

CONGRESSES AND OTHER EVENTS		APR 2021		
Name of Event	Code	Club	Points	Mth/Yr
ACT Open Teams Selections	1TS	1-801	Red	Apr/21
ACT Womens Selection	1WS	1-801	Red	Apr/21
NSW Men & Women Pairs	2PU	2-001	Red	Apr/21
NSW Open Teams Selection	2TS	2-001	Red	Apr/21
NSW Women Teams Selection	2WS	2-001	Red	Apr/21
NSW Youth Teams Selection	2YS	2-001	Red	Apr/21
Victorian Butler Pairs Championship	3BP	3-301	Red	Apr/21
Vic Daytime Swiss Pairs	3DR	3-301	Red	Apr/21
Victorian Open Play-Off	3PO	3-301	Red	Apr/21
Qld Teams Selection	4TS	4-501	Red	Apr/21
GNOT SA (Q)	5GN	5-700	Gold	Apr/21
SA Restricted Pairs Selection	5RP	5-700	Red	Apr/21
SA Senior Selection	5SS	5-700	Red	Apr/21
WA Senior Team Trials	6SS	6-751	Red	Apr/21
WA Womens Teams Trials	6WS	6-751	Red	Apr/21
ABF Online Nationwide Pairs (4 events)	940	9-927	Red	Apr/21
Australian Restricted Swiss Pairs	9IM	9-908	Gold	Apr/21
Australian Novice Swiss Pairs	9IN	9-908	Gold	Apr/21
Australian Swiss Red Points	9IR	9-908	Red	Apr/21
Australian Swiss Pairs	9IS	9-908	Gold	Apr/21
GNOT Arana Heat	ACF	4-503	Gold	Mar/21
BBC Easter Congress	BBE	4-528	Red	Apr/21
Bridge Today Anchorage Port Stephens	BTS	2-228	Red	Mar/21
GNOT Melville Heat	CMG	6-758	Gold	Apr/21
Cairns Easter Congress	CSE	4-590	Red	Apr/21
GNOT Cairns Heat	CSF	4-590	Gold	Apr/21
Dendy Congress	DPC	3-326	Red	Apr/21
GNOT Fremantle Heat	FCA	6-764	Gold	Apr/21
Frankston Congress	FRC	3-356	Red	Apr/21
GNOT Gold Coast Heat	GCG	4-620	Gold	Apr/21
GNOT Ingham Heats	ING	4-628	Gold	Apr/21
Masterbridge April Swiss Teams	M0A	2-139	Red	Apr/21
Masterbridge Online Swiss Teams	M0O	2-139	Red	Apr/21
GNOT Mackay Heat	MYH	4-640	Gold	Apr/21
NSBC Swiss Pairs	NSB	4-545	Red	Apr/21
Redland Novice/Restricted Teams	RDR	4-510	Red	Apr/21
QCBC Anzac Teams	RQA	4-555	Red	Apr/21
Sydney Bridge Centre Easter Pairs	SBE	2-006	Red	Apr/21
GNOT Sunnybank Heat	SKH	4-566	Gold	Apr/21
South Perth Easter Congress	SPE	6-788	Red	Apr/21
Townsville Butler Pairs	TNB	4-690	Red	Apr/21
Trumps Easter Festival	TSE	2-259	Red	Apr/21
GNOT Undercroft Heat	UCG	6-792	Gold	Apr/21
ACT Restricted Swiss Pairs	UUR	1-801	Red	Apr/21
BAWA Country Championship	XXC	6-751	Red	Apr/21
BAWA Continuous Eclectic Pairs	XXE	6-751	Red	Apr/21
NSWBA WITS Swiss Pairs	YYW	2-001	Red	Apr/21

TOTAL: 47 Club Membership Total=30,974 (corresponding total last year: 32,572)

By State: ACT=959; NSW=11579; VIC=4882; QLD=6547; SA=2151; WA=3861; TAS=870; NT=125



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McCUTCHEON 2021 AWARDS

The ABF Board agreed at its recent meeting that the McCutcheon will be awarded in 2021 and that in determining the winner, all points awarded in 2021 from all events will be included.

Following this decision of the board the McCutcheon links on the website have been reenabled and the leaders in each Master Ranking group can now be seen online.

Good luck to all!

HEADS UP! 2022 FEES & CHARGES

Although we have only recently set the 2021 fees and charges, at the same meeting as mentioned above the ABF Management Committee have also now set the fees and charges for 2022.

The ABF Council has agreed the Capitation Fees for 2022 will return to pre-Covid levels. The Masterpoint Levies will remain unchanged with no CPI increase.

So, from April 1st 2022 the new fees and charges, incl. GST, will be:

Masterpoint levies:	New	Current
Grades C, D, E, F	\$1.87	\$1.87
Grades B4c, B4s, B5i	\$1.50	\$1.50
Grades B3, B4, B5	\$1.98	\$1.98
Grades A, A2, B	\$1.28	\$1.28

Capitation fees per home club member:

April—September	\$16.10*	\$10.00*
October—December	\$8.05*	\$5.00*
January—March	Nil	Nil

*Clubs registering NEW players during these periods will receive a \$1 commission per player, in the form of a reduced fee.

CLUB MEMBERS

Listed inside the Newsletter this month is a table of all clubs and their home club membership as at 30th April this year compared, with last year.

Clubs that do not have any home club members in either year will not appear in the list.

Of the clubs listed, 22.0% are up, and 67.9% are down, and 10.1% had no change on their year on year figures. With COVID still impacting our lives not surprisingly, nationally there was an overall decrease in numbers. A little surprisingly though, only half the states and territories had an overall decrease in numbers (NSW, QLD, WA & NT), whilst the other half (ACT, VIC, SA & TAS) all had an increase. Unfortunately the decreases exceeded the increases, with the overall national membership down by 1,598 members, or -4.91% from the same time last year. 2020 saw a decrease of almost the same, with a fall of 1,572 or -4.60%.

ACT had the largest increase this year, up 11.77% or 101 members, which I believe was helped by a non-ABF affiliated club closing in Canberra, which caused a number of their members to then join an ABF affiliated club.

The next biggest increase was achieved by SA with 3.71% or 77 members. Then came VIC which certainly has had a tough time with COVID restrictions. Their increase was 2.97% or 141 members. Finally, TAS also had a small increase of 0.35% or 3 members.

The other 4 states and territories all had various decreases in members. For NSW (-9.64% or down 1235 members), QLD (-8.19% or down 584 members), WA (-2.48% or down 98 members) and NT (-2.34% or down 3 members).

Unfortunately there was also a decrease in the membership for the ABF Youth club this year. Down by 31 members, or -12.86%, to 210 members.

