
Tweed Bridge Club Newsletter

Accept the challenge, share the rewards, cherish the friendship

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Hi all members,

A few updates are needed as the end of the year rapidly approaches. We have a very exciting proposal to present to you. But firstly

Welfare: With the official government dispensing of mandatory COVID quarantining our club will not be notifying every member when a COVID case has been detected at the club. The situation now rest on the responsibility of all members not to attend bridge if they are sick with any contagious illness be it flu, a cold, COVID or any other ailment that other members can catch.

It is sad to hear of the passing of 3 of our members, John Walker, Mureen Cameron and Sue Dorrington and we send our sympathy to these members families. Sue Dorrington's family have asked if they could hold a gathering at the club as Sue loved her bridge and they thought this the most appropriate place for friends and family to remember her. This is scheduled for 31st October for an hour after bridge 2.45-4.00 DST. Club members are invited.

Maintenance : The outside of the building is scheduled to be painted before Christmas. It will be the same colour as this is a cheaper option. It's good to see the car park fixed from tree root impingement and the rusted post in the cage area replaced by council. White ant damage is yet to be finalised. We are still trying to source a company who will replace the smashed solar panel on our roof. Does anyone know of a local company who could do this?

New Members: It's always pleasing to gain new members to the club. Please ensure they are greeted with a welcoming attitude. The new members who have recently joined are Tim Angley, Colin Chase, Rome Maple Jenny Kyle, Pauline and Rob McLachlan.

Bridge Events: Events are most successful when the members happily support them. Coming up soon is Melbourne Cup Day. We hope this will be a big day with lots of laughs. It's fun to see everyone make a big effort for the day by dressing up in their best, adorned by a fabulous hat

and being involved by having a few bets in Ray Payne's sweeps. Jim Roche will be judging the best dressed lady with \$50.00 for first prize and \$25.00 for runner up, Joy Moorcraft will judge the best hat with \$50.00 first, \$25.00 runner up and I will judge the best dressed man with \$50.00 first only. Also coming up on Saturday 26th is the Mix-Up day. This is where all players coming to bridge that day will be divided into 2 even groups of the better players and others. A random draw will be conducted before play starts to pair up one player from each group. Let's hope this is fun, different and workable. Another event coming is a Red Point teams day. This will be a 2 session day starting at 10.00 am and continuing all day with 48 boards proposed for the day. Teams events are great days with lots of competition, friendly rivalry and interesting results to see. And don't forget to schedule in our Christmas Party on Saturday 3rd December.

The AGM

Since the AGM was held more information has been collected on some topics and more details recorded. The question arose as to whether it is correct to have an auditor who is also a member of the club. It is permissible considering we are under the \$250,000 turnover threshold and our constitution does not state we require an external auditor. There was a concern that our financial records do not include win ticket and director ticket costs. Our financial records only show the money flow in and out of the club. This doesn't include win and director ticket costs because there is no money exchange. To allow the win ticket/director tickets costs to be recorded a separate book showing attendance, win tickets given out and directors tickets is available on the official table inside the southern door. The approximate average yearly cost of win tickets is \$10,000 and director tickets \$3,120.

Since the AGM 2 more sub-committees have been appointed. The Tournament sub-committee which comprises Chris Fraser (chairman), Julie Firmstone, Jim Roche, Keith Blinco and Graham Carson. This committee is responsible for setting the years program of play and deciding how each tournament is run. The second sub-committee is more a Working Group to help David Freilich in deciding on some of the finer points his leader board proposal presents. This is a very exciting step for our bridge club, especially to have someone like David with the expertise who is willing to devote many, many hours to create

computer software for our clubs' advancement. The working group is made up of David Freilich, Jim Roach, Gordon Porter and myself. Graham Carson also attended our meeting as an interested party.

The Club Leader Board proposal

The Club Leader Board will be software developed by David Freilich to produce an electronic report of the results obtained by members of the club. The computer program will be graded into 3 levels-Open, Intermediate and Novice. The grading will be determined by a players' % over the previous 12 months. All members can view their % by looking on the club website under the Results heading in the Individual History section. Progress up or down the grade leader board ladder will be visible for each grade on the TV screen at the club and will be updated on a daily basis. Win ticket prizes will be awarded on a monthly basis with 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place getters of each level. A presentation of winner awards will happen on the first Wednesday of each month. Players must attend at least 4 bridge sessions in the month to be eligible however those players who attend only 4 bridge sessions per month will not be disadvantaged compared with players who play more frequently. Players in the Open section will be excluded from winning in the lower sections.

The Leader Board report would look like this:

Tweed Bridge Club Leader Board for July 2023 - Date: 18 July 2023				
Name	Master Points	Number of Days Played	Average % per Session	Rank
Beginners Division				
Alice Springs	35	3	54%	①
John Smith	52	5	50%	8
Cyril Johnston	20	4	49%	10
Fred Ehrhardt			48.8%	11
Intermediate Division				
Celia Marshall	135	8	54%	④
Tanya Boticelli	240	7	50%	6
Greg Jones	105	9	49.5	9
Advanced Division				
Alan Chapman	873	3	66%	②

Pamela Hertag	642	7	65.9PP%	3
Sonya Klevers	605	8	65%	5
Nancy Duncan	520	6	64.8%	7

On a trial basis it is proposed to run The Leader Board System along with the Daily Win ticket system that now prevails. The running of two systems is not financially viable for an extended period. This will only be done so as all members can experience the Leader Board System for a period of 3 months. To introduce this system permanently it would need to be voted in at an AGM to replace the present Win Ticket system.

Many benefits become evident with this system:

- * It is more competitive and fairer than the current win ticket system.
- * Club expenditure can be calculated as a fixed amount each month.
- * Expenditure can be adjusted according to club finances. With the abolition of the current system more money would be available for prizes and conversely if it should happen that club funds fall off in the future prizes can be adjusted accordingly ie give out only 1st, 2nd and 3rd each month.
- * The new technology offered by computers regarding player %, awarding of green points and results for each games allows a much more accurate assessment of each player as compared to the other players.
- * The administration of the system is less labour intensive as directors won't have to write out win tickets each day although, Ray Payne does love collating and dispersing them. Maybe Ray could become our official Leader Board Administrator.

In effect this system is **FAIRER,**

MORE ACCURATE,

CHEAPER,

LESS WORK INVOLVED

and ADAPTABLE TO OUR CLUBS FUTURE NEEDS.

With this system it is less likely that table fees would need to be increased in the future. Please open your mind to new ways of doing things, be acceptable to change for the better and carefully make your own evaluation of the Leader Board proposal.

For the love of bridge Marilyn