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**2026  
PROGRAM**

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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 2026.

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 after most sessions. We will have some 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 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 2026. 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.

# 2026 PROGRAM

## 1. INTENSIVE BEGINNERS COURSE

Learn bridge in five days, choose between January or June intensive classes:

- Monday 5 January to Friday 9 January, 10.30am to 2.30pm each day
- Monday 1 June to Friday 5 June, 10.30am 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>Monday 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm</b>		<b>Tuesday 10.30 am to 1.00 pm</b>
Term 1 <sup>^</sup>	Part 1: 02 Feb – 16 Mar Part 2: 23 Mar – 04 May	Part 1: 03 Feb – 17 Mar Part 2: 24 Mar – 05 May
Term 2	Part 1: 15 June – 20 July Part 2: 27 July to 31 Aug	Part 1: 16 June – 21 July Part 2: 28 Jul – 01 Sep
Term 3 <sup>^</sup>	Part 1: 07 Sep – 19 Oct Part 2: 26 Oct – 30 Nov	Part 1: 08 Sep – 20 Oct Part 2: 27 Oct – 01 Dec

<sup>^</sup> Some dates include additional week as no session held on public holidays

**Pre-session tutorials** are free of charge and cover the monthly topics as set out on the website. These lectures are held at:

- Unley on Mondays and Tuesdays at 9.30am and 6:45pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10.00am, Friday afternoons at 1.00pm and Saturday afternoons at 12.30.

## 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: Mondays 10am to 12.30pm

After the beginners' classes, graduates can play in our supervised sessions or continue their learning with guided practice from our bridge mentors. This 8-week class helps recent beginners improve their skills and build confidence at the table.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
02 Feb to 23 Mar	15 June to 3 Aug	12 Oct to 30 Nov

## 3. SUPERVISED SESSIONS

Supervised sessions are available as follows:

Unley – on Monday and Tuesday evenings; Friday and Saturday 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	9.45am	1.00pm	
	2.00pm-4.00pm				1.30pm		
	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>	1.00pm						

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 via My ABF (online platform).

Pre-session lectures are at 9.30am on Mondays and Tuesdays, 10am on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1pm on Fridays and 12.30pm on Saturdays. Monday and Tuesday nights offer a pre-session lecture at 6:45pm. On the last Sunday of most months from February to November, we have a 'Pleasant Sunday' afternoon of bridge with shared afternoon tea post-session.

At **Walkerville**, Monday and Thursday have multiple sections. At **Payneham**, Friday morning has a relaxed single section session. **Glenelg North** and **Mt Barker** both have relaxed single section sessions.

Our locations are:

- **Unley** - 243 Young St, Unley
- **Walkerville** – Walkerville Bowling Club, Cnr Church Terrace, Smith St, 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.

## **BAR**

At Unley, we have a licensed bar on premises with a range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks at affordable prices. The bar is managed by our Committee member Colin Twelftree, ably assisted by RSA qualified volunteer members. The bar will be open after the session for our patrons to enjoy social time over drinks after play.

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

# 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 or Ungraded Sections:** Graded sessions have between two and four grades, depending on the number of pairs playing and the spread in the standard of the players. Check with the Director if you're unsure which section to sit in.

**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 (SABF), but also on Wednesday mornings (SABF), and on Monday nights (SABA). 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.

### *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.*

*There is also a handicap pairs prize as part of the Jim May Pairs held on Friday afternoons in November.*

## Special Events Summary

<p><b>January</b></p> <p><b>SABF Daytime teams</b> commences on Wednesday 28 January</p> <p><b>SABF Open Trials Final and Consolation</b> commences on Thursday evening 29 January</p>	<p><b>February</b></p> <p><b>President's Pairs</b> – Monday evenings in February</p> <p><b>SABF Daytime State Teams Championship – Qualifying (Red)</b> – Wednesday morning</p> <p><b>Jean Harbison Pairs (Red)</b> – Friday morning</p> <p><b>Paddy Naylor Pairs (Red)</b> – Saturday afternoon</p> <p><b>Swiss Pairs Congress</b> – Sunday 22 February</p>	<p><b>March</b></p> <p><b>Open Trials Final (SABF event)</b> - Monday night – 2<sup>nd</sup> March (one night only)</p> <p><b>SABF Daytime State Teams Championship – Final (Red)</b> – Wednesday mornings</p> <p><b>Butler Pairs Championship – Open, Restricted and Novice</b> – Monday nights. Sponsored Event with generous prize money (Red) Pre-entry is required.</p> <p><b>Reg Gooley Pairs (Red)</b> – Thursday morning</p> <p><b>SABF Senior's Trials</b> 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March</p> <p><b>SABF Women's Trials</b> 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March</p>
<p><b>April</b></p> <p><b>April Pax Lusk Pairs</b> – Monday evenings</p> <p><b>Red masterpoints</b> – Wednesday morning</p>	<p><b>May</b></p> <p><b>George Roper Pairs (Red)</b> – Monday morning</p> <p><b>Gavin McEwin Pairs (Red)</b> – Tuesday morning</p> <p><b>Paddy Haydon Pairs (Red)</b> – Tuesday evening</p> <p><b>Novice Saturday Tables of 3 with A Mentor</b> – Saturday 9 May (morning)</p> <p><b>May GNOT Selection event (pre-entry required)</b> Held on 11, 18 and 25 May. <b>Gold masterpoints</b>. Refer to event details and conditions.</p> <p><b>Satellite Venue Championships</b> A one off, red masterpoint club championship will be held at Walkerville and Mt Barker on Monday, 4 May, and at Glenelg on Tuesday, 5 May for regular players at these venues. Prizes will be awarded to the champions.</p> <p><b>Rotary Pairs Congress</b> – Sunday 31 May</p>	<p><b>June</b></p> <p><b>Kath George Pairs Championship (Red)</b> – Wednesday morning</p> <p><b>June Pairs (Red)</b> – Thursday morning</p> <p><b>Magic Monday Month</b> – Monday night</p> <p><b>Rookie Pair Championships</b> – Sunday 28 June</p>

<p><b>July</b></p> <p><b>Beginners Pairs Championship – Monday, 6 July at 7.15pm</b></p> <p>Open to any player who took Beginners lessons at Unley in 2025 or 2026. A small trophy will be awarded to the winners.</p>	<p><b>August</b></p> <p><b>August Wally Roll Pairs</b> – Monday evenings</p> <p><b>SA Bridge Assoc Winter Congress</b> will be held in Victor Harbor on 29 August (Pairs) and 30 August (Teams). Suitable for players of all levels.</p>	<p><b>September</b></p> <p><b>SA Bridge Assoc. Teams Championship</b> (pre-entry required), sponsored event with generous cash prizes</p> <p><b>John and Judy Zollo Pairs (Red)</b> – Wednesday morning</p> <p><b>September Pairs (Red)</b> – Friday morning</p>
<p><b>October</b></p> <p><b>Teams with a Mentor, Friday 23 October.</b> Enter as a team of 3-players. Aimed at restricted / intermediate players (not supervised).</p>	<p><b>November</b></p> <p><b>Keith McNeil Pairs (Red)</b> – Wednesday morning</p> <p><b>J &amp; S Rundle Pairs (Red)</b> – Thursday morning</p> <p><b>Jim May Pairs</b> with prizes for handicap and open winners – Friday afternoon</p> <p><b>Patron's Cup</b></p> <p>The 2026 Patron's Cup will be held on Monday nights for supervised players at Unley in November</p> <p><b>Melbourne Cup Lunch</b> – Tuesday 3 November at 1.30pm</p>	<p><b>December</b></p> <p><b>SA Bridge Assoc Annual General Meeting</b></p>

## January 2026 - Program

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			New Year's Day 1	2	3	4
5 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	6 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	7 10.30am Graded pairs	8 10.30am Graded pairs	9 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	10 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	11
12 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	13 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	14 10.30am Graded pairs	15 10.30am Graded pairs	16 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	17 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	18
19 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	20 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	21 10.30am Graded pairs	22 10.30am Graded pairs	23 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	24 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	25
Australia Day 26 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	27 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	28 10.30am Graded pairs <b>&amp; SABF Daytime Teams Qualifying</b>	29 10.30am Graded pairs <b>&amp; SABF Open Trials Final &amp; Cons</b>	30 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	31 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	

## February 2026 - Program

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Presidents Pairs & Supervised	3 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	4 10.30am Graded pairs & SABF Daytime Teams Qualifying	5 10.30am Graded pairs & SABF Open Trials Final & Cons	6 9.45am Jean Harbison Pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	7 1.00pm Paddy Naylor Pairs & Supervised Pairs	8
9 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Presidents Pairs & Supervised	10 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	11 10.30am Graded pairs & SABF Daytime Teams Qualifying	12 10.30am Graded pairs & SABF Open Trials Final & Cons	13 9.45am Jean Harbison Pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	14 1.00pm Paddy Naylor Pairs & Supervised Pairs	15
16 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Presidents Pairs & Supervised	17 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	18 10.30am Graded pairs	19 10.30am Graded pairs & SABF Open Trials Final & Cons	20 9.45am Jean Harbison Open Pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	21 1.00pm Paddy Naylor Pairs & Supervised Pairs	22 Swiss Pairs Congress 1.00pm Pleasant Sunday
23 10.00 am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Presidents Pairs & Supervised	24 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	25 10.30am Graded pairs & SABF Daytime Teams Qualifying	26 10.30am Graded pairs & SABF Open Trials Final & Cons	27 9.45am Jean Harbison Pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	28 1.00pm Paddy Naylor Pairs & Supervised Pairs	1

## March 2026 — Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs. <b>SABF Open Trials Final</b>	3 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	4 10.30am Graded pairs & <b>SABF Daytime State Teams Championship – Final</b>	5 10.30am <b>Reg Gooley Pairs</b> <b>SABF Open Trials Final &amp; Cons</b>	6 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open Pairs & Supervised	7 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	8
<b>Adelaide Cup Day</b> 9 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>Butler Pairs &amp; Supervised. SABF Open Trials Final</b>	10 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	11 10.30am Graded pairs & <b>SABF Daytime State Teams Championship – Final</b>	12 10.30am <b>Reg Gooley Pairs</b> <b>SABF GNOT</b>	13 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open Pairs & Supervised <b>SABF Seniors Trials</b>	14 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs <b>SABF Seniors Trials</b>	15 <b>SABF Seniors Trials</b>
16 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>Butler Pairs &amp; Supervised. SABF Open Trials Final</b>	17 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	18 10.30am Graded pairs & <b>SABF Daytime State Teams Championship – Final</b>	19 10.30am <b>Reg Gooley Pairs</b>	20 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open Pairs & Supervised	21 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	22
23 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>Butler Pairs &amp; Supervised. SABF Open Trials Final</b>	24 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	25 10.30am Graded pairs & <b>SABF Daytime State Teams Championship – Final</b>	26 10.30am <b>Reg Gooley Pairs</b> <b>SABF GNOT</b>	27 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open Pairs & Supervised <b>SABF Women's Trials</b>	28 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs <b>SABF Women's Trials</b>	29 1.00pm Pleasant Sunday <b>SABF Women's Trials</b>
30 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>Butler Pairs &amp; Supervised. SABF Open Trials Final</b>	31 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs					

## April 2026 — Program

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 10.30am <b>Graded pairs</b> <b>(red master points)</b>	2 10.30am Graded pairs <b>SABF GNOT</b>	Good Friday 3	Easter Saturday 4 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	Easter Sunday 5
Easter Monday 6 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>Pax Lusk Pairs</b> & Supervised	7 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	8 10.30am <b>Graded pairs</b> <b>(red master points)</b>	9 10.30am Graded pairs	10 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open Pairs & Supervised	11 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	12
13 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>Pax Lusk Pairs</b> & Supervised	14 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	15 10.30am <b>Graded pairs</b> <b>(red master points)</b>	16 10.30am Graded pairs	17 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open Pairs & Supervised	18 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	19
20 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>Pax Lusk Pairs</b> & Supervised	21 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	22 10.30am <b>Graded pairs</b> <b>(red master points)</b>	23 10.30am Graded pairs	24 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open Pairs & Supervised	Anzac Day 25 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	26 1.00pm Pleasant Sunday
27 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>Pax Lusk Pairs</b> & Supervised	28 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	29 10.30am <b>Graded pairs</b> <b>(red master points)</b>	30 10.30am Graded pairs			

## May 2026 — Program

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	2 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	3
4 10.00am <b>George Roper pairs &amp; Satellite Venue Championships</b> 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	5 <b>Satellite Venue Championships</b> 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm <b>Paddy Haydon &amp; Supervised Pairs</b>	6 10.30am Graded pairs	7 10.30am Graded pairs	8 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	9 10am-12.30pm <b>Novice Saturday Tables of 3 with A Mentor</b> 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	10
11 10.00am <b>George Roper pairs</b> 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>SABA GNOT selection (Gold mps) &amp; Supervised Pairs</b>	12 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm <b>Paddy Haydon &amp; Supervised Pairs</b>	13 10.30am Graded pairs	14 10.30am Graded pairs	15 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	16 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	17
18 10.00am <b>George Roper pairs</b> 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>GNOT selection (Gold mps) &amp; Supervised Pairs</b>	19 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm <b>Paddy Haydon &amp; Supervised Pairs</b>	20 10.30am Graded pairs	21 10.30am Graded pairs	22 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	23 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	24 1.00pm Pleasant Sunday

25 10.00am <b>George Roper pairs (red)</b> 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>GNOT selection (Gold mps)</b> , Open & Supervised Pairs	26 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm <b>Paddy Haydon &amp; Supervised Pairs</b>	27 10.30am Graded pairs	28 10.30am Graded pairs	29 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	30 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	31 <b>Rotary Pairs Congress</b>
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## June 2026 — Program

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>Magic Mondays</b> & Supervised Pairs	2 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	3 10.30am <b>Kath George Pairs</b>	4 10.30am <b>June Pairs</b>	5 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	6 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	7
<b>King's Birthday</b> 8 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>Magic Mondays</b> & Supervised Pairs	9 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	10 10.30am <b>Kath George Pairs</b>	11 10.30am <b>June Pairs</b>	12 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	13 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	14
15 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>Magic Mondays</b> & Supervised Pairs	16 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	17 10.30am <b>Kath George Pairs</b>	18 10.30am <b>June Pairs</b>	19 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	20 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	21
22 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>Magic Mondays</b> & Supervised Pairs	23 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	24 10.30am <b>Kath George Pairs</b>	25 10.30am <b>June Pairs</b>	26 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	27 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	28 1.00pm Pleasant Sunday
29 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>Magic Mondays</b> & Supervised Pairs	30 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs					

## July 2026 — Program

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 10.30am Graded pairs	2 10.30am Graded pairs	3 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	4 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	5
6 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open & <b>Beginners' Pairs Championship</b>	7 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open Pairs & Supervised Pairs	8 10.30am Graded pairs	9 10.30am Graded pairs	10 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	11 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	12
13 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	14 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	15 10.30am Graded pairs	16 10.30am Graded pairs	17 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	18 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	19
20 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	21 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	22 10.30am Graded pairs	23 10.30am Graded pairs	24 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	25 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	26 1.00pm Pleasant Sunday
27 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	28 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	29 10.30am Graded pairs	30 10.30am Graded pairs	31 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs		

## August 2026 — Program

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>Wally Roll Pairs</b> & Supervised					1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	1 2
3 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>Wally Roll Pairs</b> & Supervised	4 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	5 10.30am Graded pairs	6 10.30am Graded pairs	7 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	8 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	9
10 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>Wally Roll Pairs</b> & Supervised	11 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	12 10.30am Graded pairs	13 10.30am Graded pairs	14 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	15 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	16
17 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>Wally Roll Pairs</b> & Supervised	18 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	19 10.30am Graded pairs	20 10.30am Graded pairs	21 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	22 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	23
24 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>Wally Roll Pairs</b> & Supervised	25 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	26 10.30am Graded pairs	27 10.30am Graded pairs	28 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	29 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs <b>SABA Winter Pairs – Victor Harbor</b>	30 1.00pm Pleasant Sunday <b>SABA Winter Teams – Victor Harbor</b>

## September 2026 — Program

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	2 10.30am <b>John &amp; Judy Zollo Pairs</b>	3 10.30am Graded pairs	4 9.45am <b>September pairs</b> 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	5 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	6
7 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>SABA Teams Championship &amp; Supervised pairs</b>	8 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	9 10.30am <b>John &amp; Judy Zollo Pairs</b>	10 10.30am Graded pairs	11 9.45am <b>September pairs</b> 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	12 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	13
14 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>SABA Teams Championship &amp; Supervised Pairs</b>	15 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	16 10.30am <b>John &amp; Judy Zollo Pairs</b>	17 10.30am Graded pairs	18 9.45am <b>September pairs</b> 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	19 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	20
21 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>SABA Teams Championship &amp; Supervised Pairs</b>	22 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open Pairs & Supervised	23 10.30am <b>John &amp; Judy Zollo Pairs</b>	24 10.30am Graded pairs	25 9.45am <b>September pairs</b> 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	26 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	27 1.00pm Pleasant Sunday
28 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm <b>SABA Teams Championship &amp; Supervised Pairs</b>	29 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	30 10.30am <b>John &amp; Judy Zollo Pairs</b>				

## October 2026 — Program

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1 10.30am Graded pairs	2 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	3 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	4
5 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	6 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm <b>Jean McEwin pairs (red)</b> & Supervised Pairs	7 10.30am Graded pairs	8 10.30am Graded pairs	9 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	10 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	11
12 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15 pm Open & Supervised Pairs	13 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm <b>Jean McEwin pairs (red)</b> & Supervised Pairs	14 10.30am Graded pairs	15 10.30am Graded pairs	16 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	17 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	18
19 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	20 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm <b>Jean McEwin pairs (red)</b> & Supervised Pairs	21 10.30am Graded pairs	22 10.30am Graded pairs	23 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs 7.15pm <b>Teams with a Mentor</b>	24 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	25 1.00pm Pleasant Sunday
26 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7:15pm Open & Supervised pairs	27 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm <b>Jean McEwin pairs (red)</b> & Supervised Pairs	28 10.30am Graded pairs	29 10.30am Graded pairs	30 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	31 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	

## November 2026 — Program

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open Pairs & <b>Patrons Cup (Supervised)</b>						1
2 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open Pairs & <b>Patrons Cup (Supervised)</b>	3 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	4 10.30am <b>Keith McNeil Pairs</b>	5 10.30am <b>J&amp;S Rundle Pairs</b>	6 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm <b>Jim May Pairs &amp; Supervised</b>	7 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	8
9 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open Pairs & <b>Patrons Cup (Supervised)</b>	10 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	11 10.30am <b>Keith McNeil Pairs</b>	12 10.30am <b>J&amp;S Rundle Pairs</b>	13 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm <b>Jim May Pairs &amp; Supervised</b>	14 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	15
16 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open Pairs & <b>Patrons Cup (Supervised)</b>	17 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised	18 10.30am <b>Keith McNeil Pairs</b>	19 10.30am <b>J&amp;S Rundle Pairs</b>	20 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm <b>Jim May Pairs &amp; Supervised</b>	21 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	22
23 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open Pairs & <b>Patrons Cup (Supervised)</b>	24 10.00am Graded pairs	25 10.30am <b>Keith McNeil Pairs</b>	26 10.30am <b>J&amp;S Rundle Pairs</b>	27 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm <b>Jim May Pairs &amp; Supervised</b>	28 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	29 1.00pm Pleasant Sunday

	7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs					
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## December 2026 — Program

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	2 10.30am Graded pairs	3 10.30am Graded pairs	4 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	5 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	6
7 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	8 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	9 10.30am Graded pairs	10 10.30am Graded pairs	11 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	12 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	13
14 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	15 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open Pairs & Supervised Pairs	16 10.30am Graded pairs	17 10.30am Graded pairs	18 9.45am Open pairs 1.30pm Open & Supervised Pairs	19 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	20
21 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	22 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	23 10.30am Graded pairs	24 10.30am Graded pairs	25 Christmas Day CLOSED	26 Boxing Day CLOSED	27
28 10.00am Graded pairs 2.00pm Short bridge 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	29 10.00am Graded pairs 7.15pm Open & Supervised Pairs	30 10.30am Graded pairs	31 10.30am Graded pairs	1 New Year's Day CLOSED	2 Jan 2027 1.00pm Open & Supervised Pairs	3 Jan 2027

## SA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION SPECIAL EVENTS

### **Swiss Pairs Congress**

Sunday 22 February

### **Butler Pairs Championship**

Monday evenings on 9, 16, 23 and 30 March. A sponsored event with generous prize money for Open, Restricted and Novice pairs.

### **Satellite Venues Championships**

Single session event at Walkerville and Mt Barker on Monday 4 May and at Glenelg on Tuesday 5 May for players who regularly play at that venue.

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

Held on 11, 18 and 25 May. **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.

### **Novice Saturday Special**

Saturday morning on 9 May. An opportunity for Novice players to play with an experienced player and discuss the bidding, play and defence.

### **Rotary Pairs Congress**

Sunday 24 May

### **Magic Monday Month**

The winner of the Eclectic Monday night competition in June will receive a cash prize of \$150, the handicap winner will receive \$50.

### **Rookie Pairs Championship**

Sunday 28 June at Unley, A Championship event for our less experienced players. Different Grades for different levels of experience.

### **Beginners Pairs Championship**

Monday 6 July at 7.15 at Unley, for players who took Beginners' lessons at Unley in 2025 or 2026.

### **SA Bridge Assoc Winter Congress**

29 August (Pairs) and 30 August (Teams) held at Victor Harbor. Suitable for players of all levels

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

Monday evenings on 7, 14, 21 and 28 September. A sponsored event with generous prize money for Open, Restricted, and Novice teams.

### **Teams with a Mentor**

Friday evening 23 October, enjoy the opportunity for restricted and intermediate players (not supervised) to play with a more experienced player.

### **Melbourne Cup Luncheon**

Tuesday 3 November

### **Pleasant Sundays at Unley**

Sunday 22 February

Sunday 29 March

Sunday 26 April

Sunday 31 May

Sunday 28 June

Sunday 26 July

Sunday 23 August

Sunday 27 September

Sunday 25 October

Sunday 29 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 shared afternoon tea. Bar Open.

## **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATE SPECIAL EVENTS**

Seniors State Teams Trials 13 - 15 Mar

Women's State Teams Trials 27 - 29 Mar

Autumn National Open and Restricted Teams 29 - 30 April

Autumn National Matchpoint Pairs 1 - 3 May

Regional GNOT Final 23 Aug

State Mixed Pairs Championship 1 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).