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2019

PROGRAM

SABA MISSION STATEMENT

“To be a successful bridge club by providing a congenial, fair and competitive environment for the enjoyment of bridge at all levels”

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ABF ALERT REGULATIONS

Introduction

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, however, 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!

When addressing the problem of alerts, the ABF sub-committee was particularly concerned with the situation where an alert provided far more information to the partner than it did to the opponents! As an example, pairs playing 4♣ Gerber were often confused as to the meaning of the call in the midst of a complicated auction – it might have been natural, but it might have also been an Ace ask. In this instance partner's alert, or even failure to alert, often resolved the problem.

Self-Alerting

With the above problems in mind, the ABF introduced the principle of self alerting. Self alerting refers to the situation where a call, by its very nature, is regarded as having been automatically alerted - an alert by partner now becomes unnecessary, and, indeed, illegal. The self alerting tag has been applied to those calls where there is no common meaning, or else the alerting pair may gain more benefit than their opponents.

The self alerting calls are:

- All calls beyond the level of 3NT, **except conventional opening bids** (eg 4D opening showing a heart suit must be alerted).
- All doubles.
- All redoubles.
- **Any 2♣** response to a 1NT **opening**.
- Bids of suits previously called by the opponents (regardless of whether or not the original call was natural).
- Bids of suits previously specified by the call of another suit, or No Trumps e.g. if your left hand opponent has opened 1NT, and your right hand

opponent has now bid 2 diamonds, a transfer to hearts, then all diamond and heart calls by you are self alerted.

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.

ALERTING REGULATIONS

Alerting is compulsory - you can't ask the opponents not to alert.

Some bids you and your partner make are deemed "Self Alerting". You do not alert these calls because opponents are expected to know that partnerships may have a special agreement about these calls - hence they are deemed to have alerted themselves (eg all doubles and redoubles).

You must alert all your agreements (other than those that are self alerting) that the opponents may not fully understand, or may reasonably misinterpret. This includes

- Natural bids having an additional requirement that the opponents would not be expected to know, e.g. if a 1NT opening denies a four card major then it should be alerted.
- Calls that could be taken as forcing, but aren't e.g. a new suit call after an opponent's overcall.
- Weak jump responses, including Bergen raises.
- Inverted minor raises.
- Fourth suit forcing.
- Pass or correct calls, e.g. a 2♥ response to a multi 2♦ opening.
- A pass that conveys a special meaning.

You can ask your opponents about the calls that they have alerted (including self- alerted) when it is your turn to call. If you don't ask at that time, any subsequent questions from you must be about the entire auction - you are not allowed to query the meaning of a single call.

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.

It is strongly recommended that before starting a round or match that you obtain the following information from the opponents:

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

The opponents should also advise you before bidding commences of any self alerting calls which the opponents may confuse with other common calls, e.g.

unorthodox two openings. Unusual carding styles, e.g. leading low from a doubleton should also be pre alerted.

Announcements

The ABF has introduced the notion of ‘Announcements’.

What this means is that when you open **1C or 1NT** your partner should ‘announce’ to your opponents what the bid is about (note that 1C is now ‘announced’ rather than alerted, whatever its meaning).

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 reasoning for this change is to try to avoid the sometimes pointed enquiries that sometimes happened under the previous regulations.

While no specific penalties have been laid down for failing to ‘announce’, directors have the power to award an adjusted score if opponents are damaged by the failure to announce.

Rule of 15 and 18 (Local SABA Rule)

Whilst the ABF no longer uses this scheme SABA have decided to re-introduce it at several of our duplicate sessions, as follows:

1. A one level opening must have at least 18 opening points
2. A two level opening must have at least 15 opening points

Opening points are the total of your high card points plus the number of cards in your two longest suits.

These regulations will apply to all duplicate sessions except ALL A grade sections.

Psychic Calls

Intentional psychic calls made against players under National Master status are not permitted.

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. Master ranks may be used to determine seeding in tournaments. In addition, master events may be held in which entry is restricted to players of the specified masterpoint ranking(s).

Rank	Minimum Requirements			Notes
	Total	Red & Gold	Gold	
Graduate	2			
Club	5			
Local	15			
*Local	25			
**Local	35			
Regional	50			
*Regional	100			
State	50	25		
*State	100	50		
National	150	75		
*National	200	100		
**National	300	150		
Life	300	180	30	(1)
Bronze Life	400	240	40	(1)
Silver Life	500	300	50	(1)
Gold Life	750	450	75	(1)
Grand	1000	700	200	(2)
Silver Grand	2500	1900	600	(2)
Gold Grand	5000	4000	1400	(2)
Emerald Grand	10000	8500	3000	(2)
Diamond Grand	15000	13000	5000	(2)

- 1) The minimum gold point requirement, and the minimum red and gold point total requirement, will be reduced by 20% of the red points earned prior to 1982 (the year of introduction of gold points).
- (2) The minimum gold point requirement, and the minimum red and gold point total requirement, will be reduced by 40% of all red points earned prior to 1982. As an example, a player being assessed for the various Life Master rankings (with 175 red points earned prior to 1982) will need 35 mp fewer than the shown red and gold point total, and 35 mp fewer than the shown gold point total. The reduction in these requirements increases for the Grand Master rankings from 35mp to 70 mp. These pre-1982 allowances cannot be used towards player total requirements.

SABA 2019 PROGRAM

TEACHING PROGRAM

1. BRIDGE WEEK Monday 7th to Friday 11th January

A week of bridge events for beginner, intermediate & established players.

Daily from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm.

- Introductory Classes - concentrated five day course.
- Free tutorial at 10:00 am before each daytime session (≈ 20 minutes).

2. GENERAL TEACHING PROGRAM

Beginners' classes are of eight weeks duration (one session per week). Terms commence as follows:-

Tuesday 7.30 pm	Thursday 10.30 am	Satellite club classes
Term 1 29 th January	31 st January	TBA
Term 2 30 th April	2 nd May	TBA
Term 3 23 rd July	25 th July	TBA
Term 4 15 th October	17 th October	TBA

Intermediate tutorials are held on Monday evening (6:50 pm), Tuesday and Wednesday mornings (9:50 am) and Monday and Thursday afternoons (12:00 pm) at Walkerville.

Supervised sessions are available at SABA on Monday evenings and Thursday mornings and also at Bridge-on-Torrens (Thursday afternoon only), Somerton Park, Stirling, Blackwood and Campbelltown.

SABA Session Times

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
SABA	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10 am	1.00pm	
					1.30pm		
	7.30pm	7.30pm	7.00pm	7.30pm*			
BoT	1.00pm			1.00pm			
B@F	1.00pm						
B@BW		9.30am					
B@SP		9.30am					
B@C					9.30am		
B@Stirling				9.30am			

Notes:

* Mainly SABF events. Nomination required.

BoT - Bridge on Torrens, Walkerville Bowling Club, Cnr Smith & Church St, Walkerville

B@F – Bridge at Fullarton, Fullarton Community Centre, 411 Fullarton Rd, Fullarton

B@BW – Bridge at Blackwood Community Centre, 4 Young Street, Blackwood

B@SP – Somerton Dance Studio, 16 Boundary Rd, Somerton Park

B@C – Campbelltown Uniting Church, 607 Lower North East Rd, Campbelltown

B@SGC- Stirling RSL Club, Apex Park, Merrion Tce, Stirling

INFORMATION ABOUT PROGRAMMED COMPETITIONS

PAIRS EVENTS

The majority of sessions at SABA involve graded (walk-in) duplicate match-pointed pairs, with competitions generally played over a calendar month. The majority are also eclectic. What does this all mean?

- **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 begins to consistently do 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.

Pairs from any grade can win the monthly competition (except for certain named events where the winners are deemed to be the highest finishing A Grade pair), but cannot win the following month in the same or lower grade (except in A grade, where there is no such restriction).

- **Eclectic:** Unless otherwise stated in this program, 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.
- **Masterpoint Awards:** For pairs events, session masterpoints are awarded to the top half of the field. The winners receive an award based on the type of event (different rate for club green, club red, congresses, state championships, etc), and the number of tables in a scoring section. The pair in second place receive 70% of the winners' award, third receive half the winner's award, fourth receive one third, and so on. At the end of the competition, masterpoints are also awarded for the overall competition results, down to half the eligible field (you must have played a specified minimum number of sessions to be eligible).

OTHER TYPES OF EVENTS AT SABA

Matchpointed pairs events are not the only type of events played at SABA. There are a number of teams and Butler Pairs events in the program, mainly on Thursday nights, but also on Wednesday mornings, and at times, on Monday nights. These events require pre-nomination and representation at each session of the event for which you nominate. (This means that you must either 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 Club Manager or a director.

SABA On-line payments and Pre-Pay System

The AJ Pre-Payment (PP) System (AJ PP) is designed to reduce the use of cash in bridge club transactions. Players register within their club to join the club's PP System. They are able to deposit funds into their account using whatever means is suitable to the bridge club. Then, each time they play a session (or make some other charge against their account at the club), their account is debited.

It is possible to have a second player linked to an account, so that all charges made by either player are debited to the one main account.

When a player's balance gets low, the Director will be notified by a warning on their session summary sheet. There is also the option to print out low balance reminders which includes the player's recent transactions.

The PP System can send emails at the start of each month providing PP-registered members with a statement of transactions for the previous month. A variety of club administration reconciliations can also be generated for each month.

The program can be set to allow for concession table fees as well as standard rates.

Whenever there is an
infraction, or a possible
infraction, at your table,
**CALL THE
DIRECTOR.**

Remember, only directors are
permitted to give rulings.

MONDAY MORNING

Tutorial 9.50 a.m., Play 10.30 a.m. 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. Lunch may be purchased from the kitchen.

January Pairs

7/1 14/1 21/1 28/1 (Australia Day Holiday)

Frank Coyle Pairs (Red)

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

March Pairs

4/3 11/3 (Adelaide Cup holiday) 18/3 25/3

April Pairs

1/4 8/4 15/4 22/4 (Easter Monday) 29/4

May Pairs

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

June Pairs

3/6 10/6 (Queen's Birthday holiday) 17/6 24/6

George Roper Pairs (Red)

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 (Labour Day holiday) 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 30/12

MONDAY AFTERNOON

Bridge-on-Torrens 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm
Walkerville Bowling Club, Cnr Smith & Church Sts, Walkerville.

Regular walk-in pairs (no grading). Enjoy a pleasant afternoon at the Walkerville Bowling Club every Monday afternoon. Free coffee and tea. A free optional tutorial for intermediate players is held at 12:00 pm before play.

Bridge @ Fullarton 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm
Fullarton Community Centre, 411 Fullarton Rd, Fullarton

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

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MONDAY EVENING

7.30 - 11.00 p.m. Green and Red Master Points

Walk-In duplicate, with prizes awarded on the basis of monthly aggregate. The worst score is dropped if all sessions are played. (does not apply to the State Singles Championship). A supervised duplicate is also conducted. There is a free optional tutorial for intermediate and supervised players at 6:50 pm before play.

President's Pairs

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

February Pairs

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

Vin & Margaret Moriarty Pairs (Red)

4/3 11/3 (Adelaide Cup holiday) 18/3 25/3

Open Trials Final

4/3 11/3

April Pairs

1/4 8/4 15/4 22/4 (Easter Monday) 29/4

Pax Lusk Pairs (Red)

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

June Pairs

3/6 10/6 (Queen's Birthday holiday) 17/6 24/6

July Pairs

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

Wally Roll Pairs (Red)

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

State Singles Championships (State Red)

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

October Pairs

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

John & Nora Martin Mixed Pairs (Red)

This is a sponsored event with additional prize money.

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

Fred Madsen Pairs

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

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TUESDAY MORNING

10.30 a.m. Green and 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. Lunch may be purchased from the kitchen. There is a free optional tutorial for intermediate and supervised players at 9:50 am before play.

January Pairs

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

February Pairs

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

Rio Clarke Pairs (Red)

This is a sponsored event with additional prize money.

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

April Pairs

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

Gavin McEwin Pairs (Red)

This is a sponsored event with additional prize money.

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

June Pairs

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

September Pairs

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

Jean McEwin Pairs (Red)

This is a sponsored event with additional prize money.

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

November Pairs

5/11 (Melbourne Cup Lunch) 12/11 19/11 26/11

December Pairs

3/12 10/12 17/12 24/12 31/12 (NYE Congress)

Bridge @ Somerton Park

Somerton Dance Studio, 16 Boundary Rd, Somerton Park, 9.30am to 12.30pm every Tuesday

Regular walk-in session for Supervised/Intermediate players

Bridge @ Blackwood

Blackwood Community Centre, 4 Young St, Blackwood, 9.30am to 12.30pm every Tuesday

Regular walk-in session for Supervised/Intermediate players



TUESDAY EVENING

7:30 – 11:00 p.m. Green and 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.

January Pairs

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

February Pairs

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

March Pairs

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

Ted Hilson Pairs

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

May Pairs

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

June Pairs

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

September Pairs

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

Paddy Haydon Pairs

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

November Pairs

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

State Teams Finals

5/11 12/11 19/11 26/11 3/12

December Pairs

3/12 10/12 17/12 24/12 31/12

WEDNESDAY MORNING

10.30 a.m. Green and Red Master Points

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

A supervised duplicate is also conducted. There is a free optional tutorial for intermediate and supervised players at 9:50 am before play. Lunch may be purchased from the kitchen.

January Pairs

2/1 9/1 16/1 23/1 30/1

Daytime State Teams Championship - Qualifying (Red)

30/1 6/2 13/2 27/2

February Pairs (Concurrent with Daytime State Teams)

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

Daytime State Teams Championship – Final & Plate (Red)

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

March Pairs (Concurrent with Teams Final & Plate)

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

April Pairs

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

Kath George Pairs Championship (Red)

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

Lyndoch Lavender Farm Pairs (Red)

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

July Pairs

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

John Zollo Pairs (Red)

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

Len Thompson Pairs (Red)

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

Gus & Gusti Gilbert Pairs

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

Keith McNeil Pairs (Red)

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

December Pairs

4/12 11/12 18/12

CLOSED

25/12 (Christmas Day)



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WEDNESDAY EVENING

7.00 - 10.30 p.m. Green and 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.

January Pairs

2/1 9/1 16/1 23/1 30/1

February Pairs

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

March Pairs

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

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

3/9 10/9 18/9 25/9

October Pairs

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

November Pairs

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

December Pairs

4/12 11/12 18/12 25/12

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THURSDAY MORNING

Play 10.30 am Green and 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 for intermediate and supervised players at 9:50 am before play. Lunch may be purchased from the kitchen.

January Pairs

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

February Pairs

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

Red Plum Automotive Pairs (Red)

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

April Pairs

4/4 11/4 18/4 25/4 (ANZAC Day)

Reg Gooley Pairs (Red)

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

June Pairs

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

Dorothy Saies Pairs (Red)

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

August Pairs

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

September Pairs

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

October Pairs

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

J & S Rundle Pairs (Red)

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

December Pairs

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

Bridge-on-Torrens 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm
Walkerville Bowling Club, Cnr Smith & Church St, Walkerville.

Bridge at Stirling 9.30am to 12.30pm
Stirling RSL Club, Apex Park, Merriion Tce, Stirling

Patron's Cup

The 2019 Patron's Cup will be held at Unley in November. The Patron's Cup is awarded to the pair that finishes first in the monthly competition. It is open to all SABA Supervised players.



THURSDAY EVENING

7.30 - 11.15 p.m. Green, Red, and Gold Masterpoints

Most events which are played on Thursday nights are State Championships or Qualifying events open to all members of SABA and other Clubs affiliated with the SABF. Table fees are set by the SABF for state events. All teams and Butler Pairs events require prior nomination and representation at every session.

January Pairs

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

Open Trials Final

31/1 7/2 14/2 28/2 7/3 (also matches on Monday night 4/3 and 11/3)

Open Trials Plate

31/1 7/2 14/2 28/2 7/3

Under Life Butler

31/1 7/2

Walk-in Pairs

21/2 (Gold Coast Congress)

SABA GNOT Qualifying (GOLD)

14/3 21/3 28/3 4/4 11/4

Walk In Pairs

18/4 (Thursday before Easter)

25/4 (ANZAC Day)

CLOSED

2/5 Autumn Nationals

State Swiss Butler Pairs Championship

9/5 16/5 23/5 30/5 13/6

Walk In Pairs

6/6 (VCC)

State Teams Phase I

20/6 27/6 4/7 11/7 25/7

Walk In Pairs

18/7 (ANC)

Open Trials Qualifying

1/8 8/8 15/8 22/8 29/8 5/9

State Teams Phase II

12/9 19/9 26/9 3/10 10/10

Walk In Pairs

17/10 (SNOT)

State Pairs Qualifying

24/10 31/10 7/11

State Pairs Final

14/11 21/11 5/12

State Pairs Consolation

14/11 21/11 28/11 5/12

SABF Christmas Party

12/12

State Swiss Individual Championship

19/12

Closed

26/12

FRIDAY MORNING

Play 10am – 1pm Green and 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.

January Pairs

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

Jean Harbison 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 (Good Friday) 26/4

May Pairs

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

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

John Pick Pairs (Red)

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

December Pairs

6/12 13/12 20/12 27/12

Bridge@Campbelltown

Campbelltown Uniting Church, 607 Lower North East Rd, Campbelltown,
10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Regular walk-in session (no grading).

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Play 1.30pm to 4.30 pm

Walk-In graded duplicate, with prizes awarded on the basis of monthly aggregate. The worst score is dropped if all sessions are played.

January Pairs

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

February Pairs

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 (Good Friday) 26/4

May Pairs

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

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

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

December Pairs

6/12 13/12 20/12 27/12

FRIDAY EVENING

SABA Teams Championships

Sponsored event with \$2,400 in prizemoney. Open to all SABA members with prizemoney for Open, Restricted¹ and Novice sections².

Notes.

1. All team members with under 300 MPs
2. All team members with under 100 MPs but each team can have one member with unlimited MPs

Friday Evening @ 7pm

27/9 4/10, 11/10

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1.00 to 4.30 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.

Nationwide Pairs

The Nationwide Pairs will be conducted on the 1st Saturday of each month. These will be Red Point events, with appropriate master points also being allocated SABA. Normal table fees apply.

January Pairs

5/1 12/1 19/1 26/1

Paddy Naylor Pairs (Red)

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

March Pairs

2/3 9/3 16/3 23/3 30/3

April Pairs

6/4 13/4 20/4 (Easter Saturday) 27/4

May Pairs

4/5 11/5 18/5 25/5

June Pairs

1/6 8/6 15/6 22/6 29/6

July Pairs

6/7 13/7 20/7 27/7

August Pairs

3/8 10/8 17/8 24/8 31/8

September Pairs

7/9 14/9 21/9 28/9

October Pairs

5/10 12/10 19/10 26/10

November Pairs

2/11 9/11 16/11 23/11 30/11

December Pairs

7/12 14/12 21/12 28/12

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SABA SPECIAL EVENTS

Pleasant Sundays

In 2019 the 4 pleasant Sundays have been replaced by 6 congresses. All congresses will also cater for Restricted and Novice players.

SABA Swiss Pairs Congress

Sunday 10th Feb

SABA Pairs Congresses

17th March, 19th May, 21st July, 21st October, 24th November

Rotary Pairs Congress

Sunday 2nd June

SABA Teams Championships

Friday PM 27/9 4/10, 11/10

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Tuesday 5th November

SABA AGM

Sunday 8th Dec

SABA New Year's Eve Congress

Tuesday 31st December

OPEN STATE TEAM SELECTION

Selection playoff points are allocated to the top place-getters in the following events:

- Open Butler Trials Final
- Swiss Pairs Championship
- State Teams Championship Phases One and Two
- State Teams Final
- Open Trials Qualifying
- Daytime Teams Championships
- State Pairs Championship
- SABA GNOT Qualifying

In addition, points will also be awarded to members of a team which comes first or second at the Autumn National Open Teams or first in the Open Teams at the Australian National Championships.

The top three pairs from the Butler Trials Qualifying will automatically qualify for the Open Butler Trials Final, and if all take up their spot, will be joined by the 11 pairs with the highest aggregate playoff points.

Details of play-off points awarded and other regulations governing State Team selection are contained in SABF Supplementary Regulations, copies of which are in the SABA clubrooms.

WOMEN'S & SENIORS' STATE TEAMS SELECTION

All entrants to the Seniors' Trials need to have been born before 1.1.1959.

The Trials for each event shall be restricted to a field of 12 pairs. To be immediately eligible for the Final, a pair must satisfy at least one of the following:

- (a) Both members of the partnership have Open Trials Playoff points for the previous year.
- (b) Both members of the partnership played in a respective South Australian team in the previous year, and that team finished first or second. Should just one member of a partnership be in this category, then that player shall be credited with 30 Playoff points.
- (c) Both members of the partnership played in a respective South Australian team in the previous year, and that team did not reach the Final.

If the team finished:

- 3rd then each player shall receive 15 PQP
- 4th then each player shall receive 10 PQP
- 5th then each player shall receive 5 PQP

(d) Players may also earn Women's & Senior's PQP's in the following competitions:

1. Open Trials Consolation:
10 for a top 5 finish
5 for 6th to 10th
2. Swiss Pairs Championship & Open Trials Qualifying
10 for placings 11th to 15th
5 for placings 16th to 20th
3. State Teams One & Two, SABA GNOT Qualifying
10 for 8th, 7.5 for 9th, 5 for 10th

Pairs without PQP's will be ranked on their placing in the Open Trials qualifying. If they played separately then their ranking will be the lower of the two.

In exceptional circumstances the Tournament Committee may include a pair that has not had the opportunity to play in the Qualifying events.

Women's Trials Qualifying.

The top eight qualifiers will go directly to the women's trials final, with the remaining four positions (or fewer if there is a tie for the 8th placing) being determined by a one day qualifying event on an earlier weekend. This competition will take the format of a Butler Pairs event, ideally of a round robin rather than Swiss format.

Note: Where an entrant pair has a player with less than 10 pqps then, unless an exemption has been granted (see 18.11.1), that pair must compete in the Qualifying competition.

YOUTH STATE TEAM SELECTION

The South Australian Youth Team for the 2019 ANC will be selected by an SABF panel. A number of criteria, including participation and performance over the previous twelve months, will be taken into account **with the results of the 2019 trials being the most significant determinant in team selection.** The event will be open to players born on or after January 1st, 1993.

- Depending on the number of entries, the Butler event will be a single or double round-robin, held in conjunction with the Seniors' Trials on that weekend, using the same boards. In the event that there are fewer than four tables in the youth event, the Senior averages will be used as datums for the Youth Butler.
- Normal substitution rules will apply with no absolute requirement that substitutes be of eligible age. However, strict penalties will apply whenever the director deems that a substitute is of substantially better standard than the missing entrant player.

2019 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WEEKEND SPECIAL EVENTS

Inter-Club Hcp Challenge Pairs (Gawler)	9 Mar
Women's Trials Qualifying	17 Mar
Seniors' State Teams Trials	22 – 24 Mar
Womens' State Finals	12 - 14 Apr
Autumn National Senior Swiss Pairs	2/3 May
Autumn National Women's Swiss Pairs	2/3 May
Autumn National Restricted Swiss Pairs	2/3 May
Autumn National Open Swiss Pairs	2/3 May
Autumn National Open and Restricted Teams	4/5 May
ANOT Final and Consolation	6 May
Under Grand GNOT Final	25 Aug
State Mixed Pairs Championship (Sunday)	22 Sep
State Seniors Pairs Championship	17 Nov
ADELAIDE BRIDGE CENTRE	
New Year's Day Pairs Congress	1 Jan
BRIDGE IN THE BAROSSA	
Bridge in the Barossa Congress	6/7 Jul
BRIDGE AT BEAUMONT	
Easter Congress	22 Apr
Christmas in Winter Congress	23 Jun
Bridge at Beaumont Birthday Congress	17 Nov
BRIDGE IN THE CITY	
Bridge in the City Congress	6 Oct
GAWLER	
Gawler Teams congress	2 Nov
GLENELG	
Glenelg Pairs Congress	31 Aug
RIVERLAND	
Riverland Congress	26/27 Oct
ST VINCENTS	
St Vincent Pairs Congress	15 Sep

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