

ANC 2008 INFORMATION TO PLAYERS



Jim Millar is the Convenor and Kim Ellaway the Manager. Any problems with the event see either one of them. Kim can be contacted on 0412 064903 at any time during the event.

Colour Coding – For the whole event, the Open will be blue, the Women’s will be pink, the Seniors will be yellow and the Youth will be green. Table cloths and results sheets etc will be in these colours. The Congress events’ colours will change from day to day, but the results and seating sheets will be in white.

Staffing – Our Floor Manager is Sarah-Jane for the first week and Ray Ellaway for the second week as Sarah Jane leaves for a long overseas holiday on the middle Sunday of the event. Ray and Kim will be taking your money and bookings at the registration desk, Meta is in charge of your requirements in the hospitality area and Marion will be ‘running’ around doing anything that is needed to be done as well as board dealing throughout the event. The Championships will be run by the ABF Tournament Unit with Eric Ramshaw in charge, Sean Mullamphy as Director, Martin Wilcox, Scorer extraordinaire and Chris Diment and Jane Rasmussen doing everything else. The Congress Director is Alan Gibson. Our caddies will be dressed in the Cadbury purple shirts. We are all on deck to make sure you have a wonderful two weeks and please do not hesitate to ask any questions at the Bridge Registration Desk. Pam is the local with all the knowledge.

Entry Fees – Entry Fees for all Congress events are \$25 per pair per session. Pre-payment and booking is required. Entry fees for the Walk-Ins are \$20 per pair per session which will be collected at the table. If you intend to play in a lot of Walk-Ins, take advantage of the buy 10 get 1 free book available from the Registration Desk.

Entering Other Events – You can enter all congress events up to 2 hours before play commences. Naturally you can walk in to all walk in events. Championship Events – you will be advised by the Director as to when the ANC Swiss Pairs, Restricted Butler and Matchpoint Pairs events close.

Session Times (Always check)

Butler Pairs	Daily	10.15am – approx 5 or 6 pm	7.30pm- approx 11pm (no night play Tues)
ANC Teams	Daily	10.30am – approx 5 or 6 pm	8.00pm- approx 11pm
Congress Events	Daily	10.00am – approx 1.00 pm	2.00pm – approx 5pm
Walk-In Pairs	Daily	10.00am – approx 12.30 pm	7.30pm – approx 10pm also
		2.00pm – approx 4.30 pm	Wed, Thu, Fri of first week

Congress and Walk-In Prize Money – Some prizes have been donated and others will be in the form of a percentage of the overall income for that event. All prizes may be picked up at the Bridge Desk an hour after the end of the completion.

Bulletins – will be published daily. Lindy Vincent is our Editor. Please contribute articles at the Administration Desk or email Lindy on froghome@caboolture.hotkey.net.au or her mobile number is 0421 272 463.

Dinner Dance – Friday 8 August at 7 pm – Maximum on tables is 10. This is a ticket only affair with each ticket having a table number allocated. Music will be provided by Peppers. Players must make their own arrangements to obtain a ticket for the Dance unless already purchased by the states and in this case the captains will be given the tickets. They are obtainable from Kim at the Desk. Numbers are limited so be quick. For those concerned that they are going to miss the Olympics Opening Ceremony, do not worry, the PABF Congress have paid for a TV for the Dinner Dance so we can watch the opening whilst dancing and listening.

Coffee – for those who want a standard coffee, the hotel have opened a special station and coffee and a biscuit will be available at a cost of \$3. For those who wish to have more than standard, coffee can be purchased at Siroccos on the same floor or on the ground floor at The Coffee Spot.

Water – Five water dispensers are in the playing area. Water is very precious particularly here in South East Queensland – please ensure it is not wasted.

Parking – The hotel provides a car park with over 300 spaces for guests and visitors, free of charge. However as space is limited it is on a space available basis. To exit the car park you will need a pass which is available at the hotel reception desk on the ground floor (you have to mention the bridge tournament).

Raffle – Raffles will be run daily. Jim Millar and Meta Goodman will be in charge. Tickets will be \$1 each and prizes will be drawn at various intervals (at least daily). Prizes will vary from a \$175 flight experience voucher, to meal vouchers of varying values to a free Bungy Jump worth \$99. All of these prizes have been obtained for us by Fred Whitaker. Thank you Fred, a great job. Tickets can be purchased direct from Jim who will be around selling them or from the Bridge Desk.

Fruit – When we can get it we will be providing you with a complimentary piece of fruit direct from the markets. Please help yourselves. Cadburys are also supplying some (not so good for you) however yummy sweets which I am sure you will enjoy.

Blue Bridge Bags – Team members and captains will be given bridge bags on the second week of the Championships however the bags can also be purchased from the Bridge Registration Desk at \$2.70 each.

Post Free Bridge Shop – Paul Lavings will have a bridge book stall from Wednesday 30th July. He will be set up in the foyer opposite the Registration Desk.

Sponsors – We would like to thank, Gold Coast Bridge Club, Simplicity Funerals, The Bridge Shop, Raptis Group, Post Free Bridge Shop and Holiday Inn for assisting the event with prizes. Of course we cant forget the Restaurants etc around the area who have given us prizes – PLEASE SUPPORT THEM. They are mentioned in the bulletins.

Partners and Substituting – We thank Noeline Rossiter for assisting with all the standbys for the events which require such. We have guaranteed to supply a partner for anyone who requests one within reason but please don't let us have to say NO to you because we don't have sufficient notice. We have staff that can play bridge however they all have other jobs at the event. They will be happy to substitute in an emergency only.

Lunches – Special Lunch menus have been provided by the Hotel and these will be available from Siroccos on the 2nd Floor:

Soup of the Day with a bread roll	\$5.00
Meat Pie/Sausage Roll	\$5.00
Ham & Cheese Croissant	\$5.50
Assorted Sandwich	\$6.00
Curry & Rice	\$6.00
Chicken Caesar Wrap	\$6.50

Available from The Coffee Spot on the Ground Floor will be:

Assorted Sandwiches	\$5.00
Ham and Cheese Croissants	\$5.00
Selection of cakes from	\$3.50

Have a great fortnight



Kim Ellaway on behalf of the ANC Committee