

2024 PROGRAMME

Monday	8 January 2024	Bridge 2024 Season	Woden
Tuesday	9 January 2024	Resumes	Tuggeranong
Tuesday	20 February	26th Anniversary Celebration	Tuggeranong
Monday	25 March – 6.30pm	Annual General Meeting	Woden
Tuesday	7, 14 & 21 May (To be confirmed)	George Davidson Pairs competition	Tuggeranong
Tuesday	28 May (To be confirmed)	Mid-year Celebration	Tuggeranong
Monday	21, 28 Oct & 4 Nov (To be confirmed)	Peter Church Memorial Pairs	Woden
Monday	4 November	47th Anniversary Celebration	Woden
Monday	11 November	End of 2024	Woden
Tuesday	12 November	Competition Season	Tuggeranong
Monday	18 November	Start of 2025	Woden
Tuesday	19 November	Competition Season	Tuggeranong
Tuesday	3 December (To be confirmed)	Annual Dinner and Presentation Night	Woden
Monday	9 December	Final Session	Woden
Tuesday	10 December	for 2024	Tuggeranong
Monday	6 January 2025	2025 Bridge Season	Woden
Tuesday	7 January 2025	Resumes	Tuggeranong



Enjoy the 2024 season at the Valley Bridge Club

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

and

6-45 for 7pm Tuesday Evenings at the
Canberra Southern Cross Club, TUGGERANONG

WELCOME TO THE 2024 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 on Monday evenings in the downstairs Community Room at Woden CSCC and on Tuesday evenings upstairs in the Function Room at the Tuggeranong CSCC. Members may play at either venue or both. Players are asked to be in attendance by 6.45pm in order to establish and enter movement details into the computer ready for a prompt start at 7.00 pm at either venue.

VBC has a membership of around seventy 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).
- *The George Davidson Pairs* held at Tuggeranong in May and the *Peter Church Pairs* at Woden in September.
- The *Jan Dickerson Memorial Trophy* awarded to the pairs at each venue

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 considers place 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 February, an anniversary celebration with wine and cheese plus cake and champagne along with duplicate Bridge to commemorate the 1998 commencement of VBC play at the CSCC Tuggeranong venue.
- In mid-year, a dinner at Tuggeranong followed by duplicate Bridge.
- In November, an anniversary celebration with wine and cheese plus cake and champagne along with duplicate Bridge at Woden to commemorate the 1977 establishment of the Club.
- In December, the Club's End of Year Dinner and Presentation Night held at Woden.

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 \$3.00 per session for members and \$5.00 per session for non-members.