

Victorian Bridge Association Bulletin

July 2017

Editor: Bill Jacobs

THE SOAPBOX Ben Thompson



As our Manager at the VBA, Cathie Lachman has been a great resource for clubs and players around Victoria for well over a decade.

Even if you've never met her, I guarantee she's had a positive impact on your bridge experiences. In our small mainly volunteer-driven organisation, Cathie has been the proverbial jill-of-all-trades. I'm sad to report that Cathie has decided it's time for something different and has resigned as of the end of June.

Cathie is also a very successful bridge player, having played on both the Victorian and Australian women's teams. Hopefully now that she's out from behind the desk we'll see more of her at the table! I wish her the very best for the future, as I'm sure we all do.

We have started the search for a new manager and I ask you to bear with us while we do. It's important that we fill this pivotal role with the right person.

In the meantime, we're fortunate to have Bianca Gold as our interim manager. Bianca is a marketing professional, a keen bridge player, and has experience running bridge clubs with her husband Leigh.

Your editor adds his reflections ...



Ben refers to Cathie as a "jill-of-all-trades". How true this has been. Cathie's role as Manager at the VBA was actually two roles, or three, or four.

To begin with, the VBA has two related but different functions: it is a bridge club and also a State Association. These functions need to be operated separately but with heavily overlapping resources.

Cathie was at the pointy end of this complicated arrangement and handled it with aplomb. I had countless interactions with her in a variety of guises: as bulletin editor, VBA member, committee chairman, club operator, teacher and director. One thing was for sure: she knew what she was doing! And she did it effectively, calmly and quickly.

And there was more. She regularly directed duplicate sessions at the VBA and ran supervised play. She truly was the face of organized bridge in Victoria.

It is an understatement that she will be missed. Elsewhere in this bulletin is an ad for her replacement. Let's hope that Cathie Mark Two will emerge.



FOR STARTERS

Playing in a matchpoint duplicate, you pick up as dealer, no one vulnerable:

♠ A98653 ♥ 106 ♦ A4 ♣ 1053

First decision of the deal: do you open 2♠?

I say Yes. Others will say No. They will tell you not to open a weak two holding two aces. I'm not sure why they say that, but they do.

Bridge is a competitive game. Disrupting the opponents' bidding is an important part of it, even though there's a risk of disrupting your own bidding at the same time. You should be looking for excuses *to* pre-empt, not for excuses *not* to pre-empt.

You open 2♠ and the auction is brief:

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
4♥	Pass	Pass	2♠ Pass

Partner leads the ♠J and you see:

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You win the ♠A as partner follows with the ♠4. Now what?

It would seem that declarer has the king and queen of spades: partner wouldn't lead the jack if he had one of them. The location of the remaining spades, the 10 and 7, is unclear.

You could switch to a trump to stop a possible spade ruff. Or you could continue with a spade hoping that partner can ruff it. Neither of these strategies seems likely: declarer is unlikely to need a spade ruff, and partner is unlikely to have a singleton spade (which would leave declarer with 5 of them).

Diamonds might be a more fruitful suit to pursue. Partner could have strong diamonds, or perhaps we can ruff a diamond ourselves. It's the old strategy of leading up to dummy's weakness.

You play the ♦A, and partner signals encouragement with the ♦3 ("low = like"). You lead a second diamond: partner tops declarer's ♦Q with the ♦K and now plays the ♦5.

You trump this diamond, right?

You bet. Trump it: you might be about to take the setting trick. But just in case you aren't, trump with the ♥10, not with the ♥6.

The full deal:

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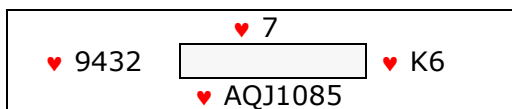
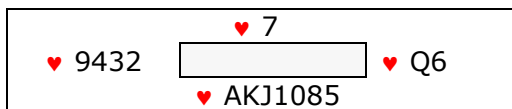
If you ruff with the ♥10, declarer overruffs with the ♥J. That will promote your partner's ♥9 into a trick. But if you ruff with the ♥6, declarer overruffs with the ♥7 and can draw all of partner's trumps.

The name of this play is borrowed from boxing: it's called an *uppercut*. Nasty play, just like in boxing.

Points to remember:

- Look for excuses *to* pre-empt, rather than excuses *not* to pre-empt. The "don't pre-empt with two aces" rule is a load of old cobbles. And on this deal, your two aces came in rather handy, did they not?

- "Lead up to weakness" is the corollary to "lead through strength". It's a sound concept. Whatever your diamond holding on this deal, switching to that suit, up to dummy's weakness, was probably the right approach to the defence.
- When ruffing, with the possibility that the next hand might overruff, ruff with your *highest* trump (assuming you have trump shortness). Consider the following various layouts of hearts:



In each of these examples, you must ruff with your highest trump in order to secure your side a trump trick.

- Did you notice that your partner made a fine play on this deal? He led a *low* diamond to the third round of the suit, rather than the high ♦J. He knew that both you and declarer were out of diamonds, and that the best chance was the uppercut. Leading a low diamond ensured that you would ruff it, and he just hoped that you would ruff high.

The concept is: if you want your partner to trump your winner, then try not to lead that winner.

RECENT MASTER PROMOTIONS

*National	
Alan Casanelia	Geelong
Life	
Melroy Decouto	Waverley
Silver Life	
Jo-Anne Heywood	RACV
Gold Life	
Ralph Berlinski	VBA
Grand	
Laura Ginnan	Waverley

TEST YOUR BIDDING

Dealing with their Unusual 2NT

Nil vulnerable, matchpoint duplicate

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
	♥ 1	2NT	?

Partner opens ♥ 1 and the next hand overcalls 2NT, the *Unusual Notrump*, showing at least 5-5 in the minor suits. How should you as responder react?

First question: are you interested in penalizing them? Suppose you have some length and strength in at least one of the minor suits. Then you might like to double them in it. And if they choose the other minor suit, perhaps partner can make a penalty double. In this case, double 2NT: then either you or your partner can double their subsequent move.

Second question: do you have interest in a major suit contract – either partner's major or the other major? Then try applying the following scheme, if you can remember it:

- 3♣: at least invitational with *hearts*
- 3♦: at least invitational with *spades*
- 3♥: competing, non-forcing, with *hearts*
- 3♠: competing, non-forcing, with *spades*

This formula applies whether partner opened ♥ 1 or ♠ 1. If your bid shows partner's suit, it's a raise; if your bid shows the other major, it is a suit of its own. After the 3♣ or 3♦ bids, opener can choose whether to accept your game invitation. After the 3♥ or 3♠ bids, opener can pass with a minimum hand.

Let's practise:

- (a) ♠ Q854 ♥ A3 ♦ QJ952 ♣ 52
- (b) ♠ AQ10654 ♥ 32 ♦ 9852 ♣ 4
- (c) ♠ AQJ103 ♥ 32 ♦ 9852 ♣ K3
- (d) ♠ J9654 ♥ QJ3 ♦ 52 ♣ A43
- (e) ♠ AQ54 ♥ Q532 ♦ 2 ♣ A943
- (f) ♠ Q854 ♥ 32 ♦ QJ952 ♣ 52

Solutions over page.

TEST YOUR BIDDING - SOLUTIONS

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
	1♥	2NT	?

(a) ♠ Q854 ♥ A3 ♦ QJ952 ♣ 52

D'ble. On the best of all days, they go to 3♦ and you double that. More likely, they bid 3♣, and if *partner* doubles, then you are still delighted. And if partner passes 3♣, then pass it out and expect to get a decent score.

By the way, on these auctions, it's usually right to lead a trump, to limit ruffs in the other minor.

(b) ♠ AQ10654 ♥ 32 ♦ 9852 ♣ 4

3♠. A natural, non-forcing bid. This might have the side benefit of making it harder for the opponents to successfully compete in the club suit.

(c) ♠ AQJ103 ♥ 32 ♦ 9852 ♣ K3

3♦. Shows *spades* and at least game-invitational values. If partner merely retreats to 3♥ or 3♠, then pass.

(d) ♠ J9654 ♥ QJ3 ♦ 52 ♣ A43

3♥. It could be right to play defence, but you have a decent fit with partner and owe him a supporting bid.

(e) ♠ AQ54 ♥ Q532 ♦ 2 ♣ A943

4♦. A splinter bid, showing game-going support for partner's hearts and a diamond singleton or void. You never know, there could be a slam here.

(f) ♠ Q854 ♥ 32 ♦ QJ952 ♣ 52

Pass. This is like hand (a), but weaker. You don't want to encourage partner to double a 3♣ runout, because you can't really contribute much to the defence. If they do bid 3♣, then just pass it out. If LHO bids 3♦, passed around to you, then you could double that for penalties. Because you passed 2NT, partner will realise that you are doing this with a weak hand and a fistful of clubs.

VICTORIAN STATE RESULTS**Victorian Open Pairs***Championship*

- 1 W. Jacobs – B. Thompson
- 2 R. Gallus – S. Weisz
- 3 G. Gaspar – G. Hill

Plate

- 1 A. Macready-Bryan – A. Mill
- 2 N. Ewart – D. Beckett
- 3 A. St Clair – K. Frazer

Consolation

- 1 L. Hickman – J. Hoff
- 2 P. Blankfield – S. Begg
- 3 L. McKenna – J. Tunks

CONGRESS RESULTS**Sale Congress***Swiss Pairs*

- 1 S. Klofa – D. Harley
- 2 G. Nicholson – J. Barbour
- 3 S. Collins – C. Chakravorty

Swiss Teams

- 1 S. Thorne, K. Thorne, C. Arul, S. Sellathurai
- 2 S. Klofa, R. Gallus, D. Harley, A. St Clair
- 3 B. Mill, T. Gariepy, S. Collins, C. Chakravorty

Moonee Valley Congress*Swiss Pairs*

- 1 A. Maluish – A. Mill
- 2 G. Lewin – J. McRae
- 3 H. Stewart – P. Blankfield

Swiss Teams

- 1 C. Ding, V. Zhang, M. Zhang, A. Krolikowski
- 2 T. Ranasinghe, G. McRobert, K. Frazer, A. St Clair
- 3 A. Hegedus, C. Mill, A. Maluish, A. Mill

Wodonga Congress*Swiss Pairs*

- 1 P. Glover – B. Krishan
- 2 C. Arul – F. Vearing
- 3 P. Brennan – M. Brennan

Swiss Teams

- 1 B. Krishan, P. Glover, D. Brennan, J. Rava
- 2 C. Macquarrie, S. Hall, K. French, G. Johnson
- 3 C. Arul, S. White, I. Webb, F. Vearing

Geelong Congress*Swiss Pairs*

- 1 C. Arul – L. Norden
- 2 P. Hollands – C. Leach
- 3 G. Ridgway – D. Newlands

Restricted Swiss Pairs

- 1 M. Turner – J. Kennedy
- 2 S. Strong – D. Strong
- 3 P. Ward – G. McApline

Swiss Teams

- 1 T. Ranasinghe, G. McRobert, C. Ding, V. Zhang
- 2 P. Corrigan, K. French, J. Hackett, T. Hackett
- 3 B. Jones, P. Jones, K. Graham, T. Johnston

Queen's Slipper Nationwide Pairs*Event 9 (May 6)*

- 3 N. Phillips – R. Bond (Frankston)

Event 10 (May 21)

- 3 M. Callander – S. Collins (Berwick)

Event 12 (June 18)

- 3 B. Romeijn – J. Day (Berwick)

Australia Wide Novice Pairs

- 7 P. Webb – P. Thomas (Warrnambool)

(The VBA Bulletin normally only publishes top-3 finishers, but since there were 1156 pairs entered in the AWNP, we will make an exception!)

Bridge at Tivoli is relocating

Effective 13th July 2017 Tivoli Bridge club will be located at Hampton Bowls Club, Cnr Fewster & Earlsfield Roads, Hampton.

Please see Tivoli Home Page on VBA website for more information, or visit <https://playbridge.wordpress.com/>

UPCOMING CONGRESSES & EVENTS**Dendy Park Congress**

Sunday 9th July, 10 am: Swiss Pairs

Venue Dendy Park Clubrooms
Breen Drive
East Brighton

Contact: Boris Tencer, 0414 353 996

Enter: <http://bridgeunlimited.com>

Berwick Congress

Saturday 15th July, 10 am: Swiss Pairs
Sunday 16th July, 10 am: Swiss Teams

Venue Balla Balla Centre
65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road
Cranbourne East, Melways 134 B6

Contact: Bob Westrip, 8786 7878

Enter: <http://bridgeunlimited.com>

Yarrowonga Congress

Saturday 22nd July, 12 pm: Swiss Pairs
Sunday 23rd July, 9:30 am: Swiss Teams

Venue Yarrowonga Mulwala Golf Club
Gullai Rd, Mulwala

Contact: Jan Hackett, 5744 1017

Enter: <http://bridgeunlimited.com>

Knox Congress

Saturday 5th August, 10 am: Swiss Pairs
Sunday 6th August, 10 am: Matchpoint Pairs

Venue Bayswater Senior Citizens Centre
Cnr Scoresby Rd & Mountain Hwy
Bayswater

Contact: Clare Stratton, 0438 547 647

Enter: <http://bridgeunlimited.com>



TIP OF THE MONTH

How to get to 3NT

3NT is a special contract because it is the game contract that requires the fewest number of tricks. The question is: how can one reliably get to 3NT when that is the right destination?

Here's the secret flowchart:

Do we have a combined 26+ HCP
(or 25 HCP on a good day).

↓ Yes

Do we have an 8+ card major suit fit?

↓ No

Bid 3NT.

Problem solved! You think it can't always be that easy? Well, no, it probably isn't. But it's usually the right way to go about it.

The flowchart doesn't say anything about stoppers. And nor should it: players spend far too much time fretting over stoppers. To start with, there's no way to find out about stoppers. And anyway, unstopped suits are not necessarily fatal to a 3NT contract.

Consider the auction:

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
	1NT	Pass	3NT

Who knows what suits you have stopped? That auction is built on HCP: 16-18 (for example) and 10+. And rightly so.

Suppose you have 3 small hearts in each hand. No stopper! But the opponents haven't yet led hearts, and even if they do, they might not be able to take more than 4 tricks there.

Even 3 small hearts opposite 2 small hearts is not necessarily fatal. The 8 opposing hearts might divide 4-4, or perhaps the player with fewer than 4 hearts is on opening lead and leads some other suit, giving you a lifeline.

However, in this auction:

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
	1♠	2♥	3NT

a heart stopper is essential!

The heart overcall represents a clear and present danger to your notrump contract (LHO will lead his partner's suit, even though he himself is short there). The bottom line: stoppers are only vital when the opponents have bid a suit.

BENNIE FINKELSTEIN TURNS 100!

Bennie Finkelstein was born in Western Australia on 16th June 1917 one of five children and WA was where he later started playing bridge. He graced the tables at West Coast Bridge Club seven days a week.

Bennie married Ethel in 1940 and moved to St Kilda in Victoria and his dedication to St Kilda football team was born there.

The Finkelstein family of five moved from St Kilda to Box Hill and later Caulfield. His working life included time at Melbourne Harbour Trust, the Army during the War and later at a manufacturing engine company where he stayed for 40 years.

After a five year stint back in WA from 2003, Bennie returned to Victoria again and resided in Aspendale.

He joined both the Frankston and Patterson Lakes Bridge Clubs in 2010, and with his partner, Shirley, continues to play at least twice a week. Bridge remains a very significant part of Bennie's life and we wish him a very happy 100th birthday.



Bennie Finkelstein not looking his age

BRIDGE FOR BRAINS FUNDRAISER

This annual fundraiser saw strong support from Victorian clubs in 2017. \$63,430 was raised nationally, and since it started in 2004 over half a million dollars has been collected.

From Star Weekly

Dealing with dementia

Rosemary Hare has been playing card games for as long as she can remember. She not only loves being mentally stimulated, but also meeting like-minded people to play with along the way.



About 10 years ago, a group of Melton residents, including Ms Hare, started meeting to play bridge. Three years ago, they decided to become part of the Australian Bridge Federation and formed the Melton Bridge Club.

The group has 14 members who meet Tuesday nights at the Arnolds Creek Community Centre.

Ms Hare said bridge “took card-playing to the next level”.

“It’s a friendly game,” she says. “You move around so you’re not sitting with the same people all the time, and certainly for older people it gets your brain going.”

Ms Hare says the fundraiser was close to her heart as her sister, who has dementia, was recently placed in permanent care.

“Hopefully they can find a way of diagnosing dementia sooner,” Ms Hare said.

From the Benalla Ensign:

Funds raised for brains

Benalla Bridge Club held its annual Bridge for Brains competition on Wednesday May 3.



Bridge for Brains, Benalla winners: Margaret Richards and Carlin Bruce

The Bridge for Brains Research Challenge is held annually. Clubs throughout Australia host a bridge session and donate the proceeds to Alzheimers research.

THE TWELFTH TRICK

Dlr: South ♠ A105
 Vul: nil ♥ AKQ
 ♦ 954 ♣ AQ62

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♠ KQJ874
 ♥ J5
 ♦ AJ10
 ♣ 53

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All pass	

This problem might look familiar: it’s from last month’s For Starters. We’re going to have another go at it.

West leads ♥10. You win and draw trumps, finding them dividing 2-2. Plan the play.

Solution over page.

THE TWELFTH TRICK

	♠ A105	
	♥ AKQ	
	♦ 954	
	♣ AQ62	
♠ 93	N	♠ 62
♥ 10984		♥ 7632
♦ KQ32		♦ 876
♣ K73	S	♣ J1098
	♠ KQJ874	
	♥ J5	
	♦ AJ10	
	♣ 53	

For Starters, this play problem is all about realizing that playing on diamonds offers you a 75% chance of making (at least one of the kind and queen being with East), rather than the 50-50 club finesse. But in fact, we can do much better.

Play the top hearts discarding your club loser from hand, *and cash the ♣A*. Now play a diamond to the jack.

West wins, but is stymied. He cannot play the last heart, as that will give you a ruff-and-discard. He can't play a diamond away from his remaining honour. And due to your preparation, nor can he play a club. If he plays ♣K, you trump, cross to dummy's remaining trump winner and discard your diamond loser on the ♣Q. It is similar if West plays a low club: you try the queen.

You go down only if both diamond honours are with West, *and* the ♣K is with East: an 87% chance of success.

The pretty play of the ♣A was dubbed "removing the flight square" by Terence Reese, a term borrowed from chess.

You can rate yourself with this problem:

Club finesse: You've learned about finesses – well done!

Two diamond finesses: a strong knowledge of combined chances.

Remove the flight square: you are a genuine expert!

VBA Club Manager Position

The VBA Club Manager is responsible for the management of VBA bridge club operations (with around 10 casual or contract staff) and its premises. The VBA is also the state body and an important part of the role is liaising with many, largely volunteer, representatives of Victorian clubs and the ABF.

The position will be based at the VBA premises at 131 Poath Rd Murrumbeena. Some flexibility regarding working hours is required. The VBA is willing to negotiate some role responsibilities, and flexible working arrangements (from the equivalent of 3 days per week up to full time).

The VBA is seeking the following outcomes:

- Creation of a welcoming, friendly and enjoyable environment for players and visitors
- Effective communication with bridge players, affiliated clubs, and other bridge organisations
- Growth of the VBA's bridge club operations

Please contact the VBA Secretary, Kim Frazer (secretary@vba.asn.au) for the position description, and to apply.

2016 EXCELLENCE AWARDS

This year's Awards for Excellence were presented as usual at the VCC. It was great to see players from all around Australia warmly applauding these three wonderful contributors. The awardees were:

Volunteer of the Year: Richard Giles.

Richard is President of the Ballarat Bridge Club, and also a Special Councillor of the VBA. He is an enthusiastic promoter of his club and bridge generally, setting up several new events, encouraging Ballarat players to take on the Congress circuit, finding grants and sponsorship, and generating media coverage. When he's not applying his business skills to

developing bridge, he even applies himself to building projects around the club!



Richard Giles

Teacher of the Year: Lindsay Young.

Lindsay has taught thousands of people to play bridge, starting when she and her family lived in Gippsland in the 70s and 80s. When they moved to Mornington, Lindsay set up the Mornington Bridge Group with Maggie Callander and kept right on teaching. Feeling the need for more, Lindsay also teaches at U3A, the Peninsula Golf Club ... and a few other sessions!



Lindsay Young, with Ben Thompson

Official of the Year: Jenny Monger.

Jenny seems to fill half the roles at Benalla Bridge Club. She is the Masterpoint Secretary, the Dealer, the IT Manager, and is also one of

the Directors. She organises many special events at the club and is of course an active Committee member.



Jenny Monger

All three do much more volunteer work in bridge than can be described in a few lines. Congratulations and thank you!

VCC Tournament Organiser Position

The Victorian Bridge Association (VBA) conducts the Victor Champion Cup over 5 days during the Queen's Birthday Weekend in June (Thursday - Monday). The VBA is seeking expressions of interest from interested parties who wish to apply for the role of Tournament Organiser for the event.

The successful applicant will be appointed for a minimum term of 3 years, and will also be appointed as tournament organiser for the 2019 ANC (to be held in July 2019). The ANC runs for 13 days, and has similar organisational requirements to the VCC.

The Tournament Organiser is expected to work with a range of stakeholders including the VBA Council, the Australian Bridge Federation, VCC staff and others. A modest remuneration is provided for the position.

For more details or to receive a copy of the Duty Statement, please contact the VBA secretary, Kim Frazer: secretary@vba.asn.au. Applications close July 31st 2017.

2017 VICTOR CHAMPION CUP

Congratulations to convenors Kim Frazer and Neil Ewart for another superbly run Victor Champion Cup. Kim is retiring after many years running this event: her shoes will be difficult to fill. See the ad on page 9 of this bulletin for more details.

As we expect for our Nationals, Victorians figured prominently on the podium ...

Wally Scott Open Pairs



Winners: Stephen and Danny Sharp

Victor Muntz Restricted Pairs



Winners: Jolanta Terlecka and Del MacNeil

Frank Power <200 MP Pairs



Winners: Susie Groves and Alistair Lowe

Charlie Snashall Restricted Teams



Winners: Jane Gray, Teena McKenzie, Janet Ham, John Ham

... and the big one:

Victor Champion Cup



Winners: David Wiltshire, Max Henbest, Jamie Thompson, Shane Harrison

Victorian Teams of Three

A pro-am development day

Saturday July 8, 9 am – 5:15 pm



One of the best ways to improve your game is by playing with more advanced players. The Teams of Three provides developing players with three wonderful development opportunities in the one day.

- Play with an expert player.
- Attend a celebrity speaker talk (notes and exercises provided).
- Compete in red point pairs competition that is restricted to your skill level and has hand analysis provided.

This year the event will be restricted to players with less than 1,000 masterpoints and played in two divisions, fewer than 150 masterpoints and fewer than 1,000 masterpoints. This will allow players to compete in an environment that is suited to their skill level.

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>
<i>Under 150 MP</i>	Pro-am pairs or teams (entry dependent)	Celebrity coaching session and under 150 MP pairs
<i>Under 1,000 MP</i>	Celebrity coaching session and under 1000 MP pairs	Pro-am teams (1 pro : 3 ams on each team)

This fun event always has a great atmosphere and provides a chance to meet new people from all over Victoria, learn new skills and have a great day out.

Many of Victoria's leading bridge players kindly donate their time to this event.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to meet and play with some of the players who have represented Australia and that you regularly read about in publications like the VBA Bulletin.

Entry and details of the day are provided on the VBA website.

Cost: \$55 (including lunch)
 Venue: VBA 131 Poath Rd Murrumbeena 3163
 Convenor: Laura Ginnan (lauraginnan@hotmail.com)
 Director: Laurie Kelso



Victorian Bridge Association Limited

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Do you wish to win a State Title?

Each Affiliated Victorian Bridge Club may send up to 6 pairs to play in this event.
If your club has made no special arrangements to select pairs and you are interested please ask your club's committee to enter you in this event.
Your club secretary has all details regarding this event.

2017 Victorian Day Time Match Point Pairs Champion of Champions

A Red Master Point Event

to be held at the VBA Club Rooms

On the weekend of Saturday August 26th & Sunday August 27th

Cost \$180.00 per pair – this includes lunch each day and hospitality throughout the event.

If you have any dietary requirements please get your club to inform us with your entry.

Main Prizes

A minimum of 30% of event entry fees will be returned as prizes.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the first 3 place getters in each final and to the best placed women's, senior and mixed pair.

So if you want a chance to win this State Title ask your club to enter you as individual entries will not be accepted.

Clubs are requested to enter via email to the VBA by Friday 11th August 2017 – late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the organiser.

Additional details available from your club secretary or on the VBA website