




**QT Hotels "Early Bird" offer ends soon....**

QT Hotel is offering a generous "Early Bird Rate" of 20% off their already reduced Bridge Promotion rates if you book and confirm before Monday 31st October. Taking advantage of this offer means QT Standard accommodation for one adult including full buffet breakfast costs only \$152 per room per night (compared to \$190.00 per room, per night after the early bird ends), and QT Standard accommodation for two adults including two full buffet breakfasts costs only \$168 per room per night (compared to \$210.00 per room, per night after the early bird ends). To book:

<http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/not/2017/accommodation.asp#accom>



Our full colour brochure is available to download now. So check out the events and dates. By far the cheapest, safest, most secure and efficient method of entry and payment is by credit card online because:

- you receive instant confirmation
- your confirmed entry will appear in the entries list online within 24 hours
- payment by credit card is safe and secure and incurs NO transaction fees; and
- paper entries and cheque payments can take several days to clear through the mail system, clear the bank and then be confirmed

Remember: No entry is confirmed until payment is received.

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Following feedback from players at previous events, we are moving to make the Festival more attractive for novice players with less than 100 MPs as at [30 September 2016](#). Laura Ginnan is our Novice Liaison Officer and Director in charge of our new Novice Player Program and is there to help with pre-entry queries, finding team mates/partners and registration. Her contact details are e: [lauraginnan@hotmail.com](mailto:lauraginnan@hotmail.com) m: [0411 694 248](tel:0411694248) The Program will include:

- A warm-up pairs session on the **Tuesday night (10 January)**
- Pre-event training videos to help transitioning to national events
- The ABF Summer School (see below)
- your own pre-event webpage (coming soon)
- your own Daily (mini) Bulletin
- a novice workshop presented by Joan Butts
- help with technology at the event.



#### 2017 EDUCATION PROGRAM

Learn from some experts! We have an exciting program featuring excellent teachers. Take the time to attend the following sessions, all designed to improve your skills and knowledge.

- 13 January – Hugh Grosvenor – *Hand Evaluation – beyond counting points*
- 15 January – Andrew Mill – *Defending without signals*
- 17 January – Will Jenner-O'Shea – *Simple 21st Century Conventions I The 2C limit major raise and the Georgio 2C raise*
- 18 January – Joan Butts – *Improve your declarer play : Simplify the End Play*

#### DO YOU NEED A PARTNER OR TEAM MATES?

If you need to find a partner or partners for an event, contact our partnership secretary, Perelle Scales, and she will look after you. Perelle will be available throughout the event for people seeking a partner but the sooner you let her know your requirements the easier it will be for her to find a suitable person.

Email: [cperelle51@gmail.com](mailto:cperelle51@gmail.com)

Mobile: 0450 961 935



Novice players can also take advantage of the ABF Summer School. This is a 10 week online training program designed to help boost the confidence of novice players competing in major events during 2017, eg Summer Festival of Bridge and Gold Coast Congress. Kicking off in November, the Summer School will help novice players develop a good foundation of bridge skills. Each lesson will be delivered via email and will contain notes, a video, practice hands to play and an invitation to a Facebook Question and Answer session. The course is free. To register, [click here](#).

### What's on in Canberra?

