



NEWSLETTER

Illawarra Bridge Association

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It has been difficult to keep up with the happenings at IBA during the past couple of months. Things are a bit quieter for June/July but we do have the 'Chris Diment' IBA Memorial Congress happening on the 22/23 June 2019. The teams event with capacity for 32 teams filled up not long after entries opened and the pairs event was filled a week or so later. We can look forward to another successful IBA Congress.

We should keep reminding ourselves how fortunate we are, as IBA members, to have such a hard working and proficient committee together with a pool of highly professional tournament directors.

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Jottings from the Committee Meeting 8 June 2019.

Contributed by Marie Pickering

Office Managers Report

Ken and Lynn did an awesome job whilst Ken McIvor was on holidays. A big thank you to them and welcome back Ken.

IBAND Report by Barbara

Table numbers at Thirroul are good with 5-6 tables on Mondays and Wednesdays and 8-11 tables on Friday afternoon.

Pirate Day Friday

This was a fund raiser for research into brain tumours in children. It was held on 14 June 2019. It was Barbara's 6th year of raising

funds for this charity and thanks to the generosity of IBAND members \$10,000 has previously been raised. A lunch was served on Friday followed by the normal bridge session. As well, a light supper was provided during the regular Monday and Wednesday bridge sessions.

Business Plan

Numbers at the Tuesday evening and Thursday morning supported bridge sessions at Figtree continue to be very good. The four players who completed the Youth Lessons are now regularly attending the Tuesday night sessions.

The Chris Diment Memorial Congress Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd June 2019.

Planning for our annual congress is well underway with both the pairs and teams events fully booked. If you are able to help with the organisation of this event please talk to Moira or else fill out the sheet near the entry at Figtree.

Birthday Party May 2020.

Next year is our 25th birthday and we are preparing an historical record of the club. If you have any photos or relevant stories which might be included please talk to Jill, Cheryl, Carol or Phil who are contacts for the project.

Use of Perfume

Some members have an allergy to strong smelling perfumes and have advised the committee that they can be nauseated to the extent that their bridge playing is affected. It would be greatly appreciated by those affected if members do not have such perfumes applied whilst at the bridge table.

The next committee meeting will be held on Saturday 10th August 2020.

Upcoming IBA events.

Club Pairs Championship

Qualifying on Saturday 3rd and 10th August and Final on Saturday 17th and 24th August.

Results and up coming events around the traps

South Coast Autumn Teams

In a great result, teams from IBA filled the first 3 places.

1st place Regterschot team

Larry and Jill Regterschot, Grant Cowen, Ken Soldi

2nd place Smith team

Judy Kingston, Dave Gallagher, Cathy Ashcroft, Andrew Smith

3rd place Hart team

Kaye Hart, Jeff Carberry, Stuart Cutsforth, Renata La Marra

Nowra Bridge Club Teams

4th August 2019

Members are encouraged to participate in the event of our near neighbours.

Results of IBA events

Teams Championship

1st place Munro Team

Duncan Munro, Martin Bunder, Stuart Cutsforth and Renata La Marra

2nd place Carberry Team

Jeff Carberry, Kaye Hart, Robert Kinloch and Walt Davis.

3rd place Kingston Team

Judy Kingston, Grant Cowen, Tim Marchant, Ian Porter, Tony Wright, Julie Cowling.

Past Presidents Cup and Shield:

1st place Stuart Cutsforth/Renata La Marra

2nd place Steve Hurley/Liz Hurley

3rd place Robert Kinloch/Stephen Brell

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The TC has received a few suggestions which have been discussed.

1. **Speed up play:** the suggestion for speeding up play was to not show results of hands played on the Bridgemates so no discussion could take place. However, the Directors pointed out that faults in recording could not be immediately rectified so results will be continued to be displayed on the Bridgemates.
2. **Too Many Special events.**
The Club offers many special events to cater for a varied range of players. If the suggestion was made to make life easier for the Directors they appreciate the consideration but advise that they can cope.
3. **Noisy sessions:**
A “flurry” of emails has come from Cheryl and Carol regarding the noise level. Directors are aware of the problem. A “QUIET” discussion ensued where it was pointed out that several written “blurbs” have been presented to players, Directors constantly ask players to be quiet and it was agreed that there is no real solution to this problem.
4. **Move all events with Qualifying sessions to Daytime sessions.** (eg Mixed Pairs, Country Teams)

As we cater for workers and retirees, we will keep Qualifying sessions at both night and day times. If there are events with qualifying sessions that people cannot attend Directors

can be advised and consider whether to nominate the pair/team for a qualifying spot. The difference for State sponsored event is that a higher fee needs to be paid. The Club will still pay the normal entry fee and the pair/team will need to pay the extra.

Normal practice is to inform the author of the suggestion in person as well as the general membership through the newsletter. However a number of the above suggestions were unsigned!

Practice Teams

The overwhelming comments about the event were extremely positive. However, there were a number of hiccups! For the next event we will limit the number of teams and run a side Pairs event.

Calendar

The calendar of events will be scrutinised in an effort to “declutter” events in particular months.

Club Championships

The TC has proposed that all Club Championships (Teams, Pairs, Mixed Pairs) be held on a Saturday. The Management Committee at its June Meeting has ratified this proposal and that:

- (1) The APA Hall be booked where appropriate.
- (2) The TC consider staging the finals of these events on a Sunday.

Rob Kinloch

Chairperson

Tournament Committee

RULES CORNER

Contributed by Jeff Carberry

What to do if you realize that you have made an error in your explanation during the auction, or alternatively your partner has made an error. Law 20 F 4. (a) states: 4. (a) If a player realizes during the auction that his own explanation was erroneous or incomplete, he must summon the Director before the end of the Clarification Period and correct the misexplanation. He may elect to call the Director sooner, but he is under no obligation to do so. [The clarification period is designated as the interval between the end of the auction and when either defender faces the opening lead]. The situation is very different if you realize that partner has made an erroneous or incomplete explanation. Law 20 F 5. (a) states: 5. (a) A player whose partner has given a mistaken explanation may not correct the error during the auction, nor may he indicate in any manner that a mistake has been made. 'Mistaken explanation' here includes failure to alert or announce as regulations require or an alert (or an announcement) that regulations do not require. Note in particular the statement that he may not in any manner indicate that a mistake has been made. And further Law 20 F 5. (b) states: (b) The player must call the Director and inform his opponents that, in his opinion, his partner's explanation was erroneous (see Law 75B) but only at his first legal opportunity, which is: (i) for a defender, at the end of the play. (ii) for declarer or dummy, after the final pass of the auction. So the key issue here is that a defender must not correct their partner's mistaken explanation until the end of play.

A Few ditties that we might relate to:

Paul Lavings noticed these ditties sung to old time classical rock and roll songs in the American Contract Bridge League Bulletin and thought they might hit a chord with IBA members.

"Great Pretender" The Platters

Oh yes I'm a great defender
Just ruffing each trick like a champ
I make the plays
That unlock the maze
I'm wondrous; declarers can tell.

"Are you Lonesome Tonight" Elvis Presley

Are you hopeless tonight?
Are you tanking tonight?
Are you coming up one key trick short?
Is your bidding insane?
Is your pard full of pain?
Yes, partner, you're hopeless tonight.

"Hound Dog" Elvis Presley

You ain't nuthin but a hand hog
Grabbin all the time
You ain't nuthin but a hand hog
Piggin all the time
You ain't never used a transfer bid
You ain't no friend of mine.

There may be an opportunity for talented IBA members to use these as an entertainment segment at the next Christmas Party.

So that the newsletter is interesting and satisfies the needs of IBA members everyone is encouraged to provide feedback and suggested items for inclusion in future issues.