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**2025**

**PROGRAM**

*Enjoyed 91 years of bridge*

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# WELCOME

Welcome to the South Australian Bridge Assoc. We expect our members will enjoy their bridge, our facilities, and the social atmosphere of our club in 2025.

We run regular walk-in bridge sessions, and special events across a number of venues across Adelaide. You can play bridge from Monday to Saturday every week, and there are also special monthly events usually on a Sunday. Our bar is open for members' enjoyment at the end of play. We will often have special sessions on Monday nights and all members are encouraged to come along and try something different. We will be holding 'Venue Championships' for players who regularly play at one of our satellite venues. We will introduce an Online Bridge session on Wednesday nights in 2025.

We provide classes for beginners and for more experienced players, Supervised Play sessions, and pre-game tutorials before some sessions to assist our players to develop their bridge. We also hold a 2-hour 'short bridge' session on Monday at 2pm, for those members who have limited time available as this has proven to be quite popular.

Most sessions are walk-in pairs, which means that players can simply turn up and play with their partner, however, there are a few events where pre-registration is required. These are described in this program.

For our Supervised sessions, members are welcome to turn up on their own and we will try to arrange a partner for that session. For our regular sessions, members are expected to arrange their own partners, however if you are new to the club we will assist you in finding a partner. In addition, we will endeavour to find you a partner, if your scheduled partner is unavailable at short notice. Complete the *Find a Partner* form on the website if you need assistance.

All members are encouraged to use the Pre-pay system via Hello Club for their table fees, event registrations and course bookings. This is beneficial for the club as it means there is minimal cash handling. It is also a convenient and easy-to-use system for our members. Members make a deposit in advance and the account is debited when you play a session or book a course, the club will advise you when your account is getting low.

We hope that you enjoy your bridge in 2025. Please help your fellow members to enjoy their bridge as well by being friendly, welcoming and polite to partner and all players. If you have any queries or concerns please contact the General Manager, the Director or Tutor of your session, or any member of the Management Committee.

# 2025 PROGRAM

## 1. INTENSIVE BEGINNERS COURSE

Learn bridge in five days, choose between January or May intensive courses:

- Monday 6 January to Friday 10 January, 10.30am to 2.30pm each day
- Monday 2 June to Friday 6 June, 10.30pm to 2.30pm each day

## 2. GENERAL TEACHING PROGRAM

**Beginners' classes** are split into 2 sessions, each of 6 weeks. In the first 6-weeks, you will learn and consolidate the basics of bridge with the following 6-weeks introducing additional concepts to prepare you to play in the club-supervised sessions. The classes are held at Unley with term dates given below.

	<b>Tuesday 7.30pm to 10.00pm</b>	<b>Friday 1.30pm to 4.00pm</b>
Term 1	Part 1: 10 Feb – 24 Mar Part 2: 31 Mar – 19 May	Part 1: 14 Feb – 28 Mar Part 2: 4 Apr – 23 May
Term 2	Part 1: 16 June – 21 July Part 2: 28 July to 01 Sep	Part 1: 20 June – 25 July Part 2: 01 Aug – 05 Sep
Term 3	Part 1: 15 Sep – 27 Oct Part 2: 03 Nov – 08 Dec	Part 1: 19 Sep – 31 Oct Part 2: 07 Nov – 12 Dec

**Pre-session tutorials** are free of charge and are held at:

- Unley on Mondays and Tuesdays at 9.30am, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10.00am, Friday afternoons at 1.00pm and Saturday afternoons at 12.30.
- Glenelg North on Tuesdays at 9.00am

The monthly topics are set out on the website.

### **Additional training and development**

Throughout the year, our experienced teachers conduct a range of lessons and tutorials – details are shown on the website and on noticeboards at the clubrooms. These are very popular and often fill up quickly, so register early.

### **Mentoring Monday Series**

Our bridge mentors conduct 8-week classes to help recent beginners improve their play practice and confidence.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
10 Feb to 7 April	16 June to 4 Aug	22 Sep to 3 Nov

## 3. SUPERVISED SESSIONS

Supervised sessions are available as follows:

- Unley – on Tuesday evenings; Friday and Saturday afternoons.
- Walkerville – Thursday afternoons

## SESSION TIMES

Members have an extensive selection of session times and venues to choose from. These are set out in the table below:

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>Unley</b>	10.00am	10.00am	10.30am	10.30am	10.00am	1.00pm	
	2.00pm-4.00pm				1.30pm		
	7.15pm	7.15pm	7.15pm*	7.15pm			
<b>Walkerville</b>	12.30pm			12.30pm			
<b>Payneham</b>					10.00am		
<b>Glenelg Nth</b>		9.30am					
<b>Mt Barker</b>	12.30pm						

\* Online using RealBridge

At **Unley**, most sessions offer multiple sections to accommodate different levels of play. Thursday evening mostly has events run by our State Body, the SA Bridge Federation. These are run over a number of weeks and prior entry is required. Entry to SABF events can be made on the Unley noticeboard, or on the SABF website. Friday and Saturday afternoons have supervised and open sections. Pre-session lectures are at 9.30am on Mondays and Tuesdays, 10am on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1pm on Fridays and 12.30pm on Saturdays. On the last Sunday of most months, we have a 'Pleasant Sunday' afternoon of bridge.

At **Walkerville**, Monday has 2-3 sections of differing levels; Thursday has both a Supervised and non-Supervised section. At **Payneham**, Friday morning has a relaxed single section session.

Our locations are:

- **Unley** - 243 Young St, Unley
- **Walkerville** - Returned Service Officers League (RSL) Club, 98 Walkerville Terrace, Walkerville
- **Payneham** - Payneham Bowling Club, 402 Payneham Road, Glynde
- **Glenelg North** - Scouts Adventure Centre, Anderson St, Glenelg North
- **Mt Barker** - Mt Barker Community Centre, 3 Dumas St, Mount Barker

We sometimes add extra sessions during the year, please call the club if you want to find out about different sessions.

# INFORMATION ABOUT PROGRAMMED COMPETITIONS

## PAIRS EVENTS

The majority of sessions at Unley are graded (walk-in) duplicate match-pointed pairs, with competitions generally played over a calendar month.

**Graded Events:** Graded sessions have between two and four grades, depending on the number of pairs playing and the spread in the standard of the players. For example, Tuesday evening has A and B grades, while Monday morning has A, B, C and D grades. Pairs are generally permitted to grade themselves, but if a pair consistently does very well in their grade, they are expected to move up a grade. If they average 60% over a month, the director will move them up, at least for the next month.

**Monthly Eclectic Competition:** Unless otherwise stated in this program, monthly pairs competitions are eclectic. This means that if a pair plays in all the competition sessions, their worst score is dropped when calculating their aggregate score for the competition.

For a small number of events, shown in the program, the winners are to be the highest finishing A Grade pair.

**Masterpoint Awards:** For pairs events, session masterpoints are awarded to the top half of the field. Also, the overall winners and the top half of the field will receive additional masterpoints

## OTHER TYPES OF EVENTS AT SA BRIDGE ASSOC.

As well as match point pairs, there are Teams and Butler Pairs events in the program, mainly on Thursday nights, but also on Wednesday mornings, and on Monday nights. These events require pre-nomination and representation at each session of the event for which you nominate. (This means you must attend each session yourself or find a substitute to send in your stead if you are unable to play in one or more sessions). If you are interested in trying one of these “different” events, talk to the General Manager, a Director or Tutor. An online event is being introduced on Wednesday evenings in 2025.

If there is an issue at your table,  
please call the Director who will resolve it.  
Remember, only directors are permitted to give rulings.

# MONDAY MORNING

## UNLEY

### **Tutorial 9.30 am, Play 10.00 am - Green & Red Master Points**

Walk-in graded duplicate, with prizes awarded on the basis of monthly aggregate. The worst score is dropped if all sessions are played. There is a free optional tutorial on different aspects of the game before play.

### **Short Bridge Play 2.00 pm – 2-hour session with up to 18 boards**

Walk-in relaxed duplicate. The director is happy to provide the occasional assistance if you need help with what to bid.

### **January Pairs**

6/1 13/1 20/1 27/1

### **February Pairs**

3/2 10/2 17/2 24/2

### **March Pairs**

3/3 10/3 (Adelaide Cup holiday) 17/3 24/3 31/3

### **April Pairs**

7/4 14/4 21/4 (Easter Monday) 28/4

### **May - George Roper Pairs (Red)**

5/5 12/5 19/5 26/5

### **June Pairs**

2/6 9/6 (King's Birthday holiday) 16/6 23/6 30/6

### **July Pairs**

7/7 14/7 21/7 28/7

### **August Pairs**

4/8 11/8 18/8 25/8

## **September Pairs**

1/9 8/9 15/9 22/9 29/9

## **October Pairs**

6/10 (Labour Day holiday) 13/10 20/10 27/10

## **November Pairs**

3/11 10/11 17/11 24/11

## **December Pairs**

1/12 8/12 15/12 22/12 29/12

## **Mt Barker**

Mt Barker Community Centre

Monday 12.30pm to 3.30pm (Closed on Public Holidays)

Regular walk-in pairs (no grading). Enjoy a pleasant afternoon at the Mt Barker Community Centre every Monday afternoon. Free coffee and tea.

## **Walkerville**

Returned Service Officers League (RSL) Club, 98 Walkerville Terrace

Monday 12.30 pm to 4.00 pm

Regular walk-in pairs (no grading). Enjoy a pleasant afternoon at the Walkerville RSL Club every Monday afternoon. Free coffee and tea. There will also be a red masterpoint event.

## ***Satellite Venue Championships***

*A single session red masterpoint club championship will be held at Walkerville and Mt Barker on Monday 5 May, and at Glenelg on Tuesday 6 May. This is for players who regularly play at that venue. Prizes will be awarded to the champions.*



## **MONDAY EVENING**

### **Play 7.15 p.m. Green and Red Master Points**

Special events are often held on Monday evenings. Walk-In duplicates will be held on other nights. Special events may not finish until 10.30pm.

### **January Pairs**

Closed on 6/1 and 13/1 for Summer Festival in Canberra  
Open on 20/1 and 27/1

### **President's Pairs**

3/2 10/2 17/2 24/2

### **Open Trials Final (SABF event)**

3/3 SABF Open Trials final – 1 match only

**Annual Butler Pairs – the second year of this event. Held on the first Monday in March to December. Sponsored Event with prize money.**

Open to everyone and pre-entry is not required. The pair with the best 5 scores over the year will be declared the annual champion.

3/3 7/4 5/5 2/6 7/7 4/8 1/9 6/10 3/11 and 1/12

### **Butler Pairs Championship – Open, Restricted and Novice**

**Sponsored Event with generous prize money (Red) Pre-entry is required.**

10/3 (Adelaide Cup holiday) 17/3 24/3 31/3

### **April Pax Lusk Pairs**

7/4 14/4 21/4 28/4

### **May GNOT Selection event (pre-entry required)**

Held on 12, 19 and 26 May. Open to all players, but the team with **all** players having less than 1500 masterpoints will represent our state at the National Final. **Gold masterpoints.** Teams event for 4, 5 or 6 people – the team must play all 3 weeks. This event is subject to confirmation of ABF conditions.

## **June Pairs**

9/6 (King's Birthday holiday) 16/6 23/6 30/6

## **July Pairs**

14/7 21/7 28/7

## **August Wally Roll Pairs**

11/8 18/8 25/8

## **September – Red masterpoints**

**SA Bridge Assoc. Teams Championship (pre-entry required)**

**Sponsored event with generous cash prizes**

8/9 15/9 22/9 29/9

## **October**

13/10 20/10 27/10 Walk-in pairs

27/10 Teams with a mentor

**Teams with a mentor, 27 October. Enter as a team of 3-players. Aimed at restricted / intermediate players. Prizes for successful teams.**

## **November Pairs**

10/11 17/11 24/11

## **December Pairs**

8/12 15/12 22/12

### **Beginners Pairs Championship**

**Monday 7 July at 7.15pm**

**Open to any player who took Beginners lessons at Unley in 2024 or 2025. A small trophy will be awarded to the winners.**

## **TUESDAY MORNING**

### **Play 10.00 a.m. Green and Red Master Points**

Walk-In duplicate graded pairs, and a monthly winner on the basis of monthly aggregate. The worst score is dropped if all sessions are played. There is a free optional tutorial for intermediate and supervised players at 9:30 am before play.

### **January Pairs**

7/1 14/1 21/1 28/1

### **February Pairs**

4/2 11/2 18/2 25/2

### **March Pairs**

4/3 11/3 18/3 25/3

### **April Pairs**

1/4 8/4 15/4 22/4 29/4

### **Gavin McEwin Pairs (Red)**

6/5 13/5 20/5 27/5

### **June Pairs**

3/6 10/6 17/6 24/6

### **July Pairs**

1/7 8/7 15/7 22/7 29/7

### **August Pairs**

5/8 12/8 19/8 26/8

### **September Pairs**

2/9 9/9 16/9 23/9 30/9

## **Jean McEwin Pairs (Red)**

7/10 14/10 21/10 28/10

## **November Pairs**

4/11 (Melbourne Cup) 11/11 18/11 25/11

## **December Pairs**

2/12 9/12 16/12 23/12 30/12

## **Glenelg North**

Scouts SA Centre for Adventurous Activities  
Anderson St, Glenelg North,  
9.30am to 12.30pm every Tuesday

Regular walk-in session for Supervised/Intermediate players  
**Also, a special red masterpoint event on 6 May, Venue Championship,  
for players who regularly play at Glenelg.**

### ***Gavin and Jean McEwin Pairs***

*Held in May and October are Red masterpoint events.  
Gavin set up a bequest to name a Tuesday event after his  
beloved wife. Following his death in 1999, the bequest was  
extended in his will to include a second event in his name.*

## **TUESDAY EVENING**

### **Play 7.15 p.m. Green and Red Master Points**

Walk-in graded duplicate, and a monthly winner on the basis of monthly aggregate. The worst score is dropped if all sessions are played. Supervised play available. There is a free tutorial for intermediate and supervised players at 6:50 pm before play.

### **January Pairs**

7/1 14/1 21/1 28/1

### **February Pairs**

4/2 11/2 18/2 25/2

### **March Pairs**

4/3 11/3 18/3 25/3

### **Ted Hilson Pairs**

1/4 8/4 15/4 22/4 29/4

### **Paddy Haydon Pairs (Red)**

6/5 13/5 20/5 27/5

### **June Pairs**

3/6 10/6 17/6 24/6

### **July Pairs**

1/7 8/7 15/7 22/7 29/7

### **August Pairs**

5/8 12/8 19/8 26/8

### **September Pairs**

2/9 9/9 16/9 23/9 30/9

### **October Pairs**

7/10 14/10 21/10 28/10

### **November Pairs**

4/11 11/11 18/11 25/11

### **December Pairs**

2/12 9/12 16/12 23/12

### *Handicap Pairs*

*A prize is awarded to the pair with the best 'handicap' score for the month in the Tuesday night and Wednesday morning sessions respectively. Winners must be present at the first Tuesday night or Wednesday morning session in the following month to collect their prize.*

## **WEDNESDAY MORNING**

### **10.30 a.m. Green and Red Master Points**

**Prior nomination is required for the Daytime Teams Championship (SABF Event).**

There is a free optional tutorial for intermediate and supervised players at 10:00 am before play.

### **January Pairs**

Closed 1/1 New Year's Day

8/1 15/1 22/1 29/1

### **SABF Daytime State Teams Championship – Qualifying (Red)**

12/2 19/2 26/2 5/3

### **February Pairs (Concurrent with Daytime State Teams)**

5/2 12/2 19/2 26/2

### **SABF Daytime State Teams Championship – Final & Plate (Red)**

12/3 19/3 26/3 2/4

### **March Pairs (Concurrent with Teams Final & Plate)**

5/3 12/3 19/3 26/3

### **April Pairs (Red)**

2/4 9/4 16/4 23/4 30/4

### **May Pairs**

7/5 14/5 21/5 28/5

### **Kath George Pairs Championship (Red)**

4/6 11/6 18/6 25/6

**July Pairs**

2/7 9/7 16/7 23/7 30/7

**August Pairs**

6/8 13/8 20/8 27/8

**John and Judy Zollo Pairs (Red)**

3/9 10/9 17/9 24/9

**October Pairs**

1/10 8/10 15/10 22/10 29/10

**Keith McNeil Pairs (Red)**

5/11 12/11 19/11 26/11

**December Pairs**

3/12 10/12 17/12 24/12

*Wednesday 7.15 - Online Bridge*

*Commencing on 12 February we will be running an online bridge session on RealBridge at 7.15.*

*Keep an eye out for details of practice sessions.*



## **THURSDAY MORNING**

### **Play 10.30 am Green and Red Master Points**

Walk-in graded duplicate, and a monthly winner on the basis of monthly aggregate. The worst score is dropped if all sessions are played. There is a free optional tutorial for intermediate and supervised players at 10:00 am before play.

### **January Pairs**

2/1 9/1 16/1 23/1

### **February Pairs**

6/2 13/2 20/2 27/2

### **Reg Gooley Pairs (Red)**

6/3 13/3 20/3 27/3

### **April Pairs**

3/4 10/4 17/4 24/4

### **May Pairs**

1/5 8/5 15/5 22/5 29/5

### **June Pairs (Red)**

5/6 12/6 19/6 26/6

### **July Pairs**

3/7 10/7 17/7 24/7 31/7

### **August Pairs**

7/8 14/8 21/8 28/8

### **September Pairs**

4/9 11/9 18/9 25/9

### **October Pairs**

2/10 9/10 16/10 23/10 30/10

### **J & S Rundle Pairs (Red)**

6/11 13/11 20/11 27/11

### **December Pairs**

4/12 11/12 18/12 (Closed 25/12 Christmas Day)

### **Walkerville**

Thursday 12.30 pm to 4.00 pm

Returned Service Officers League (RSL) Club, 98 Walkerville Terrace.

### *J and S Rundle Memorial Pairs*

*The Jack Rundle Memorial Pairs was established by Shirley following Jack's death.*

*It is a red masterpoint event played in November.*

## **THURSDAY EVENING**

### **7.15 p.m. Red, and Gold Masterpoints**

Thursday night events are State Championships or Qualifying events which are open to all members of our Club. They are run by SA Bridge Federation.

### **Pairs with an Expert**

23/1

### **Open Trials Final**

30/1 13/2 20/2 27/2 6/3 13/3 (also one match on Monday 3 March)

### **Open Trials Plate**

30/1 13/2 20/2 27/2 6/3 13/3

### **SABF GNOT Qualifying (GOLD)**

20/3 27/3 3/4 10/4 17/4 - 24/4 Special one night event with prizes

### **State Swiss Pairs Championship**

8/5 15/5 22/5 29/5 12/6 - 5/6 Special one night event with prizes

### **State Teams Phase I**

19/6 26/6 3/7 24/7

10/7 and 17/7 Special one-night events with prizes

### **State Butler Pairs Championship**

31/7 7/8 14/8 21/8 28/8

### **State Teams Phase II**

4/9 11/9 18/9 25/9

### **State Pairs Championship Qualifying**

2/10 9/10 16/10 - 23/10 Special one night event with prizes

### **State Pairs Championship Final and Consolation**

30/10 6/11 13/11

### **State Teams Quarter / Semi Final and Board a Match Teams 1 and 2**

20/11 27/11

### **State Teams Final Week and 2 and Special Event / Christmas Party**

4/12 11/12

# **FRIDAY**

## **Play 10.00 a.m. Green and Red Master Points**

Walk-in graded duplicate, and a monthly winner on the basis of monthly aggregate. The worst score is dropped if all sessions are played. There is a free optional lecture at 1.05 pm (in between the morning and afternoon sessions).

## **January Pairs**

3/1 10/1 17/1 24/1 31/1

## **Jean Harbison Pairs (Red)**

7/2 14/2 21/2 28/2

## **March Pairs**

7/3 14/3 21/3 28/3

## **April Pairs**

4/4 11/4 25/4 (Closed 18/4 Good Friday)

## **May Pairs**

2/5 9/5 16/5 23/5 30/5

## **June Pairs**

6/6 13/6 20/6 27/6

## **July Pairs**

4/7 11/7 18/7 25/7

## **August Pairs**

1/8 8/8 15/8 22/8 29/8

## **September Pairs (Red)**

5/9 12/9 19/9 26/9

## **October Pairs**

3/10 10/10 17/10 24/10 31/10

## **November Pairs**

7/11 14/11 21/11 28/11

## **December Pairs**

5/12 12/12 19/12 (Closed Boxing Day 26/12)

## **Payneham**

Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Regular walk-in session (no grading).

Payneham Bowling Club, 402 Payneham Road, Glynde

## **Unley**

### **Supervised Play 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.**

Walk-in supervised play, with monthly winner awarded on the basis of monthly aggregate. The worst score is dropped if all sessions are played. There is a free optional lecture for intermediate and supervised players at 1.05 pm before play.

## ***TBIB Travel Insurance***

*Working in partnership with the Australian Bridge Federation, TBIB have created a comprehensive travel insurance package especially tailored to suit our bridge members.*

## **SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

### **1.00 p.m. Green Masterpoints**

Walk-In duplicate, with prizes awarded on the basis of monthly aggregate. The worst score is dropped if all sessions are played. A supervised duplicate is also conducted. There is a free optional lecture for intermediate and supervised players at 12:30 p.m. before play.

### **Nationwide Pairs**

The Nationwide Pairs is conducted on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of most months. These will be Red Point events. Normal table fees apply.

### **January Pairs**

4/1 11/1 18/1 25/1

### **Paddy Naylor Pairs (Red)**

1/2 8/2 15/2 22/2

### **March Pairs**

1/3 8/3 15/3 22/3 29/3

### **April Pairs**

5/4 12/4 19/4 (Easter Saturday) 26/4

### **May Pairs**

3/5 10/5 17/5 24/5 31/5

### **June Pairs**

7/6 14/6 21/6 28/6

### **July Pairs**

5/7 12/7 19/7 26/7

### **August Pairs**

2/8 9/8 16/8 23/8 30/8

### **September Pairs**

6/9 13/9 20/9 27/9

### **October Pairs**

4/10 11/10 18/10 25/10

### **November Pairs**

1/11 8/11 15/11 22/11 29/11

The Patron's Cup will be played in November and all Supervised players are welcome.

### **December Pairs**

6/12 13/12 20/12

## *Patron's Cup*

*The 2023 Patron's Cup will be held on Tuesday nights for supervised players at Unley in November.*

*It is awarded to the pair that finishes first in the monthly competition. It is available to all Supervised players.*

## **SA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **Swiss Pairs Congress**

Sunday 23 February

### **Butler Pairs Championship**

Monday evenings on 10, 17, 24 and 31 March. A sponsored event with generous prize money for Open, Restricted and Novice pairs.

**Annual Butler Pairs, the second year of this event being held on the first Monday night in March to December. Sponsored Event with prize money.**

Open to everyone and pre-registration is not required. The pair with the best 5 scores over the year will be declared the annual champion.

### **Satellite Venues Championships**

Single session event at Walkerville and Mt Barker on Monday 5 May and at Glenelg on Tuesday 6 May for players who regularly play at that venue.

### **GNOT selection for Under 1500 masterpoints**

Monday evenings on 12, 19 and 26 May. Open to **all** players, but top team with all members having less than 1500 mp will be able to compete in the national final. **Gold** masterpoints will be awarded. Subject to clarification of format by ABF.

### **Novice Saturday Special**

Saturday morning on 10 May. An opportunity for Novice players to play with an experienced player and discuss the bidding, play and defence.

### **Rotary Pairs Congress**

Sunday 25 May

### **Winter Swiss Teams Congress**

A special event on Sunday 17 August. A separate competition will be held for teams whose members have a limited number of masterpoints (subject to numbers). Prizes for Open and Restricted, dependent upon entries.

### **Rookie Pairs Championship**

Sunday 29 July at Unley, A Championship event for our less experienced players. Different Grades for different levels of experience.

### **Beginners Pairs Championship**

Monday 7 July at 7.15 at Unley, for players who took Beginners' lessons at Unley in 2024 or 2025.



### **SA Bridge Assoc. Teams Championships**

Monday evenings on 8, 15, 22 and 29 September. A sponsored event with generous prize money for Open, Restricted, and Novice teams.

### **Teams with a Mentor**

Monday evening 27 October, enjoy the opportunity for restricted and intermediate players to play with a more experienced player.

### **Melbourne Cup Luncheon**

Tuesday 4 November

### **Pleasant Sundays at Unley**

Sunday 23 February

Sunday 30 March

Sunday 27 April

Sunday 29 June

Sunday 27 July

Sunday 31 August

Sunday 28 September

Sunday 26 October

Sunday 30 November

Come and have some fun, a bit of bridge and lot of laughs. We have a Pleasant Sunday on (generally) the last Sunday of every month. So, why not make it a day where you can relax and enjoy yourself?

Play 1:00 - 4:00 PM followed by afternoon tea hosted by the club. Bar Open.

## **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATE SPECIAL EVENTS**

Women's State Teams Trials	28 - 30 Mar
Seniors State Teams Trials	11 - 13 Apr
Autumn National Swiss Pairs	1 – 2 May
Autumn National Open and Restricted Teams	3 – 4 May
Autumn National Teams final	5 May
State Stratified Pairs Championships	15 Jun
Under 1500 and Regional GNOT	24 Aug
Inter-club State Pairs Championship	14 Sep
State Mixed Pairs Championship	2 Nov

## **Australian Bridge Federation (ABF)** **ALERT and ANNOUNCING REGULATIONS**

Bridge is not a game of secrets - if you or your partner use a call that has an agreed meaning within your partnership then the opponents are entitled to know exactly what that bid means.

In the early days of bridge, alerts would have been unnecessary since everybody played a similar system. Even the emergence of new systems such as Acol, with its lower no trump range, wouldn't have been a problem - the opponents sat down, announced their system, and the auction would then be entirely apparent to both pairs.

In recent years a wide range of new bidding systems has emerged. Whilst calls such as 1♠ and 1♥ are usually consistent in what they promise, there can be a wide range of meanings for the other opening calls.

Doubles have a particularly wide range of interpretations, with the possible meanings now including penalty, takeout, card-showing, responsive, or even a transfer to an unspecified suit!

To help ensure that the players are able to understand the opponent's bids, the ABF adopts an 'Alert' system. Simply put, if a bid has an unusual meaning, their partner says "Alert", and uses the Alert card if bidding boxes are being used. The opponents then know that they might need to ask about that bid.

There are also bids that are 'Self-Alerting'. These are bids where there is generally no common meaning, so players should expect to ask about them. If a self-alerting call has been made by an opponent, e.g. a double of your 1NT opening, then you should act as if the call has been alerted, and inquire of its meaning in the same manner as you would if an alert had been given.

You can ask about an alerted, or self-alerted, bid when it is your turn to bid. Explanations should be as complete as possible. If you become declarer you should offer to give a full explanation of your auction to the opponents if it contained any alerted (including self-alerted) calls, or calls they may not fully understand.

Before you start play, it is beneficial to check with your opponents:

- Their basic system.
- The strength and style of their 1NT openings.
- Their carding agreements.

The opponents should also advise you of any unusual bids or carding methods before starting, this is referred to as 'pre-alerting'.

The ABF also requires 'Announcements'. This means that when you open 1C or 1NT your partner should 'announce' to your opponents what the bid is about. When you open 1NT, your partner should announce the strength range, e.g. "12-14" or "15-17" (or whatever the range is).

If you open 1C, your partner should automatically announce the essential meaning of the bid. For a natural system, the announcement is the minimum number of clubs, "4+ clubs" or "3+ clubs" or "2+ clubs". For Precision 1C openings, you would say "artificial, 16+ HCP". For other artificial systems, your partner announces "UNUSUAL" and the opponents can clarify.

Your opponents will still be able to ask questions, but the basics should have already been supplied.

The ABF has very detailed information about Alerting on its website. If you want to obtain a full understanding of the Alerting Regulations you should visit [www.abf.com.au](http://www.abf.com.au).

## MASTERPOINT RANKINGS

Masterpoints won by players, over their lifetime, are used to determine each player's master ranking. There are currently 21 different ranks ranging from Graduate Master to Diamond Grand Master. Players receive an official certificate with each Scheme promotion. Masterpoint ranks may be used to determine seeding in tournaments. In addition, events are held that are restricted to players of a certain masterpoint ranking. This provides an opportunity for players to play others of a similar standard, particularly for those players who are new to bridge.

Rank	Minimum Requirements		
	Total	Red & Gold	Gold
Graduate	2		
Club	5		
Local	15		
Bronze Local	25		
Silver Local	35		
Regional	50		
Bronze Regional	100		
State	50	25	
Bronze State	100	50	
National	150	75	
Bronze National	200	100	
Silver National	300	150	
Life	300	180	30
Bronze Life	400	240	40
Silver Life	500	300	50
Gold Life	750	450	75
Grand	1000	700	200
Silver Grand	2500	1900	600
Gold Grand	5000	4000	1400
Emerald Grand	10000	8500	3000
Diamond Grand	15000	13000	5000

When a player earns a total of 1,000 masterpoints they become members of the One Thousand Club. There are no red or gold requirements.

If you want to look up how many masterpoints you have, you can do this on the ABF website, [www.abf.com.au](http://www.abf.com.au).