

**NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
2014 STATE WIDE PAIRS**

Dear Club Secretary,

This year, we are making significant changes to the State Wide Pairs in the hope of increasing participation from clubs and their members and making the coordination of the event easier for the club organisers.

Firstly, the entry fee has been reduced by 33%. This year, it will be \$20 per pair for the three weeks. Secondly, in an attempt to address significant increases in the cost of printing and postage, we will not be sending out hard copies of the travelling score sheets or the hand analysis booklets. Instead, the event organiser will receive these by email a few weeks prior to the event. Finally, wherever possible, we will try to avoid the need for event organisers to use the post to submit documents. If your club uses a computer scoring package, then you will have the option of emailing files from the scoring package rather than having to check and mail the travelling score sheets after the event is completed. The event organiser will be provided with information on how to do this.

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. Casual pairs can be accommodated, so you do not have to turn away pairs who just turn up for one session only or who don't wish to participate.
- 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 substitutes are permitted.
- Cash prizes will be awarded, as well as gift vouchers from the Bridge Shop and certificates for the winners in each club. Prizes are also awarded in the divisions of Under 25, Under 50 and Under 100 masterpoints, as at 30th June 2014.
- The overall winning pair will be offered free entry to the State Open Pairs Finals held at the NSWBA on 18th & 19th October, 2014. If the pair comes from a country area, the NSWBA will provide a travel subsidy to assist with costs.
- Red masterpoints are issued at Congress B4 level.

You do not need to score the event at your club, but may do so and award normal club green points for your session. When we receive the results from all participating clubs, we matchpoint the event and award red masterpoints.

Results, prizes and certificates will be sent to all clubs as soon as practicable after the event.

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

It is necessary that your event organiser be contactable by email. All event information this year will be sent by email.

All correspondence and queries should be sent to swp@nswba.com.au

Phone messages may be left with Liz Fanos at the NSWBA, (02) 9264 8111

Enter via the online form. [CLICK HERE](#) (Note: on some computers, you may need to press Ctrl and then click to make this work.)

We look forward to your response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,
Matthew McManus, Ed Barnes
SWP Co-Conveners