



**Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship
Gold Coast 2018**

9 January 2018

**GOLD COAST INTERNATIONAL INVITATIONAL PAIRS
COMMONWEALTH NATIONS BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP ANCILLARY EVENT**

To welcome players to the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship, the Gold Coast Bridge Club is hosting a special single session pairs event at their club in the early evening on 13 February 2018 – the day before the Championship starts.

This ancillary event will start at 5pm and finish around 8 pm, followed by light refreshments - with “Australian” themed food and wine/beer, and a presentation of artistic works by indigenous artists.

The prize money pool is a minimum of \$1,500 (it may be increased)

1 st Placed Pair of Commonwealth Nations tournament contestants	\$600
2 nd Placed Pair of Commonwealth Nations tournament contestants	\$400
3 rd Placed Pair of Commonwealth Nations tournament contestants	\$200
4 th Placed Pair of Commonwealth Nations tournament contestants	\$150
Best pair where one (or both) players are not competing in the Commonwealth Nations tournament.	\$150

Entry is FREE to overseas based Commonwealth Nations tournament contestants (\$20 for all others). This includes the after play refreshments.

The Gold Coast Bridge Club is 1.2 km from the Convention Centre (the venue for the Commonwealth Nations tournament), and adjacent to the Light Rail line. The club expects to organise private transport to and from the Club to any Commonwealth Nations tournament players who need local transport.

The club accommodates around 36 tables and the present intention is to have a field approximately evenly split between Commonwealth Nations contestants and other bridge players. Not every player on every team at the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship will be able to

participate. We encourage at least 2 players from each team to enter the event where possible. At the same time it will also be a case of once all the spaces are filled there will be room for no more.

This event is a wonderful opportunity to engage with both fellow competitors in the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship and well established local Australian players, and generate publicity about bridge to the Australian public. Developing and growing bridge in all forms preserves and enhances the strength of the bridge community. Commonwealth Nation pairs also both get in some last minute practice the day before the Championship starts, and have a good chance of winning significant prize-money, given the 4 prize-money places reserved for them.

This is a wonderful gesture by the Gold Coast Bridge Club to host an event that benefits bridge players of the Commonwealth. We welcome your support and participation in this ancillary event.

To lodge your entry visit the Gold Coast Bridge Club's website (www.goldcoastbridgeclub.com) or email the club at gcbc@winshop.com.au. Any queries can be addressed to Philip Roberts from the Club on + 7 418 305 700.

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