

Maylands Bridge Club Inc.

Chit Chat

November 2021



From our President

Dear Maylands Bridge Club Members

It has been an honour to be your President for the past three years and I thank you all for the support and friendship you have given me during my time in office.

Throughout the period the MBC has had an active and very hard working committee, dedicated directors and members willing to pitch in as needed to keep the Club running effectively. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed..

This year the Club is celebrating its 40th Anniversary which in itself is an achievement. When Joyce Archibald and I joined MBC some years ago we were attracted to the friendliness of the Club and a sense of being welcome. That is still the feeling I have about the Club—that members care about one another—and it is quite special.

Covid-19 has tested the MBC, as it has all West Australians, but we have come through albeit with a drop in table numbers and a small loss of members. We will undoubtedly be further tested when WA opens its borders to all other states. Nevertheless I am quite sure that the MBC will cope.

Keeping table numbers up and attracting new members is important for the future. Several successful initiatives introduced by the committee address these issues, including the Plus 1 Programme and bridge lessons in the Inglewood Library. Both of these initiatives depend on volunteers giving their time. Please consider whether you might be able to help. The more people who volunteer, the less that is required from each individual.

I cannot conclude without mentioning the Maylands Bridge Club Novice Congress on Friday October 29. The Club put its best foot forward and the comments from visitors were really positive about the event and about the Club. Special thanks are due to the Congress organising committee and in particular to David Croft and Colleen Prosser who did not play but spent the day ensuring that the event went without a hitch.

I hope that many of you will attend the AGM at 11.15 on November 8. A light lunch will be provided for attendees at the end of the AGM.

Rosemary Cant (President)

Annual General Meeting

Monday 8th November 11:15am

Plus 1 Programme

The Plus 1 program has been very popular at the Club. It has meant that if your partner cancelled at the last moment or you just felt like playing bridge on a Wednesday but did not have a partner, you could just show up and be guaranteed a game. As a Plus 1, I have had the privilege of playing with several club members I had not played with previously. It has also meant that people from other clubs could try us out, without a partner.

To begin with we only needed a roster for Wednesdays, which we have, as the Directors on Mondays and Thursdays acted as the extra if someone came without a partner. However, the Directors want to play with regular partners, so they are not now available as the extra on any days.

For the Club to continue to guarantee a game if someone comes to the club without a partner, the Club needs to have at least four persons signing up for the Monday and Thursday rosters.

We have a roster for Wednesdays which is working well with the cooperation of four club members.

Being the Plus 1 on a roster means that on at the date you agreed to come on the roster, you come to the club and wait until play starts. If no one comes without a partner, you go home. If only one person comes, you play with that person. If more than one person comes, you arrange for them to play together. The Plus 1 only plays if there is someone who does not have a partner by start of play. If the Plus 1 plays, they do not have to pay for that session.

If the Plus 1 is on the roster, comes to the club but does not need to play, the next time the Plus 1 comes to the club to play, they do not need to pay. This is the Club's way of thanking the Plus 1 for showing up on their rostered day.

Although several announcements have been made at the club asking people to volunteer to be a Plus 1, very few people have volunteered on a regular basis. At present we have no roster for Mondays or Thursdays.

Hence unless this has changed by the AGM on 8 November 2021, I will recommend that we remove the statement from our website that we can guarantee a partner, and that we discontinue the roster for Wednesdays.

Joyce Archibald

Open Red Point Event

At the AGM last year it was agreed that, in an effort to promote the club, we would hold one Open Red Point Event in the coming year, where members from other clubs could play and earn red points. The event was to be selected at the discretion of the Committee. The 1 day Autumn Pairs in March was the event selected.

2 Pairs from outside the club attended the event, with one of those pairs gaining 3rd place. One of these players has attended the club 4 times since the Open Red Point, bringing a partner. This shows some return in promoting the club.

Proposal: That one Red Point event in the coming year, to be chosen at the discretion of the committee, will be an open event, available to bridge players from outside the club.

Masterpoints and Results

Congratulations to those who placed in the Spring Pairs in September.

1. Vince Menezes and Norma Pears
2. Bernie Smith and Colleen Prosser
3. Robert Oakes and Keith Eastman
Anne Gidney and Joanna Ellison



Vince Menezes, Norma Pears and Rosemary Cant



Rosemary Cant, Bernie Smith and Colleen Prosser



Robert Oakes, Anne Gidney, Rosemary Cant,
Keith Eastman and Joanna Ellison