



Illawarra Bridge
Association Inc

IBA
Annual Report
2019

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PRESIDENTS REPORT - 2019

2019 has been a year of steady growth for the IBA. This shows in the increased numbers sitting at the table at our 10 sessions. Several factors have contributed to this increase.

The Tournament Committee, lead by Chairman Rob Kinloch and ably supported by Jeff Carberry, Renata La Marra, Stuart Cutsforth and Cheryl Waters, has worked hard to program and run a large variety of competitive sessions. These are designed to suit the wide range of competency of players currently attending sessions. The introduction of "Practice Teams" exposes ordinary club players to the widely played team format of the game, and ultimately gives members the confidence to play in congresses. Events for restricted and novice players continue to attract enthusiastic support, with a full room at recent Hi-Lo events.

Introductory lessons for Youth players have at last turned into a reality. Marie Pickering and Ngaire Meehan worked determinedly to attract players. The Saturday lessons were augmented by having an experienced mentor for each table. These players have now joined the Tuesday night session. The regular annual February and October introductory lessons have also been well attended and players have continued to come to supervised sessions after their introduction to the game.

A regular 'post play' review of Saturday's hands by Paul Lavings is gleefully awaited each week and the tips and advice stored hungrily, with system cards updated weekly. Paul and Helen suggested this as an 'almost' social event on a late Saturday afternoon and it is certainly popular.

Our other social events, the annual Birthday Party, Bridge for Brains, Melbourne Cup and Christmas Party have been well organised and supported to overflowing. Bridge for Brains, run by Carol Jeffs as a Mexican cantina before play, was great fun and raised substantial funds for charity. The Club continues to support Antoinette Dippenaar as she fills the supper table to raise funds for the Cancer Council.

Ken McIvor is untiring as Office Manager and spends many extra hours making the clubrooms neat and tidy. He has transformed our well-worn garden chairs into the more formal and appropriate seats that we use today. Ken managed the changeover seamlessly, with consultation and good planning.

Cheryl Waters has worked hard to keep our website updated and informative. First point access by the community is often via the website, and Cheryl has ensured a creditable first impression. IBA members eagerly await regular updates on activities as well as some useful bridge tips included in the regular Newsletter produced by our editor Dave Gallagher.

Marie Pickering has made major contributions to our increased numbers at sessions by ensuring that a partner is found if you request one. Her phoning efforts have also increased the numbers of tables in Club team events. Our Chris Diment Congress for 2019 had a full house, which has only happened once before in our 24 years. Her success is due to her powers of persuasion and dedication to follow up.

The competency and efficiency displayed at all times by our directors, Jeff Carberry (tournament director), Rob Kinloch, Andrew Smith, John Spira, Marie Pickering at Figtree and Barbara Overington and Rob Mathie at Thirroul, ensures that sessions are on time, well prepared and scored up at the end of each session. Player numbers increase because all aspects of sessions are run to a very high standard. These Directors have made a serious commitment to the club and its members for which we all reap the benefits.

Behind the scenes is a dedicated Management committee who have reliably addressed all the duties of their post. Ngaire Meehan has proven to be an invaluable treasurer and Carolyn Githens a quietly efficient secretary.

Three cheers for the efforts of all these members and I thank them for their continuing contribution to the smooth running of the club.

Jillian MacRae

President

IBAND REPORT - 2019

2020 celebrates 14 years of IBAND and 100 years of TRIPS (“Thirroul Railway Institute Preservation Society”). The hall was saved from demolition by this group in the 70’s when the land was gazetted for a carpark.

We are very privileged to play bridge in this hall.

It has been another great year, with a cast of thousands (not quite!) attending on Friday. I think it may come to “al fresco” bridge Friday afternoons.

IBAND Friday was always meant to encourage fledgling bridge players to take the step from lessons at Figtree to Friday at IBAND to more serious bridge sessions at Figtree. Sometimes people are happy with the relaxed atmosphere and don’t want to go any further.

June Ingleton won the “George Cole Memorial Trophy” in December. In order to qualify, the player must have less than 5 Master Points and play only one session other than Friday afternoon.

Jeff has continued his once a month half-hourly tutorial on Friday afternoons. Many thanks, Jeff, for your continued support of our group.

Pirate Day Friday was held at Thirroul on 14th June.

We raised \$2,220 for research into brain tumours in children. This is the 6th year and as a group, we have raised over \$10,000. I cannot thank IBAND and friends for their unbelievable support.

May has now been dedicated to brain related cancers so Pirate Day Friday at Thirroul will be held on 29th May 2020

IBAND is now collecting plastic bottle tops. They are sent to Victoria to be made into prosthetic limbs for children.

IBAND would not run smoothly without the assistance of all who help set up the hall and clear away afterwards. Many thanks to everyone concerned.

Penny Howes, our treasurer and supper organizer, needs a special mention. Thanks once again Penny, I don’t know what I’d do without you.

Thanks also to Rob Mathie and John Spira for stepping in as directors when needed.

It’s a wonderful club. We have been brought together by a single factor, the love of bridge. We have found things in common and shared many stories and lots of laughter over the years.

Happy Bridging,

Barb Overington

Report on our Business Plan for 2019

To apply for a renewal of our lease in 2016, we had to provide to WCC a Business Plan that demonstrated our commitment to providing and developing a fun and social environment around Bridge. It needed to be a plan that allows people to play and enjoy Bridge as well as giving them the opportunities to reach their potential either in club management, teaching, directing, event organisation and/ or progressing to be a professional player.

The Management and Tournament Committees continue to look at ways to promote and develop Bridge both within our club and in the wider community. In the past year our ABF numbers have grown by 24 which is a 9% increase over the year. In this period there have been 97 promotions. Notable promotions in this period include: Stuart Cutsforth and Ruth Neild to **Silver Life Master** with 500 plus Masterpoints (*includes at least 300 red/gold MPS and at least 50 gold MPS*), and Karel Hensen, Renate La Marra, Hugh McGinty and Andrew Smith to **Bronze Life Master** with 400 plus Masterpoints (*includes at least 240 red/gold MPS and 40 gold MPS*). Many of these players have far more than the required total but needed the red/gold MPS to get them over the line. Congratulations to all. Many thanks to Malcom Kerr for providing us with the Masterpoint Ranking Reports for the past 2 years.

Currently in our bridge club we have: 40 players with more than 300 Masterpoints, 48 players between 100 and 300 Masterpoints, 31 players between 50 and 100 Masterpoints, 32 players between 20 and 50 Masterpoints, 19 players between 10 and 20 Masterpoints, 61 players between 2 and 20 Masterpoints and many new players. IBAND Friday now has 10 tables, Thursday TAMS and Tuesday evenings (both supervised play sessions) have between 5 and 8 tables. The Management Committee would like to develop a mentoring system for those players in these sessions who would like to play in other sessions e.g. Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday morning and Saturday afternoon. If you are interested in this mentoring program please see Jill MacRae, Barbara Overington or Marie Pickering. Some of our members are assisting at our supervised sessions and this is a great help to both the players and the teachers/directors.

Many thanks to all our members who filled out the survey sheet asking you to comment on our Newsletter and Congresses and to provide The Management Committee with suggestions for the improvement and development of our Bridge Club. An analysis of the survey will be discussed at our December Committee meeting and published in our next Newsletter.

Ken McIvor has been our representative at the joint IBA, APA and WCC meetings, thus ensuring cooperative coordination of the lessees for the use of the Community Hall.

Marie Pickering
(Vice President)

Major Event Results 2018/2019

Monday Pairs Championship October 2018

1st R La Marra & S Cutsforth; 2nd J Kingston & T Wright

Invitational Pairs Trophy October 2018

1st R La Marra & S Cutsforth; 2nd L & S Hurley; 3rd G Cowen & C Bale

Thursday Pairs Championship November 2018

1st L & S Hurley; 2nd M Cunningham & K Hart; 3rd M Pickering & A Smith

Xmas Teams December 2018

1st L & S Hurley; 2nd R Neild & R England; 3rd C Bale & K Mclvor

Teams of Three December 2018

1st J Greenlees, C Waters, C Bale, J Muscio; 2nd T Wright, P Berry, K Soldi, S Bochan

66 Club February 2019

1st C Bale & K Mclvor; 2nd H & P Lavings; 3rd C Ashcroft & A Smith

Karhof Trophy March 2019

1st R Neild & R England; 2nd L & S Hurley; 3rd R La Marra & S Cutsforth

Mixed Pairs April 2019

1st B Overington & J Smith; 2nd M Pickering & S Brell; 3rd B Walker & M Bunder

IBA Teams Championship May 2019

1st R La Marra, S Cutsforth, M Bunder, D Munro

Runners Up K Hart, J Carberry, R Kinloch W Davis, S Brell

Wednesday Pairs Championships June 2019

1st A Dippenaar & D Higgins; 2nd C Waters & H Lavings; 3rd L & S Hurley

Past President's Cup June 2019

1st R La Marra & S Cutsforth; 2nd L & S Hurley; 3rd R Kinloch & S Brell

IBA Pairs Championship August 2019

1st T Marchant & I Porter; 2nd R La Marra & S Cutsforth; 3rd K Henson & K Mclvor

Chris Diment Congress 2019 – Best Club Performances

Pairs H & P Lavings; Plate M Cunningham & B Overington;

Teams R Neild, S Brell, M Bunder, D Munro

Swiss Pairs Congress September 2019 – Best Club Performances

Open Pairs – 1st H & P Lavings; Best Local Pair – M Bunder & D Munro

Best Restricted pair <300 mps – C Githens & M Pickering

Best Novice pair <100mps – J Cowling & J Marvell

Best pair <10mps – J Wardell & W Williams

Ken Mclvor

Thanks to the otherwise unsung volunteers.

The Association could not function without the active participation of many, including-

Building manager	Ken McIvor
Directors	Jeff Carberry, Rob Kinloch, Andrew Smith, John Spira, Barbara Overington, Rob Mathie, Marie Pickering, Jill MacRae
Tournament Committee	Rob Kinloch, Jeff Carberry, Renata Frey, Stuart Cutsforth, Cheryl Waters
Collation of Masterpoints and preparation of the annual calendar	Malcolm Kerr
Maintenance of supplies - beer and wine	Philip Barker
Milk, biscuits, coffee, tea etc.	Lynne and Ken Soldi
Cheering contact	Aileen O'Brien
Library	Noala Potter
Recording of event winners	Ken McIvor
Newsletter	Dave Gallagher
IBAND suppers	Penny Howes, Paulette Hill
Special Suppers and Teas	Carol Jeffs, Julie Cowling
Congress Conveners	Jill MacRae, Marie Pickering
Lessons & Supervised Sessions	Jeff Carberry, Grant Cowen, Ken McIvor, Ken Soldi, Jill MacRae, Fran Lyon, John Spira, Marie Pickering
Dealing boards	Ruth Neild, Cathy Ashcroft
Media contact	Erica Gray
Spare players and partners	Marie Pickering
Web Master	Cheryl Waters

And many thanks to all the other members who do the little things that are untitled but none the less essential, such as -

Assist directors to set up and close the room

Watch over the First Aid box

Set the supper table

Wash tea towels and tablecloths

Remove garbage and take home recycling

Stack the chairs each Wednesday

Sadly, this year we have farewelled:

Joan Bell

Faye Franklin

Ros Harding

Anne Macinnis

Jan Whitehead

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Profit & Loss Statement - October 2018 to September 2019

	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Total
Income													
Table Fees - Figtree	5920	5020	4080	5170	5710	5735	5395	5160	5195	4480	6530	5410	63805
Table Fees - Thirroul	1435	1550	1645		1330	1330	1580	1160	1600	1300	1495	1470	15895
Lessons / Tutorials	720		20		690	220							1650
Special Events								920	150			300	1370
Bar & Coffee Income	315.5			460.75				280.55	42		357	16.2	1472
Cards / Bidding Pads/Books	71				40	40	36.5	35	100				323
Congresses		5460	380					2960	6780		240	3760	19580
Donations / Grants/Sponsorship					90								90
Hall Hire	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	62	62	62	726
Memberships	90	50	100	40	2860	230	600	150	10	150	100		4380
Interest	33.88	33.2	37.34	34.74	29.06	1903.2	17.56	17.39	18.85	18.41	17.84	17.73	2179
Sundry Income		50	276.6		90				150				567
Interest Receivable - Investment Acct	322	312	322	322	291	355	368	380	368	380	380	368	4169
Total Income	8,968	12,535	6,921	6,088	11,190	9,873	8,057	11,123	14,474	6,391	9,182	11,404	116205
													116205
Expenditure													
Accounting													0
Advertising					940	675			114				1729
Affiliation Fees -ABF								3,903					3903
Affiliation Fees - NSWBA								2,590					2590
Bank Fees	4									3			7
Bathroom & Kitchen Supplies	406	21	215	63	117	451	604		199	146	230	243	2695
Bridge Supplies	440	326	15			100	38		192		20	71	1202
Cleaning	300	300	249	660	413	330	330	330	413	330	413	330	4397
Computing	166	13	13	13	13	13	13	52	13	13	13	313	650
Congresses	177	3,136	298		269		775		5,242	539	1280	2,490	14206
Depreciation - furniture & fittings	231	231	231	231	231	231	317	317	317	317	317	317	3287
Depreciation - office equipment	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	28	28	28	28	422
Directors Fees	192	646	562		646	1276	720	572	550	688	688		6540
Directors Training/Registration		111											111
Donations									100				100
Electricity	809			694			1044			811			3358
Events	972	-614	136		62		1043	300	126	637		1760	4422
Insurance													0
Lessons	138				460	926		452				1182	3158
Library Expenses												90	90
Masterpoints	765			759	280	218		717		2954			5692
Prizes	40		40		40				40			40	200
Printing & Stationery	1736	347	388	20	456	184	180	517	247	71	40	556	4741
Refreshments	352	238	557	85	111	153	388	366	359		97	304	3009
Repairs & Maintenance	253	231									10	886	1380
Security	677	677	1200	677	754	600	754	477	677	1677	77	877	9124
Suppers	472	439	110	611	605	452	150	686	744	300	105	831	5506
Sundries			334		413	2166							2913
Telephone	96	85	87	102	103	442	80	76	264	150	90	90	1665
Thirroul - Hall Hire	1260	1015					1435		840	1125			5675
Thirroul - Expenses		500	732		102			500				680	2514
Writeoff of Assets													0
Total Expenses	9525	7739	5207	3954	6052	8257	7911	11893	10463	9790	3407	11089	95286
Profit/(Loss)	-558	4,796	1,714	2,134	5,138	1,616	146	-770	4011	-3399	5775	315	20918.58
Last Year													
Income	7,933	16,420	5,233	6,288	9,019	11,102	5,847	10416	15049	6752	8447	11909	114415
Variance Ty/Ly	1,035	-3,885	1,688	-200	2,171	-1,229	2,210	707	-575	-361	735	-505	1790
Expenses	7983	14526	6879	4219	4749	9069	5609	15782	6466	4678	5812	14081	99853
Variance Ty/Ly	1,542	-6,787	-1,672	-265	1,303	-812	2,302	-3889	3997	5112	-2405	-2992	-4567

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Balance Sheet - Financial Year ending 30th September, 2019

	<u>September 2019</u>	<u>September 2018</u>
Current Assets		
Cash		
E-Saver Account - CUA	\$ 28,580	\$ 34,984
Prime Access Bank Account - City Coast	\$ 142	\$ 1,244
Property Account	\$ 2,246	\$ 1,520
Term Deposit No. 1	\$ 162,800	\$ 145,919
Term Deposit No. 2		
Petty Cash	\$ 500	500
Cash on Hand	\$ 595	\$ 545
Accounts Receivable		
Interest Receivable	\$ 4,461	292
 Total Current Assets	 \$ 199,324	 \$ 185,004
Non-Current Assets		
Property Plant and Equipment		
Furniture & Fittings	\$ 51,535	\$ 41,226
Less: Accumulated depreciation	-\$ 29,320	-\$ 26,033
Office equipment	\$ 16,626	\$ 16,626
Less: Accumulated depreciation	-\$ 15,492	-\$ 15,070
 Total non-current assets	 \$ 23,349	 \$ 16,749
 Total Assets	 <u>\$ 222,673</u>	 <u>\$ 201,754</u>
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable		
Unsecured liabilities		
 Accrued Interest		
Borrowings		
Unsecured liabilities		
Total Current Liabilities		
Non-Current Liabilities		
Borrowings		
Unsecured liabilities		
 Total non-current liabilities		
 Total liabilities		
 Net Assets	 <u>\$ 222,673</u>	 <u>\$ 201,754</u>