



VBA Council Meeting – Major Items & Decisions

21 November 2018

Apologies, I missed providing this summary for the October meeting (although there wasn't much to report from that one) so I'll include items from both October and November here.

Congresses

- The TBIB prize for restricted pairs trial is underway and it's proving very popular. Congratulations to all the winners so far.
- Bruce Minchinton from Nagambie has been appointed Tournament Organiser for next year's inaugural regional super-congress, scheduled for 20-22 September. It will almost certainly be in Bendigo, and thanks to the Bendigo Bridge Club for their support.

Club support

- The VBA Calendar is nearly finalised. A complete 2019 congress list has been circulated to all clubs. It's also available on the VBA website, together with dates for the various state finals. The hard copy calendar is in final proof-reading as I write.
- There will be a director training day on January 26 next year. The date is awkward but Laurie Kelso has an exceptionally full calendar next year. The VBA will subsidise up to 2 people per club to attend, and we do encourage all clubs to participate.
- We will be hosting Joan Butts next year at the VBA with her popular and effective teacher training program; dates to be determined.
- We will be holding our Affiliated Clubs Day on Sunday March 3 next year. Please hold the date. We're open to suggestions on topics of interest.

State

- Belinda Lindsey has been appointed Tournament Organiser for the 2019 ANC, which will be held at the Bayview Eden in Melbourne (the same venue as for the VCC).

An issue with the use of foreign languages at the table arose recently. It's ABF and VBA policy that players must speak only in English while cards are out of a board, and preferably at all times at the table anyway simply as a courtesy to the opponents with whom one is sharing the experience.

Ben Thompson, VBA President