

SABF Newsletter : February 2025

Committee News

The Management Committee met on 15 February 2025. Whilst much of the business was routine, the following may be of interest to members.

Stewart Kingsborough was ratified as SABF Treasurer. Stewart is new to the Management Committee and represents Bridge in the City. We appreciate his willingness to take on the role.

Owen Teakle agreed to become Chair of the Tournament Committee and has had to hit the ground running with some tricky issues to deal with at the start of the year.

StepBridge club will be invited to participate in GNOT qualifying rounds to be run on-line.

Did you know?

Contract bridge will officially be turning 100 this year.

Innovations were made to the scoring of Auction Bridge which made bidding much more challenging and interesting. The concept of vulnerability was introduced. Vanderbilt set out his rules in 1925. Stay tuned to see how SABF will celebrate later this year.

ANC Selection and Subsidies

The selection event for the SA Open Teams is well underway. The Women's event is at the end of March, and the Senior's is in early April. This year, there won't be a 'pre-qualifying event' for Women and the top 12 pairs will compete. Have a look on MyABF for the details. Details of the Youth selection will be advised soon.

The Committee agreed the subsidies for the teams selected to represent SA in the Brisbane Australian National Championship. Each player and non-playing captain will receive an upfront subsidy of \$700, with a further \$100 to be paid on the production of GST receipts. The Federation will also pay entry to the 'Victory Dinner' for teams qualifying to the final, and 50% of the entry for other teams.

ANOT entries

The Autumn National Championships (Teams and Pairs) will be held on 1-4 May 2025. You can see the details, and lodge your entry on MyABF. If you enter and pay before 31 March there is a big early bird saving of \$50 per pair and \$100 per team – don't delay and miss out!

State Bridge in 2025

The next state event is the Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) qualifying which selects two teams to play in Stage 2, which will be held online. Gold masterpoints will be allocated and it is open to all SA players. It will be held on Thursday evenings, commencing 20 March and goes for 5 weeks. Entry will soon be available on MyABF.

Recent National Results

The year started with Youth Week, the National Women's and Seniors teams and national selections and the Summer Festival. Congratulations to:

- George Bartley who was a member of the wining Youth Team and also qualified for the International Team.
- Barbara Travis and Lori Smith, runners-up for the final of the Women's team selection, and to Sue Lusk and Therese Demarco who were augmented to the Australian Women's Team.
- Joe Haffer, Phil Markey, Kate McCallum, Axel Johansson and Mike Doecke who all qualified for the quarter finals in the National Open Teams, sadly none progressed further.



Gold Coast Congress

Phil Markey and Joe Haffer continued their excellent run of results by finishing 3rd out of 156 Open Teams. They won their round of 4 and Semi-final matches, but couldn't quite clinch the win and were Runners-up.

In the Restricted Teams, the all South Australian team of Caprice, Alice, Owen and Anne finished in first position out of 84 teams. They won all of their 12 matches and then went on to win the final without losing a set. Congratulations on a fantastic effort.

Gold Coast Restricted Teams Winners

*Caprice Davey, Alice Handley,
Owen Teakle and Anne Davey.*