

No Fear Swiss Pairs Day

for Novice Players

Saturday 24th October 2015

This event is for all players with less than 35 Masterpoints
(but if you have a few more MPs we're happy for you to play with someone less than 10 MPs)

Is that you?

Have you thought about entering a Congress but felt a little apprehensive?
Then consider this....

The VBA will be running a Swiss Pairs Day for Novice Players as an introduction to help you on your way to a Congress

9.30 a.m. Introduction to IMP tactics – Ben Thompson

10.00 a.m. Play commences 3 x 7 board matches

1.00 p.m. Expert-led discussion of hands over lunch – Ben Thompson

1.45 p.m. Resume play 3 x 7 board matches

\$30 entry fee and fun for all aspiring congress participants

The Bridge Players café will be open for lunch and coffee

Upcoming Events

Monday nights

Ros Blutstein Swiss Pairs
3 Weeks from Sep 21st

Pennant Open Teams
6 weeks from Sept 30th

Ern Palfreyman Teams
4 Weeks from Oct 12th

(NOTE: This is a change to the printed Calendar)

Metro GNOT Final
Sept 26th

No Fear Swiss Pairs (Novice)
Oct 24th

Ignacy Tyrman Duplicate
October 11th

Congresses and National Events

Peninsula Sept 19-20

Macedon Ranges Sept 27th

RACV Oct 4th

Albury Oct 11-12

Warnambool Oct 17-18

Spring Nationals (Sydney)
October 21st to 29th

The VBA is Pleased to Host an Afternoon Duplicate To celebrate the Life of Ignacy Tyrmand



When? – Sunday 11th October, 2015

Where? – VBA, 131 Poath Road, Murrumbena

Time: - Commencing at 11.00 a.m. and finishing around 3.00 p.m.

Cost? - \$20 includes lunch

The café will be open for coffee and cake

Bookings essential

Generous prizes in all sections

Enter on the website

Need a partner or team mates?

If you would like to play in one of our VBA events but don't have a partner, contact Cathie Lachman at the VBA, and we will try to help.

Pianola also has a partnership module where you can ask for partners and load system preferences etc.

<https://app.pianola.net/PartnerFinder>

VBA Member Successes

Competitions

Victorian Mixed Pairs

1st Margaret Yuill & Serhat Ozenir
2nd Shirley Collin & Andrzej Krowlikowski
3rd Kitty Muntz & Neil Ewart

VBA Open Pairs

1st Chris Hughes & Alex Czapnik
2nd Andrew Mill & Annette Maluish
3rd Neil Ewart & Simon Henbest

Victorian Swiss Pairs

1st Eva Caplan & Jenny Thompson
2nd Robbie van Riel & Felicity Beale
3rd Di Smart & David Morgan

Victorian Board A Match Teams

1st Richard Rozen, Alf Branicki, Helen Snashall, Ralph Berlinski
2nd Dee Harley, Anna St Clair, Chris Hughes, Alex Czapnik

Habgood Matchpoint Swiss Pairs

1st Danny Sharp & Stephen Sharp
2nd Paula Schroor & Dale Sheather
3rd Alex Czapnik & Chris Hughes

Duplicate Stars

Best 5 Session Average Winners July
(average score over the month of the best 5 sessions a player competed in)

1st Val Daly Average 60.3%

2nd Rodney Carri Average 57.7%

3rd== Nafty van der Hoek & Michael Miller
Average 57.2%

August Best 5 Winners

1st= Edna Mathieson & Jenny Atkinson
Average 59.16%

3rd Colleen Bourke Average 58.5%

Hot Duplicate Scores

G Stanning & A martin 68.5%

E Harmat & F Ding 66.1%

Nicole McManamny & Bill Bennett 66.0%

Congress Results

Ballarat Swiss Teams

1st John Yang, Kailun Zhang, Victor Zhang, Gus Ghali

2nd Sally Murray-White, Geoff Whiting, Paula Schroor, Dale Sheather

Dendy Park Congress Swiss Pairs

1st John Yang C Ding
2nd Dee Harley, Stephen Weisz
3rd Erica Linton Thea Cowie

Knox Congress -Swiss Teams

1st Neil Ewart, David Beckett, Lucy Henbest, Ben Kingham
2nd Chen Ding, David Wei, John Yang, Kailun Zhang
3rd Edna Matheson, Franci Halmos, Denise Clarke, Kae French

Knox Congress - Swiss Pairs

1st Ken Anderson & Justin Howard

Phillip Island Swiss Pairs

1st Kirsten & Gavin Bailey
3rd Betty Mill & Tania Gariepy

Phillip Island Swiss Teams

2nd Nicole McManamny (with Lindsey Robinson, Peter Ditchfield & Melroy Decouto)

Eight Ever Nine Never

- not so fast

(Avoidance Play 101)

S AJ98	S K10762
H K4	H A7
D AQJ3	D K84
C 864	C K32

You are playing 4S on the lead of the queen of hearts. In isolation, the correct play in the trumps suit is to cash the ace and king, following the rule that if you have an 8 card fit you finesse but holding a nine card fit you go for the drop (**Eight Ever Nine Never**). But is that right here? What is the only danger? It is that North gains the lead and leads clubs. South holding the ace. The solution is simple; win the heart lead, cash the ace of spades and finesse into the South hand. Even if it loses, South, the safe hand, can do no harm. This is an example of an avoidance play. The aim of the avoidance play is to prevent the dangerous opponent from gaining the lead.

Here's a slightly more tricky one:

54	AK76
AT9	654
AK632	954
K75	AQx

North who overcalled 1H, leads HK against 3NT. You duck the opening lead and win the continuation and have a simple problem - how to establish a ninth trick from diamonds without letting North gain the lead. If South has the diamond

VBA 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

*Cafe Open

length there will be no problem, while if North has queen to three there is no hope. What about if South has a doubleton queen. Cross to the CQ and lead a diamond. If South plays the queen, duck, if not, win the ace and lead a club to the ace. Again you lead a diamond, planning to duck the queen and otherwise play king and another, hoping South has length.

National Seniors Day

Crash Course

October 6th 10:30am - 4:00pm
at the VBA

Special Victorian Seniors Festival
price of \$20 for seniors
All materials, notes, free session pass
plus lunch

Non Seniors welcome of course!

Welcome Lyndy

The VBA Welcomes Lyndy Hickman as its new Tuesday Evening Director and would like to thank Val Daly for her work on Tuesdays for the past several years. Val has not been lost to the VBA, however. She will continue to direct other sessions and we will continue to see Val playing at

2015 AGM - Join the Council

The AGM this year will be held on Monday, November 16th. Members will shortly receive by email information regarding nominating for next year's council. If you are interested in participating, but are unsure as to what is involved, please speak to Kim Frazer, Ben Thompson or one of our councillors for more information.