

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE

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NEW VENUE FOR 2001 SOUTH WEST PACIFIC TEAMS

During the 2001 Summer Festival of Bridge in Canberra, the main teams competition, the South West Pacific Teams (aka the NOT), running from Monday 21st January until Australia Day, 26th January, will be held at the traditional Rydges Hotel Canberra and a new venue, the Hyatt Hotel Canberra. The event will not be held at the Convention Centre. The capacity of the Hyatt has increased by about 40 tables with the conversion of the Oak Room from a restaurant into a top quality function area. For 2001, play at the Hyatt will commence on the 17th January with the Seniors Teams, the Australian Open Pairs follow and then the main event.

The Hyatt features free parking in the surrounding car parks, a large atrium for the display of scores and one of the best smorgasbords in Canberra in the Promenade Café for only \$22, the bridge player's special between 6pm and 8pm.

The Festival is organising a 22 seater bus to help people get to and from this new venue so the restaurants of Civic will be still accessible and the restaurants of Manuka are close by as well.

The Hyatt is often voted the top hotel in Australia so why not stay on site and let yourself be pampered by their staff while you play bridge in Australia's premier event. Facilities include tennis courts, bicycles, pool, gymnasium and, of course, a marvellous bar, Speaker's Corner, open til late.

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