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Event 3: The Spring Nationals Open Teams Qualifying

Welcome to the Sydney Spring Nationals, Open Teams Qualifying, 2004.

This year 48 teams have entered what promises to be a demanding, high-level competition.

As in 2003, the event is being held at the Hakoah Club, 61 Hall Street, Bondi. There will be only one evening session in the Open Teams so, after a demanding day at the table, players can choose 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

Winners of the SN Women's Teams

The final was played yesterday between **Margaret Bourke's** team, (M.Woods, P. McCartney, C. Feitelson, J. Cormack & D. Neuman) and **Julia Hoffman's** four, (J. Hoffman, K. Creet, D.McKinnon & N.Church).

After a day-long, gruelling contest the winners were. BOURKE 150 to 128 Congratulations to them and to all the finalists.

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.*

The Competition

Qualifying is over 12x16 board matches; the two leading teams play a 64-board final on Thursday 18th November. The winners are awarded 36 playoff points (PQP'S), the runners-up - 18 PQPs, and third place getters earn 9 PQPs.

Masterpoints.

In the Open Teams, (16-board matches), each player in a team earns 1.28 Gold Points for a win. Gold points for position are awarded to teams finishing in the top third of the field.

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.

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Session Times - Spring National Open Teams - Qualifying

Monday November 15th - 1.15pm, 3.30pm, 7.15pm, 9.30pm

Tuesday November 16th - 10.00am, 1.00pm, 3.15pm, 5.30pm

Wednesday November 17th - 10.00am 1.00pm, 3.15pm, 5.30pm

Thursday November 18th - **Final SNOT** - 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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Paul Lavings and Postfree Bridge Books

Paul Lavings

Home: Vaucluse, Sydney

Profession: Has been a bridge professional since shortly after he left school and discovered bridge. By the time he was twenty, he was the manager of The Sydney Bridge Club at 81 York Street. He is now a professional player, a bridge teacher, and a vendor of bridge books, requisites and memorabilia.

Interests: Family - 3 children; squash, and bridge.... he strikes one as a bridge enthusiast who loves the game and everything associated with it.

Points of View

- Prefers not to have a car or a mobile phone, though he has a great web site - www.postfree.cc .
- Believes reading bridge books is a wonderful way to improve one' s game.
- Thinks that there is an outstanding group of young players now in Sydney.
- Is concerned that in Australia, bridge professionals have to battle to survive - they don' t receive the financial support of the kind that allows athletes to devote extra time to their game.

Fondest Bridge Achievement:

1988 Member of Queensland team which won the Interstate Teams.

Postfree Bridge Books

A visit to the Postfree Bridge Books website is an eye-opening experience: here is an Aladdin' s cave for bridge players.

New books, 2nd hand books, antique bridge and whist books, software, giftware and club supplies, magazines (current and back issues)....they are all available from Postfree Bridge Books

85% of orders are placed by email, the rest by phone or mail. And it' s not necessary to pay till the goods have arrived even if you' re ordering in Pakistan or Taiwan!

Everything is meticulously documented. Did you know that you can buy a complete set the ACBL Bridge Bulletin (published every month since February 1934), for 1953, but not for 1949, because the January & May 1949 are missing? It' s all very professional just like a well-run library.

However, a couple of minutes' conversation with Paul Lavings will reveal that the Bridge Museum is very close to his heart.

Scroll through this collection of bridge artefacts and click on the pictures for close viewing.

Like to buy an "original Kalamazoo board - maybe the first duplicate board - c.1890"? Search no more.

Lavings thinks that investigating the Museum is a wonderful way to learn about bridge history.

Disk-O-Bridge Board Game (pre autobridge)

