

# NEWSLETTER

## TWEED HEADS BRIDGE CLUB

At the first meeting of the committee following the AGM there was much discussion on how we can communicate more effectively and actively seek feedback from the members to improve the functioning and services offered. We encourage feedback from everyone and hope with any input where improvements are required a solution considerate of members is forthcoming. The best ideas come from club members and as a committee we value insights and better ways of working. Feedback is welcome and can be either given via the suggestion box, directly to a committee member or email/letter. Feedback that requires changes to process, directors' ways of working and by-laws are best put in writing to add to our correspondence register and ensure a timely response.

### **Welfare**

Club members we are thinking of:

- \* Nita Farrell who is recovering from her recent illness which has left her very breathless and unable to come to bridge.
- \* John Collis has recently had heart surgery and we wish well as as he makes a speedy recovery.
- \* Shirley Brandham whose husband passed away and we send our deep-felt sympathy.
- \* Sharon Asser who is battling cancer. She would love to hear from any members.

## **Maintenance and Upgrades**

The committee discussed the possibility of having sails erected over the outside table and will contact council requesting another outside table and permission to put up the sails. We are researching purchase and installation costs.

The ceiling fans have recently been overhauled. Four fans were not working properly and have been fixed. The inspection reported that all fans will need to be replaced in the near future at a cost of \$330 each fan. After discussion it was decided to wait until replacement became very necessary and then replace them with fewer but larger fans. The windows have recently been cleaned and we thank Joy Moorcraft for organising this.

## **Yearly Subscriptions**

Club membership fees have been sent out. If you have not received them, please check your email address. We would appreciate payment as soon as possible. On a positive note there is no price increase.

## **The Bridge Journey**

Paul Rose has once again offered to conduct beginner lessons starting on Saturday 1st March 2025 for 10 weeks at a cost of \$50. We receive many enquiries from people wishing to learn bridge and will also be advertising this opportunity on Facebook. If these enquiries are not near the time of lessons, we will encourage new players to join Supervised Bridge on Saturday mornings. The aim is to build sufficient skills and confidence to be able to progress to other sessions.

These sessions include:

- Saturday Supervised Tables with Colin Chase, Graham Carson and Marilyn Marchwicki

- Thursdays Improvers Bridge with Pat Egan starting at 9.30am. Anyone can come along with or without a partner.
- Wednesday Club Session restricted section for those making the step from the sessions above can transition into the club playing in the restricted session on Wednesdays.

## **The Tournament Committee**

A new Tournament Committee has been appointed consisting of Ray Thorley, John Masters, David Freilich and Robert Noble. They are responsible for setting the years program and deciding the format for each event.

## **Coming Events**

- \* The **Melbourne Cup Day** is on Tuesday 5th November. Interest is already strong. This will be a great day join us in the spirit of this iconic Australian day by dressing up. It is a good value day with bridge, lunch, drinks, prizes, cheese platters, sweeps and trivia questionnaire. This is a subsidised club event and is just 2 pink tickets so put your names down **now**.
- \* The **Christmas Party** will be held on Saturday 14th December and is free. The format will be the same as last year with a spit roast. Wear you best Christmas party gear and have a fabulous time. Numbers are limited so put your names down **now**.
- \* The **Team event** was held over 2 Wednesdays in October. Teams are a great variation to our usual pairs play as 4 people are working together and perhaps form new bridge partnerships. For those who haven't played teams check in with those who have. We are investigating upgrade to the existing Comp Score software so we can better manage teams as the software has its challenges.
- \* The **Noble Ross** Inter Club Trophy event is a new event sponsored by our President Robert for the next ten years. It is a yearly event between Tweed, Ballina and Gold Coast clubs. Guaranteed to be

exciting and a chance to meet our regional Bridge enthusiasts.  
Dates to be advised shortly.

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Andrew Braithwaite for being selected to represent Australia in the Seniors Team at the World Bridge Championships in Argentina. This begins on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October for ten days and we wish you all the best and will follow your journey.

## **Amendments to By-laws**

The By-laws are the rules set by the committee after each AGM and each year they must be reviewed and updated. This year an additional phrase has been added requiring a new member to join our club 2 months prior to the event to be eligible to win a Championship or GNOT event.

## **New Members**

- Adele Hardy
- Anne-Marie Da Silva
- Pauline Mee
- Jessica Black

There are some new and not so new faces but regardless please welcome them as they arrive at your table.

**Happy Bridging everyone** from your committee

