

16th to 29th January 2012

We're turning 40! Our 40th birthday should be one of the best Summer Festivals yet! We always listen to our players and here are some of the changes and improvements to be implemented in January 2012.

- South West Pacific Teams becomes a 4 day event – 12 x 20-board matches
- National Swiss Pairs all in the one playing area – the Ballroom at Rydges
- **New** Restricted Swiss Pairs
- The Blue Ribbon Match-point Pairs **Returns In a 3-Stage Format**
- National Open Teams now all 64-board matches
- Celebrity lectures during both weeks teams' events.
- Cahouts Bar will be open at all times and will serve meals as well.
- Dinner time specials at Canberra restaurants
- **South West Pacific Teams**
This event has been reduced to 4 days leaving three days for the Blue Ribbon Pairs, the Mixed Teams, the Flighted Swiss Pairs and the National Open Teams (the teams finals) to all finish on Sunday.
- **National Open Swiss Pairs**
In 2011 this event was expanded to 2 days. This was enthusiastically accepted by the players but the event was split between two playing areas. In 2012 all players will be in the one playing area – the Ballroom on the 1st floor at Rydges Lakeside.
- **NEW Restricted Swiss Pairs**
Many of the restricted players wanted to play in the Swiss Pairs but as it was an open field many found it intimidating. In 2012 a Restricted Swiss Pairs will be contested at the same time as the Open Swiss Pairs. Players in this event must have less than 500 MPs.
- **Blue Ribbon Pairs**
The Summer Festival of Bridge has not had a great match-point pairs event since the heyday of Blue Ribbon Pairs. It was a hugely popular event and will return in 2012 with a new improved format – 3 Stages – Qualifying, Semi-Finals & Finals.
There will be a separate entry for the qualifying stage and the Semi-Final/Final Stage. If you only wish to play one day you can enter the qualifying and not continue into the weekend.
- **The National Open Teams**
This event (the finals of the South West Pacific Teams) will be 8 teams with no night play, and all matches will be 64 boards. The Final will finish on Sunday.
- **Celebrity Lectures**
Players during the teams events in both weeks of the Summer Festival will have the opportunity to attend lectures delivered by some of Australia's great players and teachers. Details will be available in the next ABF Newsletter and on the ABF website closer to the event.

Cahouts Bar

For the 2012 Summer Festival the long time favourite bar at Rydges, Cahouts, will be setup for use of the bridge players with both bar service and meals available. So at lunchtime (if you aren't attending one of our celebrity lectures) your team can go down to the comfort of Cahouts or the verandah attached to Cahouts, have lunch and discuss the morning match.

Dinner Specials

As well as the specials offered in the restaurant at Rydges, the summer Festival has negotiated special deals with restaurants in the Canberra CBD. Details will be available during the event and on our website.

Partnership Service

As always the Summer Festival will provide, free of charge, a partnership service for all events at the 2012 Summer Festival of Bridge.

If you need a partner, teammates or both for any event at the Summer Festival please contact our partnership coordinator

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Mobile: 0407 331 760 or (02) 6254 2188 (evenings & weekends)

Or mail to 1 Belconnen Way, Weetangera ACT 2614

Bus service

The Summer Festival also operates a shuttle bus for players from their accommodation within the CBD to the venue before and after the days play. If you would like your accommodation site on the bus route please email not@abf.com.au A list of pickup addresses will be on the Summer festival site in December and will be updated as new pickup points are added.

For full details visit www.summerfestivalofbridge.com

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Any queries can be made to the Convener at not@abf.com.au

Looking forward to a great 40th Summer festival of Bridge.

Sean Mullamphy, Convener, Summer Festival of Bridge

