need substitutes during the week, please contact Toni at the Scoring Desk.

Dinner Dance – Saturday 25th February 7.30 pm – Tables will be set up for 10. Music will be provided by the band “CAPTAIN WOW”. Players must make their own arrangements to obtain a ticket for the Dance. The procedure is to pick up a table list from the Dinner Dance Table located next to the Scoring Area and return as soon as possible. Dinner Dance bookings close 5.00 pm Wednesday. All players will be charged \$20 to attend the dinner dance and to non-bridge players \$50.00. From Match 11 in the teams, table allocation will be available. Numbers are limited so don’t delay.

Coffee – We run a small Coffee ‘outlet’ for your benefit. It is situated in the main foyer to the right of the main entrance. Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate is \$4.00 a cup. The coffee is made from freshly ground coffee beans, it is not instant coffee. The Bridge Coffee outlet is run by volunteers (usually friends and family of the Organizers) – so please bear this in mind.

Lunches – The Convention Centre Kiosks will sell a few sandwiches, salads and sausage rolls.

Courtesy Bus – One Courtesy Bus will be available to take you to and from the Convention Centre. Book through the Bus Driver Barry (onsite) or ring 0418747078. The Gold Coast Congress Bus will pick up and return visiting players who are residing within a reasonable distance from the Gold Coast Convention Centre. The bus service is mainly for those who need the service. The bus will loop from the Convention Centre up Surf Parade to Wharf Road then Old Burleigh Road, Broadbeach Boulevard to Alexandra Avenue then Surf Parade then to Convention Centre however a call to Barry is best so he can keep an eye out for you.

Teaching Sessions – Any Celebrity Teaching Session held will be publicized in the Bulletin or on our website so keep an eye out for these.

Parking - You can get weekly tickets from the Bridge Administration Desk for \$60.00 – that’s a saving of \$36.00 if you plan to play all 8 days. If you wish to park and pay daily, it will cost you \$12.00 a day and you can do it from the machines. We will be selling weekly parking tickets from latish Friday 17th February if you wish to take advantage of this fabulous deal. A weekly parking ticket also gives you multiple entries within the day.

HATS – 61st CELEBRATION – Wednesday Morning and Afternoon SESSIONS - We have had such fun with this over the years that theme session is here to stay.

Bridge Companions – yes this will certainly be happening. If interested, contact Sue on gcchospitality@qldbridge.com.au or 0424830158. Trips will be published at a later date.

Recorders - Bob Sebesfi, Richard Ward, Liam Milne, Jodi Tutty.

2024 dates are 17th February – 24th February – note starting on Sunday not Saturday as in the past 61 years.