

Canberra in Bloom "Royal Bluebell" Information Circular #1



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The sun will be shining....



Canberra is celebrating the recent successful hosting of the Australian National Championships at Thoroughbred Park, the venue for Canberra in Bloom. Over 50 tables were in play for most of the 12 days of the event and the venue, its staff and the Tournament Officials and volunteers coped very well. The player survey was overwhelmingly positive about Thoroughbred Park and the organisers of Canberra in Bloom have taken on some of the positive aspects from the ANC and how it was run. This includes improved arrangements for lunch with pre-ordering on arrival from a selection of sandwiches, wraps, rolls or a hot meal plus there will be the usual hot pies. While the coffee lovers can still indulge with barista made lattes and cappuccinos, those happy with instant coffee and a tea bag will be able to help themselves.

The other improvement we hope we can promise is no minus seven degree temperatures and thick fog blanketing the racecourse which greeted the ANC Butler competitors.....



Some improvements are being made to the player experience at CIB in 2017. The



first of these changes is the move to a standardised 10 board format for the Golden Wattle Teams and both Swiss Pairs competitions. Importantly this doesn't mean less bridge for players but means less rounds in most cases. Another positive change is the replacement of the restricted teams with the Silver Wattle Novice and Restricted Triathlon Pairs. Read the CIB Brochure for more details.

[Download the 2017 CIB Brochure HERE](#)

How to enter and pay

Pre-entry is required for all events with full payment with entry but definitely on or before Wednesday 27 September.

Here are the few easy steps to submitting an online entry by credit card with full payment.

1. Have your credit card ready - either Visa or Mastercard.
 2. Just [CLICK HERE](#) and Select the Event you wish to enter from the Select A Competition menu.
 3. Type in your names and ABF numbers and leave details of your email and phone number in the contact details box.
 4. The payment defaults do not need to be changed for full payment by credit card. Simply click on the Submit this Entry to.....Button at the bottom of the screen.
 5. The next screen offers the choice of submitting another entry (like the continue shopping on most shopping carts) so go back and enter another entry if you wish to. Repeat this step as often as you need to.
 6. When you have finished all your entries, click on the highlighted blue link "Click here to pay all entries by using eWay secure payment gateway". You will be taken to the secure eWay credit card payment site to enter your credit card details. Check the payment required matches what you expect and if it does click the highlighted payment button.
 7. Any problems ring Roy Nixon on 0423043220.
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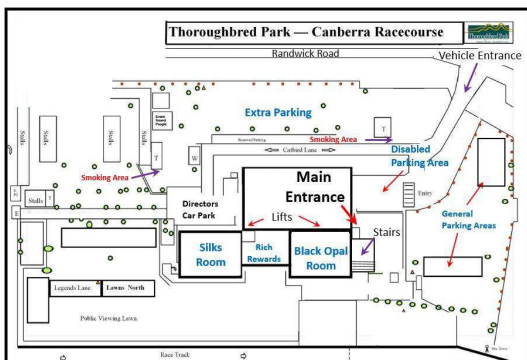




2016 Hall of Famers (clockwise from the top left): Margaret Gidley-Baird and Chris Williams (Canberra Bells); George Kozakos and Ian Robinson (members of the winning Golden Wattle team); Margaret Carr and Karen Irvine (Federation Rose) and Stephen Mendick and Bernie Waters (Royal Bluebell).

Playing bridge at Thoroughbred Park

A few minutes drive north from the CBD, the facilities here are excellent for bridge players with three spacious rooms accessed by lifts or escalators, plenty of natural light, lots of free parking and an onsite cafe and bar. A location map can be found [here](#) and a course map is below.



The Main Entrance to Thoroughbred Park is closer to Flemington Road than Randwick Road. GPS coordinates in most satnav maps take you to the Stables Entrance so beware. Plentiful free parking is available on the left (General Parking Area) and right sides (Extra Parking) of the main driveway. Disabled parking is located close to the Main Entrance to the Betting Ring. If the Main Gate is closed approach it slowly and it should open automatically. Beware horses may pass behind the Main Gate before 9.30am.





Don't want to play the whole weekend or your spouse/partner doesn't play. Then why not visit some of Canberra's special exhibits or hidden gems? Above are a few ideas.

Clockwise from the top left (click on the image for more information):

1. Towers of Tomorrow with Lego Bricks (National Museum of Australia) - tickets required
2. Hotel Hotel - featuring its Grand Stair and nearby foodie delights at Monster Kitchen
3. Opened by Prince Philip in 1965, why not visit the Royal Australian Mint and see their amazing coin collection
4. Floriade 2017 - and if you want something to do after the bridge, try Nightfest



Steve Weil who has handled the ABF account at TBIB for several years.

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- Any other insurance protection matter.

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