



Victorian Bridge Association Limited

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Memorandum to Victorian Affiliated Club Secretaries

1. Congress Entry Co-ordination

The VBA has been asked to consider how congress entry could be better co-ordinated and managed. At present there are several ways which congress entries are managed; i.e. many are managed via Bridge Unlimited (operated by Martin Willcox, and outside the control of the VBA); club's own websites, the VBA website or via paper/phone entry. Results are also listed in a variety of locations. Players are also often frustrated about where to go to enter or view results. For some club congresses, this may lead to loss of entries to the club's event.

Two options to address this issue are detailed below, and we would like clubs to let us know their preferred option:

Option 1: Develop the VBA's existing online entry system to provide a facility that could be used by all clubs to manage congress entries. This would include providing a link to results from the VBA home page and congress web pages.

Option 2: Update the Congress Listing page to provide a link to the entry webpage whether it is on Bridge Unlimited, the club's website or elsewhere) for the congress. Also include on the Congress Listing a link to the Results page for the congress.

Clubs are asked to provide feedback on the above proposal to the [VBA secretary](#) by September 30th.

2. Congress Advertising on the VBA website

The VBA offers a free service to all clubs to advertise congresses on its website. However the data on our web pages needs updating annually and it is the club's responsibility to provide updated text and details to us for inclusion. Help us ensure players get the right information about your club's congress by sending us an email with the updated text when you send us your congress application.

3. Pacific/Asia Women's Online Bridge Tournament

The Australian Bridge Federation, in conjunction with the WBF, is pleased to invite all female bridge players to participate in the **FIRST** Pacific/Asia Women's Online Bridge Tournament to be held from 1st to 5th September 2014 inclusive.

Please go to: <http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/pawobf/2014/> for all of the details and register your interest in playing by completing the registration document on the web site.

Although primarily aimed at the Pacific/Asia countries, it is open to all female bridge players.

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