

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

STATE WIDE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2012

MATTHEW McMANUS and VAL CUMMINGS - conveners

Dear Club Secretary,

The 2012 State Wide Pairs will be held on three consecutive weeks in the first three weeks in August. 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 can be 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 substitutions are permitted.
- Scoring across the State will be returned to you in October together with a range of prizes including cash prizes to 5th place and free entry for the winning pair to the State Open Pairs Finals held at the NSWBA on October 20th & 21st, 2012.

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.

We score the event. 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.

Note: If your club uses scoring units (Bridgemates, BridgePads, BridgeScorers), we will be able to accept electronic submission of the scores. All you will need to do is to email us the .bws file for the session.

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).

The results and mentions for particular brilliancies 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 2012). Red masterpoints are issued at the congress B4 level.

The total cost this year for all three sessions is **\$30 per pair**.

Whether or not your club plans to participate, please complete the accompanying form and post to:

Attn. Matthew McManus,
NSWBA Clubrooms,
1st Floor, 162 Goulburn Street,
East Sydney 2010.

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

Yours sincerely,
Matthew McManus
Convener, State Wide Pairs

Email will be the quickest way of getting a response to any queries, so please use this address if possible
email: swp@nswba.com.au

Phone messages to Liz Fanos (02) 9264 8111