

# **Committee Meeting Summary**

## ***Meeting Held 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018***

### **Newcastle Bridge Club Congress (16/17<sup>th</sup> June)**

Planning is well underway for our annual Congress, and registrations are being received. As in previous years, we will ask for donations of cakes, slices, etc to serve at morning and afternoon teas. We will also be seeking volunteers to help set up / pack up / work in the kitchen. Most importantly, we encourage members to register for either the Swiss Pairs on Saturday 16/6 and/or the Teams event on Sunday 17/6. Entry forms are available at the Club or online via our website.

### **Country Teams Qualifying (May)**

Wednesday qualifiers commenced 9<sup>th</sup> May and will run for another week. Monday qualifiers commence 14<sup>th</sup> May and will run for three weeks. The Regional Final will be held at our Club on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. There will be refreshments at the end of play.

### **Tuesday 1-day Team events Prizes**

The decision made at the February meeting to double the number of prizes if there were 16+ tables is under review due to the small difference between table fees and prize value for a 1-day event. A final decision will be made at the June Committee meeting.

The Club President pointed out that even though Tuesday sessions generate the most income in the week, they have the most prize money and red points allocated. There are many Tuesday players who play less than once each week over the year. On the other hand, there are players who do not play on Tuesdays but play 2-4 times each week, thus contributing more than many Tuesday players.

### **Financial Reports**

Table counts trends continue – while the table numbers overall are line ball with both budget and last year, all sessions except Thursday (day), Monday (night) and Tuesday (day) have declined. It has been suggested that we re-evaluate the option to move Wednesday night sessions to Tuesday nights as a way of encouraging Thursday morning players to play two sessions per week.

### **Next Committee Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June. This is a week earlier than usual but will allow time to resolve any last-minute issues with Congress arrangements.