55TH GOLD COAST congress

19th February – 27th February 2016
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2016 Gold Coast Congress

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ENTERING

On-line entering is preferable however to enter using hard copy, please tear out the middle pages of this booklet, fill in the form, and return with payment to the QBA. Return address details can be found on page 9. Having trouble with your form? Contact us using the details to the left.

NEW IN 2016

- Additional 0-50 Two Session Event – Wednesday
- Ivy Dahler Open – back to two separate fields
- Ivy Dahler Intermediate Pairs in conjuction with Ivy Dahler Open and Restricted
- Staggered Start Walk In Pairs Friday night
- Monday Butler starts at 10:00am – additional boards
- Saturday Ivy Dahler starts at 10:00am
- Weekend Swiss increased to 10 board stanzas
- 0-50 times and sessions changed

2016 Program

Please use the following two pages as a guide to the events of the 2016 Gold Coast Congress. Session and daily completion times available on program page on website.

19TH FEBRUARY – 27TH FEBRUARY 2016

Date	Time	Event	Eligibility
Fri 19th	6.30pm	Walk-in Pairs (staggered start) No Frills - Finished by 10.00pm	Open
Sat 20th	1:00pm & 7:30pm	**Pairs Championship (5 session event)** Qualifying 1 & 2	Open/Seniors/ Intermediate/Restricted/Novice
	1:00pm	**Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs Session 1** 10 board Matches - Matches 1,2 & 3	Open
	1:00pm	Holiday Walk-in Pairs 1/1	Open
Sun 21st	10:00am	**Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs Session 2** Matches 4 & 5	Open
	1:00pm	**Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs Session 3** Matches 6,7 & 8	Open
	1:00pm & 7:30pm	**Pairs Championship - Finals 1 & 2**	Open/Seniors/ Intermediate/Restricted/Novice
	1:00pm	Rookie Pairs 24 boards minimum	0-10 MP's
	1:00pm	Holiday Walk-in Pairs 1/2	Open
Mon 22nd	10:00am & 1:00pm	Monday Swiss Butler Pairs 7 x 7 board Matches	Open
	1:00pm	**Pairs Championship - Final 3**	Open/Seniors/ Intermediate/Restricted/Novice
	1:00pm	Holiday Walk-in Pairs 1/3	Open
Tues 23rd	10:30am & 3:00pm	**Team Matches 1/2/3/4** 14 board Matches	Open/Seniors/ Intermediate/Restricted/Novice
	10:30am	0-50 Masterpoint Pairs	0-50 MP's
	10:30am	Holiday Walk-in Pairs 2/1	Open
Wed 24th	10:30am & 3:00pm	**Team Matches 5/6/7/8** 14 board Matches	Open/Seniors/ Intermediate/Restricted/Novice
	10:30am & 3:00pm	0-50 Masterpoint Pairs – 2 session	0-50 MP's
	10:30am	Holiday Walk-in Pairs 2/2	Open

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2016 Program

Date	Time	Event	Eligibility
Thur 25th	10:30am & 3:00pm	**Team Matches 9/10/11/12** 14 board Matches	Open/Seniors/ Intermediate/Restricted/Novice
	10:30am	Rookie Pairs 24 boards minimum	0-10 MP's
	3:00pm	Holiday Walk-in Pairs 2/3	Open
Fri 26th	**TEAMS FINALS for Top 6 in Open, Top 2 in all other fields - see below**		
	10:00am & 2:00pm	Seres McMahon Mixed Teams / Friday Teams Matches 1/2/3/4/5/6/7 8 board matches	Female / Male Partnerships & Open
	10:00am & 2:00pm	**Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs** Matches 1/2/3/4/5/6/7 8 board matches	Open/Intermediate/Restricted
	10:00am & 2:00pm	Friday Novice Pairs	Novice 0 - 100 MP's
	10:00am	Holiday Walk-in Pairs 3/1	Open
	2:00pm	Holiday Walk-in Pairs 3/2	Open
Sat 27th	10:00am	**Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs** Matches 8/9/10 end by 1.30pm 8 board matches	Open/Intermediate/Restricted
	10:00am	Holiday Walk-in Pairs 3/3	Open
	7:30pm	Arrivals for Dinner Dance 8.00pm start	

TEAM FINALS SCHEDULE

OPEN - TOP 6 AT END OF MATCH 12

Round of 4 - 3rd to 6th
Friday 26th February 9:00am
24 Boards (2x12 Board Stanzas)

OPEN - SEMI FINAL

1st, 2nd and winners
of the Round of 4
Friday 26th February 2:00pm
40 Boards (4x10 Board Stanzas)

OPEN - FINAL

Saturday 27th February 9:00am
48 Boards (4x12 Board Stanzas)

NOVICE, RESTRICTED, INTERMEDIATE

Top 2 at the end of Match 12
Friday 26th February 10:00am
48 Boards (4x12 Board Stanzas)

SENIORS - FINAL

Top 2 at the end of Match 12
Friday 26th February 10:00am
48 Boards (4x12 Board Stanzas)

2016 Entry Form

5 simple steps to entering the 2016 Gold Coast Congress

1. Fill in the overview table below on page 5. **2.** Fill in the players details on page 6-7. **3.** Fill in the team contact details page 8. **4.** Fill in the payment form on page 8. **5.** Send your entry to us. See page 9.

OVERVIEW OF ENTRY

Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs
_____ pair(s) @ $210 per pair ($190 if prepaid by 8/2) $

Pairs Championship
_____ pair(s) @ $300 per pair ($280 if prepaid by 8/2) $

Monday Butler Swiss Pairs
_____ pair(s) @ $140 per pair ($120 if prepaid by 8/2) $

Teams
_____ team @ $720 per team ($680 if prepaid by 8/2) $

Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs
_____ pair(s) @ $200 per pair ($180 if prepaid by 8/2) $

Rookie Pairs
_____ pair(s) x 1 OR 2 sessions @ $50 per pair $
(No discount for prepaid)

Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs
_____ pair(s) x 1 session @ $50 per pair
_____ pair(s) x 2 sessions @ $90 per pair $
(No discount for prepaid)

Friday Teams/Seres McMahon Mixed Teams
_____ team @ $280 per team ($240 if prepaid by 8/2) $

Friday Novice Pairs
_____ pair(s) @ $130 per pair ($110 if prepaid by 8/2) $

TOTAL PAYMENT $

* All players born on or after 01/01/1996 are entitled to free entry - courtesy of Gold Coast Congress.
* All players born on or after 01/01/1991 are entitled to a 50% discount. Please advise when entering (ABF Policy)
* All players born on or before 01/01/1916 are entitled to free entry - courtesy of Gold Coast Congress

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Pairs Championship 5 Sessions Saturday, Sunday, Monday

$150 per player ($140 if prepaid by 8/2)

Open ☐ Seniors ☐ Intermediate ☐ Restricted ☐ Novice ☐

Name **ABF Number**

_____ _____

_____ _____

Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs Saturday, Sunday

$105 per player ($95 if prepaid by 8/2)

Name **ABF Number**

_____ _____

_____ _____

Monday Butler Swiss Pairs

$70 per player ($60 if prepaid by 8/2)

Name **ABF Number**

_____ _____

_____ _____

Teams Play: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Finals: Friday

$720 per team ($680 if prepaid by 8/2)

Open ☐ Seniors ☐ Intermediate ☐ Restricted ☐ Novice ☐

Name **ABF Number**

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

Category Sections within teams: Every team belongs to a category. For additional prize money only. If not completed the entry co-ordinator will have the power to designate a category. One category only.

Open	☐ Womens	☐ Mens	☐ Mixed (one of each gender)
	☐ Gold Coast	☐ Overseas	☐ Queensland
Seniors	☐ Same Sex	☐ Mixed	☐ Queensland
Intermediate	☐ Same Sex	☐ Mixed	☐ Queensland
Restricted	☐ Same Sex	☐ Mixed	☐ Queensland
Novice	☐ Same Sex	☐ Mixed	☐ Queensland

2016 Entry Form

Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs

Friday, Saturday

$100 per player ($90 if prepaid by 8/2)

Open ☐ Intermediate ☐ Restricted ☐

Name **ABF Number**

_____ _____

_____ _____

Rookie Pairs

$25 per player per session (play 1 or 2 sessions)

Sunday 1:00pm ☐ Thursday 10:30am ☐

Name **ABF Number**

_____ _____

_____ _____

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Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs

$25 per player for 1 session or $45 per player for 2 sessions

1 session - Tuesday ☐ 2 sessions - Wednesday ☐

Name **ABF Number**

_____ _____

_____ _____

Seres McMahon Mixed Teams or Friday Teams

Mixed teams must have a Female/Male partnership at each table - $280 per team ($240 if prepaid by 8/2). Two separate events.

Mixed Team ☐ Friday Team ☐

Name **ABF Number**

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

Friday Novice Pairs

$65 per player ($55 if prepaid by 8/2))

Name **ABF Number**

_____ _____

_____ _____

2016 Entry Form

CONTACT DETAILS

YOU MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION

Contact details for this entry and the Gold Coast Congress Mailing list.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Do you require special seating? Please provide details:_____

_____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. Direct Deposit **BSB: 484-799 Acc No: 452338505 Name: QBA**
2. Cheques payable to: "Queensland Bridge Association"
3. Credit Card (complete details below)

Please charge my credit card the amount of $ _____

Card Type: Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐

Card holder's Name:_____

Card No: _____ _____ _____ _____

Expiry Date _____ _____ / _____ _____

Card holders signature: _____

ONLINE ENTRANTS

Did you enter on-line and promise payment by cheque or mailed credit card details? If so, write the supplied Payment Reference here. No need to complete other parts of the form.

REFERENCE:

Entries close 24 hours prior to play starting, however for events on the previous page, entries will be accepted until 12:00 noon on Thursday 25th February. Any player making changes to their entries will be charged with an administration fee of $10 per player. Refunds are automatically given to those pairs who qualify for teams final. Youth players claiming a reduction in fees must disclose D.O.B at time of entry.

Submitting Your Entry

Please tear out pages 5-8 and send to:
Gold Coast Congress Entries, Peter Busch, PO Box 1441, BUDERIM, QLD 4556
Alternatively you can enter online at www.qldbridge.com/gcc and your entry will be acknowledged immediately. All entries lodged, including those received by mail, will be published on the website. Players can pay individually online. Entries close 24 hours prior to event start for all events. Late entries for Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs, Seres/McMahon Mixed Teams, Friday Teams and Friday Novice Pairs will be accepted up to 12:00 Noon on Thursday 25th February 2016. The QBA reserves the right to accept late entries and also reject entries without cause.

ELIGIBILITY

Unsure of your eligibility? Please use this chart for assistance. Overseas players may enter Novice, Restricted or Intermediate events, however they must quote their local registration number & must be eligible to play in equivalent events in their own country.

Category	General Eligibility	NZ Eligibility
Rookie	Under 10 MPs as at 30/9/2015	less than NZ Certificate of Proficiency as at 01/01/2016
Under 50	Under 50 MPs as at 30/9/2015	less than NZ Club Master as at 01/01/2016
NOVICE	Under 100 MPs as at 30/9/2015	less than NZ Local Master as at 01/01/2016
RESTRICTED	Under 300 MPs as at 30/9/2015	less than NZ Master as at 01/01/2016
INTERMEDIATE	Under 750 MPs as at 30/9/2015	less than NZ National Master as at 01/01/2016
SENIORS	Must be born prior to 01/01/1958	
MIXED TEAMS	One of each gender playing in partnerships at all times	

IMPORTANT POINTS

1. Gold Points are awarded in all events except Walk In Pairs.
2. List of prizes is published on the website after 1st January 2016.
3. System Regulations published on website after 1st January 2016.
4. Supplementary Regulations published on website after 1st February 2016.
5. Seating for Pairs and Teams Championships available on website 24 hours prior to event.

HOLIDAY WALK IN PAIRS

Players can play in either one, two or three events with each session awarding voucher prizes. An overall prize will also be given in each event to the pair with the highest total score over three sessions. Cost is $15.00 per player per session (payment to be made at the table). Pre-entry is not necessary. Players can play in any of the Walk-In events, but players must play all three sessions within an event to be eligible for an overall prize. *No Frills Walk-In on Friday night – staggered start from 6:30 pm – no late entries after 7.00 pm. Event finished by 10:00 pm. No Frills Walk-Ins are not considered to be part of any events.*

EVENT 1	
Saturday 20th	1:00pm
Sunday 21st	1:00pm
Monday 22nd	1:00pm

EVENT 2	
Tuesday 23rd	10:30am
Wednesday 24th	10:30am
Thursday 25th	10:30am

EVENT 3	
Friday 26th	10:00am & 2.00pm
Saturday 27th	10.00am

COURTESY BUS

The Gold Coast Congress Bus will pick up and return visiting players who are residing within a reasonable distance from the Gold Coast Convention Centre. General pick-up and drop-off spots are advertised on the website. No Pickup from Jupiters Casino in 2016. If anyone requires a lift from Jupiters contact Kim on 0412 064 903.

PRIZES

Please see the prize board near the office. We pay from 1st to 3rd in all sections of matchpoint pairs.

BRIDGE WIDOWS

We offer hospitality for those partners who do not play bridge. The first hospitality function will be at 2pm Saturday, 20th February. Venue will be advised upon nomination with our Hospitality Co-Coordinator Gay Tully. Other activities will be decided at the first function.
Nominate with Gay, email: bmmgtully@activ8.net.au or Therese on gttully@bigpond.net.au

FIND US ONLINE OR DOWNLOAD OUR APP

For more information or to enter online please visit our website: **www.qldbridge.com/gcc**

We've also branched out recently to grow our social network. Keep up to date, and see photos of the events by joining us on Facebook.

Simply visit the Gold Coast Congress page on our website and click on the Facebook link, OR visit this url: **www.facebook.com/pages/Gold-Coast-Bridge-Congress/126609190720551**

DINNER DANCE
SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 8PM

All attendees at dinner dance will need to pay a minimum of $10.00. Full table of payments will appear on website January 1st 2016.

Please book your seat at venue prior to Wednesday 24th February to ensure your place is secured.

This is a fantastic social occasion to celebrate and discuss the events of the week with fellow bridge players from around the world. We encourage all to attend. Fabulous food, great company and a lovely finish to your Gold Coast Congress experience.

AIR CONDITIONING

The air conditioning often makes it cold in some parts of the venue. We recommend for your own comfort to bring a cardigan.

THEME AFTERNOON

The theme for this year's event is Emerald. Theme Afternoon is Wednesday. Please celebrate our 55th birthday and wear your most colourful costume!

ACCOMMODATION

For all your Gold Coast accommodation please contact Anna Monks on anna@hellogoldcoast.com.au or 0448 221 465. You can also contact one of our other staff members, Connie for local information on (07) 3378 2171.

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