



## **NEWSLETTER, JANUARY 2019**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATE, GOING GREEN IN MARCH, NEW EQUIPMENT, TABLE TICKETS - AND MORE**

Thursday, March 14 this year is a vitally important day for the Tamborine Mountain Bridge Club.

First, we will hold a special St Patrick's Day teams competition in the afternoon and all players are expected to wear green. Of course, it is a Green Points day!

Second, the Club's Annual General Meeting will be held immediately after play on that day. All members of the Club - whether you are planning to play in the competition that day or not - are encouraged to attend the meeting beginning at 4.30pm.

The meeting will elect a new committee. Nomination forms are available from Secretary Anne Hollywood (phone 0408 889 071) and must be submitted - with name of nominee, a nominator and seconder - to the Secretary by the end of February.

### **GAMBLING FUND GRANT**

As reported in our previous newsletter, the Club has received \$9,000 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

As a result, a defibrillator - life-saving equipment that can be used in the case of sudden cardiac arrest - is now in place at the club. It is at the back of the room in a marked black case.

If you have been into the kitchen over the past few weeks you will have noticed another new piece of equipment. It is a special glass washer, similar to those used in bars. It is a relatively small washer that cleans glasses in a couple of minutes rather than waiting the full cycle of our standard dish washer. A great boon to the washer-uppers after end-of-month drinks and social events.

We have also benefited from eight new board boxes and their contents.

Eddie Heinemeyer now has a new toy - a second notebook computer. The old computer will now be used for multimedia and as a timer.

Finally, a floodlight on a 10-minute timer will be placed to light the car park.

## TABLE TICKETS

A new ticket system for table fees was introduced on January 1 this year. Table fees for all players on all days are \$5, paid by handing in a previously-purchased ticket. The new system has been introduced to streamline cash management.

Tickets can be purchased with cash at the Bridge Club for \$50 for a book of 10 tickets. Books of tickets can also be purchased online at \$50 per book. Simply log in to your online bank and make the appropriate payment to the Club's bank account:

BSB: 484 799

Acct No: 820070823

Acct name: Tamborine Mountain Bridge Club.

**You must use your name and member number as the reference for the payment.** Your tickets can then be picked up at the club at the first opportunity.

PLEASE - Write your name on all tickets immediately. Tickets are not transferable.

Prize tickets will be given the week following the event (a full game now instead of the half game of the past). Tickets for volunteer will be given at the end of the month of the activity. Playing Directors and Friday mentors will also be allocated a ticket per session.

Visitors can purchase a ticket as if a member.

Players can Log in to the club website to check their ticket credit balance.

## OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

### DIRECTORS

We owe our Directors a great deal. They give up their time (and concentration) to administer every competition, including handing out boards and Bridgemates at the beginning of every session, checking and posting results through our computer system and locking up at the end of each session.

Every member should work to help ease this task. Please help to clean up the room after each session by emptying bins, replacing pencils and bidding slips, putting chairs back in place, putting your final set of boards and Bridgemates away in their boxes and drawing blinds and closing windows.

**Seated Time** - To further assist the Directors, please be seated 15 minutes prior to session starting time. It helps to arrive before then to sort seating arrangements with your partner! This will greatly assist the Director who must calculate and set up the player movements and any sitouts which can take a little time. So please be prompt for every session.

**Gold Coast International Bridge Convention.** A number of our members will be competing at the annual event at the Gold Coast Convention Centre in Broadbeach. They play over a gruelling week - Friday 15th February to Saturday 23rd February. You can follow progress at the web site [www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc](http://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc). Good luck to all our team!

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