

Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship – 2006

The current status of the bridge championship is as follows:

CNBC:

There are 28 teams expected. Most of them 4 person teams.

The venue: Victorian Bridge Association (VBA)
131 Poath Road
Murrumbeena
Australia

The format is expected to be Round Robin in 2 pools.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (7th to 9th) up to 5 matches (10 boards) per day. Play will be from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm. No evening play. This may be extended to Friday morning if number of teams exceeds 32. Systems used will be no brown sticker or Hum (Yellow) systems. All weak two openings must be anchored.

Friday will be free until 7:30pm when the semi-finals start based on 64 board matches. Continues on Saturday. Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning will be finals.

Limitations on Finals: There must be a non- Australian team in the finals, and at most 2 sponsored teams. If two sponsored teams succeed in entering the semi finals, they must play each other. Only a non-sponsored team can win the gold, silver or bronze medals. The full size version of the Pratt Family Medal will be won by the team finishing first as the Champion, sponsored team or not.

CNBC teams will be invited to a reception at 7:00pm on 6th of March at Raheen, the home of the Pratt family, as their guests where the Deputy Premier of the State of Victoria, Hon. Mr.J.Thwaites, the tournament patron, will open the Championship. On March 12th at about 7:30, the teams will be invited to the Noble Awards dinner to end the Championship where the awards will be presented.

Request from team entrants:

Booking if needed for the Hemisphere accommodation. Please note dates of arrival and departure. Also consider jet lag for far destination. Australia will be on daylight savings, 10 hours from Europe, 11 hours from UK.

Photos from each player (preferably simple passport photos), which will be used for a brochure as well as identification tags. We would like some verbiage about your country, your bridge scene and the players. Did they compete at Manchester? This will be needed in November if possible. System card (WBF) would be useful.

Please indicate team captain and type family names of players in capitals so I don't embarrass myself. Please let me know of any dietary requirements for award dinner (Halal, Kosher or Vegetarian requirements) for the **Noble** Awards Dinner.

A Swiss Pairs event will start on Friday Evening until Sunday afternoon for all teams (4 members only) of Commonwealth Championship who did not make the semi final. Pairs will enter for this event from outside the Championship. This will be a 12 match Swiss each of 10 boards. A special sponsored prize will be given to the best performing Australian Novice pair defined as less than 200 MP each.

Websites: <http://www.abf.com.au/events/cnbc/index.html>

Tournament directors: Richard Grenside and Laurie Kelso

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