

From Your President - March '24



TFOB

The Annual [Tasmanian Festival of Bridge](#) is now only a week away and everything is in the final stages of preparation. Talking of final stages, we were a bit concerned that the third game between the Jackjumpers and Perth would be held at myState Arena on the Wednesday night before TFoB. However that issue has been resolved.

Annual General Meeting

I also remind you again of the [Annual General Meeting](#) being held on Saturday March 23. We couldn't persuade the premier to move the State Election so vote early then come to the club (with your lunch) and enjoy an afternoon of free bridge after the AGM.

TBA Club Congress

Also a reminder of the [TBA Annual Congress](#) being held on Saturday April 6 and Sunday April 7. This is the major club event of the year and we look forward to a large attendance at the Swiss Pairs event on the Saturday, with prizes being awarded in OPEN, RESTRICTED (Under 150MP), and NOVICE (Under 25MP) sections. Then on SUNDAY there is an opportunity to participate in a Swiss Teams event open to all levels of team. If any pair would like to participate in the teams event but do not have another pair lined up then please talk to any of the Committee or directors and they will endeavour to arrange a team for you.

New Members

The following new members have joined the club during February and we welcome their participation in club events.

Keyran Pitt

Ros Pitt

Masterpoint Promotions

The following TBA members earned Masterpoint promotions in February:

Katherine Marsden	Bronze State
Helen Morling	State
Gillian Armitage	Regional
Caryl Murfet	Regional
Rosemary Giles	Bronze Local
Anne O'Rourke	Bronze Local
Jane Dickie	Bronze Local
Brian Giles	Bronze Local
Sharlene Campbell	Bronze Local
Rita Mawson	Local
Toby Meredith	Club
Barbara Meyer	Club

Lyn Sinclair
David Askey-Doran

Club
Graduate

Congratulations to all.

Multi Session Results for February

Each month the TBA runs multi-session rankings for most regular sessions. The rankings are based on the best three results across the month. Green masterpoints are awarded to the top half of the pairs who play enough sessions to be included in the multi. Winners also receive TBA etched glasses.

The February multi winners were (click the links for full results) :

Monday morning	Rod Macfarlan - Joy Stoddart
Tuesday daytime	Coral Goward - Jo Castillo
Wednesday morning	Hugh Grosvenor - Annie Bartlett
Thursday morning	Mardi Grosvenor - John Grosvenor
Thursday afternoon	Leigh Blizzard - Julie Rhodes
Friday morning	Maria Gibbs - Bob Patterson
Saturday afternoon	Phil Timmins - Bal Krishan

Education Sub-Committee

Sue Falkingham has reported that the initial meeting to consider establishing a group of members to recommend training and player development plans was very successful. As a result a sub-committee has been established under the leadership of Sue and they will be meeting shortly.

Thank you to all

After serving as Treasurer of the TBA for many years, and having had the honour of being President for the last two years, I have decided that it is time to pass the baton to the incoming president who will be appointed at the AGM. I sincerely thank all the committee members, officers and directors for the tremendous support given to me over the years. And not forgetting the numbers of volunteers who have willingly given their time to assisting in making this club the outstanding success that it is. If I were to name all these volunteers this report would go on for ages. Suffice it to say that you all know who you are and I say "thank You" for your efforts.

I would also like to give special thanks to three other people who are retiring from special positions in the club.

Firstly to **Margaret Gibbs**. Margaret was the Masterpoints Secretary for the club and state for as long as most of us can remember and was rewarded with a life membership of the TBA. Margaret also was the state GNOT Coordinator for many years. Her contributions to the committee and the club will be greatly missed.

Then **Ian Bailey**. Ian has served the club in the essential role as Treasure for the last four years, accurately steering the financial management of club and state. His ability to pinpoint the key issues will be missed. Thanks Ian.

Finally **John Grosvenor**. John, as Administration Manager of the club, has been the mastermind behind most of the tremendous advancements in bringing the club into touch with 21st century

technologies and providing the electronic interface between the club and its members. Because of these achievements John had been contracted by the Australian Bridge Federation to assist in their journey into the 21st century!

Once again "Thanks to you all"

Regards

Graeme