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## **Pesta Sukan Bridge Championships 2024 - 1st Circular**

Dear Bridge Enthusiasts,

We are delighted to announce that the Pesta Sukan Bridge Championships 2024 will be held from 6th to 8th December at two venues: SCBA's Bishan Clubhouse and Canberra Community Club's Multipurpose Hall.

### Event Highlights:

- 6th December (Friday):
  - 14:00 - 18:00: Inter Club Socials (Invitation Only) at SCBA, Bishan CC
  - 19:00 - 22:30: Mixed Pairs at SCBA, Bishan CC
- 7th December (Saturday):
  - 09:30 - 21:50: Open Teams Qualifying at Canberra CC MPH
  - Lunch and Dinner will be catered
- 8th December (Sunday):
  - 09:30 - 18:30: Open Teams Finals, Open Pairs Qualifying and Finals, IMP Pairs at Canberra CC MPH
  - Lunch will only be catered for the Open Teams Finals and Open Pairs Finals.

### Participation Fees and Awards:

- Detailed information on participation fees and awards will be provided in the supplementary conditions of contest as well as the Pesta Sukan website.

We invite all bridge players, both competitive and social, to join us in this exciting event. Let's come together to celebrate our shared passion for Bridge!

For more details and registration, please visit our website: <https://www.scba.org.sg/pesta-sukan-2024>

Best regards,

Organizing Committee  
Pesta Sukan Bridge Championships 2024



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## Appendix: Detailed Explanation for Venue Selection

Since the onset of COVID, Pesta Sukan has either been called off, held online, or hosted at the SCBA clubhouse from 2020 to 2023. Additionally, the previous venue, Quality Hotel Marlow, has changed management, resulting in the loss of our favourable rate.

### Why a Community Club?

- **More Space and Visibility:** Hosting Pesta Sukan at an external venue provides more space and greater visibility to the public. This aligns with our goal of scaling up the event.
- **Building Competency:** Moving to a larger venue allows us to plan and build towards hosting more sophisticated, higher-level tournaments annually. These include:
  - More seamless scoring and score transparency to all players
  - Better demarcation between playing area and resting area
  - Tighter time controls
  - Higher utilisation of logistics (basically boards) for all playing members
  - Use of Vugraph
  - Hiring of a bulletin editor
  - More manpower to handle tournament queries
- **Potential Collaborations:** Partnering with the People's Association opens doors for future collaborations within PA's extensive network.
- **Bishan CC's Limitations:** Bishan CC's Multipurpose Hall is a popular spot with many activities, making it impractical for us to secure the venue for an entire weekend.

Ensuring Pesta Sukan retains its prestige and attraction within the region is my primary responsibility. While there are trade-offs, I am hopeful this change will be a net positive for our players.



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## **What to note when playing at Canberra Community Club:**

- There is no accommodation within Canberra Community Club, and Airbnb for short stays in Singapore is not allowed by law. The nearest accommodation would be [Orchid Country Club](#) which is about a 20-minute drive away. We have obtained preferential room rates from OCC if you wish to have your stay away from the city centre and closer to the playing venue. Please refer to the Hotel Booking Information for more details.
- The closest train station to the CC is Sembawang (NS11), not Canberra (NS12).
- Food options around the CC are limited. Other than a small Muslim Indian restaurant in the CC, the most plausible food options nearby would be Sun Plaza and Sembawang MRT station which are about 5 to 6 minutes away. The path is not sheltered, and it could be challenging for everyone to get their food should there be rain.
- Considering the above, we have hence decided to cater food for all Open Teams Qualifying on Saturday, and the Open Teams Final and Open Pairs Final participants on Sunday.
- Lunch during the Open Teams Qualifying will be a buffet line. You are encouraged to bring your own containers to minimise food waste and do our part for the environment.
- Catered food for the rest of the events will be by bento sets.
- Parking at the CC might not be available, however there is a multi-storey carpark nearby at [Block 325A HDB Sembawang Crescent](#).



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## Special Rates for Orchid Country Club Hotel Rooms

[Orchid Country Club](#) is pleased to offer special rates for our overseas Bridge guests attending the Pesta Sukan Bridge Championships 2024 in Canberra CC:

Deluxe Room	\$195++/night for 1 guest \$210++/night for 2 guests
Deluxe Premium Room	S\$235++/night for 1 guest
Deluxe Family Room	S\$275++/night for 3 guests S\$290++/night for 4 guests

- Bed options include 1 Queen and 1 Single bed, 1 King bed, or 1 Queen bed (subject to availability).
- All room rates are inclusive of breakfast.
- All rates are subject to 10% service charge & prevailing GST (9%).
- Full room charges and a \$200 refundable deposit will be collected upon check-in.
- Hotel rules and regulations apply.

To proceed with your reservation, please provide the following information to Precious Ng ([roomsales@orchidclub.com](mailto:roomsales@orchidclub.com)) and quote "Singapore Contract Bridge Association" within the email for the discounted rates.

Full Name:

Contact Number:

Room Type:

Number of Guests:

Arrival Date:

Departure Date:

Credit Card Details (16-digit number & expiry date):

Note: Credit card details are required to guarantee the reservation.

### Transportation from Orchid Country Club to Canberra CC

- Players are advised to take a cab from Orchid Country Club to Canberra CC if they wish to have a short and direct trip.
- Otherwise, there is a regular [shuttle bus service](#) from Orchid Country Club to Yishun MRT (NS13). Players can then take a stop of MRT from Yishun (NS13) to Canberra (NS12), and the CC is about 6 - 7 minutes away from Canberra MRT station.



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## Hotel Rules & Regulations

- Applicants must be aged 18 years and above at the time of booking
  - Check-in time 3:00pm onwards & Check-out is by 12:00pm
  - Parking label is to be collected at the hotel reception upon check-in
  - Early check-in is subject to room availability upon arrival and is chargeable at \$15++ per every hour earlier than 3pm. Late check-out is subject to room availability on the check-out date itself and is chargeable at \$15++ per every hour later than 12noon. Earlier than 8am will be chargeable as additional 1 night stay. Later than 6pm will be chargeable for as additional 1 night stay.
  - All guests are required to check-in personally and present their physical NRIC/Passport (This requirement is supported by regulation 27(1) of the Hotels Licensing Regulations for registration upon check-in).
  - Only the person whose name is indicated in the reservation will be allowed to check-in. No authorization is allowed unless otherwise stated in black & white and/or acknowledged between the hotel and the booker.
  - A refundable security deposit of \$200 by cash, NETS or credit card is required upon check-in.
- Any miscellaneous charges incurred due to thorough cleaning, stained or damaged linen, in-room smoking violation or replacement of property due to damages, will be deducted from the deposit.
- The official receipt, credit card slip and identity card of the applicant must be presented to the Front Office cashier upon claiming of refundable deposit.
  - Deluxe Room maximum occupancy: 3 guests, including children.
  - Deluxe Family Room maximum occupancy: 4 guests, including children.
  - Deluxe Suite Room maximum occupancy: 5 guests, including children.
  - No further visitors are allowed beyond the maximum occupancy. Relevant authorities will be notified and strict actions will be taken against non-compliance of the above.
  - After 11:00pm occupants must maintain peace and quiet within and around the Room / Hotel compound.
  - Please do not move beds from the original arrangement. A surcharge of \$50+Service Charge+prevailing GST will be imposed for rearrangement of beds.
  - All rooms (including the balconies) are strictly non-smoking. Kindly proceed to the designated smoking area located near the hotel driveway.
  - Pets are not allowed within the premises.
  - Unauthorized fixtures, electrical wiring or install any private audio / visual equipment, rental of tables and chairs from outside vendors are strictly not allowed.
  - Room occupants and guests shall at all times abide the Pool Standing Orders and the Swimming Pool operation hours. Only appropriate swimwear shall be allowed.
  - Usage of Facilities
- ALL swimming pools are open for use from 7am to 9pm daily, no reservation is needed. Guest is required to register at the sports counter.
- The Gymnasium: Hotel Guest is required to register at the sports counter located near the Olympic Pool in order to Use the gym. (Our hotel reception will be glad to share with you the directions). The gym is open to hotel guests daily from 7am to 5pm.
- Hotel guests are STRICTLY PROHIBITED from entering the Golf course. Orchid Country Club will not be liable for any injury, damages or fatality in any way due to non-compliance.
  - All unmanned aircraft operations such as drones, are illegal and are not allowed within the club premises. Guests who are caught flying their UA within the premises, will be subjected to disciplinary actions by the club.
  - The Management shall not be held responsible for any accidents or injuries sustained by occupants during their stay or while using the facilities of the Club.
  - The Management will not in any way be liable for any loss /or damage to the Guest's belongings in the hotel room or any other part of the hotel.
  - Gambling, mahjong, any kind of gatherings, functions, parties, decorations, gate-crash, caterings, BBQ & cooking are STRICTLY NOT ALLOWED in or outside the Room not allowed inside or outside the Hotel Rooms. A PENALTY OF \$500 + prevailing GST WILL BE IMPOSED FOR NON-COMPLIANCE.
  - Any perishable item/s left by guest in the room upon check-out will be discarded immediately.
  - Any non-perishable item left by guest in the room upon check-out will be kept by the hotel until owner's retrieval. All unclaimed items will be discarded after 2 months.
  - The Management reserves the right to vary the deposit, rental and other rules & regulation at any time it deems fit.
  - The Management reserves the right to refuse check-in and/or evict any guests that infringes on the rules and regulations (rude, rowdy, misbehaving, no payment, noise disturbance, etc).