

2026 PROGRAMME

Monday	5 January 2026	Bridge 2026 Season Resumes
Monday	30 March 6:30pm	Annual General Meeting
Tuesday	23 June (to be confirmed)	Mid-Year Celebration
Thursday	9 July	Inaugral Daytime Session
Monday	7, 14, 21 & 28 Sept (to be confirmed)	Peter Church Memorial Pairs
Monday	9 November	49th Anniversary Celebration
Monday Thursday	9 November 12 November	End of 2026 Competition Season
Monday Thursday	16 November 19 November	Start of 2027 Competition Season
Tuesday	1 December (to be confirmed)	Annual Dinner and Presentation Night
Monday Thursday	14 December 17 December	Final Session for 2026
Monday Thursday	4 January 2027 7 January 2027	2027 Bridge Season Resumes



Enjoy the 2026 season at the Valley Bridge Club

**6-45 for 7pm Monday Evenings at the
Canberra Southern Cross Club, WODEN**

And

**9-45 for 10am Thursday Mornings at the
Canberra Southern Cross Club, WODEN**

WELCOME TO THE 2026 VBC BRIDGE SEASON

The Valley Bridge Club (VBC) was established in 1977 to provide members with opportunities for competitive duplicate Bridge in a friendly, social environment. Membership of the Canberra Southern Cross Club (CSCC) is a prerequisite for joining Valley Bridge Club.

Bridge sessions are conducted at Woden CSCC on Monday evenings in the downstairs Community Room 2 and on Thursday mornings in Community Room 1. Members may play at either session or both. Players are asked to be in attendance 15 minutes before start of play for the director to establish and enter movement details into the computer ready for a prompt start.

VBC has a membership of around sixty and is managed by a committee of volunteers elected at the Annual General Meeting held at the end of March each year. The Club utilises the latest technology in the form of electronic dealing, scoring, and posting of results to the Web for detailed review (valley.bridgeaustralia.org). The use of System Cards is encouraged but not mandatory and we remind Players of the need to “announce” the meanings of 1C and 1NT bids (as well as to “alert” unusual artificial bids).

Housekeeping rules require North/South pairs to take responsibility for scoring and board management, while East/West pairs are responsible for clearing the tables at session end.

Players are responsible for arranging their own partnerships, however partners on an occasional basis can be sought through liaison with Cathie Padovan (0422523067) or email valleybridge1977@gmail.com or by announcing a request on a bridge night, for a partner for a future session.

ANNUAL TROPHY COMPETITIONS

In addition to the weekly single-session duplicate events, members can participate in:

- *The Canberra Southern Cross Club Pairs Championship* conducted as an annual year-long competition commencing in mid-November of the preceding year and ending in mid-November of the current year (to allow awards to be made at the December presentation dinner). Awarded to the pairs at each session who achieve the highest average.
- *The George Davidson Pairs* held on Thursday in May and the *Peter Church Pairs* in September.
- The *Jan Dickerson Memorial Trophy* awarded to the pairs at each session

who achieve an annual average nearest to 50%.

- The *Most Improved Trophy* awarded to the pair with the highest average improvement

AWARDS

VBC operates an internal awards scheme whereby points are allocated at each session in accordance with an algorithm which takes into account winning positions and attendance. Accumulated points are converted to gift cards for use at any Canberra Southern Cross Club venue and are presented at the Annual Dinner and Presentation Night in December.

The VBC is not affiliated with the Australian Bridge Federation and thus ABF master points are not awarded.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Social Director, assisted by other Committee Members, organizes the following social events, the costs of which are heavily subsidised by the VBC for members:

- In mid-year, a dinner followed by duplicate Bridge
- In November, an anniversary celebration with wine and cheese plus cake and champagne along with duplicate Bridge to commemorate the 1977 establishment of the Club
- In December, the Club's Annual Dinner and Presentation Night

FEES

VBC has an annual subscription of \$5. Subscriptions become due at the Annual General Meeting, normally held on the last Monday of March. Table Money is currently \$3.00 per session for members and \$5.00 per session for non-members.

CSCC REWARDS PROGRAM

VBC has successfully applied to be part of the CSCC Rewards program. Members can nominate Valley Bridge Club using the following link <https://www.csccl.com.au/rewards/> VBC receives 7.5 cents for every dollar spend on food and beverages at Woden, Tuggeranong, Jamison, Yacht Club and Snapper & Co.