

## **Match & Tournament Committee Report for 2012**

2012 has been a successful year for our national representatives. State events have continued to produce teams that have been more than competitive at a national level

I would like to thank the M&TC team of Laurie Kelso, Ben Thompson, Leigh Gold, Laura Ginnan, David Morgan, Justin Stark, the FABCV representative Paula Schroor and regional representative Arthur Robbins.

This team has worked quietly behind the scenes ensuring that the following were met:

Provided the integrity of all bridge events state wide was met.  
It oversaw the creation of the State Congress and VBA annual tournament calendar.  
All Tournament Regulations covering State and Club Events were produced.  
It changed and applied Substitution and Eligibility Rules.  
The M&TC provided the format for all State Events including scoring.  
Put in place regulations for Security of Boards, BBO and Hand Records.

Competition table numbers in state and club events in 2012 will be covered in other reports and detailed in the table below. I trust in 2013 a VBA Council sub-committee will continue to address declining numbers.

### **Restricted Events**

The VBA has continued to run restricted events on Wednesday nights in parallel with the major state pairs events. More promotion and advertising will hopefully increase the numbers.

### **Pennant/Butler Swap**

2012 was the first year in which the winner of the Pennant had to declare their playoff intentions. There were no issues with regard to this suffice to say 3 pairs from that team largely did not participate in the 2012 Butler.

### **Calendar**

There continues to be problems with a complicated and burgeoning congress, national and international bridge calendar.

Laurie Kelso needs special recognition for this onerous and sometimes not so welcome task. The VBA Council (as at Oct 2012) has put a policy document in place to address conflicts and disputes with regard to Congresses in Victoria.

Attempts continue to make all VBA Wednesday night events contiguous. Consideration is being given to "not running" the State event during the 2 weeks of the SNOT.

## **BBO broadcasting at the VBA**

Traian Chira has again provided the VBA with coverage. We need to ensure BBO coverage continues as much as possible. We continue to ensure that BBO broadcast events play the same boards at the same time. Thanks Traian

## **Regional Representation**

A regional representative team will play in the State Teams final (The Pennant in 2012) for the second year. That regional representative team is now being rewarded with an honour board in the VBA.

**Note:** Eligibility rules have been tightened (within the state and also outside the state). See VBA regulations for what defines regional and metropolitan

## **Victorian Bridge Results at a National level in 2012**

By any measure Victorian Bridge players have performed extraordinarily well at a National level in 2012. This list contains PQP events and Youth events.

### Nationally

**Note:** (4 of 6) means 4 of the 6 players were Victorian

ANC Seniors Team – 1<sup>st</sup>  
ANC Open Team – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Summer Festival of Bridge - NOT (2 of 6) 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Gold Coast Congress Teams (1 of 6) 1<sup>st</sup>  
Spring National Open Teams (3 of 6) 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Dick Cummings Pairs (1 of 2) 1<sup>st</sup>  
National Women's Teams (1 of 6) 1<sup>st</sup>  
National Seniors Teams (1 of 4) 1<sup>st</sup> (2 of 6) 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Victor Champion Cup (2 of 4) 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Autumn National Women's Pairs (2 of 2) 1<sup>st</sup>  
Bobby Evans Seniors Teams (2 of 4) 1<sup>st</sup>  
Gold Coast Seniors Pairs (2 of 2) 1<sup>st</sup>  
McCance Trophy (1 of 2) 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Australian Swiss Pairs (2 of 2) 1<sup>st</sup> (2 of 2) 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Internationally:

George Gaspar on the Seniors Team at the WMSG  
Jamie Thompson and Elena Moskovsky on the U21 Team at the World Youth  
Peter Hollands and Justin Howard on the U26 Team at the World Youth

## 2012

The ABF has decide not continue to pay for the Allan Woods ranking Scheme.

The chair of the M&TC continues to suggest that a further position on the VBA M&TC be offered to the Interim Committee in 2012, if this body continues and sees some merit in their contribution.

A position on the VBA M&TC could be offered in 2013 to an interested person who judges themselves as representing the group that is **not** at the State Representative Level.

M&TC has failed to review the concept of State Congress Teams and Pairs Championship.

The M&TC will be continue to publicise its role and anything it is germane to the game in the VBA Newsletter and the website.

Simon HINGE  
Chair  
Match & Tournament Committee

<b>State Events</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Pennant	35	30	30	30	24	24
Open Interstate Butler 1	31	19	N/A	34	34	27
Melb-Metro GNOT Fin	16	9	15	15	10	10
Vic Mixed Teams	25	22	25	27	23	22
Vic BAM	21	16	20	20	15	6*
Thwaites Mixed Pairs	23	26	25	24	20.5	25
Vic Master Teams	14	20	21	25	17	12
Altman Swiss Pairs	21	20	38	32	29	20
Women's Interstate 1	13	11	n/a	8.5	n/a	10
Vic Master Pairs	22	16	25	25	17	13
Vic Open Pairs	25	29.5	27	30.5	28	27
Vic Senior Teams	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5
Vic Individual	4	5	7	4	5	9
Seniors Interstate 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	8	n/a	n/a
Open Teams Qual	n/a	n/a	29	n/a	n/a	n/a
Women's last Train	n/a	n/a	5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Melb-Metro GNRP Finals	n/a	23.5	16.5	n/a	22	-
Senior's Interstate 2	n/h	n/h	n/h	n/h	7	-
Women's Interstate 2	n/h	n/h	n/h	n/h	5	-
<b>Club Events</b>						
Palfreyman Teams	17	14	22	15	14	13
Grand Prix Pairs	12	17	22	15	22	n/a
GNOT Heat	16	21	22	14	14	9
Vic Sim Pairs Heat						13
June Swiss Pairs						7*
Team of Three	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	20
Team-4-Combo	12	17	20	14	14	n/a
Rothfield Teams	24	29	28	26	20	20
VBA Open Pairs	14	18	20	24	16	13
Autumn Day Pairs	12	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Seniors Heat	11	8	6.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Habgood MP Swiss Pairs	10	12	22	19	19	14
Ramsden H'Cap SP	19	20	23	30	22	23
VBA MP Swiss Pairs	22	20	27	n/h	18	-
Christmas Teams	31	33	35	n/h	31	-
VBA Mixed/Unmixed Prs	17	22	22	n/h	n/h	-
Blutstein Swiss Pairs	21	20	20	20	17	17
GNP Heat	n/a	8.5	14	3	5	n/a

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