

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2020 - 2021 year has been a great year for our Bayswater Bridge Club. We continue to grow and develop as we welcome new players and members, who soon become great friends.

I would like to thank the amazing Committee members who have worked so well together all year behind the scenes; at the front of house and in the kitchen to ensure that the club runs smoothly and happily. I thank the outgoing committee especially those who are retiring from their roles and welcome the incoming committee members who have stepped up so willingly to support our club.

We now play on Monday afternoon which is a wonderfully relaxed session for all players and a great opportunity for new players to start their bridge journey in a friendly, supportive and fun environment with Kevin at the helm.

Our Wednesday session is going from strength to strength with a record number of 16 tables recently. Our Tournament Manager and Director, Pat Allen has guided our club in a professional manner throughout the year. Pat has tamed the new system Compscore and liaised with BAWA officers and directors from other clubs making sure we are up-to-date and involved in events which add interest and development of our game. Pat also was the Convenor at the 2021 Bayswater Congress and is again working hard as Convenor for our 2021. Pat has purchased equipment necessary for our expanding club and with Kevin spends a lot of time at the club dealing boards ready for the upcoming sessions. Thank you to Pat, Kevin and to Don for their help with running and preparing our sessions.

Our club has been involved in lots of ventures.

- Competitively we have entered the Australia Wide Restricted Pairs and we are enrolled in the Australia Wide Open Pairs which have been postponed until later in the year due to Covid. Individuals have also ventured to other clubs – Laurie winning at the Supervised in South Perth, and Pat and Janelle and Alan Gregory often featuring in the winners list at other clubs and online. Frances Crewe too has been very active in the bridge world, playing online on Bridge Base Online with others from Bayswater including Irene Grasso, Ian Ferguson, Ian Christie, Pam Culloton and Paula Huston and participating successfully in many Club Congress and BAWA events.

Our annual Congress was a great success thanks to Pat, Janelle, Barry and all the members of the Committee. I apologise to those who have requested that we run a Main Competitive event or congress on a day other than a Sunday and assure you that this will be on the agenda this coming year.

Five of our members, including myself, attended a 4 Week Directors' Course taught by Neville Walker and Dave Parham. I thank Pat, Kevin, Carolyn and Ivan for giving up four Tuesdays until 10pm at night to learn how to be Club Directors and many will be going ahead to take the official open book exam to become Red Point Directors. It was a very worthwhile course with insights into the new system CompScore, the Movements and the adjudication at the table.

- Socially, we have had fun with Christmas parties, birthday celebrations, Christmas in July, Fun day with prizes of coveted etched glasses for the club winners, and have interacted with other clubs, with Presidents from other clubs visiting us for special occasions. Some of our member are regulars at Canning Bridge Club. We thank Barry, Laurie Cooper who have all helped in the

food side of the celebrations.

- Our club has also been very generous in helping charities such as the Smith Family, through the View Club with the support of Jacqui and Kevin and the Bridge For Brains an annual event to supporting research into Dementia.

Lessons have been very enjoyable and it is great to see that many have moved 'up' to join the main sessions and two have even offered to take on roles within the club. A new set of 6 Beginner Lessons will start on Monday September 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 from 12.30 pm to 3.00 pm.

We all thank Sue Levy for her informative lessons on the Website and her Refresher Lessons on Defence on Wednesday mornings. We had seven tables of students at the first instalment Opening Leads last month and we look forward to Sue's continuing lessons on Defence, dates to be advised.

On a sad note, I express our sorrow at the passing of our treasured members and friends, Florence Wynn and Jill Thompson. Flo and Jill, part of the Trinity School for Seniors taught by Sue Levy, have been members since our inception and will be sadly missed. Our club was also saddened by the news of the passing of our dear friend and bridge partner, Carol Daniel, wife of our popular Director Noel.

Sickness has prevented our wonderful friend, Kenn Gifford, from playing at the club. Health issues have also prevented John Maiorana from attending this year but we hope to see him back at the club soon.

Thank you to Kath Kazakoff for being our Auditor every year. We really appreciate the work you do for our club.

Importantly too, a huge thank you to every one of YOU for making our Bayswater Bridge Club such a haven for playing the game we all love in such a respectful, loving and caring way. Thank you to all those who have helped with the milk roster, the call for cakes and slices for various functions, the people who come every week to set up the tables and chairs and the urns including Barry, Kevin, Laurie, Max, Martin, Stephen, David and to the people who stay behind to put everything away. A special mention and huge thank you, echoed strongly by the Directors, to Ed Reeves and Murray Sutherland who vacuum so effectively every session.

### **Out-Going Committee**

A huge thank you from me personally and from all the members of the club to our Outgoing Committee members, Jean McSkimming, Barry Etherington, Laurie Cooper and Alan Gregory and particularly Alicia Zwaan who over the years has put in many hours of work to develop and streamline our membership and finance reports. I would also like to mention the valued input of Lesley Raiter in her work with Masterpoints earlier in the year. They have all been part of a wonderful support group and I thank them sincerely.

**Jean McSkimming:** Jean is retiring from the Committee and from the position of Secretary this year. Jean has been an absolute support extraordinaire for our club, stepping up to be the Treasurer at our first meeting and opening up her home for our very first Bayswater Bridge Club session. She has also been Secretary for many years, a chairperson and a huge help to me and everyone on the committee. Jean also works quietly behind the scenes, regularly being first at the club helping to set up and often the last to leave. Jean was the Secretary during the huge transition to the New Constitution, a huge

underaking under the guidance of John Maiorana and his sub-committee and is a previous recipient of the Alexandra Russell Patron's Trophy.

Barry Etherington: Barry has been a wonderful House Manager for many years, ensuring we have had urns, kettles, refreshments, as well as organising the milk roster and plate rosters. He has booked venues for our annual Christmas parties and arranged food for our special events such as Congresses and Seniors Week luncheons. He has welcomed us to the Scouts' haven at Pelican Point for our New Year's Bridge events. Many thanks go to Faye Etherington too for her renowned and delicious scones and for her help at all the Congresses. Barry is also a deserved former winner of the Patron's Trophy.

Laurie Cooper: We thank retiring Vice President Laurie Cooper who, even though he served for only a short time, he has been a very active committee member organising the special Club Badges; helping with match fixtures for playing on Bridge Base Online while we were in lock down and working hard with the new fence Advertising Banner. Laurie has also liaised with the Bayswater Tennis Club and we all thank him very much for his support.

### **Incoming Committee**

Sandy Sutton-Mattocks (President)

Bob Hawkins (Vice President)

Allan Eason (Treasurer)

Rebecca Parrott (Secretary)

Pat Allen (Tournament Manager, Director)

Carolyn Reed (Committee Chair, Masterpoint Secretary, Membership Officer, and Trainee Director)

Kevin Outred (Committee member, Director)

Jacqui Kumkar (Committee member)

Don Sutton-Mattocks (Committee member, Director)

I also give huge thanks to

Angelo Ariyaratnam for his continued work on the Bayswater web pages.

Christine Kinsella for kindly taking on the role of House Manager.

Barry Etherington, for taking on the role of Returning Officer.

Kath Kazakoff, for being the club Auditor.

Many thanks

Sandy Sutton-Mattocks (President)