

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

STATE WIDE PAIRS 2008

As of this year the State Wide Pairs will be conducted under the auspices of the New South Wales Bridge Association directly.

The event remains entirely unchanged in all other respects except that correspondence will now go to the Convener at the NSWBA address below.

The 2008 State Wide Pairs will be held on three consecutive weeks from 4th to 24th August 2008.

For those clubs that have not previously competed we present the following quick synopsis.

- The event is run one session per week over the first three weeks in August.
- There is no need to disrupt your normal duplicate pairs sessions as the State Wide Pairs is essentially just superimposed over your normal session.
- The only special requirement is that you must find a reliable person to pre-deal the boards. Should your club possess a dealing machine we will supply you with the appropriate files.
- Participants must play in the same partnership for all three weeks though liberal substitutions should be permitted.
- Scoring across the State will be returned to you in October together with a range of prizes including cash prizes to 5th place.

You may like to consider the preferred option of running the event separately from your normal duplicate thereby avoiding the situation where some players end up 'participating' in the event (hand records and booklets etc) without paying the entry fee.

Other than that, you just run your normal duplicate sessions using your usual director with whatever movement you like.

The State Wide Pairs can accommodate casual players so you do not have to turn away pairs who just turn up for one session only or who don't want to participate.

You are not required to score this event at the club.

At the completion of the third session you return the score sheets to us and we matchpoint the event across all participating clubs.

Results, prizes and certificates are then mailed out to all clubs in late October (it takes about two months to do all the collating, data entry, checking and processing).

These results and mention for particular brilliancy are also posted on the NSWBA web site.

All players receive hand records and a short analysis of each hand.

Cash prizes are presented, as well as gift vouchers from the Bridge Shop and certificates for the winners in each club.

Prizes are also awarded in the restricted divisions of Under 25, Under 50 and Under 100 masterpoints (as at 30th June 2008).

Red masterpoints are issued at the congress B4 level. If you have any enquiries, please feel free to ring the convener whose details can be found at the end of this letter.

The total cost this year for all three sessions is **\$25 per pair**.

Please complete the accompanying form and post to:

Attn. Valerie Cummings

NSWBA clubrooms, 1st floor, 162 Goulburn Street, East Sydney 2010.

whether or not the club plans to participate.

As I need to get the various documents off to the printers your response should be made before the end of May.

Yours Sincerely,

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Convener State Wide Pairs

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