

Dear Bridge Players

Well it's 3 weeks today when the first teams events start at the Summer Festival.

There will be many technical improvements to your experience at the 2011 Summer Festival starting with the huge video screens in the playing area to display scores, draws and news. Should be quite a sight. The hotel will be providing a bistro with both food and a true Espresso coffee service in all playing areas. Rydges Lakeside has made massive improvement to its amenities since the Summer Festival was has contested at this venue. Gone is the old restaurant, Bobby Magees. It has been replaced by a spectacular new Italian Steakhouse and an impressive new bar.

The bridge players' favourite, Cahoots Bar, is still there. It has been restored to its original condition retaining all of its charm.

We have invited the top European director, Maurizio Di Sacco, to work at the Summer Festival and will be a great asset to our directing team. He is also the operations manager for World Bridge Federation events.

The 2011 Summer Festival will have everything that you want from a great bridge event –

- all play in one venue
- accommodation on site and very nearby
- restaurant on site and others within easy walking distance
- two bars at the venue
- breakout areas
- Parking
- No evening play
- A bus pickup service

Don't miss out on a great bridge and social experience.

Following my last update the requests for pickup by the Summer Festival bus has expanded. Here is a list of accommodation sites currently on the bus pickup schedule.

Forrest Apartments

Novotel

Hyatt

Rex Hotel

Crowne Plaza

University House

Olim's Hotel

Liveridge Apartments

If your accommodation isn't on this list and you would like to be picked up by the bus please email me and I will update the list.

Entries for teams events should be in no later than January 12. Pairs events can entered closer to the event.

See you at the 2011 Summer Festival

Happy bridging
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