



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**This information will also be contained in your Cosmetics Plus Bags. These can be picked up at the playing tables in the Pairs and if your first event is the Teams, your named bags will be within the Bridge Administration Area.**

**Therese Tully 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 congress.**

**Colour Coding** – Open = light and dark blue. Intermediate = brown and light brown. Restricted = light and dark green. Novices = Yellow and light yellow. Seniors = pink and purple. Coloured Flags will identify your seating, section results and the areas that you play within.

**Entry Fees** – If you have not already paid, entry Fees for the events are as follows – Pairs: \$140 per player. Teams: \$680 per team. Butler Pairs: \$90 per player, Mixed Teams and Non Mixed Teams: \$240 per team. Friday Novice Pairs: \$60 per player. If you have not paid, you must see Gerald at the Bridge Administration Desk before play starts. **It is not too late to enter the Butler Pairs, Friday Novice Pairs, Mixed Teams or Non Mixed Teams, however entries for these events close 12.00 noon Thursday. Any player making changes to their entries which require credit card transactions will be charged an administration fee of \$10 per player.**

**Please remember the prices above are as at 17<sup>th</sup> February. A \$10.00 discount applies to each person and to each event if entry and entry fee is received prior to the 17<sup>th</sup> February.**

### Session Times

Pairs	Saturday - Sunday	1.00 pm – approx 4.30 pm	7.30 pm - approx 11.00pm
	Monday	1.00 pm – approx 4.30 pm	
<b>NOTE - Monday night there is no bridge</b>			
Teams	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	11.00 am – approx 2.30 pm	3.30 pm – 6.45 pm
	<b>NOTE – The top 2 from each field of Seniors, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice teams will play in finals beginning at 10.00 am on Friday 2nd March.</b>		
<b>The top 6 in the Open Field will play finals on Friday and then the top 2 on Saturday.</b>			
Butler Pairs	Friday	1.00 pm - approx 5.30 pm, 7.30 pm – approx 10.45 pm	
	Saturday	10.30 am – finished by 2.00 pm	
Mixed and Non			
Mixed Teams	Friday	10.30 am – approx 2.00 pm	3.00 pm – approx 6.30 pm
Fri Novice Pairs	Friday	10.30 am – approx 2.00 pm	3.00 pm – approx 6.30 pm
Walk In Pairs	Holiday Pairs 1 – Saturday, Sunday, Monday, 1.00 pm – finished by 4.30 pm		
	Holiday Pairs 2 – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11.00 am - finished by 2.30 pm		
	Holiday Pairs 3 – Friday, 10.30 am, 3.00 pm and Saturday, 10.30 am - finished by 2.00 pm		

You can play in any session of the Holiday Walk Ins Pairs and qualify for sessional prizes or Play in all three sessions of an event to qualify for the overall prize

### **ALL WALK INS \$15.00 PER PLAYER PER SESSION – TO BE PAID AT TABLE**

**Substitutes** – If you need substitutes during the week, please contact the Bridge Administration Desk. Noeline will look after you.

**Scoring Issues** - Toni Bardon is the Scoring Liaison Officer to act as liaison between players and the Scoring Unit. Any problems and concerns you have about scoring and results should be addressed to Toni.

**Dinner Dance** – Saturday 3rd March 8.00pm – Tables will be set up for 10. Music will be provided by the band “MOJO”. Players must make their own arrangements to obtain a ticket for the Dance. The procedure is to pick up a table list from the Bridge Administration Desk and return as soon as possible. Dinner Dance bookings close 8.00pm Wednesday. For those playing in the two main events entry is free, for those playing in only one of the main events \$35 and for those only playing in one of the events on Friday \$60. For those playing in no events who wish to come to the Dinner Dance the cost is \$70. These charges are payable at the time of handing in the list to the Bridge Administration Desk. Tickets will be available for collection from 3.00pm Friday Afternoon. Numbers are limited so don't delay. You can prebook by contacting Kim on [manager@qldbridge.com](mailto:manager@qldbridge.com)

**Coffee** – Something different this year – Staff dressed in the bright yellow overshirts are there for you to order your coffee. You must give them the right money and they will go and get your coffee and deliver. Please do not abuse this service. There will be coffee order sheets on every table and also they will be carried by board caddies.

**Courtesy Bus** – Courtesy Buses are available to take you back and forth – times and drop off points have been published and will be published throughout the convention centre. Talk to Bridge Administration Desk or one of the Bus Drivers (red shirts Geoff or Merv) and they will assist you. A flier showing drop off points can be located in the bags – PLEASE DO NOT ASK BUS DRIVERS TO VARY THE COURSE THAT HAS BEEN ADVERTISED AS THEY WILL HAVE TO SAY NO.

**Teaching Sessions** – Joan Butts, the ABF Teaching Co-ordinator has organized many Celebrity Speakers to speak on a wide range of topics – more details in the bulletin or fliers around the venue.

**Card Dealing Machine Seminar** – Paul Lavings from our sponsor Paul Lavings Bridge Books will be conducting a Dealing Machine Seminar on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February - Paul the Australian Agent will demonstrate Dealer 4 – a world wide sensation.

**Bar** - The bar in the Convention Centre will open 30 minutes before the end of all sessions. At least this is how it will start out but it will be the old “USE IT OR LOSE IT” philosophy.

**Parking** - You can get weekly tickets from the Bridge Administration Desk for \$50.00 – that’s a saving of \$30.00 if you plan to play all 8 days. If you wish to park and pay daily, it will cost you \$10.00 a day and you can do it from the machines. We will be selling weekly parking tickets from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February if you wish to take advantage of this fabulous deal. A weekly parking ticket also gives you multiple entries within the day.

**Black and White Theme Session – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February EVENING SESSION**

We had such fun with this in 2011 the theme night is here to stay. The colour scheme for 2012 is Black and White and the dress up session will be Sunday night where we will give out prizes. Feel free to dress up any night you feel like – it was such a pleasure to see the glamour and the fun brought back into bridge that we seemed to have lost over the years.

**Uniforms**

**Blue Polo Shirts – Directing Staff**

**Purple Polo Shirts – Caddy Staff**

**White Over Shirts – Floor Managers and Administration Staff**

**Black Schweppes Polo Shirts – Scoring Staff**

**Bright Yellow Overshirts/Vests – Coffee Caddys**

**Red Shirts – Bus Drivers**

**2013 dates are 23rd February – 2nd March**