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TOURNAMENT ORGANISER REPORT 2025

At the request of new players, we have instituted a Thursday evening session which is doing well, with table numbers averaging between 5 and 6 per session. Unfortunately, the numbers for Tuesday RealBridge sessions have dropped and it was decided to discontinue this session. We still have five Duplicate sessions per week, with the addition of Qualifying and Club Championships being held on Thursdays.

InterClub Teams. InterClub Teams were held in February with 15 teams participating and Ronnie Ng directing. Three teams each from Central Coast and Brisbane Water Bridge Clubs joined our 9 teams in the Parkview Room for this annual event. Unfortunately there was no team from the Community Club. Winners were Chris Williams, Ian Lincoln, Steph Mathews and Gary Heyting.

High-Low Teams. After the successful inaugural High-Low Pairs, David Snow offered to sponsor a High-Low Teams event which was held on 27th June. David supplied welcome prizes of wine. We had 12 tables, and the event was organised and directed by Alan Bustany. Random pairs were selected, one each from the higher ranking and one from the lower ranking, and then the pairs were randomly matched with another pair. The afternoon was held to be a great success. The winners were Martin Johnson, Margo Burnet, David Snow and Tuck Yuen.

High-Low Pairs was scheduled for 21st November, but at Eva's request has been rescheduled to the 28th November.

Calendar. Following complaints about the number of events being held, we combined the Country Teams Qualifier with our Club Teams Championship, the State Mixed Pairs Qualifier with our Club Mixed Pairs Championship, and will be combining the State Open Pairs Qualifier with our Club Pairs Championship.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of entries, we had to cancel the Club Restricted Teams Championship.

Standbys. We now have standbys for Monday, Wednesday and Friday sessions. I would like to thank Margo Burnet, Louis Koolen and Stuart Gibson for their attendance in this regard. It makes a lot of difference being able to offer this service.

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, Chris Hannan, Ros Dey, Pauline Caust and Ronnie Ng. Both Pauline and Leon have decided that they are not able to continue directing and I thank them for their past service.

Julie Sadler
Tournament Organiser