

Committee Meeting Summary

Meeting Dated Friday 17th November 2017

Pianola

With the 3-month trial due to end 8th December, Committee voted to purchase Pianola. We will use it to manage our membership database, including renewals, and to email results (details by partner, role and by board), shortly after results are uploaded after each session. Pianola also gives members the ability to track their performance over time and to log in and update their membership details.

New Carpet

Committee acknowledged that the condition of the carpet in both the office and club room has worn badly especially near joins, and is now a potential trip hazard. Also, the recent cleaning has not lasted, and stains are now reappearing. Quotations were obtained from three companies and Committee voted to replace the carpet, with Carpet Court (the lowest quote) to supply and lay. Laying is expected to take place late January 2018. Further updates will be provided when the details are known.

Club Pairs

A sub-committee was set up to review the format and criteria for Club Pairs in 2018. Based on the recommendation, Committee agreed that (1) the championship will be held as a one-day event on a Sunday; (2) there will be no qualifying rounds; (3) members must have participated in at least 6 sessions (excluding GNOT, Country Teams and Club Championship events) in the calendar year of the event prior to the close of entries; and (4) the event will be cancelled if less than 12 pairs register.

Additional Red point sessions will be added to the program (4 sessions of 3 events) to offset the reduced opportunities for members to earn Red Points due to the elimination of the qualifying events.

Mixed Pairs

To avoid a clash with the Gold Coast Congress, the 2018 Mixed Pairs have been moved from February to March. No substitutes will be allowed - i.e. players must play with the same partner for the 3 weeks of the competition to be eligible to win (rationale: none of the sessions are qualifiers).

Members must have participated in at least 6 sessions (excluding GNOT, Country Teams and Club Championship events) in the preceding twelve months of the event prior to the close of entries

Restricted Pairs

To be consistent with the norm for Congresses, the cut-off point for Restricted Pairs in 2018 will be increased from 150 MP to 300 MP. As for the Mixed Pairs event, no substitutes will be allowed – i.e. players must play with the same partner for the 3 weeks of the competition to be eligible to win (rationale: none of the sessions are qualifiers).

Graded Pairs

After discussion, Committee agreed that the 10-round event in 2017 was too long. It will be reduced to an 8-round event in 2018 starting in March and finishing in October.