

Community Bridge Club Bateau Bay

Presidents Report 2023

The world has changed over the past few years and, so has the world of bridge, with the option to play online, many clubs are experiencing declining memberships, and members are not wanting to play face to face. Despite the odds, our club continues to thrive and grow. It has been said that players choose to play here because of the strong competition as well as the respect and friendship players receive. When I look around the room during play, I hear laughter and people having fun. Our club is what it is today because of you, a wonderful community that is open to all members regardless of ability and welcoming to all who join.

Last year we ran our first beginner's classes, Jean Moran oversaw those classes. I'm thrilled to report that we have a 100% retention rate, all due to Jean's hard work and dedication, giving it her all, also thanks to Ron who stood in when needed. Welcome to all our new members, we are so happy to have you with us. Thank you so much Jean and Ron.

A day of bridge doesn't magically happen, there is a lot of work before, during and after, therefore a huge thank you to Pam, our everready bunny who never stops, tirelessly working for the benefit of this club, also Roy our amazing secretary and director, who, in his quiet, subtle way keeps us all in check, Wanda and Thea our money collectors and masters of tasty treats on party days, Carol our membership girl, you show up, she'll sign you up and Sharon Hart for her thoughtful contributions.

I would also like to thank Rhonda our recorder, our unofficial therapist, ironing out any wrinkles that may appear from time to time. Austin our auditor, ensuring our finances are intact, and of course Gary Barwick, who, is always ready to help in our time of need. Last, but not least, all our members, without you there is no club.

Sharon Versteege