

COMMUNITY BRIDGE CLUB BATEAU BAY

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Over the last few months people have said, “you must be happy with how the clubs going.”

My response has been, “yes, I am.”

So, I want to thank all our members, for making our club what it is: a place to come and have a game of bridge in relaxed and friendly environment.

We, also, have members from other clubs, who bring their newer players to our club, saying that they do not feel intimidated playing in our club, because we are accepting of the fact that bridge takes time and experience for new members to become good players.

Our aim is to retain new members.

Most of us can remember how daunting it can be at the table in the beginning, and still can be at times. Needless to say, our club has continued to thrive in the last year, our membership is now 122.

Last year Jean Moran ran her second beginner’s class, putting a lot of time and effort into it. Unfortunately, student numbers were low, making it difficult for Jean to run the class continuously.

We need 5 or 6 students as a minimum.

We all know many people are reluctant to take on learning bridge. We would therefore appreciate any ideas, suggestions on how to go forward with promoting bridge and our club.

We would also appreciate your feedback on social functions, like the Christmas parties and such like. While the Committee believes these events and functions were organised to include everybody, there is always room for improvement.

Sadly, we have had three members who were unable to continue this last year. Ken Townsend moved into care.

Due to frailty, Doug Gerrard and Kiko Springall are no longer able to come and play at the club.

Also, our beloved Adriana Smith passed away recently. She was a great supporter of our club, and an inspiration to all.

Last year we held our first ever Inter-Club-Teams, it was well attended with 18 teams. Feedback was positive.

A comment made to me by a player was that our club felt like Switzerland, a neutral, friendly and welcoming club.

Finally, thank you to the hardest workers in our club Pam Townsend and Roy Cotton, who give up being able to play their game without interruption, to direct for the rest of us.

Pam gladly gives so much to this club, thank you so much.

Thanks to Roy our secretary or trying to keep the Committee in line, succeeding most of the time.

Thank you to our other Committee members, Thea Martinot, Wanda Little and Carol Parker, who take on any job asked of them.

Thank you to Peter Leonard our vice-president, who is standing down. We will miss you, but we look forward to seeing you across the table.

Thank you to Rhonda Innes our recorder and Austin Driscoll our auditor.

But, most of all, to all of you our members, thank you for your help and support throughout the year.

As a Club, the Committee believe, we have a bright future.