



**West Australian Bridge Club
HANDBOOK
2012**

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	Mrs Jean Field	9284 6548
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PARTNERSHIP COORDINATOR	Mrs Dee Sinton	9383 1320 (8:30 am – 8:30 pm)

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SESSION TIMES

Monday	9.15 – 12.30	Weekly Duplicate (Except public holidays)
	12.30 – 3.15pm	Supervised Duplicate (Except public holidays) Introduction to Duplicate Bridge directed by Peter Smith. Players may come to the supervised session without a partner.
	1:00 – 4.30pm	Weekly Duplicate (Except congress days)
Tuesday	1.00 – 4.30pm	Weekly Duplicate
Wednesday	11.30 – 3.00pm	Intermediate duplicate
Wednesday	7.30 – 11.00pm	Weekly Duplicate
Evening	7.30 – 10.30pm	Supervised Duplicate Introduction to Duplicate Bridge.
Thursday	1.00 – 4.30pm	Weekly Duplicate
Friday	9.15 – 12.30pm	Weekly Duplicate (Except public holidays)
	9.30 – 12.30pm	Supervised Duplicate (Except public holidays) Introduction to Duplicate Bridge. Players may come to this session without a partner (see note 1)
	1.00 – 4.30pm	Weekly Duplicate
Saturday	1.30 – 5.00pm	Weekly Duplicate. Players may come to this session without a partner Duty Partner available (see note 1)
Sunday		Occasional – check Club Web site & Notice Boards

NOTES

1. Duty Partner - Players requiring a partner must arrive 30 minutes before start of session and need to inform the Director on arrival.
The Duty Partner roster for Saturday is managed by Mr Bernard West (9388 3290). Members who are available to be a duty partner should contact him.
2. All players should be seated 5 minutes before the scheduled start of play to allow the Director time to set the movements.
3. Seats may be reserved for those players who have successfully applied in writing to the Management Committee explaining why a stationary seat is required. All applications must be accompanied by a doctor's certificate.
4. The Director may move players to ensure the most effective movement for the session or to provide a suitable seat for players entitled to reserved seating. A player must move when requested to do so by the Director. The Director may delay the start of the session until players have complied with this request
5. Reserving seats for other players is strictly against club policy.
6. Players may not reserve seats/tables earlier than one hour before the start of the session or before the completion of the previous session.
7. WABC occasionally hosts BAWA/ABF weekend events and when it does it is usually necessary to cancel Saturday bridge sessions. These will be advertised on the club noticeboard and website.
8. All sessions have pre-dealt boards and hand records.
9. Bidding Boxes are used at all sessions including congresses.
10. There is no session on Christmas Day

LESSONS

Lessons are conducted at the Club by Mr Peter Smith, Club Professional. Details of each term's programme, which covers a full selection of courses, are advertised at the Club, in the press and on the WABC website www.wabridgeclub.com.au

For further information and bookings contact Peter on 9381 5270 or email lessons@wabridgeclub.com.au

Lesson Times are as follows:

Tuesdays	10am – 12 noon and 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Wednesdays	5.15pm – 7.15pm
Thursdays	10am – 12 noon

PETER SMITH

Peter Smith first started playing bridge in 1972 and quickly established a reputation by representing WA as a Youth player and winning his first State title, the Men's Teams, within a year. By 1981 he had become a bridge professional in Perth and began teaching at the West Australian Bridge Club in 1983.

Peter has also run bridge courses at the UWA Summer School every year since 1985. In his career he has taught thousands of players at all levels, from beginners to State and National representatives. He is regarded as one of Australia's foremost bridge teachers, with the ability to explain concepts clearly and logically, along with a reputation for being very calm and patient.

Peter writes the highly regarded Bidding Forum column in Australian Bridge magazine and has contributed to many of Paul Marston's successful bridge books. As a player he has won numerous State and National titles and has represented the ACT, WA and Australia.

CHAMPIONSHIPS, PRIZES, AWARDS, TROPHIES AND EVENTS

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 2011

INDIVIDUAL: <i>Campbell-Rickie Cup</i>	Mr Pepe Schwegler
WOMEN'S PAIRS: <i>Women's pairs Cup</i>	Mrs Jan Blight & Mrs Doreen Jones
MIXED PAIRS: <i>Valli Katz Shield</i>	Mrs Carol Pocock & Dr Derek Pocock Mrs Pat King & Mr Richard Fox
HANDICAP PAIRS: <i>Michael Berry Shield</i>	Mrs Marie Musitano and Mrs Eileen Reilly
CLUB TEAMS: <i>Freedman Cup</i>	Not Held
NOVICE PAIRS: <i>O'Hara Cup</i>	Ms Betty Evans & Mrs Pauline Kelly
OPEN PAIRS: <i>Firstenberg Cup</i>	Mr Peter Holloway & Mrs Sheenagh Young
DAYTIME PAIRS: <i>Barbara L Taylor Shield</i>	Mrs Maura Rhodes & Mr Fiske Warren
CHARLES PEARCE CUP:	Mr Kim Magann and Ms Jan Berg (Above Regional Master Winners) Ms Cilla Butler and Ms Anne Pickard (Under Regional Master Winners)
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: <i>Clements-Manford Honourboard</i>	Ms Helen Hellsten
PATRON'S CUP:	Mrs Bobbie Mitchell
THURSDAY AGGREGATE:	Mrs Gwen Wiles

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER AWARD

This is awarded to the Club Member ranked Most Improved by the ABF Masterpoint Centre report at 30th November each year.

PATRON'S PRIZE

The Patron's trophy, donated by Mabs McCulloch and the Patron's Prize, donated by our Patrons, Mrs Helen George and Mr John Ashworth, is presented at the AGM. This yearly competition runs from 1 July to 30 June.

THURSDAY AGGREGATE PRIZE

Best individual score for members under Regional Master ranking at 1st January. Runs from January to November each year and is kindly donated by Mrs Jill Mowson.

JACKPOTS

Nine Jackpot competitions are held, one for each playing session. Qualifying sessions are held January to October and finals are held in November. Qualifying sessions are as follows:

Jackpot Session	Qualifying Session
Monday Morning	2 nd Monday of each month
Monday	3 rd Monday of each month
Tuesday	2 nd Tuesday of each month
Wednesday	3 rd Wednesday of each month
Wednesday Eve	1 st Wednesday of each month
Thursday	3 rd Thursday of each month
Friday Morning	1 st Friday of each month
Friday	2 nd Friday of each month
Saturday	1 st Saturday of each month

Dates for Finals are shown in the Calendar. Red masterpoints are awarded for Finals.

Note that **only Club members** are entitled to qualify for Jackpot Finals.

If a pair has previously qualified for a final the next ranking pair is deemed to have qualified. Players may qualify more than once only when playing with a different partner.

JACKPOT WINNERS 2011

Monday Morning	Richard Basham and John Snell
Monday	Barbara Riddle and Pat Rosser
Tuesday	Margarita Hughes and Fiske Warren
Wednesday	Pat Martell and Joan Nunn
Wednesday Eve	Chris Bagley and Lynne Milne
Thursday	Alan Dundas and Peter Sumner
Friday Morning	Rhona Barton and Mal Clark
Friday	John Aquino and Geoff Yeo
Saturday	John Ashworth and Fiske Warren

PARTNERSHIP COORDINATOR

The Club provides a Partnership Coordinator to help members find a partner on occasions where their regular partner is unavailable and facilitate a game for visitors from affiliated clubs. Members seeking a partner for a given date should contact the Coordinator who will then advise of other members also seeking a partner on that date, or who, the Coordinator believes, are generally seeking a partner.

The Coordinator cannot guarantee to find a partner or a permanent partnership for a member and can only advise of potential partners from the names of those members who have advised the Coordinator of their availability.

The Coordinator can be contacted by telephone between the hours of 8:30am – 8:30pm or by email at deesinton@iinet.net.au

MASTERPOINTS

The Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) Masterpoint Scheme is intended to:

- Stimulate interest in Contract Bridge.
- Provide a means of measuring player achievements.
- Assist with the financing of the ABF's national and international commitments.

Masterpoints are awarded for success in all affiliated bridge sessions.

ABF NUMBER

Players joining an ABF affiliated club are issued with an ABF number. These numbers are issued for the duration of a member's lifetime.

HOME CLUB

Players nominate a Home Club and are registered with the ABF through that club. All Masterpoint Centre output for individual players, e.g promotion certificates, is forwarded to the player's home club. If a player is a member of more than one club they must ensure they are a financial member with their nominated Home Club in order to receive Masterpoints.

MASTER RANKINGS

Players accumulate Masterpoints as they participate in Masterpoint sessions and are promoted through the ranks of the system as their Masterpoints increase. There are currently 19 different rankings, from Graduate Master to Gold Life Master. Players receive an official certificate with each promotion. Master ranks may be used to determine seedings in tournaments. In addition, events may be held in which entry is restricted to players of a specified master ranking.

TYPES OF MASTERPOINTS

Masterpoint rankings are determined by the type of Masterpoint as well as the number of masterpoints. There are three types of master point – green, red and gold.

The Scheme recognizes Masterpoints, distinguished by colour:

- Green – generally issued for regular club duplicate sessions,
- Red – issued for a limited number of club events, for interclub events, and for open events run by the Bridge Association of Western Australia (BWA).
- Gold – issued for ABF events such as the GNOT, GNRP, Swan River Swiss, Western Senior's, Hans Rosendorff and Golden West events.

Lower Masterpoint rankings are based on green points but higher rankings require increasing numbers of red and gold points. 75% of Club members have a ranking of Regional Master or lower, rankings which require only green points. The Australian Bridge Federation site provides details of the Masterpoint system:

<http://www.abf.com.au/master/index.html>.

CLUB MASTERPOINT SECRETARY

The club masterpoint secretary is responsible for the allocation of masterpoint awards for club events at grades F, E and D and for completing and submitting the returns to the ABF Masterpoint Centre. The club masterpoint secretaries also advise the Masterpoint Centre of changes to player details, new members, and membership non-renewals. The club masterpoint secretary is expected to act as the liaison between club members and the ABF Masterpoint Centre.

TEAMS EVENTS

GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS

This is an event of long-standing. Teams from each club compete in club heats and successful teams are eligible to play in the State Final. Gold points awarded for each match won in the heats and the final. Teams can have up to 6 members but at least one member of the team must be a WABC member for the team to play in the club heat. The number of teams eligible to play in the State final depends on the number of teams entered in the club heat. The team winning the State final receives a subsidy to travel to the National final held in Banora Point NSW in late November. Regulations for this event are posted on the BAWA website www.bawa.asn.au.

2012 BAWA LEAGUE TEAMS

The League Teams competition is a great way to meet new people in a very social environment. Matches are usually played in people's homes, with a 24 board match followed by supper/afternoon tea provided by the home team.

You can have a team of up to 8 players, with any 4 playing in a match.

There is no minimum or maximum number of matches required to be played by each member.

There are three divisions:

- Perth Siesta Division, where matches are played in the afternoon,
- Perth Evening Division, where matches are played in the evenings,
- Bunbury Division, where all matches are located in Bunbury and surrounding areas.

Entry fee is \$50 per team. The club will pay this fee if all players in the team are WABC members and WABC is incorporated into your team name e.g “WABC Sapphires”.

This is a red masterpoint event and the winning team from each Division will also receive 4 one year subscriptions to Australian Bridge.

Entries must be received by the end of February.

There is one match scheduled per month. Dates and times are mutually agreed by the two team captains. They can be held outside the scheduled month with the agreement of both Captains.

All matches must be completed by 30th November.

There is no requirement for team members to be ABF registered players.

Contact person for the League Teams is Tony Martin at 9342 1125

INTERCLUB TEAMS OF 4

Interclub Teams of 4 provide the only interclub competition in the Western Australian Bridge community. Teams of 4 are run monthly from February to November between participating metropolitan Clubs, alternating on a home and away basis during normal club sessions. It is a red point competition. There are three levels of competition, Restricted, Intermediate, and Open. The requirements for participation for each level are set out in the BAWA regulations and are available at www.bawa.asn.au (follow *Information/Regulations* in the menus). Note that qualification rankings are determined in the ABF Masterpoint Rankings list on the 1st January of the year of the competition.

There is no cost involved to the player other than providing a light supper for home matches. The club pays all entry fees, provides the venue, drinks, and the Director. Club policy is that as many members as possible play in “Interclub Teams” so members do not usually play every match.

To register your interest or to get more information, contact Kate Pinniger (Restricted), John Aquino or Pepe Schwegler (Intermediate), or David Burn (Open).

EVENTS FOR EMERGING PLAYERS

WABC welcomes less experienced players to all sessions. However, players who feel that they might not yet be ready to face the seasoned veterans (who tend to sit in the two northern rows, near the northern windows) may prefer to play initially in supervised sessions on Monday at 12.30pm, Wednesday Evening at 7.30pm and Friday at 9.30am. These provide an excellent ideal introduction to club duplicate.

In addition, the Club runs several competitions with entries restricted to players with limited Masterpoints. Some of these are open to all players from the Bridge community and some are restricted to Club members. In 2012 these events include:

THE NOVICE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

This will be played on **Mondays 11th & 18th June at the 1.00pm** session and will be open to all members who have less than 50 Masterpoints as at the 1st of January, 2012. It is **only open to Club members**.

THE NOVICE CONGRESS

This is an open event and is open to all players, including non club members, who have less than 50 Masterpoints as at the 1st of January, 2012. It is a full day event which **will be held on Sunday, 6th May**. Entry includes a light lunch and drinks at the prize-giving after the game. This event is an excellent introduction to playing bridge in the congress format and in a competitive, but friendly, atmosphere. Our aim is to encourage those new to the game to become familiar with the format and go on to enter other congresses and state events.

THE RESTRICTED SWISS PAIRS COMPETITION

This event is open to all players, including non club members, who have less than 100 Masterpoints as at the 1st of January, 2012. It **will be held on Sunday 25th March**, and will be a full day event. It will provide an introduction to Swiss Pairs events, a format often used in senior competitions.

MASTERS IN TEAMS OF THREE

In 2010 WABC inaugurated its Masters in Teams of Three Competition. This competition is designed to provide emerging players with experience in teams competitions. It is open to all players who have less than 100 Masterpoints as at the 1st January, 2012. **This will be held on Sunday 26th August** and will be a full day event.

Players combine to form a team of three and at the start of the Competition the Club provides a fourth member of the team by ballot from a group of Club members who are ranked Life Master or above. The team so formed then competes in a one day competition conducted at the Club

GRAND NATIONAL (RESTRICTED) PAIRS

This event is an ABF event and is intended to help players who are unable to play in the regular Gold Point competitions to accrue Gold Masterpoints within their normal club environment and at minimal cost. Gold points are awarded to 50% of the field.

In 2012 entry is restricted to players who have not attained the ranking of Life Master as at 1 January 2012. Members are advised to check the ABF 2012 regulations available at www.abf.com.au

The competition involves a number of heats at each club and a Regional Final conducted by BAWA. Heats are held for selected normal club sessions and three heats are held for each session. Partnerships must play all three heats to be eligible but substitutions may be permitted: check

the BAWA and WABC regulations for details. WABC regulations are included on the Club internet site (under Docs) and will be available on the Club noticeboard.

Players from metropolitan clubs that have held heats send winning pairs to play in the Regional Final **held on Sunday 7th October**. WABC usually sends the top four pairs from each heat. If a pair does not wish, or is unable, to play in the final the next ranked pair is offered their place. Gold points are awarded to 100% of the field in the Regional final.

The top three N/S & E/W pairs of the Regional final are eligible to play in the National final held during the Summer Festival of Bridge in Canberra the following January, competing for the Richard Grenside Trophy. ABF supports their attendance with a travel subsidy. If a pair does not wish, or is unable, to play in the National final the next ranked pair will be offered their place.

Supplementary Regulations apply to this event. These will be posted on the WABC website and notice board.

CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP - RESTRICTED PRIZE

This is a prize for the best team in this competition that has all team members ranked at less than 100 Master points as at 1st January, 2012. Teams may have up to 6 players. **To be held on Sunday 2 Sept at 10am.**

CLUB SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The West Australian Bridge Club supports its Bridge activities with a range of social activities. These include the Melbourne Cup Lunch, the Christmas Party, and social activities associated with the Foundation Day and Christmas Congresses. The social activities of the Club are supported by the Club's licensed bar.

BAR OPERATIONS

As the Club is a not-for-profit organization the bar is managed and operated by a roster of Club volunteers and operates within the licensing regulations. Bar staff have approved liquor service certification, and members who do not have the appropriate certification cannot enter the bar. Because the Club is a volunteer organization there may be occasions when approved service providers are unavailable. Should this occur the bar will not operate.

Only alcoholic beverages purchased from the bar can be served and consumed on the Club premises. Members and visitors are not permitted to bring wine or other alcoholic beverages onto the premises.

SATURDAY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

From time to time the Club arranges informal social functions following the Saturday afternoon session. Notice of these is provided at prior Saturday sessions and on the Club notice boards. The Club welcomes suggestions from members as to functions that might be held. The contact for such suggestions is the Club Secretary.

CLUB LIBRARY

WABC has a comprehensive and up-to-date library of more than 600 books and five periodicals on all aspects of playing bridge. Levels range from beginners to advanced and there is an Archives section for books of historical interest.

Books are arranged on the shelves by author and most are available for loan. An Author, Title and Subject catalogue is provided in the library and on the Club's website. A small committee runs the library and any member will help you to use it.

It works on an honour system. Borrowers must fill in the book card in the pocket of the book they wish to borrow, leave it in the Library Loans Box and return their book to the Library Returns Box. WABC members may

borrow books for up to three weeks and renew through a Library Committee member if they wish to keep them for longer. Non-WABC members must leave a record of their address and phone number in the book provided before borrowing.

The library also collects a number of bridge periodicals, some freely issued others purchased. Bound copies of *Australian Bridge* and *Trumps Plus* are available for loan as with the books. Single issues of these and of *The Bridge Magazine* may be borrowed for a week only on request to the club's Executive Officer, Sheenagh Young.

Our library is one of the best bridge club libraries in Australia and all members are encouraged to make use of it.

2012 WABC CALENDAR AND DIARY

Note: This Calendar shows dates of Club Championships and other special events. All other days of the week except Sunday have the normal duplicate sessions described elsewhere in this Handbook, unless over-ridden by an event described here.

Days with dates shaded have BAWA events, usually at South Perth or Nedlands Bridge Clubs; please consult the BAWA Calendar for details
<http://www.bawa.asn.au>

Days where the Notes cells are coloured are school holidays

Club events or sessions shown in **green** text are Green Point Sessions, in **red** are Red Point sessions, and in **gold** are Gold Point Sessions.

Unless shown otherwise, start times are the start times for the normal duplicate event on the weekday concerned.

Please check the web-site or Club notices to see Saturday social sessions (*Fish and Chips* or *Sausage Sizzle-Barbecue*) or possible special Sunday sessions.

See further notes at the end of the Calendar for playing requirements and playing etiquette.

DATE	SESSION	NOTES
JANUARY		
Sunday 1		NEW YEARS DAY
Monday 2	Afternoon Duplicate only – 1:00 pm	NEW YEARS DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 3		
Wednesday 4		
Thursday 5		
Friday 6		
Saturday 7		
Sunday 8		
Monday 9		
Tuesday 10		
Wednesday 11		
Thursday 12		
Friday 13		
Saturday 14		
Sunday 15		
Monday 16	Open Red Point Monday Morning	SUMMER FESTIVAL STARTS - CANBERRA
	Open Red Point Monday	
Tuesday 17	Open Red Point Tuesday	
Wednesday 18	Open Red Point Wednesday	
	Open Red Point Wednesday Evening	
Thursday 19	Open Red Point Thursday	
Friday 20	Open Red Point Friday morning	
	Open Red Point Friday	
Saturday 21	Open Red Point Saturday	
Sunday 22		
Monday 23		
Tuesday 24		
Wednesday 25		
Thursday 26	Afternoon Duplicate – 1:00 pm	AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday 27		
Saturday 28		
Sunday 29		SUMMER FESTIVAL ENDS
Monday 30		
Tuesday 31		
FEBRUARY		
Wednesday 1		
Thursday 2		
Friday 3		

Saturday 4		
Sunday 5	Anniversary Congress: 10 am start	
Monday 6		
Tuesday 7	Grand National Restricted Pairs 1 of 3	
Wednesday 8	Individual Championship 1 of 2 7:30pm	
Thursday 9		
Friday 10		
Saturday 11		
Sunday 12		
Monday 13		
Tuesday 14	Grand National Restricted Pairs 2 of 3	
Wednesday 15	Individual Championship 2 of 2- 7:30pm start	
Thursday 16		
Friday 17		
Saturday 18		
Sunday 19		
Monday 20		
Tuesday 21	Grand National Restricted Pairs 3 of 3	
Wednesday 22		
Thursday 23		
Friday 24		
Saturday 25		GOLD COAST CONGRESS STARTS - QLD
Sunday 26	New Member's Party	BY INVITATION ONLY
Monday 27		
Tuesday 28		
Wednesday 29		
MARCH		
Thursday 1		
Friday 2		
Saturday 3		GOLD COAST CONGRESS ENDS
Sunday 4		
Monday 5	Afternoon Duplicate only – 1:00 pm	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 6	Women's Pairs Championship 1 of 3	
Wednesday 7		
Thursday 8		
Friday 9		
Saturday 10		
Sunday 11		
Monday 12		

Tuesday 13	Women's Pairs Championship 2 of 3	
Wednesday 14		
Thursday 15		
Friday 16		
Saturday 17		
Sunday 18		
Monday 19		
Tuesday 20	Women's Pairs Championship 3 of 3	
Wednesday 21		
Thursday 22		
Friday 23		
Saturday 24	Grand National Open Teams 1 of 2	
Sunday 25	Restricted Swiss Pairs Congress 10am start	
Monday 26		
Tuesday 27		
Wednesday 28		
Thursday 29		
Friday 30		
Saturday 31	Grand National Open Teams 2 of 2	
APRIL		
Sunday 1		
Monday 2		
Tuesday 3		
Wednesday 4	Grand National Restricted Pairs 1 of 3- 7:30pm start	
Thursday 5	Handicap Pairs 1 of 2	
Friday 6	Afternoon Duplicate only – 1:00pm	GOOD FRIDAY
Saturday 7		
Sunday 8		EASTER SUNDAY
Monday 9	Afternoon Duplicate Only-1.00pm	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 10		
Wednesday 11	Grand National Restricted Pairs 2 of 3- 7:30pm start	
Thursday 12	Handicap Pairs 2 of 2	
Friday 13		
Saturday 14		
Sunday 15		
Monday 16		
Tuesday 17		
Wednesday 18	Grand National Restricted Pairs 3 of 3- 7:30pm start	

Thursday 19		
Friday 20		
Saturday 21		
Sunday 22		
Monday 23		
Tuesday 24		
Wednesday 25	Wednesday Duplicate 11.30am Wednesday Duplicate 7.30pm	ANZAC DAY
Thursday 26		AUTUMN NATIONALS START - ADELAIDE
Friday 27		
Saturday 28		
Sunday 29		
Monday 30		AUTUMN NATIONALS END
MAY		
Tuesday 1		
Wednesday 2		
Thursday 3	Grand National Restricted Pairs 1 of 3	
Friday 4		
Saturday 5		
Sunday 6	WABC Novice Congress – 10am start	
Monday 7		
Tuesday 8		
Wednesday 9		
Thursday 10	Grand National Restricted Pairs 2 of 3	
Friday 11		
Saturday 12		
Sunday 13		
Monday 14		
Tuesday 15		
Wednesday 16		
Thursday 17	Grand National Restricted Pairs 3 of 3	
Friday 18		
Saturday 19	Western Seniors Pairs	NO CLUB BRIDGE at WABC
Sunday 20	Western Seniors Pairs	NO CLUB BRIDGE at WABC
Monday 21		
Tuesday 22		
Wednesday 23		
Thursday 24		
Friday 25		
Saturday 26	Open Red Point Saturday	
Sunday 27		

Monday 28		
Tuesday 29		
Wednesday 30		
Thursday 31		
JUNE		
Friday 1	Foundation Day Congress Friday Pairs	
Saturday 2	Foundation Day Congress Saturday Pairs	
Sunday 3	Foundation Day Congress Sunday Teams 10am start	
	Congress President's Pairs 1:30pm start	
Monday 4	Foundation Day Congress Swiss Pairs – 10 am start	FOUNDATION DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 5		
Wednesday 6		
Thursday 7		VICTOR CHAMPION STARTS - MELBOURNE
Friday 8		BARRIER REEF CONGRESS STARTS - CAIRNS
Saturday 9		
Sunday 10		
Monday 11	Novice Pairs Championship 1 of 2 1.00pm	VICTOR CHAMPION & BARRIER REEF END
Tuesday 12		
Wednesday 13		
Thursday 14		
Friday 15		
Saturday 16		
Sunday 17		
Monday 18	Novice Pairs Championship 2 of 2 1.00pm	
Tuesday 19		
Wednesday 20		
Thursday 21		
Friday 22		
Saturday 23	Grand National Restricted Pairs 1 of 3	
Sunday 24		
Monday 25		
Tuesday 26		
Wednesday 27		
Thursday 28		
Friday 29		
Saturday 30	Grand National Restricted Pairs 2 of 3	
JULY		
Sunday 1		

Monday 2		
Tuesday 3		
Wednesday 4	Charles Pearce Cup 1 of 4 - 7:30pm	
Thursday 5		
Friday 6		
Saturday 7	Grand National Restricted Pairs 3 of 3	ANC STARTS - DARWIN
Sunday 8		
Monday 9		
Tuesday 10		
Wednesday 11	Charles Pearce Cup 2 of 4 - 7:30pm	
Thursday 12		
Friday 13	Friday Daytime Pairs Championship: 1	
Saturday 14		
Sunday 15		
Monday 16		
Tuesday 17		
Wednesday 18	Charles Pearce Cup 3 of 4 - 7:30pm	
Thursday 19		ANC ENDS
Friday 20	Friday Daytime Pairs Championship: 2	
Saturday 21		
Sunday 22		
Monday 23		
Tuesday 24		
Wednesday 25	Charles Pearce Cup 4 of 4 - 7:30pm	
Thursday 26		
Friday 27	Friday Daytime Pairs Championship 3	
Saturday 28		
Sunday 29		
Monday 30		
Tuesday 31		
AUGUST		
Wednesday 1	Open Red Point Wednesday – 11:30 Open Red Point Wednesday – 7:30	
Thursday 2		
Friday 3	Grand National Restricted Pairs 1 of 3	
Saturday 4		
Sunday 5		
Monday 6		
Tuesday 7		
Wednesday 8		
Thursday 9		

Friday 10	Grand National Restricted Pairs 2 of 3	
Saturday 11	Swan River Swiss	NO CLUB BRIDGE at WABC
Sunday 12	Swan River Swiss	NO CLUB BRIDGE at WABC
Monday 13		
Tuesday 14		COFFS HARBOUR CONGRESS STARTS
Wednesday 15		
Thursday 16		
Friday 17	Grand National Restricted Pairs 3 of 3	
Saturday 18	Open Red Point Saturday	
Sunday 19		COFFS HARBOUR CONGRESS ENDS
Monday 20		
Tuesday 21		
Wednesday 22		
Thursday 23		
Friday 24		
Saturday 25		
Sunday 26	WABC Masters in Teams of 3 - 10am start	
Monday 27		
Tuesday 28		
Wednesday 29		
Thursday 30		
Friday 31		
SEPTEMBER		
Saturday 1		
Sunday 2	Club Open Teams first session-10am	
Monday 3		
Tuesday 4		
Wednesday 5		
Thursday 6		
Friday 7		
Saturday 8	Open Red Point Saturday	
Sunday 9	Club Open Teams second session if required-10am	
Monday 10		
Tuesday 11		
Wednesday 12		
Thursday 13		
Friday 14		
Saturday 15	HGR Memorial Congress Weekend	NO CLUB BRIDGE at WABC
Sunday 16	HGR Memorial Congress Weekend	NO CLUB BRIDGE at WABC

Monday 17		
Tuesday 18		
Wednesday 19		
Thursday 20		
Friday 21		
Saturday 22	Men's Pairs 1 of 2	
Sunday 23		
Monday 24		
Tuesday 25		
Wednesday 26		
Thursday 27		
Friday 28		
Saturday 29	Men's Pairs 2 of 2	NZ NATIONAL CONGRESS START – HAMILTON, NZ
Sunday 30		
OCTOBER		
Monday 1	Afternoon Duplicate only – 1:00 pm	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday 2		
Wednesday 3		
Thursday 4		ROGER PENNY STARTS - LAUNCESTON
Friday 5		
Saturday 6		NZ NATIONAL CONGRESS ENDS
Sunday 7		ROGER PENNY ENDS
Monday 8		
Tuesday 9		
Wednesday 10		
Thursday 11		
Friday 12		
Saturday 13		
Sunday 14		
Monday 15		
Tuesday 16	AGM – Red Point Duplicate	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 4:30PM
Wednesday 17	Club Evening Pairs Championship 1 of 2	
Thursday 18		
Friday 19		
Saturday 20		
Sunday 21		
Monday 22		
Tuesday 23		
Wednesday 24	Club Evening Pairs Championship 2 of 2	SPRING NATIONALS START - SYDNEY
Thursday 25		

Friday 26		
Saturday 27	Mixed Pairs Championship – Session 1	
Sunday 28		
Monday 29		
Tuesday 30		
Wednesday 31		
NOVEMBER		
Thursday 1		SPRING NATIONALS END
Friday 2		
Saturday 3	Mixed Pairs Championship – Session 2	
Sunday 4		
Monday 5		
Tuesday 6	Melbourne Cup Duplicate – 1.00pm	MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH – 11AM START
Wednesday 7		
Thursday 8		
Friday 9	Friday Jackpot Final	QUALIFIERS ONLY
Saturday 10	Saturday Jackpot Final	QUALIFIERS ONLY
Sunday 11		QUALIFIERS ONLY
Monday 12	Monday Morning Jackpot Final	QUALIFIERS ONLY
	Monday Jackpot Final	QUALIFIERS ONLY
Tuesday 13	Tuesday Jackpot Final	QUALIFIERS ONLY
Wednesday 14	Wednesday Jackpot Final	QUALIFIERS ONLY
	Wednesday Evening Jackpot Final	QUALIFIERS ONLY
Thursday 15	Thursday Jackpot Final	QUALIFIERS ONLY
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Friday 30	Christmas Congress Friday Pairs	GNOT FINALS START – TWEED HEADS

DECEMBER		
Saturday 1	Christmas Congress Saturday Pairs	
Sunday 2	Christmas Congress Teams 10am	
	Congress President's Pairs 1:30pm	
Monday 3		GNOT FINALS END
Tuesday 4		
Wednesday 5		
Thursday 6		
Friday 7		
Saturday 8	Christmas Party Duplicate	CHRISTMAS PARTY & PRIZE GIVING FOLLOWING SESSION
Sunday 9		
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Tuesday 25	Christmas Day	NO BRIDGE at WABC
Wednesday 26	Afternoon Duplicate only – 1:00 pm	BOXING DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Thursday 27		
Friday 28		
Saturday 29		
Sunday 30		
Monday 31	Afternoon Duplicate only – 1.00pm	NEW YEARS EVE

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES

Club championships and Jackpot Finals are open **only** to club members whose application has been accepted by the management committee prior to the first session of the event.

The Charles Pearce Cup is played in the Club's regular Wednesday Evening sessions throughout the month of July. Start time is 7:30pm. The winners will be the pair with the best aggregate from 3 results. Separate prizes will be awarded for the best pair above and below Regional Master ranking. Green Masterpoints will be awarded for this event.

System cards are obligatory for all Club Championships and Congresses.

ABF Alerting Regulations apply at all club sessions. See the ABF website and the club noticeboard for these regulations.

Total entry fees to club championships must be paid in full at the first session of the event.

Red Masterpoints Grade B4c will be awarded for all Jackpot Finals and Club Championships except the Charles Pearce Cup.

Substitutes for Club Championships must be Club Members and are permitted for only one session in any pairs event. The Tournament Director's prior approval must be obtained.

Stationary seats are **not** guaranteed for Club Championships or Jackpot Finals.

Entries for Club Championships should be made on the Club website. They can also be made in the Club Tournament Book.

PROCEDURES and ETIQUETTE

The following guides should be adopted when playing bridge at the West Australian Bridge club:

Always welcome your opponents to the table.

Make sure the board is placed in the correct direction.

Count your cards before looking at them. It is the responsibility of the individual to make sure they have the correct number of cards.

Do not make comments about the bidding or play until the end of the round. "Post Mortems" should be saved for the end of the session.

Play quickly and in tempo. A reasonable time is allowed for the play of each set of boards. Slow play inconveniences all players in the movement, and the Director may award penalties for consistent slow play.

Keep a poker face. Convey information to your partner only with your calls or plays; not with gestures, mannerisms or hesitations. Do not touch your bidding box until you know what you intend calling.

Wait until it's your turn to play; it is improper to play before then.

When making the opening lead put your card face down first rather than face up, and ask your partner's permission to show it. This gives time for partner to ask any questions that they may have about the bidding.

Once you have turned your card over you cannot look back at the whole trick, only at your own card (without showing anyone else) e.g. to see which hand you are in. TIP: Do not turn your card over until you have remembered the cards played.

"Claiming" without playing out the whole hand is encouraged to save time, but declarer should state her or his intentions when doing so, e.g. "Drawing trumps, then the rest are mine", or "I will give you the ace of

clubs", etc. If there is any doubt about the accuracy of a claim the Director must be called. The hand cannot be played out once a claim has been made.

Agree on the number of tricks before collecting your cards to put back into the board.

Where travelers are used, do not adjust any score on the traveler. Call the Director if you believe a score to be incorrect.

North looks after the boards and does the scoring. East-West should check the score and move the boards at the end of the round.

PERSONAL SCORE SHEETS

Players using personal score sheets must ensure they remain closed from view except when recording scores. Player having the lead should not make any record until the lead is made, and the player being dummy should not make any record until the opening lead has been faced and Dummy tabled.

BIDDING BOXES

Bidding boxes are used for all Club sessions.

All players make their first call by placing the appropriate bid on the table immediately in front of them, slightly to their left

Each player's bidding cards should be orientated so that the large print is upside-down from that player's perspective.

Each player's subsequent calls should be placed on top of the previous ones so that the bidding cards partly overlap and every call in the sequence is visible.

A bid is considered made if it is held face up, touching or nearly touching the table, or maintained in such a position as to indicate that it has been made.

An unintended call (such as accidentally placing the wrong bidding card on the table) may be changed without penalty under Law 25A.

To alert, a player should say “alert” and display or draw attention to the Alert card.

At the end of the auction the bids remain on the table and the opening leader places his lead face down on the table. At this point the leader’s partner and Declarer may request an explanation of the opponents’ auction. After all explanations have been completed the opening lead should be faced and all players should then return their bidding cards to their respective boxes.

BRIDGEMATES

The Club uses electronic scoring devices called Bridgemates. These record the contract details and the result, and display the score for the board. Responsibility for entering scores lies with North, and responsibility for checking scores lies with East-West. Always check the scores to ensure that the correct score is entered.

The Bridgemates used in WABC allow all the results for the board to be checked. North should ensure that East-West are able to see the results, but ensure that undue time is not taken for this so that playing times are not compromised.

THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The Director is the referee and must be called if **anything** goes wrong. Don't try to fix things yourself. The director will give a ruling according to The Laws, a standard procedure which ensures fairness and equity. Any player except dummy may call the director during the play. There is no stigma attached to the Director being called; it is merely correct procedure and is your duty.

CLUB RECORDER

In 2010 the Club appointed a panel of four Club Recorders. The role of a Recorder is to hear, and deal with as they see fit, complaints by players relating to behaviour and decorum that do not fall strictly within the province of the Director. The Recorders are persons of high standing in the Club. Club's Recorders for 2012 are Carol Pocock, John Ashworth, Sue Clements and Toby Manford.

Members who would like to clarify appropriate behaviour or clear up an incident that concerns them, can approach one of the Recorders in person, by phone or by email. Alternatively, the member can consult the Convenor of the Tournament Committee for advice as to how to contact a Recorder.

The Terms of Reference for the Recorder are available on the Documentation page of the Club's web site.