

# 2007 Grand National Open Teams Competition

February, 2007

Dear Tournament Secretary,

If your club has regularly participated in the GNOT qualifying rounds we are confident that you will once again enjoy the 2007 competition. As usual, the co-operation of all Sydney metropolitan clubs is being sought to ensure the maximum number of entrants since this determines how many teams are allowed to represent Sydney in the National Final (currently eight teams).

All metropolitan Sydney clubs are invited to hold qualifying events to determine representative teams that will compete in a Metropolitan Final at the NSWBA on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October (*Note the change of date from previous years*). Entry will be on the basis of one team for every 7 entered in each club qualifying event. Although it is necessary for teams to attend both the Saturday sessions of the Metropolitan Final, it is permissible to retire hurt from the Sunday Swiss repechage. The Metropolitan Final qualifies four teams to the GNOT National Final which will again be held at Banora Point (Tweed Heads) from Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2007.

Gold Masterpoints will be available to the winners of every match at the rate of 0.04 masterpoints per board, i.e. winners of a 14 board match will receive 0.56 Gold masterpoints per player, while winners of a 32 board match will receive 1.28 masterpoints per player.

In addition, three Metropolitan centres hold heats where an additional four teams are awarded direct qualification into the National Final. Outright Gold Masterpoints will be made to the top 1/3 of the field for these direct qualifying events.

Centres where teams may qualify directly to the GNOT National Final are as follows:

- i) NSWBA on 5 Monday evenings, August 6<sup>th</sup> to September 3<sup>rd</sup> (2 teams to qualify),
- ii) The Double Bay Bridge Centre on 5 Wednesday evenings, May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup> (one team to qualify),
- iii) The North Shore Bridge Club at Cove Sports Club, 325a Eastern Valley Way, Castle Cove on 4 Tuesday evenings, June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 26<sup>th</sup> (one team to qualify).

The Supplementary Tournament Regulations that are to be read in association with the NSWBA Tournament Regulations are being posted separately on the NSWBA web site. I would appreciate not having to duplicate this document unnecessarily, but if you are unable to access the NSWBA site, I will send you a hard copy upon application. Please read the regulations carefully, as they explain the conditions that need to be fulfilled for Gold masterpoints to be awarded.

There are no major changes to the regulations from previous years, however some costs have been increased. The cost per master point has increased to \$1.10 per point, and to cover this the NSWBA have been obliged to increase the entry fee for teams proceeding to the Metropolitan final to \$205. The original entry fee of \$10 per team is unchanged.

I have a list of clubs who entered this event last year, and in most cases an email address of some responsible person at the club. Since I would very much like to communicate entirely

by email, could you let me know if your club's responsible person has changed, or if the email address has changed. It would help if you could let me know via email if your club is intending to hold a heat this year as in the final stages it is important to know whom to chase up for the inevitable last minute results, money etc.

Should you require further details please contact the Convener of the event:

Tony Musgrove, preferably via e-mail on [ardelm@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ardelm@optusnet.com.au) , or in desperation on 9520 5651, or via snail@12 Kelton Pl, Engadine 2233

Yours sincerely,

Tony Musgrove