

Tweed Heads Bridge Club Newsletter

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As this year has been so disrupted with COVID this is only our second newsletter. It has been a difficult time for all however since we have continued to run bridge sessions I consider we have been very lucky. We hope all our members remain in good health throughout the coming year and within the near future all members will return to playing at the club. Our attendance numbers are down by approximately 25% with Tuesday and Thursday suffering badly, although Wednesdays are doing well and Monday is also becoming popular. Its pleasing to see members gradually returning and hope those who haven't returned are enjoying some online bridge and will eventually return to club play.

With the weather warming up the committee has decided to start using the fans and air conditioners. However the doors are still to remain open to keep air circulating as much as possible throughout these COVID times.

Since we are unable to serve food now all the biscuits in stock (one months supply) were given away to members at a cost of \$470 to the club.

Welfare:

Val Brown was involved in a car accident and she has contacted us to say she is making a steady recovery. Neville Gaha has been in hospital. We do hope he can return to bridge even if it's just for a visit. Nell Havenaar has had some heart concerns and is moving to Darlington. Ruth Hordern is recovering from a foot op and Di Hogan is recovering from knee surgery. Our secretary Ros Hand is very hopeful for her coming Stem cell treatment to aid in her cancer recovery and has a very positive outlook although is confined to home during this time. Neville (Ros's partner) is doing a great job looking after Ros and Robert Noble, John and Jocelyn Steel have stepped up to take over Neville's board dealing

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duties. It's really great to see people help out and offer assistance for the many jobs the club requires to run efficiently.

It was sad to hear Joy Rennie decided to retire from bridge as she has been a great club member. Joy who was a past Congress convenor spent many hours dealing hands before our club had dealing machines. This involved dealing the exact same hands for the Congress and team events. We will miss her quiet pleasant presence.

New Members:

We are so pleased to welcome new members;

Cathy Loder, Anne Morley, Annette Kvassay, Shirley Daniels, Wendy MacTaggart and Wendy Cartwright

Coming Events:

Most events have been cancelled for the year. Early in the year, pre- COVID concerns we held the Teams Championships and Pairs Championships as well as the Australia Day event and Jane Coleman memorial day. However the Presidents Cup, Mixed Pairs Championship, State of Origin event and Birthday Congress have been cancelled. Also coming up Melbourne Cup Day and our Christmas party will be cancelled since we are unable to serve food and our numbers have to be limited.

VAM (Venerable Aged Members) Club:

It was sad to lose another member of our VAM club with Bruce Gibson passing but happily we welcome June Preston to join this club.

The Library:

The fiction library continues to be used frequently with continued new additions. We have decided to remove the cost of borrowing books in the hope you will bring the good reads back after you have finished reading for others to enjoy. If you have good reads at home add them to the library. However if you discover books that are boring, dirty or the print is too small feel free to discard them. A library needs constant weeding that all the readers can take responsibility for.

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A Concern:

Recently a situation arose concerning a member who attended and appeared to be showing cold or flu symptoms and a complaint was received. We are doing our best to maintain a healthy germ-free environment for our members with daily sanitising and temperature checks but the committee has decided , if we receive a complaint the member may be asked to leave and obtain a COVID test. The member should not play at the club until a negative test result is produced. Members with pre-existing conditions which may be construed to be a cold or flu symptoms should produce a Dr's certificate to clarify the situation.

Lessons, Supervised bridge and Social Bridge:

All these groups were cancelled due to COVID. Paul Rose is still going to have lessons when all has settled back to normal and a learners' program will be introduced. This will involve supervised bridge to follow on after the lessons for 6 months and then learners should then be ready to tackle competitive bridge .

THE AGM:

This important annual meeting has been rescheduled for Friday 4th December. All members are entitled to nominate for the various positions on the committee. Nomination forms for committee and Notice of Motion forms are on the table near the front door.

Best wishes from Marilyn Marchwicki (Publicity Officer) and all the committee