

Hello

Welcome to the first- somewhat tardy- newsletter of the year.

It is very encouraging to see the number of tables increasing every week as more members are returning to the afternoon and evening sessions. Are we finally getting back to a normality...

We ran a very successful tournament on February 18th with 15 tables competing. It has been lovely to hear very positive comments made about the tournament and afternoon tea and my very sincere and grateful thanks go to all who worked to make it a good day. We had some successful pairs with Pat Chessum and Paul Baldwin, Caroline Goodall and David Phillips, Bronwyn Walker and Felicity MacDonald and Cariol Harper and Betty Hopley all winning session prizes. Sarah Rees and Amanda Richardson came second in the junior/junior category. Sandy Regan and Jenny Robinson came third in the open/intermediate narrowly pipped at the post by Peter Green and myself.

Talking of tournaments..... WELL DONE to Eileen Sanger and Judy Tremain who won the Restricted Swiss Pairs at the Gold Coast Congress last week beating 78 other pairs, and also WELL DONE to Rhonda Graham and Nick Edgerton who came second in the Restricted Open Pairs. This is a tremendous achievement for both couples.

At the moment we are running the air conditioning at the club rooms. We are awaiting service of the conditioner, which has been very frustrating to arrange but should happen this week. I know we cannot please everybody but for every one who thinks it's too cold there's another complaining of the heat. The temperature is set at 24 degrees. If you feel the chill please bring a cardigan and don't sit at a table where it seems cooler if you can avoid it. Hopefully, once the service has occurred the air conditioning will be more balanced.

The next thing the committee will be organising will be the return of the last Sunday in the month afternoon tournament that will run through the winter months. The first one commencing at the end of April. We would like to get back to the initial idea of the session which was for an experienced player partner a junior player. So this year, whilst all partnerships will be welcome to play, prizes will only be given to experienced/junior pairs.

We have been advertising lessons starting soon on Tuesday evenings, commencing 21st March, run by Jenny Robinson, so if you know of anyone who maybe interested please let them know. A flyer is on the notice board for details.

Regards to all

Judith Hollyer
President