



VBA Council Meeting – Major Items & Decisions

5 September 2018

Congresses

- The TBIB prize for restricted pairs trial is just about ready to launch, most likely at the Waverley congress in November. Details will be sent out separately
- We've heard just a few complaints about behaviour at congresses recently where the affected player(s) didn't know what to do. Please remind your members that the Victorian State and Congress Disciplinary & Ethics committee is designed to investigate these sorts of problems – just send an email explaining their complaint to secretary@vba.asn.au within 7 days of the incident and the committee will take it from there

Club support

- The call for nominations for Special Councillors has gone out. Having a range of perspectives and experiences from around the state is extremely important in fulfilling our role as the state body. Encourage your club to nominate an enthusiastic advocate – or volunteer!

State

- Leigh & Bianca Gold, the ABF's new national Youth Development Officers are pushing ahead with an innovative school bridge program, with trials expected at a few schools in the Monash LGA in Term 4.
- Our teams at the Interstate championship had a patchy performance. The Open team did well to make the semi-final round but went down to eventual champion NSW.
- Please remember to register your club for the Victorian Simultaneous Pairs – 3 weeks starting 24th September playing entirely in your club with glory and free entry to the VBA Summer Congress for the overall and session winners.

Richard Giles has had to retire as Special Councillor due to ill health. Fortunately he's on the mend and we all wish him the very best for a full and speedy recovery

Ben Thompson, VBA President