



NSW BRIDGE ASSOCIATION



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2015 STATE WIDE PAIRS

Dear Club Secretary,

Following on from last year, there are three big changes to the State Wide Pairs in 2015. Firstly, after guiding the SWP into the electronic age, Matthew and Ed have decided to call it quits as co-conveners. Many thanks to both of them for all their work over the last few years. Pauline Gumby and Warren Lazer will be taking over as the SWP Organisers this year. Most of you will already know Pauline, the NSWBA webmaster and Congress Coordinator. Warren used to run the State Wide Pairs many years ago in the late 80's and early 90's.

More significantly the SWP has been reduced to just 2 weeks and the scheduling has changed slightly so as to avoid clashing with the Coffs Coast Gold Point Congress. The SWP will now be held during the 2 weeks of *July 27th - August 9th and the entry fee has been reduced to \$15 per pair for the two weeks.

Once again, as much administration as possible will be done electronically. The club organiser will receive the hand records by email a few weeks prior to the event. 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 club 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 each week, from 27 July to 9 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 both weeks though one substitute is 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 2015.
- The overall winning pair will be offered free entry to the State Open Pairs Finals held at the NSWBA on 14th & 15th November, 2015. 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.

* Note: The originally advertised dates of the last 2 weeks of August have been changed to avoid clashing with the Australia Wide Pairs competition.

You do not need to score the event at your club, but may do so and award normal club green points for your session. After we have received the results from all participating clubs, we matchpoint the event across the state.

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 as 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 at <http://goo.gl/forms/J4RFMRgg07>

We look forward to your response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer
SWP Tournament Organisers