

2025 SUMMER FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE

JANUARY 7TH - 19TH

CANBERRA REX HOTEL

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CELEBRATE THE JOY OF BRIDGE THIS SUMMER!

Welcome to the 2025 Summer Festival of Bridge, a 13-day celebration filled with games, development opportunities, and thrilling contests! Witness the nation's best players compete in the prestigious National Open Teams and trials for the 2025 Australian Women's and Seniors' representative teams.

Newer players will enjoy a program packed with fun and learning, presented by renowned experts. This is a unique opportunity to improve your skills, enjoy the game, and be part of an exciting bridge community.

Whether it's your first festival or your 50th, don't miss this chance to challenge yourself and enjoy Canberra at this year's event. We look forward to seeing you in January and making this summer an unforgettable one for all participants!

Warm regards,

Laura Ginnan

2025 SFOB Tournament Organiser

email: not@abf.com.au

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

-If you are booking at the Rex - Ensure that you use the promo code SFOB

-Supplementary regulations will be available by 30/9/24



Highlights

4-day under 20 Masterpoints
Development and Play program

ABF affiliated clubs
Development Day.

Have fun and
improve your game

Australian seniors' and
Women's Teams selection

Presented by the
Australian Bridge Federation



CANBERRA REX HOTEL PACKAGE

Room only (max 2 guests)

Per night charge

King Room \$170

Crown and Studio Suites \$200

Steam and Sauna Suites \$235

Spa Suite \$250

King Suite \$255

Imperial Suite \$280

Presidential Suite \$550

Bed & breakfast (max 2 guests)

Per night charge

King Room \$195

Crown and Studio Suites \$225

Steam and Sauna Suites \$255

Spa Suite \$270

King Suite \$275

Imperial Suite \$300

Presidential Suite \$570

DIRECT BOOKING LINK CODE

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MUST BE USED TO SECURE THE ABOVE RATES

Booking Terms and Conditions

Rates are only valid for direct bookings between 5th January – 20th January 2025

Cancellations are permitted until 2pm, 24-hours prior to the day of arrival

Late cancellations will incur a fee equal to one night's accommodation

Hot buffet breakfast excludes barista coffee

Hot buffet breakfast can be added on at a cost of \$28 per person, excluding barista coffee

All reservations require a valid credit card at the time of booking

All reservations are required to be paid in full upon arrival

All reservations are required to provide a \$150 pre-authorisation upon arrival

Other hotel booking terms and conditions apply

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EVENTS BY CATEGORY

DUPLICATE + WORKSHOPS

Tuesday January 7th (includes workshop)
Wednesday January 8th (includes workshop)
Thursday January 9th (includes workshop)
Monday January 13th (includes workshop)
Wednesday January 15th (includes workshop)
Thursday January 16th (game only)
Friday January 17th (game only)

UNDER 20 MASTERPOINTS

Tuesday January 7th: Workshop + Welcome Pairs
Wednesday January 8th - Thursday January 9th:
Workshops & The Bridge Shop Swiss Pairs
Friday January 9th: The Bridge Shop Swiss Teams

UNDER 100 MASTERPOINTS

Tuesday January 7th: Workshop + Welcome Pairs
Wednesday January 8th - Thursday January 9th:
Workshops & The Bridge Shop Swiss Pairs
Friday January 9th: The Bridge Shop Swiss Teams
Saturday January 10th - Sunday January 11th: TBIB
Under 100 & Under 300 MP Swiss Pairs

UNDER 300 MASTERPOINTS

Saturday January 10th - Sunday January 11th:
TBIB Under 100 & Under 300 MP Swiss Pairs
Monday January 13th - Celebrity Speaker Workshops
and Swiss Teams

UNDER 500 MASTERPOINTS

Saturday January 10th - Sunday January 11th:
TBIB Under 500 & Under 750 MP Swiss Pairs
Monday January 13th - Celebrity Speaker Workshops
and Swiss Teams

UNDER 750 MASTERPOINTS

Tuesday January 7th - Thursday January 9th:
National 750 Masters Teams
Saturday January 10th-Sunday January 11th:
TBIB Under 500 & Under 750 MP Swiss Pairs

UNDER 1000 MASTERPOINTS

Tuesday January 7th - Thursday January 9th:
National Life Masters Teams

SENIORS'

Tuesday January 7th - Thursday January 9th:
National seniors' Teams Championship
*The National seniors' Teams Championship is the
qualifying event for the Australian seniors' Team
Playoff which runs Friday January 10th - Sunday
January 12th. Eligibility criteria apply.*

WOMEN'S

Tuesday January 7th - Thursday January 9th:
National Women's Teams Championship
*The National Women's Teams Championship is the
qualifying event for the Australian Women's Team
Playoff which runs Friday January 10th - Sunday
January 12th. Eligibility criteria apply.*

MIXED

Friday January 17th - Sunday January 19th:
Mixed Matchpoint Swiss Pairs (PQP event)

OPEN

Wednesday January 8th - Thursday January 9th:
Chris Diment Matchpoint Swiss Pairs
Friday January 9th:
Fixed Income Solutions One Day Swiss Pairs
Saturday January 11th - Sunday January 12th:
TBIB Open Swiss Pairs Championship
Monday January 13th - Thursday January 16th:
South West Pacific Open Teams
Friday January 17th - Sunday January 19th:
National Open Teams Finals (by qualification from
the South West Pacific Teams)

OTHER

Tuesday January 7th: ABF Affiliated Clubs
Development Day
Sunday January 12th: Vugraph Theatre
Sunday January 19th: Vugraph Theatre

EVENTS BY DATE

TUESDAY JANUARY 7TH

Red Masterpoint duplicate and workshop
Rookies (u20 MP) Workshop and Welcome Pairs
Novice (u100 MP) Workshop and Welcome Pairs
Club Development Day
National Women's Teams Championship
National seniors' Teams Championship
National Life Masters Teams (u1000 MP)

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8TH

Red Masterpoint duplicate and workshop
Rookies (u20 MP) Workshop and Swiss Pairs
Novice (u100 MP) Workshop and Swiss Pairs
Chris Diment Matchpoint Swiss Pairs
National Women's Teams Championship
National seniors' Teams Championship
National Life Masters Teams (u1000 MP)
National Non-Life Masters Teams (u750 MP)

THURSDAY JANUARY 9TH

Red Masterpoint duplicate and workshop
Rookies (u20 MP) Workshop and Swiss Pairs
Novice (u100 MP) Workshop and Swiss Pairs
Chris Diment Matchpoint Swiss Pairs
National Women's Teams Championship
National seniors' Teams Championship
National Life Masters Teams (u1000 MP)
National 750 Masters Teams

FRIDAY JANUARY 10TH

Red Masterpoint duplicate and workshop
Rookies (u20 MP) The Bridge Shop Teams
Novice (u100 MP) The Bridge Shop Teams
Fixed Income Solutions Swiss Pairs
Australian Women's Team Selection Playoffs
Australian seniors' Team Selection Playoffs

SATURDAY JANUARY 11TH - SUNDAY JANUARY 12TH

TBIB National Open Swiss Pairs Championship
TBIB National u700/u500 MP Swiss Pairs
TBIB National u300/u100 MP Swiss Pairs
Australian Women's and seniors' Teams Playoffs
Sunday 5.00 - 7.20 VuGraph Theatre

MONDAY JANUARY 13TH

Red Masterpoint duplicate and workshop
u500/u300 MP Workshop and Swiss Teams
South West Pacific Teams Championship

TUESDAY JANUARY 14TH

u500/u300 MP Workshop and Swiss Teams
South West Pacific Teams Championship

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15TH

Red Masterpoint duplicate and workshop
u500/u300 MP Workshop and Swiss Teams
South West Pacific Teams Championship

THURSDAY JANUARY 16TH

Red Masterpoint duplicate and workshop
South West Pacific Teams Championship

FRIDAY JANUARY 17TH

Red Masterpoint duplicate and workshop
Mixed Matchpoint Swiss Pairs (PQP event)
National Open Teams Quarter Finals

SATURDAY JANUARY 18TH

Mixed Matchpoint Swiss Pairs (PQP event)
National Open Teams Semi Finals

SUNDAY JANUARY 19TH

Mixed Matchpoint Swiss Pairs (PQP event)
National Open Teams Final
Vugraph Theatre for final two stanzas of
the National Open Teams Final

EVENTS AS TABLE

Tue 7-1	Wed 8-1	Thu 9-1	Fri 10-1	Sat 11-1	Sun 12-1	Mon 13-1	Tue 14-1	Wed 15-1	Thu 16-1	Fri 17-1	Sat 18-1	Sun 19-1	
National Women's Teams			Women's Playoffs			South West Pacific Teams				NOT FINALS			
National Seniors' Teams			Seniors' Playoffs			U500/U300 Teams			Red point duplicate	Mixed Mp Pairs			
National Life Master Teams			Fixed Income One Day Swiss	TBIB Open Swiss Pairs		Red point duplicate and workshop		Red point duplicate and workshop		Red point duplicate			
National 750 Teams				TBIB 500/750 Pairs									
Rookies Welcome Pairs	The Bridge Shop Rookies Swiss		The Bridge Shop Rookies Teams	TBIB 100/300 Pairs									
Novice Welcome Pairs	The Bridge Shop Novice Swiss		The Bridge Shop Novice Teams										
Club Development Day	Chris Diment Matchpoint Swiss Pairs												
Red point duplicate and workshop	Red point duplicate and workshop	Red point duplicate and workshop											

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



FULL EVENT DETAILS

(BY CATEGORY)

DUPLICATE + WORKSHOPS

Tuesday January 7th

10.00 - 12.00 *Workshop:*
Improve your bidding judgement
1.00 - 4.30 Red Masterpoint
Duplicate
Entry fee: \$50 per player

Wednesday January 8th

10.00 - 12.00 *Workshop:*
Opening leads and Defence
1.00 - 4.30 Red Masterpoint
Duplicate
Entry fee: \$50 per player

Thursday January 9th

10.00 - 12.00 *Workshop:*
Slam bidding
1.00 - 4.30 Red Masterpoint
Duplicate
Entry fee: \$50 per player

Monday January 13th

10.00 - 12.00 *Celebrity Speaker*
1.00 - 4.30 Red Masterpoint
Duplicate
Entry fee: \$50 per player

Wednesday January 15th

10.00 - 12.00 *Celebrity Speaker*
1.00 - 4.30 Red Masterpoint
Duplicate
Entry fee: \$50 per player

Thursday January 16th

10.00 - 1.30 Red Masterpoint
Duplicate
Entry fee: \$20 per player

Friday January 17th

10.00 - 1.30 Red Masterpoint
Duplicate
Entry fee: \$20 per player



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ROOKIES

(UNDER 20 MASTERPOINTS AT 30/9/2024)



Tuesday January 7th

ROOKIES WELCOME

10.00 - 12.00 *Workshop: Improve your bidding judgement*

1.00 - 4.30 Rookies Welcome Pairs (format subject to entries, approximately 24-28 boards will be played in the session)

Entry fee: \$70 per player

Wednesday January 8th - Thursday January 9th

THE BRIDGE SHOP ROOKIES SWISS PAIRS

10.00 - 12.00 *Workshops*

(Wed: *Opening leads and Defence*, Thu: *Slam Bidding*)

1.00 - 4.45 each day: 3 x 9 board rounds

Entry fee: \$140 per player

Friday January 10th

THE BRIDGE SHOP ROOKIES SWISS TEAMS

10.00 - 5.00 6 x 8 board rounds

Entry fee: \$70 per player

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ROOKIES EVENTS
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NOVICE

(UNDER 100 MASTERPOINTS AT 30/9/2024)

Tuesday January 7th

NOVICE WELCOME

10.00 - 12.00 *Workshop: Improve your bidding judgement*

1.00 - 4.30 Rookies Welcome Pairs (format subject to entries, approximately 24-28 boards will be played in the session)

Entry fee: \$70 per player

Wednesday January 8th - Thursday January 9th

THE BRIDGE SHOP NOVICE SWISS PAIRS

10.00 - 12.00 *Workshops*

(Wed: Opening leads and Defence, Thu: Slam Bidding)

1.00 - 4.45 each day: 3 x 9 board rounds

Entry fee: \$140 per player

Friday January 10th

THE BRIDGE SHOP NOVICE SWISS TEAMS

10.00 - 5.00 6 x 8 board rounds

Entry fee: \$70 per player

Saturday January 11th - Sunday January 12th

TBIB NOVICE AND RESTRICTED SWISS PAIRS

9.45 - 6.00 Saturday, 9.45 - 4.45 Sunday

11 x 9 board rounds.

Entry fee: \$150 per player

**PARTICIPANTS
PLAYING IN
ALL NOVICE
EVENTS FROM
TUESDAY 7/1 -
FRIDAY 10/1
RECEIVE 50 MY
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(VALUED AT
\$50)**

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RESTRICTED

(UNDER 300 MASTERPOINTS AT 30/9/2024)

Saturday January 11th - Sunday January 12th

TBIB NOVICE AND RESTRICTED SWISS PAIRS

9.45 - 6.00 Saturday, 9.45- 4.45 Sunday

11 x 9 board rounds.

Entry fee: \$150 per player

Monday January 13th - Wednesday January 15th

UNDER 300/500 MP SWISS TEAMS + CELEBRITY SPEAKERS

Monday 9.45 - 11.45: Celebrity Speaker, 1.00 - 6.30: 2 x 16 board rounds

Tuesday 9.45 - 6.00: 3 x 16 board rounds

Wednesday 9.45 - 11.45: Celebrity Speaker, 1.00 - 6.30: 2 x 16 board rounds

Entry fee: \$225 per player

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UNDER 500 MASTERPOINTS

(UNDER 500 MASTERPOINTS AT 30/9/2024)

Saturday January 11th - Sunday January 12th

TBIB UNDER 500/U750 SWISS PAIRS

9.45 - 6.00 Saturday, 9.45 - 4.45 Sunday

11 x 9 board rounds.

Entry fee: \$150 per player

Monday January 13th - Wednesday January 15th

UNDER 300/500 MP SWISS TEAMS + CELEBRITY SPEAKERS

Monday 9.45 - 11.45: Celebrity Speaker, 1.00 - 6.30: 2 x 16 board rounds

Tuesday 9.45 - 6.00: 3 x 16 board rounds

Wednesday 9.45 - 11.45: Celebrity Speaker, 1.00 - 6.30: 2 x 16 board rounds

Entry fee: \$225 per player

UNDER 750 MASTERPOINTS

(UNDER 750 MASTERPOINTS AT 30/9/2024)

Tuesday January 7th - Thursday January 9th

UNDER 750 MASTERS TEAMS

9.45 - 6.30, 3 x 20 board matches each day

Entry fee: \$225 per player (based on 4 person team)

Saturday January 11th - Sunday January 12th

TBIB UNDER 500/U750 SWISS PAIRS

9.45 - 6.00 Saturday, 10.00 - 4.45 Sunday

11 x 9 board rounds.

Entry fee: \$150 per player



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UNDER 1000 MASTERPOINTS

(UNDER 1000 MASTERPOINTS AT 30/9/2024)

Tuesday January 7th - Thursday January 9th

NATIONAL LIFE MASTERS TEAMS

9.45 - 6.20, 3 x 20 board matches each day

Entry fee: \$225 per player (based on 4 person team)

Other events you might be interested in:

TBIB OPEN SWISS PAIRS

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

WOMEN'S

(ALL PLAYERS MUST BE FEMALE)

Tuesday January 7th - Thursday January 9th

NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

9.45 - 6.20, The current proposed format is 9 rounds of 20 Boards. This requires 18 or more teams. If there are fewer than 18 entries the format may be adjusted. Entry fee: \$225 per player (based on 4 person team).

THE TOP FOUR ELIGIBLE AND INTENDING TEAMS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROGRESS TO THE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S TEAM PLAYOFF FROM FRIDAY JANUARY 10 - SUNDAY JANUARY 12.

SENIORS'

(ALL PLAYERS MUST BE BORN BEFORE TO 1/1/1962)

Tuesday January 7th - Thursday January 9th

NATIONAL seniors' TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

9.45 - 6.20, The current proposed format is 9 rounds of 20 Boards. This requires 18 or more teams. If there are fewer than 18 entries the format may be adjusted. Entry fee: \$225 per player (based on 4 person team).

THE TOP FOUR ELIGIBLE AND INTENDING TEAMS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROGRESS TO THE AUSTRALIAN seniors' TEAM PLAYOFF FROM FRIDAY JANUARY 10 - SUNDAY JANUARY 12.

MIXED

(ONE PLAYER OF EACH GENDER)

Friday January 17th - Sunday January 19th

MIXED MATCHPOINT SWISS PAIRS (PQP EVENT)

Friday 2.15 - 6.20, Saturday 9.45 - 6.30, Sunday 9.45 - 1.30.

Entry fee: \$150 per player.

WHY NOT STAY ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND ENJOY THE VUGRAPH THEATRE OF THE FINAL TWO STANZAS OF THE NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

OPEN ENTRY EVENTS

Wednesday January 8th - Thursday January 9th

CHRIS DIMENT MATCHPOINT SWISS PAIRS

9.45 - 6.30 each day player 4 x 14 board rounds per day.

Entry fee: \$150 per player

Chris Diment, who passed away in 2011, was a significant figure in the Australian bridge community. As a director, teacher, and administrator, he made substantial contributions at both local and national levels. Chris was one of only five 'A Grade A1 (International)' directors in Australia, a testament to his expertise and dedication. Known for his warmth, calm efficiency, and insightful guidance, Chris enriched the game for all players, especially beginners. His legacy of professionalism and kindness is something we can all aspire to.



Chris Diment

Friday January 10th

FIXED INCOME SOLUTIONS ONE DAY SWISS PAIRS

9.45 - 5.30, 6 x 8 board rounds

Entry fee: \$75 per player

*Hospitality provided by Fixed
Income Solutions after the event*

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OPEN ENTRY EVENTS

Saturday January 11th - Sunday January 12th

TBIB OPEN SWISS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

9.45 - 6.00 Saturday, 10.00 - 4.45 Sunday

11 x 9 board rounds.

Entry fee: \$150 per player

STAY BACK ON SUNDAY NIGHT TO ENJOY THE VUGRAPH THEATRE BROADCAST OF THE FINAL STANZA OF THE AUSTRALIAN SENIORS' AND WOMEN'S TEAM PLAYOFFS

TBIB REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE AT THE EVENT ON JANUARY 11 & 12 TO DISUCSS YOUR INSURANCE NEEDS

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Monday January 13th - Thursday January 16th

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

9.45 - 6.20 each day (3 x 20 board rounds per day)

Entry fee: \$300 per player (based on 4 person team)

THE TOP 8 TEAMS FROM THE SOUTH WEST PACIFIC TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEED TO THE NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

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OTHER EVENTS



Tuesday January 8th
ABF CLUBS DEVELOPMENT DAY
10.15 - 4.30

The ABF invites two representatives from each club to join the development day, featuring ABF updates, networking opportunities, and discussions on marketing, teaching, and technology. This event aims to foster collaboration and share insights to enhance the bridge community's growth and development.



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VUGRAPH THEATRE

Watch the game and enjoy the commentary

Sunday January 12th

5.00 pm - 7.20 pm

Women's and seniors' Australian Team Playoffs

Sunday January 19th

2.30 pm - 6.30 pm

Final: National Open Teams Championships Final