

**CONGRESSES AND OTHER EVENTS** **JANUARY 2012**

Name of Event	Code	Club	Points	Mth/Yr
GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS—NATIONAL FINAL	9KP	9-922	GOLD	JAN/12
SUMMER FESTIVAL: NOVICE TEAMS	9S2	9-913	GOLD	JAN/12
SUMMER FESTIVAL: LIFE TEAMS	9S3	9-913	GOLD	JAN/12
SUMMER FESTIVAL: NON-LIFE TEAMS	9S4	9-913	GOLD	JAN/12
SUMMER FESTIVAL YOUTH: RED POINTS	9S7	9-919	RED	JAN/12
SUMMER FESTIVAL: SENIOR TEAMS	9SA	9-913	GOLD	JAN/12
SUMMER FESTIVAL: OPEN SWISS PAIRS	9SB	9-913	GOLD	JAN/12
SUMMER FESTIVAL: RESTRICTED SWISS PAIRS	9SC	9-913	GOLD	JAN/12
SUMMER FESTIVAL: LAST TRAIN OPEN	9SJ	9-913	GOLD	JAN/12
SUMMER FESTIVAL: LAST TRAIN WOMEN'S	9SK	9-913	GOLD	JAN/12
SUMMER FESTIVAL: LAST TRAIN SENIORS	9SL	9-913	GOLD	JAN/12
SUMMER FESTIVAL YOUTH: PAIRS	9SU	9-919	GOLD	JAN/12
SUMMER FESTIVAL: WOMEN'S TEAMS	9SW	9-913	GOLD	JAN/12
SUMMER FESTIVAL YOUTH: TEAMS	9SY	9-919	GOLD	JAN/12
SUMMER FESTIVAL YOUTH: BUTLER	9SZ	9-919	GOLD	JAN/12
GNP CANOBOLAS HEAT	C7P	2-027	GOLD	??????
DOUBLE BAY IMP PAIRS	DOI	2-061	RED	JAN/12
FINESSE HUNTER HOLIDAY	FEH	2-067	RED	JAN/12
FINESSE TERRIGAL HOLIDAY	FET	2-067	RED	NOV/11
GOLD COAST TEAMS	GCT	4-620	RED	JAN/12
KENMORE CONGRESS	KRC	4-632	RED	JAN/12
LBC SUMMER PAIRS	LBD	7-824	RED	JAN/12
MANDURAH CONGRESS	M1C	6-778	RED	JAN/12
NORTHERN SUBURBS TEAMS	NST	4-545	RED	JAN/12
QCBC BUTLER PAIRS	RQB	4-555	RED	JAN/12
NEW YEAR PAIRS	SPN	6-788	RED	JAN/12
TRICKS AND TRUMPS CONGRESS TEAMS	TPB	3-473	RED	JAN/12
TRUMPS FESTIVAL	TSF	2-259	RED	JAN/12
GNP WEST COAST HEAT	WCP	6-794	GOLD	??????
NSWBA SUMMER TEAMS	YYR	2-001	RED	JAN/12
GNP HUNTER REGION	ZJH	9-922	GOLD	????/11

**TOTAL: 31** Club Membership Total=34,274 (corresponding total last year: N/A)  
 By State: ACT=833; NSW=13828; VIC=5101; QLD=7594; SA=1673; WA=4271; TAS=795; NT=179



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**A NEW ERA ARRIVES!!**

This is the first January Newsletter, which goes hand-in-hand with our first every January update, inline with our new policy of strict monthly updates in the NEW system. So 12 a year, and this is the first!

As all of you should know by now, we implemented the new system in early (3rd) January 2012. There have been no major bugs encountered since go-live, but a lot of minor tweaks and additional functionality added, thanks to a lot of suggestions from yourselves! The developer has been doing a fantastic job!!

All Club Masterpoint Secretaries were emailed their userid and password to the new website, and the same information was also mailed to your club a couple of days later. Despite our best efforts to ensure that you had supplied the Centre with your correct contact details, it would seem that quite a few did not bother. So both you and us went through a lot of pain in January trying to make sure the correct person was informed of their connection details so that they could log in to the website. Hopefully most of these issues have now been resolved, and you can all log on now.

Which consisted of 300 batches submitted by clubs, and 35 events submitted by State Masterpoint Secretaries, the Gold Point Coordinator or the Centre itself. We also had 273 new players registered in the month, 130 players activated, 179 players transferred from one club to another and unfortunately 45 players were deleted (usually due to a death). Hoping this last one was just some housekeeping in a lot of cases.

At the end of January we had 335 registered ABF clubs across Australia. So far, 251 (75%) of those clubs have logged onto the website.

With your help during January, we now have an email contact for 325 (97%) of the registered clubs, with only one supplied email being invalid.

**UNPAID INVOICES**

Since going live in early January, there has been one major enhancement that now lets you see if your club has any unpaid invoices.

When you log on to the website, if your club has any unpaid invoices you will see on the bottom of the login page a line showing what the total unpaid amount is. There is also a [Click here for details](#) link.

If you click on the details link, it will show you the date of the invoice(s), the invoice(s) number, the amount(s), and how many days since the invoice was

**FACTS & FIGURES**

In our first month of operation with the new system we processed 335 batches.

issued. Current means the invoice(s) was issued today, then any invoice(s) issued between 1-30 days, 31-60 days, and Over 60 days.

Remember you have up to 90 days to pay any invoice before a late fee may be applied.

As club pay their outstanding balances, or new invoices issued, the information on the website will be updated on an ad hoc basis, so sign on regularly and keep abreast of your financial situation.

Truly hoping that this new feature will help clubs avoid any late fees in future.

### **SEMINAR PRESENTATION**

The developer (Peter Busch) of the new system conducted two presentations for Club Masterpoint Secretaries during the Summer Festival. These seem to be well received [*Ed: I attended the second one*] by those who attended.

Basically we covered what was mailed to you all in the December mailing (Guide to Club Masterpoint Secretaries), or what can be found online with other documents and presentations.

So do not stress if you cannot make it, but a similar presentation will be conducted during the Gold Coast Congress for Club Masterpoint Secretaries or any other interested parties. It will be held before session time on Tuesday morning 28th February. The actual location and session time will be advised at the Congress, or via a broadcast email to all clubs if this information is known prior to the start of the congress. The session will run for about half an hour, but could run longer depending on the number of questions!

### **REPORTS**

In the January update your club was emailed the Congress Report (the old pink report) and the Rank Promotions Report (the old blue report).

These are the only monthly reports you can expect to receive if any of your home club members played in any congresses etc, or achieved a new Master Rank in the last month.

Other reports like your Club Ranking Report, Intra-Club Report, Club Invoices (red and green club points, and player activities) etc, will be emailed to you each quarter. All just like before.

This may change in the future, but at the moment it will be just like the old system, except your reports are emailed instead of being posted.

Things like Registration Cards and Promotion Certificates will of course still be posted to you.

Your quarterly Statement may also be mailed to you. I have not decided which is the best way to do this yet.

This actual Newsletter (or a link to it) will also be emailed to you each month. Hopefully all in the one email, but it will arrive as a separate email this month.

Clubs without an email contact, will still have their reports mailed to them.

### **DOWNLOAD FILES**

There are now two sets of data updated each month. There are the old **national** files that you are all familiar with. A zip file and a self-extracting exe file.

There are also a set of comma separated variable (csv) files which you may find easier to use in certain circumstance. They are the **MPCData** set of files.

Similar to the national files, there is a zip file as well as a self-extracting exe file.

You can see on the downloads page the date these data sets were last updated. If your local files are not as up to date as those on the website, then simply download the latest version, and update your computer.

There is also a separate Nat4Win Program file you can download. Again, zip and self-extracting exe. As this program does not change very often, these set of files do not change, so no need to download it every month. Just check the date, and if it is more current than what you already have on your computer then you should download it to get the latest version.

### **MAILING LABELS**

Since go-live we have now added Address Labels as a downloadable file.

This file is updated once each month. The information in these labels is either your Club Secretary's, or if that information has not been supplied by you, then it is your Club Masterpoint Secretary's details.

### **McCUTCHEON ADJUSTMENT**

Due to an awards file not being included in the December 2011 update, the McCutcheon Silver Life Master category was effected.

680907 Errol Miller should have amassed 153.68 masterpoints in 2011, thereby finishing 4th in this category, instead of the originally advertised 5th place.

Congratulations on a successful year!

### **ANNUAL CANCELLATIONS**

Your Home Membership Cancellations form will be emailed to you with this Newsletter in early February.

If you want, you can then print the report and use it to help you manage your annual cancellations.

Once you have completed the form, simply logon to the website and enter your cancellations. There is no need to return the form to the Centre, you can do it all online now.

At the end of January, we have had clubs already flag 197 members for cancellation.

These players will remain as marked for cancellation until the March 31st update, when these home club members will be cancelled.

### **DUPLICATES**

As feared, I have already found clubs creating 'new' players that already exist in the system. I have found 9 duplicate players created, which I have fixed, and another 6 possible duplicates I am chasing up with the clubs that created them.

***PLEASE BE CAREFUL  
AND ALWAYS CHECK!***

### **FEE INCREASE FOR 2012**

There will be a small increase in masterpoint levies as at 1st April 2012. All figures below are inclusive of GST.

<u>Masterpoint Levies</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Grades A3, B3, B4, B5	\$1.76	\$1.85
Grades C, D, E, F	\$1.65	\$1.75
Grades B4c, B4s, B5i	\$1.35	\$1.40
Grades A, A2, B	\$1.16	\$1.20

There is no change to the Capitation or Activation fees.