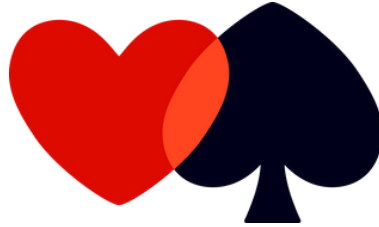


# REAL DEAL BRIDGE

## 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CONGRESS



VILLAGE GREEN HOTEL  
CNR SPRINGVALE & FERNTREE GULLY RD  
MULGRAVE, VIC 3170

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH - SUNDAY OCTOBER 1ST 2023**



### Event Highlights

Full day of development workshops & learning opportunities

Licensed venue with plenty of parking just 30 min South East of Melbourne

National level 2 Chief Tournament Director

Events for all skill levels

Saturday is very flexible and offers the chance to combine a morning of bridge with the AFL Grand Final (or to play more bridge in the afternoon)

Fuel subsidy and billeting program to make it easier for regional players

Basic accommodation is also available across the road

An event to challenge, enjoy and celebrate the beauty of the game you love



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## *A message from the tournament organiser - Laura Ginnan*

*I would like to extend a warm welcome to you to join our inaugural Congress. At the heart of the event and its planning is the goal of delivering a top quality event that is full of fun, smiles and opportunities for all.*

*The Congress begins with a full day of development workshops by the powerhouse teaching trio of Peter Hollands, Mary Elson and myself. We then move into the ever-popular Swiss Pairs format which features one of the rare opportunities for newer players to compete in their own under 20 Masterpoint section - this is a great chance for newer players who might even be dipping their toes in the Congress scene for the first time. On Saturday, the Graded Pairs event divides the field into sections so that pairs only compete against nine other partnerships who are all of a similar skill level. This will mean that less experienced players feel right at home and the sharks will be vying for top honours in a great field. Rounding out the program on Sunday is my personal favourite - Swiss Teams.*

*The creative and carefully curated event program isn't the only thing a little outside of the box. We'd love to see a great turnout of players from outside the metropolis and are pioneering a Billeting Program to match up metro players with a spare room(s) with regional players who would enjoy staying with fellow bridge players. The billeting program will make it that bit easier for regional players to join and we will also be providing a small fuel subsidy to players from afar to help with the costs of attending.*

*Whether this will be your first Congress or your 100th, I look forward to delivering a great event for you and hope that you will support our inaugural Congress with your attendance.*

*Entries are taken on our website at [www.realdealbridge.com/congress](http://www.realdealbridge.com/congress). The website is also filled with great information to find out more about the events and plan your weekend.*

*Please don't hesitate to reach me at [laura@realdealbridge.com](mailto:laura@realdealbridge.com) or on 0411 694 248 (email preferred) if you have any questions, are looking for a partner/teammates, or would like to be involved in the Billeting Program.*

# Congress Schedule

Thursday, Sept 28th

10.00 am til 4.15 pm

DEVELOPMENT  
WORKSHOPS

Cost: \$65 per player (\$45 youth) lunch is included

Workshops, seminars, Q + A about all things Congress with the powerhouse teaching trio of Peter Hollands, Mary Elson and Laura Ginnan

Cost: \$55 per player (\$40 youth) lunch is included

Friday, Sept 29th

10.00 am til 5.15 pm

SWISS PAIRS

Entry to the under 20 Masterpoint division is for players with fewer than 20 Masterpoints as of the June 30th, 2023 ABF update

*Friday Mingle - Stay around to meet expert players and discuss hands for the day. Multiple dining options are also available at the Village Green if you would like to stay for dinner*

Saturday, Sept 30th

10.00 am til 1.30 pm

GRADED PAIRS

Cost: \$30 per player (\$25 youth) lunch is not included but is available for purchase from the Hotel

Expert hand analysis will be provided for all boards

After play concludes can enjoy watching the AFL Grand Final with fellow bridge players at 'The Village'. If footy isn't your thing, join the relaxed pairs

Saturday, Sept 30th

2.30 pm til 5.30 pm

RELAXED PAIRS

Cost: \$15 per player (\$8 youth)

A great way to escape the Grand Final  
*(well almost, it will be displayed on a projector without sound)*

Sunday, October 1st

10.00 am til 5.15 pm

SWISS TEAMS

Cost: \$55 per player (\$40 youth)

If your team has more than 4 players please contact us for pricing

*Entries and further information visit [www.realdealbridge.com](http://www.realdealbridge.com)*

## Registrations and payments

We'd really appreciate if you could pay in advance by direct transfer to assist with the smooth running of the event on the day. If you need to cancel, don't worry, a full refund will be provided.

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Account details:	Payment amounts:
Real Deal Bridge Pty Ltd	Thu Workshops: \$65 per playre
BSB: 063159	Fri Swiss Pairs: \$55 per player
Account number: 10738772	Sat Graded Pairs: \$30 per player
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Sat Relaxed Pairs: \$15 per player
Please use your name and phone number as a reference	Sun Teams: \$55 per player (please contact us for rates if you have more than 4 people in your team)

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Cash on the day is also fine,  
Credit card payment will incur a \$2 surcharge per credit card payment.  
Please advise of any dietary requirements by September 9th.

## Billeting program

If you live in the metro area and have a spare room(s) and can welcome regional players for the event please let us know! If you are a regional player who would like to join and have a billet found for them, we'd also love to hear from you! Contact Laura at [laura@realdealbridge.com](mailto:laura@realdealbridge.com) (0411 694 248 email preferred)

## AFL Grand Final

The Graded Pairs concludes by 1.30 at the latest. The game starts at 2.30pm and the Village Green is the perfect place to stay on watching it unfold in the company of fellow bridge players. If footy isn't your thing, there is also the option to play more bridge in the relaxed pairs.

## Who's involved?

### Tournament organisers:

Laura Ginnan: [laura@realdealbridge.com](mailto:laura@realdealbridge.com) (0411 694 248 email preferred)

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Chief Tournament Director - Laura Ginnan

