

CONGRESSES AND OTHER EVENTS **JANUARY 2013**

Name of Event	Code	Club	Points	Mth/Yr
BFACT Open Teams	1OT	1-801	Red	Oct/12
GNP Final	9KP	9-922	Gold	Jan/13
Summer Festival Youth Red Pts	9S7	9-919	Red	Jan/13
Summer Festival Youth Pairs	9SU	9-919	Gold	Jan/13
Summer Festival Youth Teams	9SY	9-919	Gold	Jan/13
Summer Festival Youth Butler	9SZ	9-919	Gold	Jan/13
GNP Batemans Bay Heat	BSN	2-019	Gold	Dec/12
Double Bay Imp Pairs	DOI	2-061	Red	Jan/13
Finesse Terrigal Holiday	FET	2-067	Red	Nov/12
Gold Coast Swiss Teams	GCS	4-620	Red	Jan/13
Kenmore Congress	KRC	4-632	Red	Jan/13
K&Q Festival - Vic	KVF	3-320	Red	Jan/13
Launceston Summer Pairs	LBD	7-824	Red	Jan/13
GNP MCC Heat	M9G	3-406	Gold	Jul/12
GNP Moonee Valley Heat	MLP	3-348	Gold	Aug/12
NSBC Teams	NST	4-545	Red	Jan/13
QCBC Butler Pairs	RQB	4-555	Red	Jan/13
South Perth New Year Pairs	SPN	6-788	Red	Jan/13
Social Bridge Peppers Manor House Holiday	SRS	2-242	Red	Nov/12
Trumps Festival	TSF	2-259	Red	Jan/13
GNOT ACT KO Teams	UUG	1-801	Gold	Oct/12
NSWBA Summer Teams	YYR	2-001	Red	Jan/13

TOTAL: 22 Club Membership Total=35,157 (corresponding total last year: 34,274)
 By State: ACT=916; NSW=14156; VIC=5292; QLD=7757; SA=1733; WA=4310; TAS=808; NT=185



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ANNUAL CANCELLATIONS

Your Home Membership Cancellations forms will be emailed to you with your other monthly reports in early February.

DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM

If you want, you can print the report and use it to aid you in managing your annual cancellations.

Once you have completed the form, simply logon to the website and enter your cancellations directly. The only reason you should mail the form back to the Centre, is if you are one to the eight clubs across Australia that do not have internet access.

At the end of January, we have had clubs already flag 184 members for cancellation. These players are simply marked for cancellation. They will remain as active home club members of your club until the annual cancellations are

actioned in the March 31st update, when these home club members will then be cancelled, which will make them inactive players.

If between now and then, any of these flagged players renew their membership with you, then simply logon to the website again, and then un-flag these players, which means they will then not be cancelled in the March update.

FACTS & FIGURES

It is now the start of our second year with the new improved system!

In January this year the Centre processed 423 batches (335 in January 2012). Which consisted of 397 (300 in 2012) batches submitted by clubs, and 26 (35 in 2012) events submitted by State Masterpoint Secretaries, the Gold Point Coordinator or the Centre itself.

We have already had 283 (273 in 2012) new players registered in the month, 153 (130 in 2012) players activated, 264 (179 in 2012) players transferred from one club to another and 30 (45 in 2012) players were deleted.

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

FEE INCREASE

At the end of January we had 340 (335 in 2012) registered ABF clubs across Australia. After a year of operation, we have had 329 (97%) of those club log on to the website, with 332 (98%) Club Masterpoint Secretaries with a registered email address.

We now currently have 35,157 registered active players, an increase of 883 over 2012's 34,274. The breakdown is 30.45% male vs. 69.55% female. In addition, there are 253 youth players registered, all 25 years or younger.

DUPLICATES

Unfortunately clubs are still duplicating exiting members, by simply not checking before they go and add a new player.

In January there were another 13 confirmed duplicates created, and another 3 I am still awaiting con-

firmation on, but strongly suspect they will also turn out to be duplicated.

Don't forget, there will be a \$2 increase to the annual capitation fee. As from 1st April 2013, the capitation fee will now be **\$14**.

INVOICES

The Centre still regularly receives requests for another copy of a previously issued invoice.

Just a reminder, that you now have the ability to download any emailed document, including invoices, directly from the website.

Whenever a document is emailed to a club, it is also uploaded to the website at the same time. You can access any of these documents (within the previous 4 quarters) via the

Show Club Documents

option, under the ***Clubs Only*** section of the website.

Also, for those bridge clubs that are run from within another club, like a leagues club, or golf club, or tennis club etc, please ensure you forward your invoices to their accounts payable area.

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Often these club insist on an actual invoice, and will not pay based on a Statement. Again, the Centre receives requests from the accounts payable area for a non received invoice. When this happens, the Centre simply refers the accounts payable person back to the bridge club for a copy of the invoice already emailed to them.

So save all this wasted effort, please give any invoices you receive to the appropriate person when you receive them.

PAYMENTS

To all clubs that do not pay by electronic transfer, I would strongly encourage you to consider to do so.

The ABF Finance Committee is still considering the matter, but it looks very likely that costs imposed by our bank will be recovered from any clubs that continue

to pay by cheque or make over the counter deposits. These costs will be recovered most likely by imposing a flat \$1 or \$2 fee per any such payment received.

At the time of running the end of January update, no results from the Summer Festival, held in Canberra in January, have been received here at the Centre. If you are wondering were or when your awards will be processed, you should contact the convener of the Summer Festival, Sean Mullamphy, to obtain any more information.

Two events run concurrently with the Summer Festival, Canberra Youth Week and the Grand National Pairs National Final have been received and processed.

If you check out the leaders in a lot of the McCutcheon categories you will see that they mainly consist of players who performed well in the Youth Week or the GNP final. Great start to the year for those players!