

# Victoria Bridge Club Inc.



## Newsletter – April 2024

### From the President

Dear Members,

2024 is now racing along, and another marker has been ticked off our calendar - the AGM. The committee is pleased to welcome Ann Green and Kahu Livingstone. It is volunteers that keep this, and many other clubs, ticking over. In this vein has anyone had time to reconsider if they could take on the role of President?

I am the temporary President. A permanent President would bring their distinctive style to the task, just like I have done. 😊

Another thing that keeps this club ticking along, and something that came out of the AGM is bottoms on seats at every playing session.

On Monday night we had the first of the Ed Hillary teams. It was fantastic!! 14 tables. People (that would be my team 🎮) were jammed into the corners. We have had someone return who has not played for over 2 years. It was lovely to see her again 🌸

With winter looming, and nights long and dark, if you have not been a regular player for some time, reach out to someone you have not played with this year or have never played with. Enjoy the warmth and competitiveness of a full playing floor at our wonderful club.

Happy bridging everyone.

Robyn Green

**Temporary President.**

### Session Winners

Monday	Waitangi Pairs	Penny Thompson, Helen Philpott
Tuesday	Stott Pairs	Margaret Hogg, Val Cooper
Wednesday	Bowen Pairs	Pádraig O'Connor, Jamie Hyatt
Thursday	Eileen Dick Pairs April Pairs	Roanna Chan, David Esterman Pat Knight, Susie des Tombe

Congratulations to all the winners.

## AGM 2024

At the 2024 Victoria Bridge Club AGM held on Thursday 18 April President Robyn Green completed her three-year term. However, after an extensive search we have been unable to find anyone willing to take on the role of President. Robyn will continue as President in the meantime.

Helen Philpott retired after ten years on the committee, the last three as Treasurer.

We have been very fortunate to have Helen's expertise and wisdom over these years. During her years as Treasurer, she and Graeme installed the new computerised accounting system.



Robyn Green & Helen Philpott

## New Committee

President Robyn Green  
Treasurer Todd Beardsworth  
Committee Robyn Albertson, Stella Bridge, Susie des Tombe, Suzanne de Vere,  
Joan Foster, Ann Green, Kahu Livingstone, Louise Munro, Julie Wright.

**New President urgently required.** If any member is willing to take on this role, please contact Robyn or Graeme for more details. Robyn will stay on the committee as the Immediate Past President so you would have plenty of support.

## Wednesday Night

Play will revert back to a **7.30pm** start from 1 May.

## VBC Multigrade Tournament

This very successful tournament was held on 21 April and it was great to see the upstairs room full. The success of the tournament is due to many willing helpers. In particular, thanks go to Susie des Tombe for organizing the catering, Director Alan Joseph and his helpers, Stefan Prentice on the bar, Graeme Schofield for his tireless work in the office and Lynne Noonan who spent the whole day in the kitchen.

The winners were:

Graham Stronach & Sandy McKirdy	1 <sup>st</sup> overall
Patrick D'Arcy & Adrienne Dale	2 <sup>nd</sup> overall
Walt Davis & Mariusz Tumilowicz	1 <sup>st</sup> Open/Int
David Esterman & Roanna Chan	1 <sup>st</sup> Open/Jnr
Mary Scott & Peter Jackson	1 <sup>st</sup> Int/Int
Robyn Green & Louise Munro	1 <sup>st</sup> Int/Jnr
Roger Palmer & Patricia Stuart	1 <sup>st</sup> Jnr/Jnr



Roanna Chan & David Esterman  
(Open/Junior Winners)



Louise Munro & Robyn Green  
(Intermediate/Junior Winners)

## Victoria Open Swiss 5A Pairs

This tournament is on June 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Organise your partners and enter now.

## Beginners Lessons

We have 20 participants. The 12 week course begins Wednesday 1 May at 7.30 pm.

**Mentors:** Each session the beginners play boards that relate to the lesson so if you would like to help with mentoring please contact Stella Bridge. Notes will be provided.

## Gladys Palmer Teams

We have 14 teams entered and it is wonderful to see the room full and buzzing with all level of players on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month. It is great experience for the newer players. However this means teams sometimes struggle to find replacement players. If you would like to be a reserve let Graeme know.

## Dummy is Dummy

Dummy cannot indicate by their hand which card is to be played.

During play Dummy cannot draw attention to any irregularity or try to prevent any irregularity by Declarer (their partner).

Dummy remains silent. The only time they can talk is when Declarer has failed to follow suit – Dummy can ask whether Declarer has a card of the suit led.

Eg. “No clubs partner?”

## **Important Dates**

Gladys Palmer Teams Thursday 2 May  
Thursday 6 June

Victoria Open Swiss 5A Pairs tournament - Sunday 9 June

**Julie Wright**  
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