

“The Bridge News”



Dear Club Members,

Five years have passed since the last Australian census and how the World has changed! It's hard to imagine the term Covid-19 had no meaning back in 2016???

I guess most of us will have little trouble working out where we will be sleeping on Census night, August 10. We can fill out our forms in advance with much confidence. Could be slightly awkward for those who were anywhere else but at their normal residential address on census night.

Your Committee did not hold a general meeting in June given that we were all in lockdown. Along came July and we were still in lockdown so it was decided to hold a virtual general meeting by Zoom. At this meeting there were discussions resulting in adjustments to two of our regular playing sessions as follows:

- ◇ The Monday session will now trial an additional parallel 'novice' session with a 'less than 70' MP limit. The novices will have the choice of playing in either session.
- ◇ The Wednesday PM session will retain its current status as an Open 'soft/duplicate' session, with the addition of a parallel 'rookies' session with a 'less than 10' MP limit. The rookies will also have the choice of playing in either session.
- ◇ "Parallel" means two separate movements being played at the same time.

The purpose of these changes is to give novice and rookie players an opportunity to compete at their own level in a less stressful environment. These changes are planned to take effect as soon as we return to face-to-face bridge in the Club room. The occurrence of these extra sessions will of course depend on there being sufficient numbers turning up in support (at the discretion of the relevant Directors).

Further items of general interest:

- ◇ Given the recent change of landlord of the Community Centre to the CCC, we have now received confirmation that rental will be waived for non-use of the Club Room during Covid lockdowns.
- ◇ After completion of a Director's course we may now start to see Peter Hume and Felicity Fane officiating at some of our regular sessions. We look forward with anticipation to their valued contributions.
- ◇ The Club is due to hold its AGM by the end of the calendar year. A decision on the date has yet to be decided, pending the outcome of the lockdown. The AGM is where we elect our Committee for the upcoming year. All committee positions are vacated and a completely new committee is elected from the available nominations. This is the ideal opportunity for those wishing to contribute to the future management of their club to get involved. Financial club members may be nominated for any committee position, so give it some thought. Members will be advised when nominations are opened.
- ◇ A redefined club fee structure has been attached for the information of members. There have been no substantial changes to the basic fees, rather a clarification around the inclusion of a name badge fee.

To keep us challenged and engaged a 'bridge puzzle' has been attached, courtesy of George Boettiger. Further inclusions may be provided based on positive feedback. Stay safe, get the jab and enjoy your bridge.

Graham

