

Tweed Heads Bridge Club Newsletter

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Accept the challenge, Share the rewards, Cherish the friendships

David Freilich has been working very hard in preparing the Leaderboard software which is now ready to introduce to the club. The proposed schedule is:

March-Implement the system on a trial basis to find any problems. Your help is asked for, to detect any unintended errors in the system. Could you please contact David if you have any concerns regarding this and he will address any perceived concerns.

April, May, June-Run the Leaderboard program as it is intended to be used at the club along side the current Win ticket system. Win ticket prizes will be awarded in both systems. This will cost the club an additional \$300 each month. The present Win ticket system cost the club between \$700-\$1000 each month depending on attendance.

July-A Special Meeting will be held to vote on whether to permanently accept this system to replace the current Win ticket system.

Some Facts about the system

- * Members will be divided into 3 divisions. The division ranking is allocated according to a players average results during the previous 12 months of play. At least 12 sessions need to be attended before you become eligible to be included in the Leaderboard system.
- * At least 4 sessions need to be attended each month to win in the Leaderboard competition for the month. This does not include Wednesday section B. Until 4 sessions are attended in the month a members name will be registered as 'Unconfirmed'.
- * If a player does not attend at least 4 sessions in the month and gains a winning place their position will be awarded to the next eligible player.
- * Wednesday's section B will not be included as a Leaderboard event and will operate as a separate session retaining the current Win tickets.

* Red point and other special events ie Team days will not be included in the Leaderboard program

* The top 10 players in each division will be displayed on the club TV screen prior to play each day. A full list of players' positions on the Leaderboard will be available on the website. The TV display and website will be adjusted daily.

* On the first playing session of each month prizes will be awarded. Ticket prizes will be;

First= 10 tickets, Second= 6 tickets, Third= 4 tickets for each division.

Any feedback regarding the new system will be sought and best put in writing to the committee of the club.

Benefits of the Leaderboard System

* This system provides a very accurate account of members competing position in their division of play.

* The Leaderboard system is less costly to run and has a fixed cost each month while still rewarding winning players. This will free up more funds available for such things as a free Christmas party, special catering for important days, no increase to annual fees or table fees and funds for other extra activities and functions.

Presently the club is operating at a loss due to the cost of the present Win ticket system, lower attendances and membership and higher running costs. Although we have funds of approximately \$50,000 in fixed deposits these funds need to be kept in reserve for future maintenance, repairs and equipment replacement. This ensures the future of our club is in a healthy position.

The committee sincerely hopes all members will embrace the new system with enthusiasm. We congratulate David for all the effort he has dedicated to providing the club with a way to reward players and secure our future as a well positioned club. The committee looks forward to seeing the Leaderboard system in operation.