

Bridge at Government House, 15 Nov 2023

Thanks to our Committee for nominating us to attend this!



Not a bad first impression!

The venue was the Ballroom (bigger than Buckingham Palace's ballroom, the website says!). Very impressive. The gilt chairs belonged there, but the bridge tables etc were provided by the organisers. "Everybody" was there – for example, Peter (here with Tom & Jan Hackett)

It was billed as a "Victorian Bridge Players Community Game"



How did you get a guernsey? Some clubs nominated their oldest players; some had a raffle; in some cases, the President took it as their personal invitation; and the people we played first had been the only ones in their club interested!



There were no actual gongs for this comp (7x2-board rounds) – but the full results are at vba.bridgeaustralia.org if you're interested.

Bendigo results:

2nd NS - Faye Symons & Denis Upsall (representing Denis' Sandhurst Bridge Academy)
6th NS - Ron Wescott & Louise Griffin (Maine Bridge Club)
14th NS - Damon Flicker & Seb Wright (Vic Youth Team)
25th EW - Jennifer & Peter Goddard (Bendigo Bridge Club)

Other semi-local results:

10th NS – Michael Goh & Bruce Minchinton (Nagambie)
13th EW – Tom & Jan Hackett (Yarrowonga)
35th EW – Anne Beck & Clare Beer (Ballarat)
36th EW – Chris Turner & Leigh Carroll (Echuca)



Excellent gubernatorial china! A pity the pens didn't have crowns on them too ...

A great afternoon with a very convivial atmosphere. Afterwards an area had been booked at a neighbouring hotel where drinks and dinner were available at our own expense. We sat with people from Traralgon and Sale plus Laura Ginnan, the event organiser. Then home by train.

Altogether excellent - thanks for the opportunity! – Peter and Jennifer