

Committee Meeting Summary

Meeting Held 7th June 2018

Wednesday Bridge Sessions (day)

The Committee has received a request to review the Wednesday daytime session which currently occupies two sessions. Several options were considered including splitting it into 2 sessions, reducing it to a “normal” 3.5-hour session (morning or afternoon), and introducing a graded competition. No decision was reached so it will stay as is for now. It will be reviewed in the 2019 Program planning process.

Newcastle Bridge Club’s 50th Anniversary (19th August)

Approximately 68 members and partners have indicated their intention to attend the function. Committee agreed that the Club will pay for all meals as well as the prizes for the Trivia competition, but drinks will be at own expense.

Tuesday 1-day Team events Prizes (when there are 16 or more tables)

A financial overview prepared by the Treasurer has shown that doubling of prize money results in a ratio of prize money to table fees greater than 0.50 (not sustainable). It was agreed to increase prize money by 35% to a total of \$192, with \$24 being awarded to the 4th placed team and \$24 to the last placed team as an encouragement award. The increase is only applicable if 16 or more tables participate.

Evening Supervised Play

Following a poll of Wednesday night players as well as the participants in the last round of Tuesday night lessons, supervised play sessions are being run on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights until the next round of lessons commences (w/c 16 July). A decision re future night supervised sessions will be made by the end of June.

Country Teams Qualifying

Several circumstances resulted in Newcastle Bridge Club being able to field only 4 teams of the 5 we were allowed in the Regional Final. Options to overcome this issue will be considered for the 2019 Program.

Personal Belongings Left at the Club

There is a growing number of unclaimed personal belongings that have been left at the Club by members over time. It was agreed that the items will be put in a box for members to check. Any items not claimed within a reasonable period will be disposed of appropriately.

Next Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12th July.