

“The Bridge News”



Dear Club Members,

It's about time for an update, so here goes.....

I trust you are all enjoying your Easter break, sharing valuable time with your loved ones! 2021 is fast passing before our eyes, we are already into April, with 25% of the year already gone.

The country seems to be slowly coming out of the Covid pandemic, with cautious optimism for the weeks and months ahead. This is showing in our bridge session attendances with the numbers slowly increasing, and several familiar faces are starting to reappear with more confidence.

The number of Active Home Club Members now at 137, is down around 30 since the start of the pandemic, with a similar reduction in our Non-Home Club Members. Understandably, with Members being encouraged to stay at home during the pandemic there has been an increase in the number of members playing on-line. However Covid restrictions in the Club room have now freed up considerably and with a full calendar of bridge sessions, there is plenty of face-to-face bridge playing to look forward to in both Green and Red point events.

So now you can do both, play bridge at the Club catching up with your friends, and play online as well. We have never had it so good, so come along, we need your support! April is hosting the Mixed Pairs Championship, 19th April, and Red Point events of Easter Pairs 5th April, Presidents Cup 13th April, and Anzac Day Pairs 24th April.

As an additional treat, George Boettiger is starting a series of lessons for Intermediate players on a trial basis each Monday 10:45 - 11:45am for six weeks. Three lessons about declarer's play and three lessons about defender's play starting 12th April. Give George a call, or just show up! Lessons for beginners have also recommenced with around 14 very enthusiastic new starters under the watchful eye of Teaching Director Christine Hadaway on Thursday mornings.

Regional congresses and other bridge events are also starting to reappear. Two events that have been brought to the Club's attention are the State Seniors Championships at Central Coast Leagues Club 15-18th June, and the Illawarra Bridge Association's Chris Diment Memorial Congress 12 & 13th June at Figtree, Wollongong. Flyers for both events have been attached as pdf files for your further information.

Many of you will be aware that the Club's website has been upgraded recently, thanks to the creative instincts and hard work of our President, Peter Hume. The site has a more relaxed and pleasant appearance, which is also easy to navigate. The interactive 'Coming Events Calendar' on the right side of the Home page is a real winner, allowing you to scroll down and get an instant view of all upcoming events. Just click on an event to get even more information. You can also drill down through the Menu items at the top of the page to discover further information about your Club. The Committee encourages all Members to make regular reference to the Website to keep up with the latest.

Following the recent failures of the Club room computer, many thanks go to Club Member Marcelle Goslin for stepping in and providing a replacement computer system, while she also attempted to rebuild the old computer. Now complete, this re-birth has been a success for now, however if further failures persist due to old age, the system will be completely replaced.

Our Club Secretary, Tracey Dillon has recently resigned from the Committee, and yours truly (Graham Woof) has accepted appointment as your new Club Secretary. The Committee and all Club Members thank Tracey for her valuable contributions to the successful management of your Club. Stay safe, enjoy your bridge!

Graham