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Get your entries in now....it really helps

The best news for a Tournament Organiser is to look at the entry numbers and see a clear trend that players are entering earlier than last year. Why? Put simply, it helps us plan. Boards need to be dealt, staff need to know they are coming to work, equipment needs to be purchased and sometimes partners and team mates need to be arranged. Planning decisions are made more difficult by the proximity of the Summer Festival to the Xmas and New Year shut down where many service suppliers take a well-earned break. We also really appreciate it if you pay soon after entry. So far 80% of current entries are paid so thank you for your cooperation. We understand money can get a bit tight around the Xmas holidays but entering now and paying before the end of this month still helps. If not having a partner or team mates is the problem, get in touch with Perelle, on our Partnership Desk - full details below. To enter click on the Enter Now button below. Please note that no entry is confirmed until full payment is received.



MESSAGE FROM RED PLUM

We are sponsors of a teams championship event in the up and coming Summer Festival of Bridge and will be around from 11-14 January 2017. Please drop in and say hello and enter our daily draw – **it's free!** You could be one of 3 lucky winners of a \$100 bar tab for the QT Hotel bar. We will draw one lucky winner each afternoon for 3 days just before the end of play and announce via email and the SFOB Daily Bulletin. As a thank you, every entrant in the draw will receive a free packet of mints. Looking forward to seeing you in Canberra.

*T & C's apply.



MESSAGE FROM TBIB

We are delighted to sponsor the Summer Festival of Bridge again in 2017. Sean Bemrose and Steve Weil will be at the TBIB stand on the 14th, 15th and 16th of January, so please stop by our stand and say hello. We would be happy to talk with you about any insurance matter including our popular Travel Insurance Policy. We'll be holding a lucky door prize quiz each day we are there, so come and be in it.

We welcome all players to the TBIB National Open Swiss Pairs Championship. All pairs are automatically in with a chance to walk away with the \$50,000 prize in the TBIB Bridge Lotto. Enter now!



Our full colour brochure is available to download so [Click here](#). 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

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We are delighted to welcome a new event sponsor – Pianola. Their involvement in the event will mean that this year the results from the Summer Festival will be published in Pianola. This means that you have the option to:

- receive your results by email soon after the end of the session;
- login to Pianola to access additional analysis of your game.

Throughout the congress you can have free access to [Pianola Plus](#), which provides analysis of your bidding accuracy and card play, plus the ability to replay any hand with card-by-card guidance. If you want to enjoy this results service, you need to send an email with your name and ABF number to james@pianola.net

Pianola is also sponsoring the renamed **Pianola Plus Non Life Masters Teams** with the \$600 in cash prizes. Plus for our novice events, they will provide \$450 in cash prizes for the Novice Swiss Pairs Championship and free one year subscriptions to Pianola Plus for the winners of the National Super Novice Pairs/National Rising Star Pairs/National Super Novice Teams/ National Rising Star Teams.



ADDITIONS TO OUR 2017 EDUCATION PROGRAM

Previously we informed players about our exciting speaker program featuring four excellent teachers Joan Butts, Hugh Grosvenor, Andrew Mill and Will Jenner O'Shea. Now we have added a couple of extra presenters to the program: Take the time to attend the following sessions, all designed to improve your skills and knowledge.

- 16 January – Sartaj Hans will talk about how to "Think Like an Expert" - based on material taken from his recently published book *Battling the Best*.
- 19 January – Peter Busch, our Chief Scorer will hold a Compscore 2 Clinic/Q&A session for anyone interested in finding out more on how to deal with those tricky scoring problems

Full details of the Education Program can be downloaded [HERE](#)

DO YOU NEED A PARTNER OR TEAM MATES?

Sometimes your normal partner feels the lure of a northern hemisphere Xmas with family, or those reliable friends who team up with you each year can't make it. Our partnership secretary, Perelle Scales has already been busy and has arranged many teams and pairs. Sometimes those looking are overseas players visiting family but keen to play in our premier event. We have people of varying experience levels and backgrounds on our list so who knows, your next long term partner could be on that list. You start with at least two things in common already - a love of bridge and a preparedness to travel and experience new things. So, don't be shy, contact Perelle. Our [Partnership Wall](#) on our website describes our current needs (no names of course!) so why not take a look there.

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TWO SENSATIONAL EXHIBITIONS IN JANUARY 2017

Canberra is putting on two blockbuster exhibitions this summer so why not create an itinerary filled with some bridge and some sightseeing. If you have not been lucky enough to see the real thing, the Exhibition of Treasures from the Palace of Versailles is a must see. It opens soon but runs all the way through the Summer Festival. Not to be missed. Amazing reports are also filtering down of the History of the World in 100 Objects from the British Museum which closes on 29 January 2017. Some wonderful pieces are on show including the famous Lewis Chessmen, the rare gold llama form the Inca Empire and the moving sculpture "Mother" made from decommissioned weapons from the Mozambique civil war. Terrific value at \$20.

Details are [here](#)



We live in an increasingly mobile world where social media pervades everything and you can do a bewildering amount of things on your mobile smart devices. To cater for those players who cannot resist reaching for their phone or tablet to consult their myriad of "apps", here is another one to consider downloading from your App or Play store. The Summer Festival App is a convenient way to look up your results, read the Daily Bulletin, see what's on the next day and vitally find that restaurant you have heard so much about. The How to Install and Where is on the Summer Festival Website [here](#). We are having a Technology Stand on certain key days of the Festival where you can ask about such challenges.....



TWO MEN AND A TRUCK
