

New South Wales Bridge Association

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State Championships from a Country Club's Perspective

A quick summary and why your club should participate in them

The NSWBA conducts four State events that are open to players in all its affiliated clubs. We would like to remind you of these events, give you good warning of when they are so that you have time to incorporate them into your 2012 calendar, and encourage you to participate. There are a number of reasons that we commend these events to you:

- Cheapest red points at highest level available to clubs.
- Travel and accommodation subsidies available.
- Playing in finals against our State's best players is fun and improves your bridge.

So plan your next stay in Sydney to incorporate the finals of one of these events.

The State Open Pairs Championship

The State Mixed Pairs Championship

The John Arkinstall State Teams Championship

Details can be found overleaf.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Wilkinson (Chairman, NSWBA Tournament Committee)

Graeme Payne (Northern Country Councillor)

Duncan Munro (Southern Country Councillor)

Louis Koolen (Outer Metropolitan Councillor)

The four events that should be of particular interest to your club's members are:

- The State Open Pairs Championship
- The State Mixed Pairs Championship
- The State Wide Pairs

The Country Teams Championship (an integral part of the John Arkinstall State Teams)

General information and important dates associated with each of these events can be found below. If you have not participated in these events before, take a chance and make 2012 a year of change.

The State Mixed Pairs Championship

Masterpoints awarded with weighting factor of 3.75.

The more pairs sent to the Final, the cheaper the entry per pair.

Qualifying Rounds to be completed before Friday 11th May 2012.

Travel & accommodation grants limited to 1 pair per club.

Finals at NSWBA on 26 & 27th May, 2012.

Convener: Liz Fanos office@nswba.com.au

The State Open Pairs Championship

Masterpoints awarded with weighting factor of 5.0.

The more pairs sent to the Final, the cheaper the entry per pair.

Qualifying Rounds to be completed before Friday 5th October, 2012.

Travel & accommodation grants limited to 1 pair per club.

Finals at NSWBA on 20th & 21st October, 2012

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The State Wide Pairs

Masterpoints awarded at congress level B4.

Runs over 3 consecutive weeks in August (6th – 26th).

Participants receive hand records with a short analysis of each hand.

All pairs play the same hands and the results are scored across the state.

Sessional and overall prizes, including cash to 5th place, are awarded.

Convener: Matthew McManus swp@nswba.com.au

The John Arkinstall State Teams Championship (incorporating the Country Teams)

Masterpoints awarded with weighting factor of 5.0 for Club heats and Regional Finals.

Masterpoints awarded with weighting factor of 7.5 for Divisional and State Finals.

Teams enter at the club level and progress (or are eliminated) at subsequent Regional and Divisional Finals.

Travel & accommodation grants for those teams which make the State Final.

A summary of the significant dates for the 2012 Country Teams Championship follows.

Friday 3rd February: Deadline for applications from clubs to host Regional Final.

Friday 3rd February: Deadline for applications from clubs to host Divisional Final.

Saturday 2nd June: Deadline for completion of Club Qualifying events.

Sunday 17th June: Deadline for completion of Regional Finals.

Saturday 23rd June: Deadline for entries to the Divisional Finals.

Sat 30th June & Sun 1st July: Date of Divisional Finals.

Fri 14th & Sat 15th December: Qualification rounds of John Arkinstall State Teams Finals at NSWBA.

Sun 16th December: Final of the NSWBA Country Teams Championship.

Sun 16th December: Final of the John Arkinstall State Teams Championship.