



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – 2024

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, Friday Butler = Purple. 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 12, Entry Fees for the events are as follows – BR MP Pairs Championship: \$145 per player, Teams Championship: \$860 per team, Sunday Butler Swiss Pairs: \$85 per player, Monday Butler Swiss Pairs: \$85 per player, Rookie Pairs: \$45 per player, Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs \$70 per player, Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs: \$115 per player, Friday Butler Swiss Pairs \$85 per player. If you have not paid, you must see the Bridge Administration Desk before play starts. **It is not too late to enter the Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs, Friday Butler Swiss Pairs, however entries for these events close 2.00 pm Thursday. Please remember the prices above are as at 12th February. A \$20.00 discount applies to each person and to each event if entry and entry fee is received prior to the 12th February.**

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

Pairs Championship – Open, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice

Sunday & Monday (Sun) 10.00 am and 2.30 pm finishing time 5.45 pm
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Butler Swiss Pairs – 3 separate events

Sunday 10.00 am and 2.30 pm finishing time 5.45 pm
Monday 10.00 am and 2.30 pm finishing time 5.45 pm
Friday 10.00 am and 2.00 pm finishing time 5.00 pm

Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs – 3 separate events

Tuesday 10.00 am – 2.30 pm – finishing time 5.45 pm
Wednesday 10.00 am – 2.30 pm – finishing time 5.45 pm
Thursday 10.00 am – 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 23rd February. The top 6 in the Open Field will play Round of Four (3rd-6th place) and Semi-finals on Friday. Final for 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

Walk In Pairs – Every session No Frills Walk-In Saturday 17th– starting time 6.00 pm. At this stage we are trying to get approval for a 2.00 pm no frills event however as at today's event, it has not been approved.

ALL WALK INS \$15.00 PER PLAYER PER SESSION – TO BE PAID AT TABLE. CREDIT CARD FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE 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. No substitutes without emergency reasons will be permitted for the Ivy Dahler Event.

Dinner Dance – Saturday 24th 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. Loyalty cards can be purchased from the Coffee Outlet.

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 \$63.00 – that's a saving of \$42.00 if you plan to play all 7 days. If you wish to park and pay daily, it will cost you \$15.00 a day and you can do it from the machines. We will be selling weekly parking tickets from latish Saturday 17th February if you wish to take advantage of this fabulous deal. A weekly parking ticket also gives you multiple entries within the day.

SPORTS – 62nd 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@qldbbridge.com.au or 0424830158. Trips are published on the myabf site.

Recorders – to be advised

2025 dates are February 1 to February 8

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