



The Northern Territory Bridge Association

presents

Territory Gold Bridge Festival

At the

Alice Springs Convention Centre

Wednesday August 27 - Saturday August 30 2008

Three events:

Swiss Pairs (with play off points)

Swiss Teams

Matchpoint Pairs

**ALL WITH GOLD MASTERPOINTS
& CASH PRIZES
& MOST EVENINGS FREE!**

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Territory Gold Bridge Program, 2008

Wednesday	9.30am - 1pm	Matchpoint pairs qualifying
August 27th	2pm - 5.30pm	Matchpoint pairs final, plate and consolation
Thursday	1.30pm - 5pm	Swiss teams session 1
August 28th	7.45pm - 11.30pm	Swiss teams session 2
Friday	9.30am - 1pm	Swiss pairs session 1
August 29th	2pm - 5.30pm	Swiss pairs session 2
Saturday	9.30am - 1pm	Swiss pairs session 3
August 30th	2pm - 5.30pm	Swiss pairs session 4
	7pm onwards	Presentation Dinner & Prize Giving

Prizes for open and restricted winners as well as Gold masterpoints for all events

Entry fee:- \$220 per player for all 4 bridge events INCLUDING 3 light lunches and the Presentation Dinner

**Or: \$60 per player per day (this includes a light lunch for the 3 day sessions)
\$35 Presentation Dinner**

Entries will not be accepted unless accompanied by the correct entry fee. Entries close by August 26th. Entry fees can be paid by cheque or direct electronic transfer.

ABF and NT system regulations and alert regulations apply. All partnerships must have at least two properly completed ABF system cards at the table. Yellow systems/highly unusual methods will not be allowed.

Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP) are awarded according to ABF Regulations to players who are eligible. Some Playoff information is published in the ABF Newsletter but detailed information about PQP and the mode of entry to the Playoff for Australian team selection is published only on the ABF website at www.abf.com.au. Playoff information is mailed only on receipt of a written request.

- Accommodation at the Lasseters Casino (on the site of the Convention Centre) superb venue, available at the excellent rate of \$135/standard room/night, including breakfast and free green fees if playing golf. For details, email reservations.lhc@lasseters.com.au or telephone (08) 89507777 and mention the Bridge Festival when making the booking. **BOOK YOUR ROOMS EARLY TO ENSURE A GOOD PRICE - rooms are limited!**

Why not extend your stay and see more of the Red Centre of Australia?

All enquiries to the Convenor: Eileen Boocock 08 89524061 or Phil Gue 08 83792044.

ENTRY FORM FOR TERRITORY GOLD BRIDGE FESTIVAL
August 27th - 30th 2008

Players name ABF No

Address

Contact Phone No E-mail address.....

1. Matchpoint Pairs Aug 27th 9.30am and 2pm

Partner's name ABF.....

2. Swiss Teams Aug 28th 1.30pm and 7.45pm

Team-mates names 1..... ABF No.....

2..... ABF No.....

3..... ABF No.....

Please mark if you need team-mates for the teams Yes No .

3. Swiss Pairs Aug 29th and 30th 9.30am & 2pm both days

Partner's name ABF.....

Entry Fee:

Matchpoint Pairs	\$60 per player (inc light lunch)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swiss Teams	\$60 per player	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swiss Pairs	\$120 per player (inc light lunch x 2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Presentation Dinner	\$35 per player	<input type="checkbox"/>

If participating in all events including the Presentation Dinner the total entry fee is discounted to \$220.

Total for your entry:- \$.....

Send cheque/money order made payable to Northern Territory Bridge Association, with entry form to:- PO Box 1381 Alice Springs NT 0871 OR direct debit to National Australia Bank BSB: 085-933 A/C: 04-535-9762

Queries, or needing partners, please contact Eileen Boocock 08 89524061 or email tgbf@abf.com.au

Alice Springs

A small European presence was first established in Alice Springs in 1872 when a telegraph repeater station was built upon the completion of the overland telegraph line. Fully restored, the telegraph station is about 3km north of the present town centre.

With the discovery of gold at Arltunga in 1887, pressure placed upon the telegraph station by the influx of miners saw the gazettement of the town of Stuart in 1888. The name was changed to Alice Springs in 1933.

Today Alice Springs is a modern town with approximately 27000 residents, about 20% of whom are Aboriginal and whose language is Arrernte. The major industries today are mining, beef cattle and tourism.

Local Information

There are many different venues to eat in Alice Springs on your free evenings. In Todd Mall there is **Oscar's** and **The Lane**. Some local haunts are **Casa Nostra (Italian pasta BYO)**, **Kellers** restaurant, **Blue Grass** and **DusitThai 9**(near our local bowling Alley). Or kick up their heels at Bojangles Saloon. Remember if you travel at night to catch a taxi and be sure to stay safe.

Hotels:

1. **Lasseters Casino -Alice Springs Convention Centre (4.5 star)** (On site accommodation, a special accommodation rate, includes breakfast & complimentary golfing green fees) **\$135 per room per night**
2. **Novotel Alice Springs (4 star)**-3 minutes walk to the Convention Centre. Phone 89526100
3. **Crowne Plaza (4 star)**- 5 minutes walk to the Convention Centre. Phone 89508000
4. **Desert Palms Resort - 10 minutes walk to the Convention Centre. Phone 89525977**
The resort has self-contained villas with fully stocked kitchenette, fridge, microwave as well as ensuite, colour TV, radio, and ample parking, guest laundry, BBQ facilities, and large pool. Can accommodate up to 4 people in some villa's. Reasonable rates for a nice resort.

Climate and Dress:

Maximum day temperatures in August average 23 degrees while minimum night temperatures average 10 degrees Celsius. Alice Springs enjoys a relaxed, casual style.

There are many local attractions to see and tours to take if you have time. Please take sunscreen, a hat, & water on all of your tours. Comfortable dress is recommended with covered shoes for walking.

Tours:

Why not make it part of a great "Red Centre" holiday? Alice Springs offers so much to see in this unique part of Australia. For all special tour and travel information contact:

Central Australian Tourism Ph: 08 8952 5800 Fax: 08 8953 0295

www.centralaustralian tourism.com