

From Your President - April '23

Your Committee

Following the [Annual General Meeting](#) held on March 18 your committee has been busy in ensuring that the annual Tasmanian Festival of Bridge was a resounding success. New committee members Erica McCoull and Paul Fredheim were welcomed and have quickly become involved in various activities.



At the first meeting of the new committee on April 11, the objectives for the year were discussed and tasks were assigned to individual members to ensure that the club functions in an efficient and cooperative manner.

The basic objective of the club is “to promote and foster interest in the game of Bridge in Tasmania”, and all specific objectives are aimed at achieving this. Some of the key objectives discussed included:

To increase membership through strong marketing and training and development programs. To develop a range of activities to create a better social environment for members. To enhance the TBA website to create a single “go to” point for all club information and reporting.

To achieve these and other objectives, tasks and functions required were logically grouped under four main headings and responsibilities were assigned to committee members.

Bridge Operations	Hugh Grosvenor
Member Experience	Margaret Gibbs & Paul Fredheim
Training and Development	Sue Falkingham
State Bridge, Projects and Events	Pam Murphy & Erica McCoull

These people are supported by a large group of volunteers from amongst club members, and your support is much appreciated . If you would like to offer your assistance please contact any committee member.

Member Achievements

Several notable performances were achieved by Tasmanian players in the recent Tasmanian Festival of Bridge.

Club member Guray Sunamak, together with partner Serhat Ozenir won the TBIB Australian Swiss Pairs event. Congratulations Guray!!

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Sandra and Andrew Richman from Launceston won the Warren Walker Prize for the top Tasmanian Pair in the TBIB Australian Swiss Pairs.

Locals David Brooks and Darryl Smith had a great result winning the Roger Penny Senior Swiss pairs. Well done David and Darryl.

Anna Egan and Annie Bartlett were the best Tasmanian performers in the Restricted Swiss Pairs event.

Special congratulations to Nola and Rex Calvert for achieving second place in the inaugural TFoB Rookie Swiss Pairs.

Congratulations also to the following players who have been selected to represent Tasmania at the upcoming Australian National Championships being held in Perth during July 8-16

Open Team: Andrew & Sandra Richman, John & Mardi Grosvenor (a third pair to be selected)

Seniors' Team: Pam Lidl & Jane Routley, Richard Cooke & Margaret Gibbs, Felicity Wivell & Roger Swain

Women's Team: Fiona Hickey & Alaine MacMorran, Barbara Giizel & Pam Murphy

Congratulations and best of luck in Perth.

Coming Events

Details of several upcoming events are prominently advertised on the club website, but I would like to highlight a couple of them.

Firstly the [Hobart City Bridge Club annual congress](#) is being held at the TBA clubrooms on Sunday April 30. This is a great social bridge day and you are encouraged to participate.

Sue Falkingham is holding her next series of Beginners Training Courses on May 15/16. The [daytime course](#) commences Monday May 15 from 1:00-3:00pm. The [evening course](#) commences Tuesday May 16 from 7.30-9.30pm. Both courses run for 6 weeks at a cost of \$120 per person. To quote Sue, "tell friends, tell neighbours, tell family, tell everyone".

A special [State Training Weekend](#) is being held in Hobart on the weekend of May 20/21. This course is being run by Liam Milne a well known ABF Bridge Trainer. Details are on the [website](#).

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And finally a reminder about the very popular [Eastcoaster Swiss Pairs](#) held at the Eastcoaster Resort at Orford on the weekend of August 19/20. This is a very popular event so get in early. Entry details are on the [website](#).

That's enough for now.

Good Bridging!!

Graeme