

Gold Coast Congress 2004

Program

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Open Pairs: Two qualifying and three final sessions Sunday Feb 22nd to Tuesday Feb 24th. ABF playoff points.

Open Teams: Six sessions (12 matches) commencing Tuesday evening Feb 24th and concluding Friday 27th at 5 p.m. ABF playoff points.

The above events will be conducted at the ANA Hotel.

Restricted Pairs: Five sessions in parallel with the Open Pairs.

Restricted Teams: Six sessions in parallel with the Open Teams.

Seniors Pairs: Five sessions in parallel with the Open pairs. Attracts ABF playoff points.

Seniors Teams: Six sessions in parallel with the Open Teams. Attracts ABF playoff points.

All restricted and seniors events will be conducted at the Gold Coast International Hotel (GCI), which is 300 metres from the ANA Hotel. Seniors events will be open to players who have attained the age of 55 prior to the start of the specific event. Restricted events (both pairs and teams) will be open to players who have not attained Life Master status as at September 30th, 2003. There will be special prizes in the pairs for players with less than 150 masterpoints.

Walk-in Pairs: 1. **Carinya Welcome Walk-in Pairs:** Sat Feb 21st at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Come for a welcome drink before playing. Entry fees payable at the table.

2. **Wednesday Walk-ins:** Wednesday Feb 25th - 9.00 a.m.

3. **ANA Shield:** Sat Feb 28th - start 9.00 a.m. to cutoff time 9.30 a.m.

Walk-in pairs events will be conducted at the ANA Hotel.

Congress Dinner / Dance with presentation of prizes: ANA Hotel Saturday Feb 28th.

The QBA reserves the right to vary the format from that above if entries do not warrant a separate event.

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Major Titleholders 2003

Pairs Championship: R. Klinger - B. Neill Pairs Plate N. Giura - N. Hughes
Senior Pairs C'ship: L. Kalman - L. Kalmin Restricted Pairs C'ship: P. Hale - J. Wood
Teams Championship: T. Seres - Z. Nagy - R. Klinger - B. Neill
Senior Teams Championship: B. Westwood - I. McKinnon - J. Brockwell - E. Ramshaw
Restricted Teams Championship: G. Torelli - M. Hoenig - D. Eastman - S. Sender
ANA Shield: K. Dyke - L. Lovelock
Nancy Penfold Trophy: S. Lusk - T. Tully

Detailed Program

Saturday Feb 21st 7.00 - 7.30 p.m.	Complimentary drink and Carinya Walk-in Pairs
Sunday Feb 22nd 1.30 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.	Qualifying rounds Open, Senior and Restricted Pairs
Monday Feb 23rd 1.30 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.	Final rounds 1 and 2 Open, Senior and Restricted Pairs
Tuesday Feb 24th 1.30 p.m.	Final round 3 Open, Senior and Restricted Pairs
Tuesday Feb 24th 8.00 p.m.	Swiss Teams Open, Senior and Restricted start.
Wednesday Feb 25th 9.00 a.m.	Wednesday Walk-in Pairs
Wednesday Feb 25th 1.30 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.	Swiss Teams continues
Thursday Feb 26th 10.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.	Swiss Teams continues (note times)
Thursday Feb 26th 9.00 p.m.	Open Semi-finals
Friday Feb 27th 12.30 p.m.	Swiss Teams continues
Note that the Swiss Teams does not finish until Friday at around 5.00 p.m.	
Friday Feb 27th	Finals continue. Times for Senior and Restricted finals to be advised.
Friday Feb 27th 8.00 p.m.	Championship finals on Viewgraph (ANA Hotel, 2 nd floor)
Saturday Feb 28th 9.00 to 9.30 a.m.	ANA Shield Walk-in Pairs (9.30 cutoff)
Saturday Feb 28th 7.30 for 8.00 p.m.	Congress Dinner / Dance with presentation of prizes at ANA Hotel, Gold Coast

Open Pairs, Open Teams and all Walk-ins are at the ANA. All Senior and Restricted events are at the GCI.

2004 ANA Gold Coast Congress Pairs Entry Form

Open Pairs

First name and Surname	ABF No	Club
Name		
Name		

First name and Surname	ABF No	Club
Name		
Name		

Restricted Pairs [Please enter your MP status at 30.9.03 beside your name]

First name and Surname	ABF No	Club
Name		
Name		

First name and Surname	ABF No	Club
Name		
Name		

Seniors Pairs

First name and Surname	ABF No	Club
Name		
Name		

First name and Surname	ABF No	Club
Name		
Name		

Contact details for this entry

Name	
Address	
Suburb/Town	Postcode
Phone	Fax:
E mail address	

2004 Gold Coast Congress Teams Entry Form

Please tick appropriate event you wish to enter. If no box is ticked, your entry will be placed in the Open Teams.

Open Teams:

Seniors Teams:

Restricted Teams:

Team [Captain's name in the top row please]

First name and surname	ABF No.	Club
Capt:		
Player 2		
Player 3		
Player 4		
Player 5		
Player 6		

Contact details for this entry

Name		
Address		
Suburb/Town	Postcode	
Phone		Fax:
E mail address		

The organizers will attempt to arrange teammates (and are normally successful in doing so) if you are unable to arrange your own team. If you wish to use this facility, enter your names as player 1 & player 2, then add 'Please arrange teammates'. Give an indication of your playing standard. Include payment for half a team. The matching of pairs into teams will normally not be done until the start of the pairs, as this optimizes the matching of compatible pairs. If you ask for teammates, but later find your own, please advise the entries coordinators.

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GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Entries must be made using an entry form and accompanied by full payment of fees (unless the Convenor or Entries Coordinator specifically authorises later payment). Note the conditions in the entry form regarding entries without payment.
2. The QBA reserves the right to reject entries at its absolute discretion and without assigning a reason. Any rejected entry will be returned as promptly as possible and money refunded. No correspondence or debate will be entered into.
3. A minimum of neat casual dress must be observed at all times in the playing area.
4. No smoking will be permitted in the defined playing area.
5. Entries are open only to ABF registered players and bona fide overseas contestants.
6. The ABF System and Alerting Regulations (as current at 31.12.2003) will apply. Players are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of their system classification. If in doubt, submit your system in advance to the Chief Tournament Director. Copies of these regulations will be posted at the venue, as will supplementary regulations. They will also be published on the QBA and ABF websites at least a week prior to the event.
7. Masterpoint awards: Gold in main events, red in walk-ins. Seniors events awards at 75% of Open awards. Restricted events at 47.5% of Open. Substantial awards for outright places (top half of field in pairs, top third of field in teams).

SUMMARY OF SYSTEMS REGULATIONS

Open Pairs: GREEN, BLUE and RED systems permitted.

Seniors Pairs: GREEN, BLUE and RED systems permitted.

Restricted Pairs: GREEN and BLUE systems only.

Open Teams: All systems permitted except that YELLOW systems will not be permitted in the first two matches of the Swiss and thereafter will be limited to the top quarter of the field. Any pair proposing to play a YELLOW system must lodge two copies of their system with the Chief Tournament Director prior to the commencement of the teams events.

Seniors Teams: As for Open Teams

Restricted Teams: GREEN, BLUE and RED systems permitted.

Protected Pairs: Certain pairs may apply for Protected Pair status. This will apply in this tournament only in the Open and Seniors Pairs.

Requirements:

1. The pair must be playing a GREEN system.
2. Both players must be below the status of National Master OR one player must be below the status of Local Master.
3. The pair must apply in advance to the Chief Tournament Director for Protected Pair status. If this is approved they must apply both a GREEN sticker and a BROWN sticker on their system cards. Protected pairs should ascertain at the start of a round whether their opponents are playing a red system in order to claim their protected pair status.

Prize List

Pairs Prizes

	C'ship	Plate, Seniors & Restricted C'ships	Cons 1	Others
1st	\$1200 (plus special ANA Prize)	\$500	\$240	\$200
2nd.	\$600	\$240	\$120	\$100
3rd.	\$360	\$150	\$70	\$50
4th.	\$250	\$60		
5th.	\$160			

Best Women's Pair: Nancy Penfold Trophy plus \$100.

Teams Prizes

Open Teams

C'ship: 1st \$2800 2nd \$1400 3rd / 4th (equal) \$600 5th (equal) \$420

Teams sectional prizes: In each pool: \$240 per team (not the top section). Winners not eligible for a category prize

Teams categories: Men, Women, Mixed, Country. \$240. Best in other pool: \$120. No team may win more than one prize. Minimum entry 4 teams per category.

Seniors Teams and Restricted Teams: 1st \$1000. 2nd \$500 3rd \$300
Plus: for Seniors a Veterans prize (all but one over 65) \$240 and for Restricted a Novices prize (all but one under 150MPs as at 30.9.2003) \$240. Minimum entry of four teams required.

ANA Shield (Walk-in Prs) - prizes for all section winners. ANA Shield for top score.

Carinya Walk-in Prs: Restaurant / Boutique / Café vouchers for all sectional winners.

Sessional winners: prizes for sessional winners at all events.

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Directing Workshop

The Gold Coast Congress and the Australian Bridge Directors Association will be presenting a Directors Workshop on Wednesday 10 a.m. on the fourth floor at the ANA.

Bridge Teachers' Workshop

The Australian Bridge Teachers Association will be conducting a workshop during the congress week.

Check at the venue for details.