

## Tournament Organiser's Report August 2016

The role of Tournament Organiser has been shared this year between Alan Bustany and myself, Alan kindly agreeing to step into the role in April.



Alan Bustany

First a few statistics –

We have run **360** tournaments in the last 12 months comprising

27 Red Point days

3 Gold Point days

39 Eclectic days including

10 Monthly Shields,

10 Switching Singles,

5 for Jumping January,

4 for Jovial July,

5 for Auspicious August and

5 for Dashing December



Colin Mitchell

Also, 16 days on which Championship events were held and a few Special Event days that don't fall into any particular category, such as Charity day (34 pairs), Bridge for Brain Research (21 pairs), Melbourne Cup day (38 Pairs), Thursday Teams (12 teams) and the Ted Neilsen Memorial competition (28 Pairs).

Every tournament must have a Director and our team has been ably led by the Chief Director Colin Mitchell. The club owes a huge thank you to Peter Berzins, Ronnie Ng, Leon Babinski, George Boettiger, Matt Raj Mal, Julie Sadler and Colin Mitchell for overseeing play. David Bowerman is about to complete his exam and Alan Bustany has recently qualified as a new Director and is completing his probationary period.



George Boettiger, Peter Berzins,

Julie Sadler,

Leon Babinski,

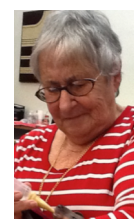
Matt Raj Mal,

Ronnie Ng,

David Bowerman

Not only do these Directors need the technical skills to run a Bridge game with a thorough knowledge and understanding of the laws of Duplicate Bridge, they must have the ability to work with the required software and hardware. As well, they need the public relations skills to balance the roles of referee and judge, schoolteacher, psychologist and entertainment director and all this while maintaining a friendly disposition.

During the last year former Directors Leyla Moncelet and Lorraine Lindsay decided not to continue the task of directing. We thank them both for their many years of service. Many thanks also to Peter Berzins who will step down as regular Friday Director but will be on hand when needed.



Leyla  
Moncelet



Lorraine  
Lindsay

A significant change for all Directors this year was to upgrade the software from ASE9 to Compscore2. The change was implemented late in 2015 with many sessions being tested concurrently in both systems until Directors were confident with the new approach. Some movements, especially teams, took longer than others to perfect but the outcome is a faster, more streamlined operation and compatible with the system in use by most other clubs.

The Directors meet monthly to review events and incidences since the last meeting, finalize the roster and discuss managing upcoming events.

The number of Masterpoints awarded in the period 1st October to 30 September in the year prior determines the number of Red Point events our Bridge Club may run the following year. In 2016 we are permitted to run 18 Red sessions, which is one more than was held in the previous year. We are currently on track to hold the same number next year.

In the 2015 – 2016 financial year CCLC Bridge Club issued the following Masterpoints

Type	Number	Rate	Cost
Green Points	766.03	\$1.75	\$1,340.58
Red Points	226.36	\$1.40	\$316.94
Gold Points	87.39	\$1.20	\$104.87
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,079.78		\$1,762.39

From August 2015 to July 2016 the Bridge Club hosted 2,419 tables of bridge, which means that 9,676 games of Bridge were played in the year.

The results of most events can be read online. Those events where players move to the next round are summarized below. The Bridge Club subsidizes the cost to players to contest these subsequent rounds.

**Sept, State Under 100 MPs Championships** – 8 pairs entered and 4 pairs won Red MPs. Three pairs competed in the Local Final

**Sept, State Open Pairs** – 21 pairs entered the Club Qualifying event and 4 pairs went on and contested the Open Pairs Final

**April, Country Teams** – 10 pairs entered, 3 teams forwarded to Regional Finals, one winning the Zonal final and will go on to represent the Outer Metropolitan Zone in the Grand Final

**April, State Mixed Pairs** – 14 pairs entered, 4 paid to Final

**May, Grand National Open Teams** – 13 pairs entered, 3 paid to contest the regional final coming up later in August

My first stint as Tournament Organizer has been a real eye-opener and I learnt a lot about the work that keeps bridge and bridge clubs running efficiently. It takes a huge effort from many people, who largely do it for the love of the game. My personal thanks to the whole team for their assistance and camaraderie.



*Rosanne Ransley*