



# Victorian Bridge Association Limited

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## Memorandum to Victorian Affiliated Club Secretaries

### October Events

**Youth Bridge Week:** A reminder that in the week commencing October 19th, the VBA is inviting clubs to ask players in their regular duplicate sessions through the week to make a gold coin donation towards youth bridge. Funds raised are expected to be used to support the bridge-in-schools program and for providing material support to the Victorian youth co-ordinator for the development of youth bridge. Further details on setting up an extra red point event in this week are available in the July Memorandum and on the VBA website.

**Seniors Week:** Seniors Festival and events are also held in October. The VBA is running an introductory one-day crash course for Seniors on Tuesday October 6th. The cost of \$20 is half the regular crash course price, and includes lunch.

**No Fear Swiss Pairs:** To be held on October 24th, this congress is designed as an introduction to congress style bridge for novice players. With shorter rounds, some education by leading player Ben Thompson, lunch and other delights, it is sure to be a great day. See the VBA website for more details and information on signing up.

### Communication with Clubs

Earlier this year, the VBA introduced a new mailing system for keeping in touch with affiliated clubs. We will endeavour to keep the amount of information we send to you at the right level, however feedback on whether you receive too much or not enough information is helpful to us in ensuring we keep the right balance.

### Keeping Your Club and Congress Information Up to Date

As many clubs are holding their Annual General Meetings I would like to take this opportunity to remind club secretaries to notify the VBA of any changes to office bearers so that the website and other information may be updated.

The VBA also offers a free advertising service for your congress on the VBA Website and in the VBA Bulletin however it is the club's responsibility to provide the content for their congress page.

### Statewide Congress Disciplinary Process

From time to time there are instances of poor player behaviour at congress events around the state. Recently there have been a few incidents which have led the VBA to consider implementing a state-wide Congress Disciplinary and Ethics Committee. A proposal on this will be circulated once some initial consultation with clubs has taken place.

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## Capitation Fees for 2016

To assist clubs with budgeting we remind you that as per the VBA policy for capitation fees, in 2016 a CPI increase will apply to the VBA capitation fee. This increase is expected to be similar to the increase in 2015 (25 cents) which would result in a capitation fee of \$10.50 for 2016. Clubs will be notified of the new fee early in 2016, and invoiced on clubs membership after the ABF census date which is March 31st.

Clubs are also advised to check the ABF Masterpoint Bulletin regularly to establish if the ABF intends to raise capitation rates in 2016. We trust this notification will help with the structure of your membership fees in 2016.

The masterpoint bulletins are available at: [www.masterpoints@abf.com.au](mailto:www.masterpoints@abf.com.au).

VBA Capitation fees are used to fund many activities for the growth of bridge in general, and also the Directors and Officer's insurance for all clubs.

Clubs are reminded that the ABF has a 100% membership rule for players at your club. Each person is permitted to play 4 times per year without joining the ABF. Notice of player membership is flagged when your Masterpoints are submitted for processing. Following that the ABF may write to you and establish why the non-ABF member has not been encouraged to join the ABF.

## Special Councillor Nominations

Special Councillor nominations are due by October 17th 2015. Full details of the nomination process, forms and other details are available on the club notices page of the VBA website.

Best Regards,



Kim Frazer  
Secretary

cc: VBA Council