

CHECKBACK

NORMAL SESSIONS WILL RUN ACROSS THE EASTER HOLIDAY PERIOD

Upcoming events

- Tue 18/3 Women's trials stage 1.
- Mon 24/3 Simultaneous Pairs
- Sat 5/4 Goulash Pairs
- Sun 12/4 Crash Course
- Wed 16/4 Mixed Teams

Nationwide Pairs Winners (15/3)

- Congratulations to FRANCI HALMOS and EVA SAMUEL (E/W) for winning the Nationwide pairs heat on March 15.
- LILLI ALLGOOD and ANTON STAVIK (N/S) scored 59.8%!

The next Nationwide Pairs heat will be on Saturday April 5.

Session Times

Duplicate

Monday 11:30am

Monday 7:30pm

Tuesday 7:15pm

Thursday 11:30am

Thursday 7:30pm

Saturday 1:00pm

Supervised

Wednesday 10:30am

Thursday 7:30pm

Saturday 1:30pm

Tournament

Monday 7:30pm

Wednesday 7:30pm

JOAN BUTTS TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

Australian Bridge Teaching Coordinator, Joan Butts will be in Melbourne on the weekend of March 29-30 to deliver a Teacher Training Program.

Joan has run this very successful program in previous years and we are encouraging all potential, casual or experienced teachers to attend this course. Joan offers a valuable insight into the mind of the beginning player and suggests a variety of techniques that cater for different teaching styles and group compositions.

Attendance to this program is free of charge for current financial ABF members.

Details

March 29-30

Saturday 10-4

Sunday 10-1

To register please call the VBA or email Cathie Lachman clachman@vba.asn.au.

Saturday 29 March 2014 VBA

When	Topic
10.00 – 1.00	Teaching Methodology Generating STEAM – a focus on five essentials for professionally delivered bridge lessons
1.00 – 1.30	Lunch
1.30 – 3.00	Practical Teaching Tools (1) Up-to-date methods that assure successful lessons for players from beginners to advanced
3.00 – 3.15	Afternoon tea
3.15 – 4.00	Practical Teaching Tools (2)

Sunday 30 March 2014

When	Topic
10.00 – 12.00	Demonstration Workshop Joan Butts
12.00 – 1.00	Discussion Group with Teachers

GOULASH PAIRS – SATURDAY APRIL 5

The VBA is holding a Goulash Pairs tournament!!

Saturday April 5
1pm – 4pm
\$10pp, \$12 guests,
\$5 youth.

Goulash is a form of the game where players are dealt wildly distributional hands.

If you don't have a 7+ card suit or a 6/5 you feel like you haven't gotten your money's worth!!!

Come along for some fun and a great chance to practice your distributional hand judgment and bidding.

There will also be fun prizes for

the lowest making contract, longest auction, highest score and more.

Enjoy us on this fun afternoon out with nibbles and drinks during and after play.

See you there!

2014 Butler Pairs Results

Congratulations to Ben Thompson and Nick Jacob for winning the Victorian Butler

Rank	Names	VPs
1	BEN THOMPSON / NICK JACOB	147.51
2	JUSTIN STARK / MICHAEL GURFINKIEL	137.49
3	DENISE CLARKE / MICHAEL CLARKE	122.47
4	EVA SAMUEL / JEFF FUST	120.48
5	NEIL EWART / DAVID BECKETT	118.06
6	JILL MAGEE / TERRY STRONG	111.83
7	DEE HARLEY / ANNA ST CLAIR	111.11
8	HELEN SNASHALL / STEPHEN WEISZ	105.64
9	REX LIVINGSTON / PAUL HILL	92.77
10	CHELLIAH ARUL / DAVID SHARMAN	90.88
11	JUDY BANKS / ANNA KEARON	89.97
12	ERICA LINTON / KITTY MUNTZ	71.79

1 Day Bridge Basics Crash Course
Saturday April 12
10am-4pm

Send along a friend or family member and receive
a free game.



WHAT IS THE SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS?

The Simultaneous Pairs is a statewide event run by the FABCV which consists of qualifying heats and a final.

Many clubs (including the VBA) run heats to qualify teams through to the state final. Each heat plays the same boards so you can only play at one club. The VBA heat will run on March 24, 31 and April 7.

The results from club heats are submitted to determine the top 60 pairs in the state. These pairs qualify through to the State Final which is held at the VBA on Saturday May 10.

There are no substitutes allowed in the Final so please ensure that you and your partner are available for the final on May 10.

This event allows you the opportunity to compete against players from all over the state in the comfort of your local club rooms.

VBA Heat Details

Monday nights March 24, 31 and April 7 (7:30)

\$16pp per session

They're Not Playing With a Full Deck!

Have you ever heard this phrase, or said it about someone yourself? Nowadays, this phrase is generally used to describe a person who isn't completely in their right mind.

In England during the 17th century, card makers petitioned the king for a royal charter. Charles I granted the charter in 1628. The result was the creation of The Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards, which still exists today.

Back then, they stopped the import of French cards to protect the trade. It was easy to tax popular, addicting items, so Charles I imposed a tax that quickly rose to 6 pence per deck - equivalent to about \$5 today. The duty continued to rise, eventually reaching 2 shillings and 6 pence for a single pack - about \$25 today!

To prevent tax evasion, the Ace of Spades was held by customs. The Ace was only issued once duty was paid by the card makers. One man was even sentenced to death after forging an Ace of Spades!

To avoid paying the tax that was tacked onto the Ace of Spades, people wouldn't buy that card when they bought a deck of playing cards. So, they were playing traditional games that required using 52 cards with only 51.

It was said they weren't
"playing with a full deck"

Enter the
Victorian Daytime
Swiss Pairs
Friday April 25