

# SABF Newsletter

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## Report by the President to the AGM

### 13 December 2014

Once again, South Australian bridge had a good year in 2014. At the national level, our players represented their State with distinction, though without being able to bring home the trophy.

The main highlight for the year was SABA's success in growing its members. SABA is now Australia's third largest bridge club and the fastest growing of the large clubs. Much of this is attributable to its "satellite" model which allows people to enjoy competitive club bridge in their own locales while being supported by SABA resources.

The table below shows the membership of all SABF clubs for 2013 and 2014.

	2014	2013
South Australian Bridge Assn	1,088	957
Adelaide Bridge Centre	283	234
Glenelg Contract Bridge Club	143	145
Bridge In The City	96	129
Gawler & District Bridge Club	71	68
St Vincent Contract Bridge Club	38	45
Blue Lake Bridge Club	43	43
Bridge In The Barossa	42	40
Riverland Bridge Club	29	34
Mt Gambier Bridge Club	36	34
Reynella Bridge Club	37	40
Broken Hill Bridge Club	28	28
Whyalla Bridge Club	17	17
Stepbridge	27	24
Port Pirie Contract Bridge Club	14	14
TOTAL	1,992	1,852

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This is a model attracting growing interest from around Australia and could well lead to a new paradigm for club bridge in Australia which is more inclusive, flexible and better tailored to the needs of particular players, such as those playing in golf clubs.

The other highlight of 2014 was the greater involvement of restricted players in tournament events and in other SABF events. The number of restricted players in the ANOT continues to grow and will be a focus of even more attention for the 2015 event. In November, we were delighted to see 12 and a half tables of restricted players in the State Pairs Championship.

This enthusiastic response has encouraged the Management Committee to programme more events for restricted players in 2015. This will include a playoff for two pairs to represent the State in the inaugural Restricted Pairs Championship at the Australian National Championships in Perth.

Finally, I want to thank my fellow members on the Management Committee for their contributions in 2014. The Achilles' heel of organised bridge in South Australia is the risks created by having the workload shouldered by a small number of people. We have not succeeded in adding to their rank. Ordinary club players cannot be expected to understand the efforts and sacrifices made by these people and I would appeal to anyone with an interest in helping out to put their hand up.

Tim O'Loughlin

### HELP NEEDED!

The SABF Management Committee is looking for skilled retirees who would like to assist with the following specific tasks.

- Editor for the SABF Newsletter
- Grant applications
- Co-ordinator of State Teams
- Publicity and marketing
- Convenor of State-wide Pairs
- Youth Committee
- Liaison with smaller clubs

If you would like to help with one of the above please contact one of the members of the Management Committee.

## CLUB PROFILE

### Bridge in the Barossa

After a very brief meeting in our lounge room eight years ago, our club was formed with only six known bridge playing members. The first course of lessons added 10 members and we were up and running. Additional members came from new people moving to the area and more beginner courses. At present we have approximately 40 members who play on a regular basis.

As usual with a mix of people it was difficult finding session times to suit all needs (impossible), and then finding a suitable venue for those times. We also didn't want to clash with the Gawler Bridge Club sessions, as they are our closest bridge neighbours, and Ev and I are long standing members there.

We play two sessions a week, Monday evening and Wednesday afternoon. Hans Hahn, one of our members, generously invites us to his winery twice a year to celebrate our club birthday and Christmas with a shared lunch and bridge amongst the barrels. This year we used the birthday celebration as a charity day and raised over \$400 for Breast Cancer.

Our system of integrating new players in with the regular session is to place a beginner table (stationary, where the beginners play their own four) alongside a regular table where they share boards, playing as many as possible within the time allowed. They are given their own numbers, not part of the regular system, and score each board. This way they can see how they would have fared against the field, and become accustomed to the whole procedure. (Causing much delight on the occasions when they have managed a better score). This is done until we/they feel ready to merge. Of course, they are supervised and for quite a while are permitted to call for help with the bidding. Every second week we have a half hour lesson before bridge commences. We intersperse lessons for the

newbies with "how to play", "how to bid" and explanation of Conventions etc.

Some highlights for our club has been that three of our former junior players have played in the State youth team, Jessie de-Garis and George Evans are regular Thursday night players in the SABF State events at SABA. Four of our members have been top 10 in the Australia wide pairs. And, more importantly all of our members have earned master points (even our most recent players of only four months).

Bridge Barossa's eighth Congress will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of July at the Tanunda Bowling Club. This is a very friendly occasion, where we hope to see our regulars and lots of new participants.

The Club's regular sessions are held in the RSL Hall at the Tanunda Oval on Bilyara Street, Tanunda on Monday evenings at 7:00pm and Wednesday afternoons at 1:00pm.

For more information about Bridge in the Barossa contact Jill or Evan Allanson on (08) 8563 3204 or email [ejallanson@bigpond.com](mailto:ejallanson@bigpond.com).

Jill Allanson



## Gawler Bridge Club

### Inter-Club Pairs Challenge

#### Handicapped

9.30am Sunday 23 March

Elderly Centre, 14th St, Gawler

Entry: \$25.00 pp

Entries to Val Paltride Phone: 85231595

Email: [gawlerbridgeclub@gmail.com](mailto:gawlerbridgeclub@gmail.com)

## Grand National Open Teams 2014

**Friday 28 November – Monday 1 December,  
Tweed Heads NSW.**

The GNOT (Grand National Open Teams) is a national GOLD point teams' event, conducted annually by the ABF. Each year the finals are held in Tweed Heads in late November. The GNOT final has a total of 64 teams, all qualifying through the various State and Territory qualifying heats. South Australia sends four teams to the final. Qualifying from South Australia in 2014 were the following.

### **Adelaide 1:**

David Lusk and Attilio de Luca  
Peter Chan and Phil Gue and Joel Gue

### **Adelaide 2:**

Justin Williams and Phil Markey  
Jeff Travis and Russel Harms

### **SA Regional:**

Pam Morgan-King and Glynn Evans  
Mark Fairlamb and Margaret Walters

### **SA Restricted:**

Helen and Robert Fleet  
Ray and Rita Jones

The early rounds of the GNOT final are a knockout competition with the losing teams moving into a Swiss teams format, a repechage event. At the end of qualifying round the top two teams from the repechage play off against the last two teams that lose in the "quarter-finals" for the right to play in the Semi-Finals.

Finishing at the top of the repechage, Adelaide 2 had to play Sydney 1 (Liam Milne, Nye Griffiths, Paul Gosney, Tony Nunn and Michael Whibley) to make it to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, they lost 38 to 55 to Sydney 1, who were then defeated by Adelaide 1 (undefeated in the knock-out) in the semi-finals, leaving Adelaide 1 in the final, to face the Sydney 2 team (Terry Brown, Peter Buchan, Kim Morrison, Avi Kanetkar, David Beauchamp), who Adelaide 1 had defeated in the earlier knock-out stage.

Performances from the other South Australian teams saw the SA Regional team finish 33<sup>rd</sup> in the repechage (out of 60 teams), whilst the SA Restricted team finished 44<sup>th</sup>.

The final over 60 boards was an exciting affair with the lead changing after each session of 15 boards.

The scores for Adelaide 1 were:

Session 1: Adelaide 39 vs Sydney 27 (Leading by 12)

Session 2: Adelaide 25 vs Sydney 41 (Losing by 4)

Session 3: Adelaide 40 vs Sydney 23 (Leading by 13)

Session 4: Adelaide 26 vs Sydney 44 (Losing by 5)

Watching on BBO near the end of the last session was a nail-biting activity. Early in the session Adelaide 1 had lost 26imps on two boards which wiped out their lead from the previous round. Then Phil Gue and Peter Chan bid a slam that wasn't bid at the other table and with one hand to play were only 4imps behind. Chan and Gue had a chance to defeat 1NT, and win the title, when declarer made a slip on the first trick, but unfortunately they didn't take it, and Sydney was victorious. Of course, there is always next year! Why don't you organize a team to play in your club heats (or organize a club heat) and earn Gold Masterpoints for every win?

Margaret Walters



**2014 GNOT Runners Up – Adelaide 1**

Peter Chan, David Lusk, Joel Gue, Phil Gue, Attilio De Luca.

Australian National Congress

**Restricted Butler, Perth**

18-19 July 2015

Do you have less than **300 masterpoints**?

The ABF are offering travel grants of \$2,000 per pair and free entry to two pairs from South Australia.

You will have 2 chances to win a travel subsidy.

The SABF events start 11 April and the 7 May.

Check the SABF website for details.

## RESULTS

### 2014 STATE PAIRS QUALIFYING

- 1 Mike Doecke & Joachim Haffer
- 2 Philip Markey & Justin Williams
- 3 David Cherry & John Horowitz

### 2014 RESTRICTED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1 Jinny Fuss & Jackie Ward
- 2 Sally Fraser & Diana McKenzie
- 3 Ian Sando & Roger Spence

### 2014 RESTRICTED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1 Terry Driver & David Schofield
- 2 Ken Nixon & Genevieve Page
- 3 Sue Hapek & Neil Welch

### STATE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2014 – FINAL

- 1 Philip Markey & Justin Williams
- 2 Attilio De Luca & David Lusk
- 3 Mike Doecke & Joachim Haffer

### STATE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2014 PLATE

- 1 Mark Jappe & John Maddison
- 2 Ray Dohnt & Barbara Travis
- 3 Russel Harms & Jeff Travis

### 2014 STATE TEAMS FINALS

- 1 David Cherry, John Horowitz, David Middleton,  
Joff Middleton, Zolly Nagy
- 2 Mike Doecke, George Evans, David Parrott,  
George Smolanko, Lauren Travis
- 3 Peter Chan, Attilio De Luca, Joel Gue, Phil Gue,  
David Lusk

### ADELAIDE BRIDGE CENTRE

#### New Year's Eve Congress

##### A Grade

1. Gordon Fallon & John Smith
2. Gary & Sue Hollands
3. Mark Fairlamb & Margaret Walters

##### B Grade

1. Tony Wilkinson & Roscoe Taylor
2. Tricia Lonn & Sally Fraser
3. Martin Tucker & John Lokan

##### C Grade

1. Alec Harris & Elaine Kenny
2. Jane & Bill Spencer
3. Vera Byrne & Bronwyn Hall

## CALLING ALL RESTRICTED PLAYERS

The ABF and the SABF are exploring ways to encourage more of our newer players to participate in inter-Club and inter-State tournaments.

At the Autumn Nationals tournament held at the Wayville Showgrounds in May last year, we had Restricted sections in the Swiss Pairs and Teams events, and lots of prizes for Novice players in the Monday Pairs. This seemed very popular and so will be repeated again this year.

As an experiment, the ABF is going to provide a generous subsidy of \$2000 to 2 pairs of Restricted players (Less than 300 masterpoints) from each State to compete in Perth in July this year. This competition will coincide with the Australian National Championships (ANC).

The ANC is held in July each year and is hosted by each State and Territory in turn. This year it is WA's turn.

The SABF would like South Australian players to take advantage of this subsidy. To select the worthy recipients, we are going to hold two selection trials the first starting on Saturday 11 April, at the same time as the trials for the Senior's and Women's teams to compete at the ANC. This will give players the opportunity to experience all aspects of playing for the State. The second event will start on Thursday 7 May.

So find a partner and start practising!

If you want an opportunity to practise (and size up the opposition!), why not play in the Restricted Butler Pairs event which will be held at SABA t 7.30 pm on Thursday evenings, commencing on 29 January. Please note that you are expected to nominate in advance and to play in each session. Table fees are \$12.

(The ABF's definition of Restricted is less than 300 masterpoints as at 1 January 2015.) Jinny Fuss



Gordon Fallon and John Smith - Winners of the ABC New Years Eve Congress 2014.

## SABF Matters

### 2014 Management Committee

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### Tournament Committee

- David Anderson
- David Parrott
- Phil Gue
- Carole Foreman
- Bob Clarke

*Contact members of this committee about issues relating to the timing, format, and organizing of SABF events.*

This newsletter is published quarterly. Email bridge articles and advertisement for SABF club events to the editor at [margaret.walters@bigpond.com](mailto:margaret.walters@bigpond.com)  
**Copy deadline** for the next issue is **7 April 2015**

## ABF TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMME

Conducted by Joan Butts (ABF National Teaching Co-ordinator)

**10am – 4.45pm Saturday 14 March**

**10am – 1pm Sunday 15 March 2015**

**SABA Club Rooms**

*If you are a bridge teacher, would like to become one, or have interest in education in bridge, you're invited to attend this free workshop, sponsored by the ABF and assisted by BAWA.*

*The workshop will follow a modern, easy approach to teaching bridge.*

*Participants receive a Teacher Training Certificate at the end of the course, if you have attended the 9 hours of the course.*

**FREE for all SABF Club members**

To register:

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## SABF EVENTS

### SABF Club Congresses

Sunday 15 February	SABA	Swiss Pairs Congress
Friday 3 April	Edwardstown	Golden Bunny Teams
Sunday 22 March	Gawler	Inter-Club Handicapped Pairs Challenge
Sunday 24 May	Gawler	Pairs Congress
Saturday 4 July	Tanunda	Barossa Bridge Congress Pairs
Sunday 5 July	Tanunda	Barossa Bridge Congress Teams
Sunday 16 August	SABA - Walkerville	SABA Restricted Pairs Congress
Saturday 5 September	Glenelg	Glenelg Congress
Saturday 12 September	Loxton	Riverland Congress – Pairs
Sunday 13 September	Loxton	Riverland Congress – Teams
Sunday 11 October	Edwardstown	Bridge in the City Congress
Sunday 8 November	Gawler	Gawler Teams Congress
Wednesday 31 December	Adelaide Bridge Centre	New Year's Eve Congress

### SABF Events January – April 2015

The full **Calendar of Events for 2015** is available online at:-

[http://www.sabridgefederation.com.au/docs/Calendar\\_of\\_Events/SABF\\_Calendar\\_2015.pdf](http://www.sabridgefederation.com.au/docs/Calendar_of_Events/SABF_Calendar_2015.pdf)

Open Trials Final and Plate Venue: SABA    Thursdays 7.30pm	29 January; 5 February; 12 February; 19 February; 5 March; 12 March
Open Trials Final Venue: SABA    Monday 7.30pm	2 March
Daytime State Teams Venue: SABA    Wednesdays 10.30am	4 February, 11 February, 18 February, 4 March, 11 March, 18 March, 25 March, 1 April
Seniors State Teams Trials Qualifying Venue: SABA    Saturday 9.30am	21 March
Women's State Team Trials Qualifying Venue: SABA    Sunday 9.30am	21 March
Seniors State Team Trials Venue: SABA    Fri, Sat, Sun	7.30pm Friday 10 April, 9.30am Saturday 11 April, 10.00am Sunday 12 April
Women's State Team Trials Venue: SABA    Fri, Sat, Sun	7.30pm Friday 10 April, 9.30am Saturday 11 April, 10.00am Sunday 12 April
Youth State Team Trials Venue: SABA    Sat	9.30am Saturday 11 April
Youth State Team Trials Venue: SABA    Sat	9.30am Saturday 11 April
Autumn National Teams Venue: Wayville Showgrounds	Thursday 20 April – Monday 4 May

### GNOT Qualifying

7.30pm Thursday 19 March – SABA – GNOT Qualifying	7.30pm Thursday 16 April – SABA – GNOT Qualifying 7.30pm Thursday 23 April – SABA – GNOT
7.30pm Thursday 26 March – SABA – GNOT Qualifying	
7.30pm Thursday 9 April – SABA – GNOT Qualifying	
9.30pm Sunday 24 August – Glenelg – GNOT Regional Final	