



VBA Council Meeting – Major Items & Decisions

30 August 2017

The new Champion of Club Champions event held in late August received extremely positive feedback from players – our thanks to Dale Sheather and Paula Schroor for their efforts in running this event. We hope more players will take part in 2018

Congresses

- We remind clubs that now is a good time to check your club's details are correct in the VBA calendar and notify us of any changes necessary for the 2018 calendar.
- Gold Coast Congress have asked us to circulate the attached bulletin which details some changes for their events for 2018.

Club support

- A reminder that Joan Butts Seminar for teachers is on September 23 – 24;
- On September 23rd, Jamie Thompson, international youth representative and winner of this year's VCC teams, will be conducting a seminar on doubles at the VBA. Cost is \$50 including lunch and handouts.

State

- The VBA Council supported the ABF proposal to introduce a restricted teams championship at the ANC, and semi-finals in the Interstate Teams matches and to re-introduce an Interstate Pairs event.
- The VBA will be issuing an invitation to Victorian teams to contest the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships. If more than one team nominates, the team selected will be based upon the following order and conditions. Full details will be circulated in the VBA bulletin and by email to competition players on our email list.
 - 2017 Pennant winners, then the 2017 open/seniors/womens in that order, then country teams champions, then 2017 VQP's at the closing date;
 - no subsidy or support provided except official recognition; ie teams to pay all costs;
 - offer is subject to places still being available;
 - closing date for nominations is midnight Wednesday 22 November 2017.
- The new website has had a few teething problems. We are working to rectify these and thank Neil Ewart for his extensive work on this rectification work.
- Notices have been issued for Special Councillor Elections. Full details and nomination forms can be found on the VBA website at: <http://vba.asn.au/documents/club-notices/>
- The VBA Council agreed that all players contesting any state events should be financial ABF members.

Ben Thompson

President, VBA