NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION STATE MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2005

Valerie Cummings - convener

Dear Club Secretary

During 2004, the FABC informed the New South Wales Bridge Association that they were unable to provide personnel to run the State Mixed Pairs championship.

Accordingly, the NSBWA has taken over the running of the event directly this year and invites all affiliated clubs to conduct qualifying events of the State Mixed Pairs. The Championship Final to be held at the NSWBA on the weekend of 28th and 29th May 2005.

Please note the following key changes this year:

- Removing the requirement to send 1 pair in every 10 competing pairs to the final.
- A graduated scale of entry fees to the final the more pairs you send to the final, the less your club is charged for each pair!
- Raising the maximum number of pairs you can nominate directly to the final if you do not hold a qualifying event from three to five.
- Introduction of a swiss pairs event on Sunday 29th May with free entry for those pairs not making the final.
- Prize money for the final and Swiss pairs events (or ANC subsidies if entry taken up).

We welcome your club's participation in this event and look forward to receiving as many entries as possible to the State Mixed Pairs finals weekend.

The details are contained below and the Supplementary Tournament Regulations are attached *Please read carefully!*

- 1. Clubs not wishing to run a qualifying competition may nominate one pair per 50 home club members or part thereof with a limit of 5 pairs.
- 2. Clubs may nominate between one pair and up to one third of the field.

Costs for pairs attending the Championship final are due as follows:

Number of pairs	Cost per pair	Total charge
sent to the final		to the club
1	\$100	\$100
2	\$90	\$180
3	\$80	\$240
4	\$70	\$280
5	\$60	\$300
6	\$50	\$300
7 and more	\$50	\$350+

3. Clubs located over 200 km. from Sydney *may apply* to the NSWBA for financial assistance for pairs representing their clubs in the Championship Final. Only one subsidy per club will be allowed.

4. Timetable. Clubs should carefully note the following dates and times:

Club qualifying competitions must be completed and results and pair nominations must be sent to the convenor by no later than **Friday 13th May 2005.**

Session times for the Championship Final are:

Saturday 28th May 2005

12:00 pm and 4.00 pm (supper provided 3.30pm)

Sunday 29th May 2005

10.00 am and 2.00 pm (supper provided at end of play)

Those pairs who do not proceed to the final round on Sunday will be granted free entry to the Swiss Pairs event on the Sunday.

Total prize money of \$700 will be available both for the Championship Final and the Swiss Pairs event.

- 4. Participating clubs must send the following to the Convenor:
 - A *cheque*, made payable to the NSWBA, for the red masterpoints calculated at \$0.90 per masterpoint (GST incl.), plus the Championship Final entry fees calculated according to the table above.
 - The names and ABF numbers of the nominated pairs.
 - A complete copy of the results of each qualifying session.
 - The completed Congress Award form or a diskette with this information.
- 5. Clubs should note that **red masterpoints** for the qualifying sessions will be awarded after the Championship Final and **only to those clubs having a representative pair playing in the Championship Final**.

All correspondence and cheques should be sent to the Convener, marked

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