



## NOVICE NEWS #4 DECEMBER 2018

In this edition I would like to briefly explain the workings of our club. It is not that long ago that Jeff and I walked through the door of the club having never played bridge before and not knowing a thing about how the club works.

Basically there are four main areas that oversee the smooth running of the club.

### **The Board**

The Board is made up of a maximum of 12 members and the current President is Eva Berger. Any GCBC club member can nominate to be on the Board and a new Board is ratified each year at the AGM, usually held each September. The Board meets once a month to discuss and vote on a range of issues mostly concerning the financial, administration, maintenance and general day-to-day running of the club.

### **The Tournament Committee (TC)**

The TC is made up of all our Directors and is currently chaired by Paul Brake. The TC also meets once a month and is primarily responsible for overseeing all bridge sessions and events held at our club. Each session has at least one Director, either playing or non-playing. The Director should be regarded as your friend and mentor as he/she is there to guide you and resolve disputes. If a Director is called to your table please treat this as an education rather than a form of punishment.

### **The Dealers**

The dealers are a small group of volunteers that use a dealing machine to deal all the boards that are used during each session. Contrary to popular belief the boards dealt for club sessions are random, not pre-determined. They also generate the hand records for each session. Other duties include maintaining the dealing machine, cleaning dirty cards, ordering new stock as required and handling any unexpected requests from a Director if more boards are needed.

### **The Volunteers**

The kitchen staff, cleaner and gardener are the only ones to receive a salary. Volunteers perform all other roles in the club, including those above. No volunteer is paid a salary. However, a non-playing Director is paid an honorary amount and dealers are allocated free game tickets according to the number of boxes of boards they deal. Apart from the above roles, there are many other volunteers working behind the scenes in the club. We can always do with 'more hands on deck' so if you feel you can contribute in any way, we would love to hear from you.

### **Upcoming Events**

Don't forget to check the various websites to see what events are coming up both at the club and in the region. A new diary will be handed out at the Christmas party (8<sup>th</sup> December) so that you can plan ahead.

### **Rule (Eva Berger) Insufficient Bids**

It is never in a player's interest to alter an insufficient bid before the Director has advised them of their options, or announce to the table what they meant to bid. Many insufficient bids can be corrected without further redress once the Director has assessed the situation.

### **Tip (Lynley Jenkins)**

Play a pre-emptor who leads his own suit to have a SINGLETON TRUMP. This will be so about 75% of the time.

### **GCBC ByLaws**

Each player is responsible for entering his/her club number in the Bridgemate. North/South pair is responsible for entering the score and East/West for checking. North/South is responsible for placing and moving boards. East/West is responsible for removing cups, paper, etc and putting chairs, side-tables and bidding boxes in their proper place at the session's end.

### **Bridge Etiquette.**

Please do not tell your opponents how they could have played the hand to achieve a better result, unless asked.

### **Quote.**

***"The master has failed more times than the beginner has even tried". Anon.***

As mentioned in Novice News #3, if there is something you would like to discuss you can usually find me in Section A on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, or email me, address below.

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