



Event 1: The Spring Nationals Womens Teams Qualifying

Welcome to the Sydney Spring Nationals, 2004.

As in 2003, the event is being held at the Hakoah Club, 61 Hall Street, Bondi.

There will be no evening sessions in the Women's Teams so, after a demanding day at the table, players will be able to take advantage of the scenic attractions and restaurants to be found in Bondi and surrounding areas.

The organisers wish all competitors a satisfying tournament.

Frank Budai, Convener

Parking

During the event, at a special daily rate of \$8.00, parking is available at Secure Parking, at the Swiss Grand Hotel, at the corner of Curlewis St. and Campbell Parade, about 250 metres from the Hakoah Club. For this special rate *you must present a discount voucher, which can be bought from tournament officials.*

Competition

Qualifying is over nine 20-board matches; the two leading teams play a 64-board final on Sunday 14th November. The winners are awarded 36 playoff points (PQP'S).

Masterpoints.

In the Women's Teams, (20-board matches), a team earns 4.80 Gold Points for each win; these points are divided between all the members of the team.

Signing In.

It is essential to sign in each time you arrive at the Club.

Smoking.

The smoking area at the Hakoah Club is at the back of the gaming area; there is another small designated area just inside the front doors. Any player found smoking in any other area, in particular the stairwells, will be suspended for either the remainder of the current session, and/or for the following sessions.

There will be no warnings: **smoking in the stairwells is against the law!**

Mobile Phones.

Mobile phones must be switched off in the playing area. A procedural penalty of 3 VP's (or 9 IMPs) applies to any player whose mobile is switched on, unless the director determines there is a valid (e.g. medical) reason.

Food.

Menus will be provided during the morning session so that lunch orders can be collected before 12.30. A coffee service is available - at the player' s expense.

On the ground floor as well as bar facilities, the Club has a restaurant, which is open for lunch and dinner.

Alerting Regulations, Systems and Conventions.

Opponents must be alerted in accordance with the ABF Alerting Regulations, as amended to August 2004.

Pairs must classify their system(s) as GREEN, BLUE, RED, BROWN or YELLOW, using the revised ABF System Regulations, 1 January 2004, as published on the ABF website at www.abf.com.au .

Pairs in any doubt about the classification of their system should submit a concise summary to the Convener.

All systems and conventions, including those categorised as YELLOW, are permitted in the Women' s (and Open) Teams at all levels.

Teams containing a pair registering a YELLOW system lose seating rights in the qualifying rounds.

YELLOW systems are not permitted in the Total Points Pairs.

Pairs intending to use a YELLOW system only against an opposing pair playing a YELLOW system must lodge

with the Chief Tournament Director before the start of the first round of the event in which they wish to use it

- ⊗ An adequate system statement on a WBF or ABF Standard system card plus a maximum of 2 supplementary A4 sheets
- ⊗ a suggested defence to the HUM aspects of the system.

Pairs intending to use a YELLOW system must have lodged with the Convener, by November 10th,

- ⊗ an adequate system statement on a WBF or ABF Standard system card plus a maximum of 2 supplementary A4 sheets
- ⊗ a suggested defence to the HUM aspects of the system.

Session Times - Spring National Women's Teams - Qualifying

Thursday November 11th - 10.00am,
1.30pm, 4.30pm

Friday November 12th - 10.00am,
1.30pm, 4.30pm

Saturday November 13th - 10.00am,
1.30pm, 4.30pm

Sunday November 14th - **Final SNWT**
- from 9.00am

Session starting times may vary slightly: variations, if any, will be announced by the director and posted on the notice board.

It's the players' responsibility to check.

*Watch a live Vu Graph of the final at
www.bridgebase.com/online*



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MEET THE TOURNAMENT TEAM

It's a big tournament committee because running a bridge event is labour intensive.

Matthew McManus - Chief Tournament Director

Profession: Speech Pathologist

Home: Bondi, Sydney

Interests: Golf, music, theatre

Bridge Involvement: Grade A1 national director; chief director - NSWBA since 1995

2002 - Australian Open Bridge Team

2004 - NPC Australian Open Bridge Team

Eric Ramshaw - Tournament Committee

Profession: Scientist

Home: Ballarat

Interests: Demanding small farm

Bridge Involvement: Long term stalwart of the ABF; NPC of several Women's & Open Australian representative teams.

Ed Barnes - Computers & Scoring

Profession: Caterer, bridge director

Home: Bondi, Sydney

Interests: Bridge, cooking, bad films

Ivy Dahler - Appeals Committee

Profession: Legal secretary, bridge teacher and director

Home: Toowoomba

Interests: Grandchildren and great grandchildren; arts and crafts.

Bridge Involvement: Internationally accredited director; member of winning Aust. team in 3 Far Eastern Championships;

Aust. rep. player at Miami & Monte Carlo;

director at Ron Klinger's bridge holidays.

Chris Diment - Director

Home: Wollongong

Interests: Collecting & playing board games
Collecting & enjoying wine

Bridge Involvement: Internationally accredited director with lots of overseas experience, including Istanbul, 2004.

Sean Mullamphy - Board Production

Home: Canberra

Interests: Family life (2 sons & 2 daughters); golf and fishing - infrequently

Bridge Involvement: Administrator, director and teacher; director at National Championships for 17 years and at 2 World Junior Championships.

Frank Budai - Convener

Profession: Accountant & lecturer in accounting at TAFE

Home: Castlecrag, Sydney

Interests: Doting dad of 2 grown daughters;
fine wine & food, skiing, squash, rugby.

Bridge Involvement: Learnt bridge at uni. with Andrew Markovich; member of NSWBA since 1968; enthusiastic tournament player.

John Mottram - Co-Convener

Profession: Computer Systems

Home: Lane Cove, Sydney

Interests: Music (pre 1910); cryptic crosswords, wine & 3 wayward beagles

Proudest Bridge Moments:

1982: Winner - Herald Rubber Bridge

2000: Aust. Seniors' Team in Bermuda



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Why not try a different style of competition in.....

THE SPRING NATIONALS TOTAL POINTS PAIRS

DATE: Sunday 14th November

TIME: 10.00am

PLACE: H akoah

COST: \$40.00 per pair (fee with entry)

THE PRIZE: A Trophy

FORMAT: 7 x 8 Board Matches

The total points style has been used in the USA and at the NZ Nationals but has not been used in Australia before.

How does it work?

- ♣ Round 1 is a random draw.
- ♣ The 32 highest scoring pairs go to round 2. i.e. the normal duplicate score for each hand is added up and the pair with the higher scores are the winners of each contest.
- ♣ The remaining pairs play in the repechage field.
- ♣ In rounds 2,3,4,5 & 6, knockout winners proceed and losers enter the repechage.
- ♣ In round 7 the winners of the knockout play the winners of the repechage.
- ♣ By the end of the competition only one pair will not have lost a match.

This is a red masterpoint event.