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2017 STATE WIDE PAIRS

Dear Club Secretary,

Last year the State Wide Pairs was reduced to a single session and there was an increase in the number of pairs playing. The State-Wide Pairs will thus remain as a single session event, played in the first week of August, in 2017. The entry fee will also remain at \$8 per pair.

The scoring was done last year by utilising the Nation-Wide Pairs scoring software developed by Martin Willcox. There were a few teething problems, which was to be expected, but I believe they've all been identified and addressed, so expect a much smoother process in 2017. The club organiser will receive all relevant instructions by email a few weeks prior to the event.

For those clubs that have not previously competed, we present the following quick synopsis.

- The event may be run anytime in the week from 31st July - 6th August.
- There is no need to disrupt your normal duplicate pairs sessions as the State Wide Pairs can be included as a normal session. Casual pairs can be accommodated, so you do not have to turn away pairs who don't wish to participate.
- The only special requirement is that you must find a reliable person to pre-deal the boards. Appropriately formatted files are available for clubs that possess a dealing machine.
- 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 2017.
- 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. The event is matchpointed across the state after the results from all participating clubs have been received.

Results, prizes and certificates will be sent to all clubs as soon as practicable after the event. The results are also posted on the NSWBA web site.

It is necessary that your event organiser be contactable by email as all event information is sent by email.

All correspondence and queries should be sent to swp@nswba.com.au or ring me on (02) 9744 1555 after 10.00 am.

Enter via the online form at <http://www.nswba.com.au/forms/statewidepairs.asp>

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