

CONGRESSES AND OTHER EVENTS **AUGUST 2011**

Name of Event	Code	Club	Points	Mth/Yr
NEW SOUTH WALES COUNTRY TEAMS	2CT	2-001	RED	AUG/11
NEW SOUTH WALES MIXED PAIRS	2XP	2-001	RED	MAY/11
QUEENSLAND BUTLER PAIRS	4BU	4-501	RED	AUG/11
SOUTH AUSTRALIA GNOT UNDER GRAND HEAT	5GG	5-700	GOLD	AUG/11
SOUTH AUSTRALIA GNOT REGIONAL FINAL	5GO	5-700	GOLD	AUG/11
COFFS COAST: RESTRICTED SWISS PAIRS	9MM	9-934	GOLD	AUG/11
COFFS COAST: RESTRICTED TEAMS	9MN	9-934	GOLD	AUG/11
COFFS COAST: OPEN SWISS PAIRS	9MP	9-934	GOLD	AUG/11
COFFS COAST: OPEN TEAMS	9MT	9-934	GOLD	AUG/11
COFFS COAST: WELCOME PAIRS	9MW	9-934	RED	AUG/11
ANC: SWISS PAIRS	9N1	9-929	GOLD	AUG/11
ANC: RESTRICTED BUTLER	9N2	9-929	GOLD	AUG/11
ANC: WOMENS BUTLER	9NA	9-929	GOLD	AUG/11
ANC: OPEN BUTLER	9NB	9-929	GOLD	AUG/11
ANC: CONGRESS EVENTS	9NC	9-929	RED	AUG/11
ANC: WELCOME PAIRS	9ND	9-929	RED	JUL/11
ANC: FAREWELL PAIRS	9NE	9-929	RED	AUG/11
ANC: OPEN TEAMS	9NO	9-929	GOLD	JUL/11
ANC: SENIORS TEAMS	9NS	9-929	GOLD	JUL/11
ANC: SENIORS BUTLER	9NU	9-929	GOLD	AUG/11
ANC: WOMENS TEAMS	9NW	9-929	GOLD	JUL/11
ANC: YOUTH TEAMS	9NY	9-929	GOLD	JUL/11
SWAN RIVER SWISS PAIRS	9XS	9-949	GOLD	JUL/11
ARMIDALE GNP HEAT	ARN	2-010	GOLD	JUL/11
BATHURST GNOT HEAT	BDG	2-015	GOLD	JUL/11
BRIDGETOWN GNP HEAT	BPG	6-761	GOLD	AUG/11
BRUNSWICK HEADS GNOT HEAT	BVG	2-021	GOLD	AUG/11
BYRON BAY GNOT HEAT	BYG	2-023	GOLD	JUL/11
BRIDGE IN THE CITY GNP HEAT	C4F	5-710	GOLD	AUG/11
CALOUNDRA GNP HEAT	CAG	4-592	GOLD	AUG/11
CENTRAL COAST LEAGUES GNP HEAT	CLH	2-036	GOLD	MAY/11
DALBY GNOT HEAT	4-598	GOLD	JUL/11	
GEELONG CONGRESS	3-360	RED	JUL/11	
GRIFFITH GNOT HEAT	4-598	GOLD	JUL/11	
GUNNEDAH GNOT HEAT	GUG	2-085	GOLD	JUL/11
HAWKESBURY GNOT HEAT	HDB	2-093	GOLD	JUL/11
INGLEBURN TEAMS	1IT	2-100	RED	AUG/11
ILLAWARRA BA CONGRESS	13C	2-105	RED	JUN/11
KNOX CONGRESS	KXC	3-361	RED	AUG/11
LAKES ENTRANCE GNOT HEAT	LAG	3-379	GOLD	JUL/11
LISMORE GNOT HEAT	LIG	2-123	GOLD	JUL/11
MANDURAH GNP HEAT	M1P	6-778	GOLD	JUL/11
MUDGEERABA GNP HEAT	M7P	4-652	GOLD	AUG/11
MEREWETHER SOUTH GNOT HEAT	MBG	2-142	GOLD	AUG/11
MEREWETHER SOUTH GNP HEAT	MBH	2-142	GOLD	AUG/11
MAITLAND GNP HEAT	MDE	2-133	GOLD	AUG/11
MAITLAND TEAMS	MDT	2-133	RED	AUG/11
MOREE PAIRS	MEP	2-149	RED	AUG/11
MARYBOROUGH CONGRESS	MGC	4-645	RED	JUL/11
MCBC GNP HEAT	MVP	3-408	GOLD	AUG/11
MACKAY GNP HEAT 5	MYG	4-640	GOLD	AUG/11
MACKAY NOVICE PAIRS	MYM	4-640	RED	JUL/11
NAMBUCCA HEADS GNOT HEAT	NAG	2-170	GOLD	JUL/11
NEWCASTLE GNP HEAT I & II	NCF	2-160	GOLD	AUG/11
NEWCASTLE GNOT HEAT	NCG	2-160	GOLD	JUL/11
NEDLANDS ONE DAY CONGRESS	NEC	6-785	RED	JUL/11
NOOSA NOVICE PAIRS	NOM	4-657	RED	AUG/11
ORANGE CONGRESS	ORC	2-152	RED	JUL/11
ORANGE GNOT HEAT	ORG	2-152	GOLD	JUL/11
PAYNESVILLE GNP HEAT	PYC	3-435	GOLD	AUG/11
REDLAND GNOT HEAT	RDF	4-510	GOLD	AUG/11
REDCLIFFE PAIRS	REP	4-960	RED	AUG/11
VICTOR HARBOR CONGRESS	RHC	5-745	RED	AUG/11
QCBC GNP HEAT III	RQG	4-555	GOLD	AUG/11
UNDERCROFT GNP HEAT	RUP	6-792	GOLD	JUN/11
SALE GNP HEAT	SAP	3-455	GOLD	AUG/11
SURFERS CONGRESS	SFC	4-682	RED	JUL/11
SUNNYBANK GNP HEAT IV & V	SKG	4-566	GOLD	AUG/11
SUNNYBANK TEAMS	SKT	4-566	RED	AUG/11
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS GNOT HEAT	SOG	2-251	GOLD	JUL/11
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS GNP HEAT	SOP	2-251	GOLD	AUG/11
SOCIAL BRIDGE RUSSIAN CRUISE	SRX	2-242	RED	JUL/11
SUNSHINE COAST GNP HEAT	SUA	4-680	GOLD	AUG/11
SUNSHINE COAST TEAMS	SUT	4-680	RED	AUG/11
TOOWOOMBA GNP HEAT	TAB	4-688	GOLD	AUG/11
TOOWOOMBA NOVICE TEAMS	TAM	4-688	RED	AUG/11
TAREE GNOT HEAT	TEG	2-256	GOLD	JUL/11
TAREE TEAMS	TET	2-256	RED	JUL/11
TOOWONG GNP HEAT V	TGE	4-572	GOLD	AUG/11
TWIN TOWNS BIRTHDAY TEAMS	TIB	2-263	RED	JUL/11
TULLY GNOT HEAT	TJC	2-258	GOLD	JUL/11
TOWNSVILLE GNOT HEAT	TNF	4-690	GOLD	AUG/11
TOWNSVILLE TEAMS	TNT	4-690	RED	JUN/11
TWEEED GNOT HEAT II	TWG	2-260	GOLD	JUL/11
TULLY PAIRS	TYP	4-693	RED	AUG/11
WABC GNP HEAT III & IV	WAP	6-795	GOLD	AUG/11
WAGGA WAGGA CONGRESS	WGC	2-267	RED	AUG/11
WARWICK GNOT HEAT	WKF	4-696	GOLD	AUG/11
WARWICK SWISS PAIRS	WKS	4-696	RED	AUG/11
VIC NORTHERN REGION GNOT FINAL	ZG3	3-497	GOLD	AUG/11
HUNTER REGIONAL GNOT FINAL	ZGH	9-914	GOLD	AUG/11
VIC NORTHERN REGION GNP FINAL	ZJM	3-497	GOLD	AUG/11

TOTAL: 93 Club Membership Total=33108 (corresponding total last year: 33121)
 By State: ACT=799; NSW=13361; VIC=4953, QLD=7361; SA=1611; WA=4104; TAS=756; NT=163



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NEW SYSTEM

The ABF is upgrading the Masterpoint system and website. This will result in a new-look modern site with improvements for both members and club administrators.

There is a new **TEST** website www.abfmpc.bridg.australia.org where the new Masterpoint System is being developed. Please go to the site and have a look around. The data should be fairly up to date, but there maybe some discrepancies. After all, as the site warns, it is still under construction! Your State Masterpoint Secretaries and some other power users have already had a look at the system, and given us their feedback.

For any Club Masterpoint Secretaries or other club administrators that would normally interact with the ABF Masterpoint Centre, you can log on to the site and try out your normal functions. Simply click on the Administration login

link at the top left hand side of the home page. Your userid will be your 4 digit *club number*, and your password is currently set to *123*.

This password is only valid for this test environment, and a new password will be issued to all clubs when we go-live.

GO-LIVE

Speaking of going live, the planned release date for the new system is:

January 1st 2012

That is, after the December 31st update is completed. The December update will be the last monthly update done in the current system.

So, when the time comes, it will be even more important to ensure you get all your submissions to the Centre in time for the end of quarter deadline. Any late submitters will have to use the

IMPORTANT DEADLINE

The number of B4c red point session entitlements for 2012 is determined by the number of green points issued by your club during the 4 quarters ending September 2011.

It is therefore in your best interest to ensure that the Centre receives all outstanding masterpoints before the deadline.

Next monthly update deadline: Friday 30th September. at Midnight

new system to send in their requests, as the old systems online forms will be disabled immediately after the deadline has passed.

FEEDBACK

Any comments or feedback, just send them to the Centre's email address masterpoints@abf.com.au and the developer will see them.

Remember, now is the time to speak up, so let us know what you think!

Not all your comments and suggestions will be able to be incorporated in the initial development of the new system, but hopefully this will catch and fix any bugs before we go-live. We can only hope!!!

Not to worry, I am sure there will be a Phase II for the project, when your ideas hopefully WILL be able to be incorporated. So don't be shy and send us your comments, both good and bad.

NEW FUNCTIONALITY

Some of the new features and functions of the new system will be:

- Monthly updates. Previously there has only been two updates in the first quarter of each year. The new system will now have three. One each month.
- You will not have to wait for the monthly update before you can see any awards you might have earned in the current month. They will show up as soon as they are uploaded, but will be marked as *'provisional'*. The provisional status of these awards

will change after each monthly update is done.

- New Player registrations can be done online, and an ABF number will be immediately generated. You will have the facility to look up existing members, both active and inactive, to help avoid members being duplicated. **I cannot stress how important it will be for you to check these lists thoroughly to minimize the number of duplicates created.**
- Club Masterpoint Secretaries and State Masterpoint Secretaries will be able to upload Masterpoint award files directly. Whilst these files are marked as provisional, the Masterpoint Secretary can remove or change them, if there are any errors. Once the Centre processed them, no changes can be made to the files. Any corrections will have to be done as a future adjustment.
- Player updates will be done in 'real time', so new players, transfers, reactivations etc. will be visible immediately after the Club Masterpoint Secretary has entered the information. Of course, you will only be able to enter information relating to your club. No need to fill in paper forms, or send an email requesting the changes, and having to wait for the Centre to action. Now you will be able to see the effects immediately.
- Monthly and quarterly reports will be emailed instead of posted for clubs that we hold an email address for. These reports will be reverting to an A4 format, which should make it easier for clubs to print the reports.

Those handful of clubs without internet access, the reports will continue to be mailed to them.

- Similar to player details, you will be able to directly maintain your clubs details. The club name and number cannot be changed, but everything else is under your control.
- As we will be moving into the modern era, and send reports via email, you will need to update the email address for your club. Your current club Masterpoint Secretary's email will be what is used by default. If that is not correct, you will have 1 month from go-live to update the information to what you want.
- When you transfer a player, the current system makes them an alternate member or their old home club. As most transfers are due to the person moving, the new system will not do this. However, their old home club can still add the player as an alternate member if they so wish.
- You can update your home club members details online, and see the results immediately. You will not be able to edit a players surname, but any other details can be updated, including first name. You will need to contact the Centre directly on the odd occasion you do legitimately need to change a surname. Remember to record a players date of birth, and as many details as possible. This will help in the future to avoid getting players duplicated.

REDUNDANT ITEMS

Some of the existing items on the cur-

rent Masterpoint Centre website will not be carried over to the new system.

The main items considered redundant or unnecessary are:

- Green Point Achievement competition and report. The Management Committee decided that this competition/report is no longer required. It will cease with the final December 31st update in the current system.
- The links page that list some clubs and their websites. Traditionally clubs have not always provided this information to the Centre, so the list here is not a true indication of clubs with websites. A more complete listed can be found on the ABF or your State Association's website.
- Downloads page. Eliminate unnecessary parts of this, including the special ASE downloads. A permanent link to the appropriate page on the ASE web site can be made available, likewise for other scoring program developers who have specific downloads.
- ABCD Directory (a list of clubs in Australia with address, contact details and session times) will be removed. It was decided that this is more a State or ABF issue and the existing one is more out of date than similar ones presently done by the states. Also, in the modern age, with most people having internet access via their phones or laptops, the need for such a booklet is probably not really required anymore. They can simply go to the clubs website and find out all the details from there.