

CONGRESSES AND OTHER EVENTS **JULY 2014**

Name of Event	Code	Club	Points	Mth/Yr
ACT Women Pairs	1WP	1-801	Red	Jun/14
NSW Butler Pairs	2BU	2-001	Red	Jul/14
Victorian Master Pairs	3MP	3-301	Red	Jun/14
ANC Swiss Pairs	5AP	5-700	Red	Jul/14
SA Open Teams	5OT	5-700	Red	Jul/14
WA Swiss Pairs	6SW	6-751	Red	Jul/14
Tas Open Teams	7OT	7-801	Gold	Jul/14
ANC Swiss Pairs	9N1	9-929	Gold	Jul/14
ANC Butler Restricted	9N2	9-929	Gold	Jul/14
ANC Women Butler	9NA	9-929	Gold	Jul/14
ANC Open Butler	9NB	9-929	Gold	Jul/14
ANC Red Point Events	9NC	9-929	Red	Jul/14
ANC Open Teams	9NO	9-929	Gold	Jul/14
ANC Senior Teams	9NS	9-929	Gold	Jul/14
ANC Senior Butler	9NU	9-929	Gold	Jul/14
ANC Womens Teams	9NW	9-929	Gold	Jul/14
ANC Youth Teams	9NY	9-929	Gold	Jul/14
GNOT ABC Heat	ADG	5-704	Gold	Jul/14
Barossa Pairs	B9R	5-708	Red	Jul/14
Barossa Teams	B9T	5-708	Red	Jul/14
BBC Graded Teams	BBD	4-528	Red	Jul/14
Bundaberg Congress	BGC	4-587	Red	Jul/14
Brisbane Water Super Congress	BWS	2-022	Red	Jul/14
Cairns July Congress	CSS	4-590	Red	Jul/14
Darling Downs Pairs	DDA	4-530	Red	Jul/14
Goondiwindi Pairs	GIP	4-622	Red	Jul/14
Illawarra Congress	I3C	2-105	Red	Jun/14
TBA Congress	JJC	7-801	Red	Jun/14
Kattery Congress	KTC	3-375	Red	Jul/14
Lockyer Pairs	LOP	4-637	Red	Jul/14
Mandurah Winter Swiss Pairs	M1A	6-778	Red	Jul/14
Maitland Super Novice Pairs	MDM	2-133	Red	Jun/14
Maryborough Congress	MGC	4-645	Red	Jul/14
Bribie Congress	MRC	4-650	Red	Jul/14
Mackay Novice Pairs	MYM	4-640	Red	Jul/14
Newcastle Congress	NCC	2-160	Red	Jun/14
Noosa Teams	NOT	4-657	Red	Jul/14
GNOT Alice Springs Heat	NTS	8-901	Gold	Jun/14
Orange Congress	ORC	2-152	Red	Jun/14
GNOT Wide Bay Regional Final	QDY	4-501	Gold	Jun/14
Redland Novice Pairs	RDM	4-510	Red	Jul/14
GNOT Redcliffe Heat	REG	4-560	Gold	Jun/14
GNOT QCBC Heat	RQH	4-555	Gold	Jul/14
GNOT South Gippsland Heat	SLG	3-465	Gold	Jun/14
South Perth Winter Teams	SPW	6-788	Red	Jul/14
Taree Teams	TET	2-256	Red	Jul/14
Theodor Herzl Congress	THD	3-475	Red	Jul/14
GNOT Tableland Heat	TLG	4-683	Gold	Mar/14
Townsville Teams	TNT	4-690	Red	Jun/14
GNOT Tamar Heat	TRT	7-844	Gold	Jul/14
Trumps Winter Teams	TSV	2-259	Red	Jul/14
GNOT Waverley Heat	WEG	3-480	Gold	Jun/14
GNOT Warwick Heat	WKF	4-696	Gold	Jul/14
GNOT Ganmain/Ungarie Feeder Region	ZGG	9-914	Gold	Jun/14

TOTAL: 54 Club Membership Total=35,359 (corresponding total last year: 34,614)
 By State: ACT=901; NSW=14298; VIC=5351, QLD=7754; SA=1859; WA=4179; TAS=841; NT=176



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NEW MASTERPOINT METHOD
 Inside this Newsletter is a letter from David Anderson, the chair of the ABF Masterpoint Unit.

It explains a new method of masterpointing matchpoint duplicate pairs events held at Congresses, State and National events. It will take effect from *1st October 2014*, and attempts to award players similarly for playing in a matchpoint or Swiss pairs event.

It only applies to **matchpoint** events, not to Swiss pairs events. It will not have any effect on your normal club matchpoint duplicate red and green

point events, nor on any interclub matchpoint events you are involved in.

It is **OPTIONAL**, so if the organizers of your Congresses, State or National events do not wish to use the new method, they can stick with the old.

GRAND MASTERS
 Below is a breakdown of Grand Masters. At the same time last year there were 52 Emerald/Gold, 191 Silver and 809 Grand Masters, with 1052 in total.

That means there has been an increase of 40 Grand Masters since last year.

Grand Master	Emerald/Gold	Silver	Other	Total
<i>ACT</i>	8	27	48	83
<i>NSW</i>	21	75	314	410
<i>VIC</i>	14	34	131	179
<i>QLD</i>	4	31	164	199
<i>SA</i>	6	20	63	89
<i>WA</i>		19	82	101
<i>TAS</i>	1		23	24
<i>NT</i>			7	7
	54	206	832	1092

MASTERPOINT SESSION AWARDS FOR MAJOR MATCHPOINT DUPLICATE EVENTS.

The late Dr David Askew, the originator of the modern masterpoint scheme, had a strong preference for the teams format, and it shows in the session award rates: for a similar number of tables the duplicate session awards are less than 70% of that for teams.

This bias was in part redressed for club green point sessions when the duplicate award rates were increased by 50% some twenty years ago, however the imbalance has continued for all higher rated competitions.

Further, in a duplicate session the winners get the lion's share, while those lower down get just a fraction. This is best illustrated by referring to the Gold Coast Congress, where a pair winning one 14 board match out of two in a session will get 1.12 gold points each, whereas a score of 50% in a session of the Open Pairs Qualifying will gain them very little at all.

With this in mind, the following alternative method of masterpointing Congresses, State and National matchpoint duplicate events has been introduced, effective from **October 1st 2014**:

For a session score in excess of 45%, a player will receive

$$[2 * (\text{percentage} - 45.00, \text{rounded down}) * W] / 100$$

(W is the Masterpoint Weighting for the competition)

This is much more in line with the teams masterpointing approach, since pairs will get masterpoints based on their score, rather than their placing. Further, if they get 46% or more, they will be guaranteed of some reward for their efforts.

[Ed: You will also note that this new alternative method is independent of the number of tables, but is solely dependent on your percentage and the weighting for the particular grade of the event.

So, the better you play, the more masterpoints you get!!!]

Some Examples:

Gold Coast Congress: W = 10.0

46% score earns 0.20, 50% score 1.00, 60% 3.00

State Pairs Championship: W = 5.0

46% score earns 0.10, 50% score 0.50, 60% 1.50

Congress (B4) Pairs Championship: W = 2.5

46% score earns 0.05, 50% score 0.25, 60% 0.75

Final placing awards will remain the same, and continue to go to the top half of the field, rounded down.

Please note that the new system is **optional**, with competition convenors having the option of continuing to follow the old methods.

Finally, should you have any queries about the above, please contact your State Masterpoint Secretary, or else you can write to me at revoke1@live.com

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