

Bridge in the Barossa 2023 Program

Barossa Bridge Club Committee

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Membership & Table Fees

- \$15 membership fees
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Code of Conduct

All players are expected to abide by the following

Bridge is a game to be enjoyed; rudeness at the table is forbidden by the Laws of Contract Bridge.

THE DO's

At the start of each round greet other players and smile.

Volunteer the outline of your bidding system to them and forewarn them of any special calls by your partnership.

Congratulating the good play of your opponents is highly recommended.

Bid and play to time. Claim when you can, stating a line of play.

Accept rulings from the Director cheerfully, without arguing at the table. If you disagree with the Director, you are entitled to lodge an appeal before you leave.

Practise active ethics – when asked for an explanation, give full details of your partnership's agreement, both explicit and implicit.

THE DON'T's

Avoid lengthy post-mortems.

Don't give lessons to your partner or opponents at the table.

Avoid criticisms, especially of your partner.

Profanity, badgering, gloating and making insinuations are all unacceptable.

Don't give your own rulings at the table or of any queried results; always call the Director.

In summary, speak and behave at all times in a way that enhances the experience of the game for those around you.

Serious breaches will be referred to the Ethics Committee.

Important Information for Players

ALERT REGULATIONS

Bridge is not a game of secrets – if you or your partner use a call that has an agreed meaning within your partnership then the opponents are entitled to know exactly what that bid means.

- Alerting is compulsory – you can't ask opponents not to alert.
- You must alert all your agreements that the opponents may not understand, or may misinterpret. This includes:
 - Natural bids having an additional requirement
 - Weak jump responses eg Bergen raises, 2 over 1 responses, inverted minor raises
 - Fourth suit forcing
 - Multi 2D openings and responses
 - Any bid that is rare or unusual
- You may ask your opponents about the calls that have been alerted when it is you turn to call. If you don't ask at that time, any subsequent questions, from you must be about the entire auction. You are not allowed to query the meaning of a single call.
- If you become declarer you should offer to give a full explanation of your auction to the opponents if it contains any alerted calls or calls that may not be fully understood (including self-alerted calls eg doubles).
- Self-alerting refers to the situation where a call, by its very nature, is regarded as having been automatically alerted. In this case an alert by partner is illegal. Some self-alerting calls include:
 - All doubles and redoubles.
 - Any 2C response to a 1NT opening
 - Suits previously bid by the opponents
 - All calls beyond the level of 3NT
- It is strongly recommended that before starting a round or match that you obtain the following information from your opponents:
 - Their basic system
 - The strength and style of their 1NT openings
 - Their carding agreements eg signals and discards

Important Information for Players

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- When you open 1C or 1NT your partner must announce to your opponents what the bid means, every time such an opening bid is made. This does not apply to a 1NT overcall.
- When you open 1NT your partner is required to announce the range e.g. 12-14 or 15-17.
- If you open 1C, your partner is required to announce its meaning e.g. at least 2 clubs.
- Failure to announce could result in an adjusted score, if the opponents are damaged.

BEGINNERS LESSONS

- Bridge in the Barossa will hold a six week beginners course on Tuesday afternoons and evenings from February 7th to March 14th. Further beginners lessons may be held during the year if there are sufficient numbers.

BUDDY PROGRAM

- Our club runs a buddy program to help beginner players gain confidence by playing with a more experienced player for up to 4 weeks. Novice players may call for assistance on bidding or play during normal sessions.
- For more information see Graham Harms.

LESSONS

- Graham Harms offers lessons at 12.15 fortnightly before our Wednesday session. The topics to be covered are advertised in our monthly email updates.

PIANOLA

- Our club pays for Pianola membership for all its members. This enables individual results to be emailed to all players immediately after each session, showing all results and hand records. Pianola Plus, which our club also funds, allows you to re-play hands in order to improve your game.

PARTNER FINDING

- If you are in need of a partner, log into Pianola and use the Partner Finder function. This sends an email to all members.

WEBSITE

- Our website is <https://site.pianola.net/barossa/>

Important Information for Players

'PSYCHIC' BIDDING

- 'Psychic' bidding is a term used in bridge to describe a bid which is significantly different from normal ranges. For instance, a player opens on 4 high card points or a 2-card major.
- Bridge in the Barossa does not permit psychic bidding in green masterpoint events, or in any event against players below the rank of National Master.
- If psychic bidding is used, it must be pre-alerted. Whether such bidding is a formally agreed part of a partnership agreement, or has developed more informally, all details of the practice must be listed, including the circumstances in which the bids may occur.

Important Notes:

- a psychic bid is only legitimate if it contains the same element of surprise for the psycher's partner as it does for the opponents
- systemic psyching of any kind is forbidden by the rules of bridge. You may not use a convention to signal a psyche to your partner
- you may not psyche a game forcing or near game forcing opening eg a 2 club opening
- frivolous psyching, suggesting you have lost interest in the competition or are enjoying yourself at the expense of others, is not permitted.

Online Bridge Opportunities

There are many different programs available for playing bridge online when normal bridge clubs are unavailable.

- **Stepbridge** runs sessions every day for all levels of players. It is an Australian program which many find friendlier than BBO. It offers Australian masterpoints.
- **Bridge Base Online** is an American program. It is very popular and easy to use, and also offers casual "rooms" where friends can play together.
- **Real Bridge** is a British program, which offers a more realistic bridge experience. Players can see each other and speak to each other, but you need a fast internet connection. The ABF is beginning to hold national tournaments on this program.

If anyone would like to start online bridge, but is unsure how to go about it, contact Chris Brady on 0439 856 532 for help getting started.

PROGRAM NOTES

- All club sessions attract **GREEN** masterpoints unless in **RED PRINT**. Gold Masterpoint events are highlighted in yellow.
- Bridge sessions will re-start on Monday 2nd January and Wednesday 4th January 2023.
- A social get-together will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month after play. Wine and pizza will be provided for a gold coin donation.

2023 Congresses

- 10-22 January - Festival of Bridge Canberra
- 5 February - ABC Pairs Congress
- 12 February - SAB Swiss Pairs Congress Unley
- 17-25 February - Gold Coast Congress
- 5 March - Gawler Pairs Congress
- 23-26 March - Tasmanian Festival of Bridge
- 1-2 April - Barossa Congress
- 7 April - Golden Bunny Teams BIC (Good Friday)
- 15 April - Stepbridge Pairs Congress online
- 4 - 8 May - Autumn Nationals (Gold MP) Wayville
- 28 May - Rotary Pairs SAB
- 4 June - ABC Teams Congress Abergeldie House
- 25 June - SAB 90th anniversary teams Unley
- 1 July - Stepbridge pairs Congress
- 2 July - Beaumont Christmas in Winter Congress
- 20 August - Regional & <1500 GNOT Unley
- 2 September - Glenelg Pairs Congress
- 10 September - Christies Beach Pairs Congress
- 17 September - State Mixed Pairs ABC
- 8 October - Gawler Teams Congress
- 21-22 October - Riverland Congress Loxton
- 29 October - SAB 90th Anniversary Gala Day Congress
- 19 November - Bridge in the City Congress Clarence Park

More information on events is available at the SABF website:

<http://www.sabridgefederation.com.au>

Click on COMING UP or the 2023 PROGRAM.

Program January - March 2023

MONDAYS 7.00 pm		WEDNESDAYS 1.00 pm		
New Year Pairs				
January		January		
2		4	Drinks & pizza	
9		11		Lesson 12.15
16		18	Drinks & pizza	
23		25		Lesson 12.15
30				
AGM Wed 1 st February 12.00 pm				
Summer Pairs				
February		February 1	AGM 12.00 Drinks & pizza	
6		8		Lesson 12.15
13		15	Drinks & pizza	
20		22		Lesson 12.15
27				
Gawler Pairs Congress Sunday 5 th March				
March Pairs				
March		March 1	Drinks & pizza	
6		8		Lesson 12.15
13		15	Drinks & pizza	
20		22		Lesson 12.15
27		29		

Program April - June

Barossa Congress 1-2 April			Easter 7-10 April	
MONDAYS 7.00 pm		WEDNESDAYS 1.00 pm		
April - Easter Pairs				
3		5	Drinks & pizza	Lesson 12.15
10		12		
17		19	Drinks & pizza	Lesson 12.15
24		26		
Autumn Nationals 4-8 May Wayville Gold MP				
May - Autumn Pairs				
1		3	Drinks & pizza	Lesson 12.15
8		10		
16		17	Drinks & pizza	Lesson 12.15
22		24		
29		30		Lesson 12.15
June - Howard Haese Pairs				
5		7	Drinks & pizza	
12		14		Lesson 12.15
19		21	Drinks & pizza	
26		28		Lesson 12.15

Program July - September

MONDAYS 7.00 pm		WEDNESDAYS 1.00 pm		
Lyndoch Lavender Farm Pairs				
July 3		July 5	Drinks & pizza	
10		12		Lesson 12.15
17		19	Drinks & pizza	
24		26		Lesson 12.15
31				
Birthday Pairs				
August 7		August 9	Drinks & pizza	
14		16		Lesson 12.15
21		23	Drinks & pizza	
28		30		Lesson 12.15
Spring Pairs				
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR WHOLE OF SEPTEMBER (Red MP)				
Sept 4		Sept 6	Drinks & pizza	
11		13		Lesson 12.15
18		20	Drinks & pizza	
25		27		Lesson 12.15

Program October - December

MONDAYS 7.00 pm		WEDNESDAYS 1.00 pm		
8 th October - Gawler Teams Congress				
October Pairs				
2 October		4 October	Drinks & pizza	
9		11		Lesson 12.15
16		18	Drinks & pizza	
23		25		Lesson 12.15
30				
November Pairs				
November		1	Drinks & pizza	
6		8		Lesson 12.15
13		15	Drinks & pizza	
20		22		Lesson 12.15
27		29		
Holiday Pairs				
December		December		
4		6	Drinks & pizza	Lesson 12.15
11		13		
18	Christmas Party 6.00	20	Christmas Party 12.00	
Bridge sessions will re-start on Monday 8 th January and Wednesday 10 th January 2024				

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