



2011 Summer Festival of Bridge – 17th to 31st January 2011

The 2011 Summer Festival of Bridge has made some changes in accordance with requests from many players:

- Summer Festival moves back to Rydges Lakeside!
- No night play in 2011!
- National Swiss Pairs now 2 days
- No Multi Pairs
- Flighted Swiss Pairs now Match-point Swiss scored

Venue

All events in 2011 will be contested at Rydges Lakeside. Extensive renovations have been made to Rydges since the Summer Festival last played there. There are new convention areas and a new bar and new restaurant. Cahoots has retained its old character, and a new development directly behind Rydges also offers new restaurants, bars, accommodation and shopping facilities. It will be a great venue in 2011.

Event changes in 2011

The National Teams events (Womens', Seniors, Novice, Life Masters, Non-Life Masters, South West Pacific & Mixed) will all have daytime play only in 2011. Each day will start at 10.00am.

The National Swiss Pairs, which was Sunday only, has now been extended to a 2-day event starting at 11.00am on Saturday 22nd January and will now be 11-rounds of 9-board matches making this a much better event. There will be category winners for Women, Men, Senior's, Youth, Mixed, Novice and a new Country category. Pairs who are eligible in more than one category will have the opportunity to compete in each of their eligible categories. Of course a pair can only win one category in the end.

The National Multi Pairs had been falling in popularity for many years and will not be contested in 2011. Instead the National Flighted Swiss Pairs will become a match-point pairs on the final weekend of the festival. This event will remain a swiss pairs event but will be scored as match-points converted to VPs. There will also be no night play in the National Mixed Teams. A full schedule will be on the summer Festival webpage in early July www.summerfestivalofbridge.com

Looking forward to an exciting 2011 Summer Festival of Bridge.

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