

Online Pairs League



Summer Season Jan 12th to March 2nd 2023 Please enter via <u>MyABF</u>

NSW Online Pairs LEAGUE One 12-board Match per week

Divisions of 8 NS pairs playing a Round Robin against 8 EW pairs Thursday evenings at 7:30pm – done well before 9pm! Substitute up to three times if you can't make a match

> Half-price for players under 100 masterpoints Early -bird discount: register by Thurs before Xmas

Director: Alan Bustany

B4s RED masterpoints for every win or draw Entry fee: \$40 per player with \$10 returned to your NSWBA Home Club FREE: Q&A session on Thursday January 5th at 7:30pm



NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Organiser: Alan Bustany Phone: 0411 264 305 Email: <u>Alan.Bustany@gmail.com</u> Let's listen in to a (hypothetical) conversation between some players...

- Alice: Hi Bob, want to play some Bridge on Thursday evening?
- **Bob**: Maybe, Alice, but it would make me a bit tired for work on Friday.
- A: This won't. It's only half a session and it'll all be over by 9pm. If you want, after the match we can chat and review our play over a glass of cocoa that'll help you sleep for work the next day!
- **B**: Oh, OK, where do I have to go?
- A: Nowhere! Just stay at home, finish dinner, and meet me online before 7:30pm.
- **B**: Online? I am useless with technology. And doesn't that mean we'll be beaten up by all those good players?
- A: RealBridge is really simple. You can use Google, Bob, so you can use RealBridge. And they have a free Q&A session where we can check out our video and microphones, ask any questions, and play a couple of boards.
- A: And they are creating divisions in which we play people of our own ability from across the country. Those city slickers will probably be in a higher division than us! They even made it half-price for us less-experienced players.
- **B**: So how does the half-session work?
- A: As I understand it, it's a bit like a football league. We play one 12-board match each week for a "season" of eight weeks. Depending on how we do we might be promoted or relegated so that we are playing pairs of similar ability next "season".
- **B**: OK, and only \$20 each for the whole season for Novices like us! Where do I sign up?
- A: On **MyABF** of course! The Summer season starts the second Thursday in January, thru to the first Thursday in March. I can also arrange substitutes during the Canberra Summer Festival and the Gold Coast Congress if you like.
- **B**: Great! I'll put our names down on **MyABF**. Thanks for the invite, Alice.