

# NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## 2013 STATE WIDE PAIRS

Dear Club Secretary,

The 2013 State Wide Pairs will be held on three consecutive weeks in early 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 included in 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 should play in the same partnership for all three weeks though substitutions are permitted.
- The event package containing travellers, commentary booklets and other stationery needed to run the event is sent to those clubs which have entered, around the middle of July.
- **Scoring across the State** will be returned to you in October together with a range of prizes including cash prizes to 5<sup>th</sup> place and free entry for the winning pair to the State Open Pairs Finals held at the NSWBA on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2013.

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. And you can include the event in a regular duplicate session if you wish.

**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. Detailed instructions will be provided.

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 overall winners will receive their invitation to the State Open Pairs Finals earlier than this.)

The results and mentions for particular brilliancies are also posted on the NSWBA web site.

All players receive **event booklets**. This year, the analysis of each hand will be via a record of the auction and comments as performed by experts including **Ron Klinger, Matthew Mullamphy, David Beauchamp and others**. These experts have played the hands, using a basic 5 card major system with standard carding, and their actions and decisions are recorded and discussed in the event booklets.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013). **Red masterpoints** are issued at Congress B4 level.

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

Please complete the accompanying form

and post to:                   State Wide Pairs Convener  
                                      NSWBA  
                                      1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 162 Goulburn Street  
                                      East Sydney, 2010 <sup>1</sup>

We look forward to your response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,  
Matthew McManus  
Convener

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<sup>1</sup> Email will be the quickest way of getting a response to any queries, so please contact:  
<sup>1</sup>[swp@nswba.com.au](mailto:swp@nswba.com.au)

<sup>1</sup>Phone messages to Liz Fanos (02) 9264 8111