

ABF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN SYDNEY, 9 AUGUST 2008

1. PRESENT

Kim Morrison (chair), Eric Ramshaw, Peter Reynolds, Marcia Scudder, David Smith, Neville Francis, John Brockwell, John Scudder (to deliver his PQP Compiler's report). The meeting started at 10.00 am. Kim Morrison welcomed Neville Francis and David Smith to membership of the committee.

2. PLAYOFF QUALIFYING POINTS (PQP)

a. PQP Compiler's report

John Scudder presented a written report and spoke to it. The thrust was that inconsistencies in compiling 2008 PQPs had now been resolved and that compilation, up to and including the 2008 VCC, was up to date and accurate. The report is appended to these minutes.

b. Protocol for promulgation of PQP information

Following the completion of a PQP event, the compiler will obtain from the Director confirmation of players' names and ascertain from him whether any player has not met the board rule. Having obtained this information, updated PQP will be promulgated on the ABF website with all due haste.

c. PQP allocation for Territory Gold Swiss Pairs

An un-minuted resolution of the TC meeting of October 2006 was reaffirmed. The awards are 1st 16, 2nd 12, 3rd 8, 4th 4.

d. PQP allocation for the Gold Coast Open Teams

i. For 2009

The awards for the 2009 Gold Coast Teams will remain at 1st 36, 2nd 18, equal 3rd 5. (Please note that this is a revision of the TC position stated in the minutes of the May 2008 TC meeting – paragraph 6f.)

ii. For 2010

The meeting re-expressed its concerns that, in its existing format – one very large field, 10 qualifying rounds – the Gold Coast Open Teams had an insufficient number of qualifying rounds to ensure insofar as is reasonably possible that the award of PQPs to the first four eligible teams is meaningful and non-random. The situation is exacerbated by the increasing number of (top class) non-PQP-eligible teams that play in the event. The meeting respectfully requests that Gold Coast Tournament Organiser Therese Tully increase the number of qualifying rounds to 12 by 2010. (This might be made possible by

commencing the Pairs on Saturday evening and commencing the Teams on Tuesday afternoon.) Otherwise the TC will feel obliged to reduce the PQP allocation for the event. *Action:* The meeting directed Kim Morrison and John Brockwell to draft an appropriate letter to Therese Tully.

e. PQP allocation for the Last Train

PQPs will be allocated to all Last Train events every year as follows: 1st 24, 2nd 18, 3rd 12, 4th 6. (See also below.)

f. PQP third-place awards

It was reaffirmed that, wherever semi-finals are played, third-place awards for losing semi-finalists shall be split and rounded up to the nearest whole number.

g. Additional PQP awards for Butler Pairs Championships

It was agreed that serious consideration be given to extending allocation of PQPs beyond 6th place for the Butler Pairs Championships.

3. LAST TRAINS

a. Scheduling

It was reaffirmed that Last Trains will continue to be staged annually at the Summer Festival.

b. PQP allocation

PQPs will be allocated to all Last Train events every year as follows: 1st 24, 2nd 18, 3rd 12, 4th 6.

c. Direct entry rights

The Last Trains will provide direct entry (two places) to the Playoffs in even-numbered years (i.e. when a pairs format is used) but will no longer provide direct entry to the Playoffs in odd-numbered years (i.e. when a teams format is used).

4. 2009 OPEN PLAYOFF

Please note that this item applies only to the Open Playoff, not to the Women's and Seniors Playoffs.

a. Entry

There will be two categories of entry *viz.* (i) entry according to PQPs and (ii) open entry. The 2007 rules of entry will apply to entries according to PQPs, i.e. entries will be accepted only from teams of six, and ranking will be determined on the basis of a team's total PQP. Entry according to PQPs carries two major entitlements. First, the four highest-ranked teams are exempt from the Swiss knockout stage of the event. Second, it is recommended (to the Finance Committee) that such teams be eligible for

travel subsidy. Teams in the open entry category may enter as teams of four, five or six, must qualify (to play in further stages) through the Swiss knockout stage and, it is recommended (to the Finance Committee) should be ineligible for travel subsidy.

b. The final

The final of the 2009 Open Playoff will comprise 96 boards.

c. Promulgation of information relating to the 2009 Open Playoff

Kim Morrison and John Brockwell will prepare material for the ABF Newsletter and the ABF website.

5. 2009 NOT

The South-West Pacific Teams (S-WPT), played in a single field (venue, National Convention Centre) over 14 rounds, will qualify 20 teams for the 2009 NOT. Captains will meet at the venue at the end of the correction period (4.00-4.30 pm) to determine their opponents for the NOT round-of-20.

a. NOT round of 20

Round-of-20 (2 x 16 boards; Friday evening 6.45-8-45, 9.00-11.00)

i. The teams are ranked 1 through 20, breaking all ties.

ii. Top 4 qualifiers (upper section)

Team 1 chooses from teams 3 & 4; team 2 plays the remaining team. The 2 winners go on to play each other in the round-of-12; the 2 losers use their **second chance** (with choice of opponents) in the mix of 8 winners from the lower section (in the round-of-12).

iii. The remaining 16 qualifiers (lower section)

Team 5 chooses from team 13 through team 20, then team 6 chooses from the remainder (of teams 13-20), and so on. Thus, there are 8 matches. The winners progress to the round-of-12; the 8 losers are eliminated. These 8 winners join the 2 losers from above to make 5 of the matches in the round-of 12.

iv. Captains with choice of opponents for the next round must meet as soon as feasible after these matches to exercise their choices.

v. Note: The higher a team qualifies in the S-WPT, the greater the advantage in the NOT. Team 1 has the advantage of choice of opponent, team 2 avoids being chosen as the opponent of team 1, teams 1 to 4 have a second chance, teams 5 to 11 have choice of opponent.

b. NOT round of 12

Round-of-12 (2 x 16 boards; Saturday 10.00-12.00, 12.45-2.45)

i. Top 2 teams (upper section)

The winner proceeds directly to the semi-final stage (and has the quarter-final stage off); the loser uses its **second chance** (with choice of opponent) in the mix of 5 winners from the lower section in the quarter-final stage.

ii. Remaining 10 teams (lower section)

The teams are ranked for choice of opponent. The 2 losers from the upper section (of the round of 20) are ranked 1 and 2, according to original (S-WPT) qualifying order; followed by the 8 winners also in original qualifying order. The 4 top-ranked teams choose their opponents from the 5 bottom-ranked teams; the remaining match is automatic. The 5 winners from this lower section combine with the loser from the upper section to make 3 quarter-final matches; the 5 losers are eliminated.

iii. Captains with choice of opponents for the quarter-final round must make their choices as soon as feasible.

c. **NOT quarter finals**

Quarter finals (2 x 16 boards; Saturday 3.15-5.15, 5.30-7.30)

i. Top team

The top team has already secured a semi-final place and has this match off. Therefore, there are only 3 quarter final matches.

ii. Remaining 6 teams

The teams are ranked for choice of opponent. The loser from the upper section of the round-of 12 is ranked 1 and the highest original qualifier of the 5 winners from the lower section of the round-of-12 is ranked 2. Team 1 chooses its opponent from the 3 bottom-ranked teams; team 2 chooses from the remainder.

d. **NOT semi-finals**

Semi-finals (4 x 16 boards; Sunday 10.00-12.00, 12.45-2.45, 3.00-5.00, 5.15-7.15)

The teams are ranked for choice of opponent. The winner from the upper section of the round-of-12 is ranked 1; the highest original qualifier of the 3 winners from the quarter-final stage is ranked 2. Team 1 chooses its opponent from team 3 and 4. The winners proceed to the final.

e. **NOT final**

Final (4 x 16 boards; Monday 10.00-12.00, 12.45-2.45, 3.00-5.00, 5.15-7.15)

6. **2010 NOT**

It is noted that there is a playing fee of \$120 per stage for the 2009 NOT. This appears to conflict with a minute from the TC meeting of May 2008 that reads *inter alia*:

“It was resolved that there be no additional fees imposed on S-WPT contestants who qualify for the NOT, and that there shall be no additional fees imposed on contestants in the NWT and NST who qualify for the respective finals”.

The Finance Committee is asked to consider the matter of playing fees for the NOT, and for the final stage(s) of the NWT and the NST, before conditions of contest for the 2010 Summer Festival of Bridge are promulgated.

7. BBO

There will be advance advertising of all BBO schedules. In no circumstances whatsoever should a session start before the advertised time. However, should the schedule be disrupted by an appeal, a session may start later than the advertised time.

8. NEW DIVISIONS OF ABF EVENTS

It was affirmed that the formal recognition of two new divisions of event, *viz.* Veterans (68 years at least) and Senior Women's (age restriction identical to that for the Seniors division) had been endorsed by the MC. Decisions about whether to include the new divisions in an ABF event, either as events in their own right or stratified within other appropriate events, are matters for the Convenor. Notwithstanding, convenor of the Summer Festival Sean Mullamphy will be asked to give serious consideration to their inclusion in the 2010 tournament. *Action:* John Brockwell, Kim Morrison.

9. ANOT 2009

In order to avoid scheduling problems such as occurred in the 2008 tournament, a possible scenario for 2009 was suggested:

- i. That that the ANOT should commence at 7.30 pm on the Friday.
- ii. That two 14-board rounds with a delayed draw (one-round delay) be played on Friday night.
- iii. That four 16-board rounds (normal Swiss draw) be played on Saturday.
- iv. That three 16-board rounds (normal Swiss draw), with a mid-afternoon finish, be played on Sunday. This will allow sufficient time for the majority of players to meet Sunday evening airline schedules out of Adelaide.
- v. That the first 16-board stanza of the final be played on Sunday evening.
- vi. That the other three 16-board stanzas be played on Monday, with a mid-afternoon finish. This will allow sufficient time for the majority of players to meet Monday evening airline schedules out of Adelaide.

10. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

a. Minor alterations

Minor alterations (of a clerical nature) have been made to the ABF Tournament Regulations since their promulgation on 1 June.

b. Regulation Monitors

The MC has approved the principle of “Regulation Monitors” for scrutiny of the ABF Tournament Regulations. The function of a Regulation Monitor is to keep abreast of the regulations and, where deemed necessary, to recommend changes, modifications and corrections. Regulation Monitors should report (to TC secretary John Brockwell) by 1 December each year. This will allow meaningful consideration by the TC of the regulations each January with a view to having revised (where necessary) regulations promulgated each year on 1 April.

Warren Lazer, Matthew McManus, Jan Peach and David Hoffman will be asked to function as regulation monitors. *Action:* John Brockwell to write to the above. The MC is asked to consider the appointment of further regulation monitors.

11. PABF REGULATIONS

A request has been made that the Supplementary Regulations for the 6th PABF Congress, scheduled for the Gold Coast in August/September 2008, should be considered by the TC. This matter does not fall within the mandate of the TC; however, it was agreed that Eric Ramshaw and Marcia Scudder should peruse the document and offer any suggestions that they might have.

12. BUTLER PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The meeting considered the running of the 2008 Butler Championships. The scheduling of the 2008 events drew widespread criticism from players. The meeting agreed that the schedule itself was perfectly satisfactory but that the length of waiting time between stanzas was absolutely unacceptable. It was further agreed that there is no virtue in waiting for scores from the previous session before seating players for the next session. For future Butler Championships, it was resolved:

- i. That the schedules for Stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Open and Women’s Butlers and for Stages A, B and C (or Stages A and B as appropriate) of the Seniors Butler not be altered.
- ii. That delayed (one-round delay) Swiss draws be used in Stage 1 of the Open and Women’s Butlers for all stanzas played on the Friday and Saturday, with true Swiss draws used thereafter.

- iii. That, where the Seniors Butler has three stages, a delayed draw (one-round delay) Swiss draw be used for Stage A for all stanzas played on the Friday and Saturday, with a true Swiss draw used thereafter.
- iv. That, where the Seniors Butler has two stages, a delayed draw (one-round delay) Swiss draw be used for Stage A for the first seven stanzas, with a true Swiss draw used thereafter.
- v. That, where there is advance knowledge of the draw, i.e. in Stages 2 and 3 of the Open and Women's Butlers and in Stages B and C (or in Stage B, as appropriate) of the Seniors Butler, the break between stanzas shall be 5 minutes. Breaks between **sessions**, e.g. for lunch, will be adequate.

It was calculated that this protocol would save at least 90 minutes per day, would allow adequate time for meal breaks, and would be substantially less tiring for players and officials alike.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Letter from Sartaj Hans

Sartaj Hans requested promulgation of the Conditions of Contest for the 2009 Playoffs at earliest convenience. *Action:* Kim Morrison to reply

b. Letter from Bruce Neill

Bruce Neill wrote a letter critical of the scheduling of the Butler Pairs Championships. *Action:* Kim Morrison and John Brockwell to reply and to draw the attention of the correspondent to the substance of the resolutions listed in Item 12 above (Butler Pairs Championships).

c. Letter from Peter Gill

Peter Gill made the suggestion that consideration be given to staging future ANCs in locations with a mild winter climate. *Action:* John Brockwell to reply and refer the suggestion to the MC.

d. Letter from David and Paula McLeish

David and Paula McLeish wrote requesting approval to contest Australian Playoffs. It was noted that some little time had elapsed since they last represented New Zealand in international competition. *Action:* John Brockwell to forward the letter to the MC for its consideration.

14. SCHEDULING OF BUSINESS FOR TC MEETINGS

a. PQPs

The November meeting will deal with routine matters relating to allocation of PQPs for the following PQP year.

b. Categorisation of ABF events

The November meeting will deal with matters relating to categorisation and re-categorisation of ABF events. It was noted that the appropriate terminology is “category” for events A, B, C and D; and “division” for Open, Women’s, Seniors, Veterans, etc.

c. Tournament regulations

The January meeting will deal with amendments to the ABF tournament regulations.

15. NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 4.00 pm. The date for the next meeting was tentatively set for Sunday 12 October in Canberra.

16. RESOLUTIONS OF THE MEETING

a. PQPs

i. Territory Gold

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ii. 2009 Gold Coast Teams

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c. 2009 Playoffs

Tentative Conditions of Contest for the 2009 Playoffs are set out in detail in item 4 above.

d. 2009 NOT

Details of the format of the 2009 NOT (20 teams qualify from the S-WPT) are set out item 5 above.

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Playoff Qualifying Points Compiler

By JA Scudder

May, 2008

Introduction

Section 26 of the Tournament Regulations dated May 2008 defines Playoff Qualifying Points and is reproduced here

26 PLAYOFF QUALIFYING POINTS (PQP)

PQP are used as part qualification for the Australian Playoffs. PQP are awarded for most but not all ABF Events. Those ABF Events that carry PQP are called "PQP Events".

26.1 Each year the ABFTC shall determine the scale of PQP awards that will apply to the following year's PQP Events.

26.2 From time to time, the ABF Tournament may recommend to the ABF Management Committee that certain ABF Events become (new) PQP Events and/or that PQP awards be withdrawn from certain (existing) PQP Events.

26.3 At the conclusion of each PQP Event, the ABFTC shall calculate the PQP awards that have eventuated.

26.4 Ineligible players (paragraph 1.5 of these Regulations), teams or pairs are not entitled to PQP. Teams with fewer than two eligible players or pairs with no eligible player are classed as ineligible. An ineligible team/pair that otherwise would be entitled to PQP shall be replaced by an eligible team/pair, and all PQP awards for the particular event shall be adjusted accordingly.

26.5 A player who does not meet the Board Rule (section 24 of these Regulations) in the NOT shall lose certain PQP entitlements. Such a player will receive half the PQP to which each other member of the team was entitled at the point at which the failure to meet the Board Rule occurred. An example is as follows:

Suppose that a team wins a qualifying (quarter-final) match thereby becoming eligible for the semi-finals. At that point, each team member has become entitled to

18 PQP — the PQP award for losing semi-finalists.

Suppose also that one player (or pair) does not meet the Board Rule for the semi-final. Such a player (or pair) will receive only 9 PQP, that is half the PQP to which each other member of the team was entitled at the point at which the failure to meet the Board Rule occurred.

26.6 The ABFTC shall keep a register (the PQP Register) of the total number of PQP accumulated by each player for each particular year.

It is clause 26.6 that creates the role of the PQP Compiler.

PQP Rules

Awards

The PQP Awards are shown in Appendix 1. They are awarded to players in the successful units.

The awards in Appendix 1 agree with the table published in the April 2006 TC minutes as amended by the July/August 2007 & May 2008 minutes except for the NT Gold Swiss Pairs, I can't find this minuted.

Boards

Section 24 of the Tournament Regulations dated May 2008 defines the Board Rule

24 BOARD RULE

To be eligible for Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP – section 26 of these Regulations) from those ABF events that award PQP, and to be eligible for selection in Australian Teams selected on the basis of performance in the Playoffs, each player must play a minimum number of stanzas in every stage of the event. This concept is known as the “Board Rule”.

A player who does not meet the board rule will lose PQP entitlements. Such a player will receive half the PQP to which each other member of the team was entitled at the point at which the failure to meet the board rule occurred (see item 2b of the minutes of the January 2007 TC meeting).

Determining Units earning PQP Awards

PQP Awards are determined after ineligible units are deleted. For a unit to be eligible there must be one player in a pair or two players in a team who are eligible to represent Australia.

For events without a final series (e.g. the VCC) the placings after the last round are used.

For events with a final series use the qualifying placings after the round in which the units to contest the final series are withdrawn should there be insufficient eligible teams in the finals. (May 96 TC Minutes)

Ties for PQP Awards

The number of PQP Awards involved in the tie is divided by the number of units tied. The number of units can be greater than the number of PQP Awards.

Calculation

From and including 2007, PQP awards would be calculated to one decimal place with 0.05 rounded up at every point – from the tournament award stage to the Playoff nomination stage at which total PQPs are relevant (see Item 4a of the minutes of the January, 2007 TC meeting).

Eligibility

See Section 26.4 of the Tournament Committee Regulations dated May 2008 (reproduced above).

Minimum Points

The minimum number of points to be included in the Playoff Panels is:

Open 24 Womens 15 Seniors 15

(see item 10c of the minutes of the July/August 2007 TC meeting).

Transfer of Open Points to other Registers

Women who earn PQP awards in Open events have these points transferred to the Women's Register once they have earned zero (0) points in Womens events. From 2009, a women must have earned six (6) points in a Womens PQP event before Open points are transferred.

Seniors who earn PQP awards in Open events have these points transferred to the Seniors Register once they have earned twelve (12) points in Seniors events (see item 6a of the minutes of the May 2008 TC meeting).

Swiss Awards at the Summer Festival

These awards are independent of the PQP Awards obtained in the final stages of these events (see item 6c of the minutes of the May 2008 TC meeting).

Role

The PQP Composer maintains the PQP Register. For 2008 this will be three Excel Spreadsheets, one each for Open, Womens and Seniors.

There are three phases in maintaining the PQP Register

Input

The results of each ABF Event that awards PQP has to be captured and eligibility of the players determined. The practice of players completing forms at the first event at which they receive a PQP Award seems to have fallen into disuse. Consequently I intend to rely on the results published on the ABF website and consultation with the Chief Tournament Director when a new name appears.

Output

The spreadsheet has pages for each event which will be printed as a PDF file and placed on the ABF website. There will also be a year-to-date ranking list and a detailed list by player & event. Examples of these can be seen in Appendix 2

Creation of the three panels

Using the rules promulgated by the Tournament Committee Open, Women's & Seniors' panels will be created and posted on the ABF website once all PQP events for a specific category have been completed.

APPENDIX 1 Playoff Qualifying Points

OPEN

Event Type	Category	State	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
South West Pacific Teams	Teams D	ACT	24							
National Open Teams	Teams A	ACT	72	36	18	18	9	9	9	9
Gold Coast Pairs	MP Pairs C	QLD	32	24	16	8				
Gold Coast Teams	Teams C	QLD	36	18	9					
Australian Playoff - Pairs	Teams B	ABF	48	42	36	24	20	16	12	8
Australian Playoff - Teams	Teams B	ABF	36	30	24	18	12			
Autumn National Open	Teams	Teams C	SA	36	18	9				
Victor Champion Cup (VCC)	Teams C	VIC	36	18	9					
ANC Butler Pairs	IMP Pairs A	ABF	65	60	55	35	30	25		
ANC Teams (State Reps)	Teams	ABF	6							
ANC Teams Final	Teams C	ABF	30	12						
Swan River Swiss Pairs	IMP Pairs C	WA	32	24	16	8				
NT Gold Swiss Pairs	IMP Pairs D	NT	16	12	8	4				
Australian Swiss Pairs	IMP Pairs C	TAS	32	24	16	8				
Dick Cummings Open	Pairs MP Pairs C	NSW	24	18	12	6				

Spring National Open Teams Teams B NSW 48 24 6 6

Grand National Open Teams Teams C ABF 36 18 5 5

Open Last Train Pairs D ACT 24 18 12 6

2008 is a Pairs Playoff year

WOMENS

Event Type Category State 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th

National Womens Teams Swiss Teams D ACT 24

National Womens Teams Final Teams B ACT 48 24 6 6

Australian Playoff - Womens Pairs Teams B ABF 48 42 36 24 20 16 12 8

Australian Playoff - Womens Teams Teams B ABF 36 30 24 18 12

Autumn Nat'l Womens Swiss Pairs IMP Pairs D SA 24 18 12 6

VCC Womens Swiss Pairs IMP Pairs D VIC 24 18 12 6

ANC Womens Butler Pairs IMP Pairs A ABF 65 60 55 35 30 25

ANC Womens Teams (State Reps) Teams ABF 6

ANC Womens Teams Final Teams C ABF 30 12

Hans Rosendorff Womens Teams Teams D WA 24 12

Spring National Womens Teams Teams C NSW 36 18 9

Womens Last Train Pairs D ACT 24 18 12 6

2008 is a Pairs Playoff year

SENIORS

Event Type Category State 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th

National Seniors Teams Swiss Teams D ACT 24

National Seniors Teams Final Teams A ACT 72 36 18 15 12 9

Gold Coast Seniors Pairs MP Pairs D QLD 24 18 12 6

Gold Coast Seniors Teams Teams C QLD 36 18 9

Australian Playoff - Seniors Pairs Teams B ABF 48 42 36 24 20 16 12 8

Australian Playoff - Seniors Teams Teams B ABF 36 30 24 18 12

Autumn Nat'l Seniors Swiss Pairs IMP Pairs D SA 24 18 12 6

Western Senior Pairs IMP Pairs D WA 24 18 12 6

McCance Trophy Seniors Swiss Pairs IMP Pairs D VIC 24 18 12 6

ANC Senior Butler Pairs IMP Pairs A ABF 65 60 55 35 30 25

ANC Senior Teams (State Reps) Teams ABF 6

ANC Senior Teams Final Teams C ABF 30 12

Roger Penny Seniors Swiss Pairs IMP Pairs D TAS 24 18 12 6

Bobby Evans Senior Teams Teams C NSW 36 18 9

Seniors Last Train Pairs D ACT 24 18 12 6

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Changes for 2009 – May 2008 minutes

S-WPT Swiss (one field) – 36/18

Playoff (Teams) – 48/36/24/16/8

Gold Coast Teams - 24/12/6/6 (10 rounds) or 36/18/9/9 (12 rounds)

APPENDIX 2 Sample Displays

a) Typical Event

2008 Victor Champion Cup

PQP Awards

1st 36; 2nd 18; 3rd 9

Place Players

1 J Rothfield, S Browne, I Del'Monte, R Fruewirth, J Wignall, K Wooles

2 A Kanetkar, A Peake, T Nunn, K Bagchi

3= C Boylson, S Burgess, B Jacobs, B Thompson

3= M Brifman (npc,) N Rosendorff, R Jedrychowski, L Gold, J Ebery

Ineligible: J Wignall, K Wooles

ABF

Number	Player Name	Unit PQPs
146080	Jessel Rothfield	a 36
7455	Seamus Browne	a 36
386431	Ishmael Del'Monte	a 36
175382	Robert Fruewirth	a 36
232637	Avinash Kanetkar	b 18
291269	Andrew Peake	b 18
330167	Tony Nunn	b 18
130540	Khokan Bagchi	b 18
416436	Christine Boylson	c 4.5
71781	Stephen Burgess	c 4.5
139221	Bill Jacobs	c 4.5
239224	Ben Thompson	c 4.5
121541	Nigel Rosendorff	d 4.5
590835	Richard Jedrychowski	d 4.5
398713	Leigh Gold	d 4.5
393290	Jamie Ebery	d 4.5