

Queensland Bridge Association

presents

the 40th

ANA HOTEL GOLD COAST CONGRESS

at

ANA Hotel Gold Coast

and Gold Coast International Hotel

17th February to 24th February 2001

A Gold Point Congress

with playoff points

Programme

Open Pairs: Commences Sunday Feb 18th at 1.30 p.m.. Two session qualifying. Final commences on Monday Feb 19th at 1.30 p.m. and concludes on Tuesday Feb 20th at about 5 p.m.

0-149 Pairs: Runs parallel with the Open Pairs and over the same times. This event is open only to pairs where neither partner has reached 150 MPs as at 30.9.2000.

Both these events will be conducted at the ANA Hotel.

Open Swiss Teams: Commences at 8 p.m. on Tuesday Feb. 20th. and continues until Friday Feb 23rd about 5 p.m. The final will be on Vugraph at 8 p.m. on Friday Feb 23rd.

Seniors and Restricted Swiss Teams: These are new events, which will run in parallel with the Open Teams with the same session times and similar format. The Seniors Teams will attract playoff points for the ABF selection process for the National Seniors Team.

These events will be conducted at the Gold Coast International Hotel, which is situated on the Pacific Highway at a comfortable walking distance from the ANA Hotel. The Seniors Teams is open only to teams all of whose members have attained th age of 55 years by 20.2.01 The Restricted Teams is open only to teams in which each member has less than 300 masterpoints as at 30/9/2000. There will be separate prize lists for these events.

Walk-in pairs: 1. **Carinya Welcome Walk-in Pairs:** Saturday Feb 17th at 7 for 7.30 cutoff time. Come for a welcome drink before playing. Entry fees payable at the table.

2. **Wednesday walk-ins.** Wednesday Feb 21st. Cutoff time 9.15 a.m.

3. **ANA Shield.** Saturday Feb 24th. Cutoff time 9.30 a.m.

Congress Dinner / Dance: with presentation of prizes. Saturday Feb 24th..

(For detailed sessional times, see P. 4)

The QBA reserves the right to vary the format and venue from the above should there be insufficient entries in the Restricted Teams to justify a separate event. In such case the Restricted Teams may need to be incorporated into the Open Teams.

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Teams Championship: P Hackett - J. Hackett - J. Hackett - R. Harper - U. Harper
ANA Shield: B. Hirst - M.Millar
Nancy Penfold Trophy: G. Tucker - J. Faranda

FORMAT

Open Pairs and O - 149 Pairs: Two qualifying rounds and three session barometer finals. Final sections will be of 14 tables as far as possible.

Open Teams: Swiss format, 14 board matches. After 10 matches, qualifying teams will withdraw for semi-finals and finals. The Swiss will continue for the remainder of the field, and will finish by around 5 p.m. on Friday 23rd.

Seniors and Restricted Teams: To be played in parallel with the Open Teams. Final format to be determined by numbers.

The QBA reserves the right to vary the format and qualification requirements for teams events depending on the size of the fields and venues required. Any such variation will be announced at the commencement of the event.

Detailed Programme

Saturday 17th Feb. 7.00 to 7.30 p.m.	Complimentary Drink and Carinya Walk-in Prs
Sunday 18th Feb. 1.30 p.m. and 8 p.m.	Open Prs and 0-149 Prs Qualifying Rds.
Monday 19th Feb. 1.30 p.m. and 8 p.m.	Open Prs and 0-149 Prs. Finals Rds 1 & 2
Tuesday 20th Feb. 1.30 p.m.	Open Prs and 0-149 Prs.Finals Rd.3
Tuesday 20th Feb. 8.00 p.m.	Swiss Teams events start
Wednesday 21st Feb. 9.15 a.m.	Walk-in pairs
Wednesday 21st Feb. 1.30 p.m. & 8 p.m.	Swiss Teams continue
Thursday 22nd Feb. 10.30 a.m & 3.30 p.m.	Swiss Teams continue (note times)
Thursday 22nd Feb 8.00 p.m.	Semifinals
Friday 23rd Feb. 12.30 p.m.	Swiss Teams continue. End about 5 p.m.
Friday 23rd Feb	Finals continue
Friday 23rd Feb. 8 p.m.	Championship final on Viewgraph
Saturday 24th Feb 9 to 9.30 a.m.	ANA Shield Walk-in Pairs (9.30 cutoff)
Saturday 24th Feb.	Congress Dinner/Dance with presentation of prizes at ANA Hotel, Gold Coast

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2001 ANA Gold Coast Congress Pairs Entry Form

Open Pairs

First Name and surname	ABF No	Club
Name		
Name		

First Name and surname	ABF No	Club
Name		
Name		

0 - 149 Pairs (please write your MP total at 30.9.00 beside your name)

First Name and surname	ABF No	Club
Name		
Name		

First Name and surname	ABF No	Club
Name		
Name		

Contact details for this entry:

Name	
Address	
Phone	Fax
E-mail address	

Please see page 7 for entry fees and methods of payment.

Gold Coast Congress 2001 Entry Fees (inclusive of GST)

1. Open Pairs: \$190 per **pair**
2. 0 - 149 Pairs: \$190 per **pair**
3. Open Teams: \$450 per **team**
4. Seniors' Teams: \$450 per **team**
5. Welcome Walk-ins \$20 per pair. **Pay on arrival.**
6. Wednesday Walk-ins \$20 per pair. **Pay on arrival.**
7. ANA Shield. Free to congress participants. Otherwise \$20 per pair.

8. Congress dinner / dance: Complimentary to those who have played in both pairs and team s events. For those playing in only one event: \$30. For non-participants: \$60. Dinner tickets are **non-transferrable**.

Please forward entries together with entry fees to:

Gold Coast Congress c/- Joan McPheat PO Box 41 Wilston Qld 4051.

Entries close on Friday Feb 9th. The QBA reserves the right to accept late entries, or to close off entries before the due date if the event is full before that time. In the event of closing entries early, entries accompanied by entry fee will receive priority.

Entries to Gold Coast Congress 2001. We enclose entry fees for:

<input type="checkbox"/>	pairs at \$190 per pair	\$.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	teams at \$450 per team	\$.....
Total payment		\$.....

(Withdrawals notified prior to the event will have entry fees refunded.)

Please make cheques payable to the QBA, or
Please charge my credit card the total amount shown.

Bankcard Mastercard Visa

Cardholder's Name _____
(block capitals) _____

Card Number:

Card expiry date: /

Cardholder's Signature:.....

Prize List

Pairs Prizes

	C'ship	Plate	Cons 1	O-149s	Others
1st	\$1200 (plus special ANA Prize)*	\$500	\$240	\$240	\$200
2nd.	\$600	\$240	\$120	\$120	\$100
3rd.	\$360	\$150	\$ 70	\$ 70	\$ 50
4th.	\$250	\$ 60			
5th.	\$160				

* ANA Prize: Each player receives 5 nights accommodation for two at ANA Hotel, Gold Coast plus dinner for two in Hattie's Restaurant.

Best Women's Pair: Nancy Penfold Trophy plus \$100.

TEAMS PRIZES

Open Teams

C'ship: 1st \$2800 2nd \$1400 3rd / 4th (equal) \$600 5th= \$420

Teams sectional prizes: In each pool: \$240 per team (not the top section)

Teams categories: Men, Women, Mixed, Country, Others. \$240. Best in other pool: \$120.
No team may win more than one prize. Minimum entry 4 teams per category.

Seniors' Teams and Restricted Teams: prize money to be announced.

ANA Shield (Walk-in Prs) - prizes for all section winners. ANA Shield for top score.

Carinya Walk-in Prs: Restaurant dinner for two for all sectional winners.

Sessional winners: prizes for sessional winners at all events.

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GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Entries must be made using an entry form and forwarding full payment of fees. Note the conditions in the entry form regarding entries without payment.

2. The QBA reserves the right to reject entries at its absolute discretion and without assigning a reason. Any rejected entry will be returned as promptly as possible and money refunded. No correspondence or debate will be entered into.

3. A minimum of neat casual dress must be observed at all times in the playing area.

4. No smoking will be permitted in the defined playing area.

5. Entries are open only to ABF registered players and bona fide overseas contestants.

6. The ABF System and Alerting Regulations will apply. Players are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of their system classification. If in doubt, submit your system in advance to the Chief Tournament Director. Copies of these regulations will be posted at the venue, as will supplementary regulations.

'System regulations' and 'Alerting regulations' refer to those regulations in force at 31st December 2000

SUMMARY OF SYSTEMS REGULATIONS

Open Pairs: GREEN, BLUE and RED systems permitted.

0 - 149 Pairs: GREEN and BLUE systems only.

Teams: All systems permitted except that YELLOW systems will not be permitted in the first two matches of the Swiss and thereafter will be limited to the top quarter of the field. Any pair proposing to play a YELLOW system must lodge two copies of their system with the Chief Tournament Director prior to the commencement of the teams events.

Protected pairs: Certain pairs may apply for Protected Pair status. This will apply in this tournament only in the Open Pairs. Requirements:

1. The pair must be playing a GREEN system.
2. Both players must be below the status of National Master OR one player must be below the status of Local Master.
3. The pair must apply in advance to the Chief Tournament Director for Protected Pair status. If this is approved they must apply both a GREEN sticker and a BROWN sticker on their system cards. Protected pairs should ascertain at the start of a round whether their opponents are playing a red system in order to claim their protected pair status..

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Directing Workshop

The Gold Coast Congress and the Australian Bridge Directors' Association will be presenting a Director's Workshop on Wednesday 10 a.m. on the fourth floor.

Youth Challenge

The ABF Youth Committee will be conducting a one session individual competition for youth players on Saturday February 17th from 1.30 to 5.30. Those interested should contact Peter Gill at GillP@bigpond.com

Bridge Teaching Seminar

The Australian Bridge Teachers' Association will be conducting a seminar during the congress week. Prospective members welcome. Details will be displayed on the notice board at the venue.