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## TOURNAMENT ORGANISER REPORT 2023

Table numbers are increasing gradually since lockdowns have ceased. Wednesdays and Fridays continue to have on average 8-9 tables. Both Monday sessions have improved with around 5-6 tables per session and it is a pleasure to see several of those graduating from beginner classes coming in on Monday evenings. Tuesday RealBridge sessions continue to have a loyal following of 3-5 tables.

We have experimented with a number of ways to try to get Thursdays going. The Thursday morning RealBridge sessions petered out, so we tried face-to-face afternoon sessions with no success. We then tried Thursday afternoon RealBridge sessions, and in the last month of the trial had to cancel two sessions altogether.

**InterClub Teams.** February's InterClub Teams attracted only 8 tables, with only teams from Brisbane Water and CCLC attending.

We were approached by the Community Club and asked whether we would donate one of our InterClub Teams to them. We have agreed, and they will be running an InterClub Team event at Bateau Bay on 7<sup>th</sup> September. I would encourage our members to support this. These team days promote friendly relationships between the Central Coast clubs, and as well, are a lot of fun.

**Calendar.** As we have cut down on the number of sessions per week, and because of the difficulty of catering for all day events, we trialled combining Club Championships with State Qualifying events. For instance, our Club Teams Championship was also a qualifier for the Country Teams. As a result of this, we held less green point events, which will impact on the number of red point events we will be allocated next year. I would welcome any suggestions for our format for next year's calendar.

**Standbys.** We have re-instituted standbys for Monday and Wednesday afternoon sessions and hope to have a Friday standby, in the near future.

Finally, I would like to thank our directors for all their hard work over the past year – Louis Koolen, Alan Bustany (our Chief Director), David Bowerman, Margaret Regan, Leon Babinski, Ros Dey and not forgetting our very own Ronnie Ng.

Julie Sadler  
Tournament Organiser