

## BARGARA BRIDGE CLUB 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year has gone by so quickly. The mostly new committee has been exceptionally brave with the hurdles that arose in the first half of the year. I must say thanks to Rod Pershouse for all the hard work with the computer, but I have noticed the hair is getting a little bit thin. Stop pulling it out. We will try harder this year not to make so many mistakes.

The Club's finances are in good health and a number of purchases have been made that have made life easier.

We conducted the Italian Pairs in November and it was a very successful tournament. Our Christmas party was held in December. Early this year we played here against the Bundaberg Club. While we seem to find ways of not getting over the line, our time is very near, but when all is said and done it was an enjoyable day's play. We are going to play twice a year against Bundaberg in a home and away competition.

Many of our players have played in congresses and exceeded all expectations. Our members were the "stars" at the Paul Marsden Course at Noosa this year.

We are very fortunate in having Susie Stevens as the director/coach, training new players and growing the Club, even if some of us find it hard to fathom – making my one brain cell work harder.

Luckily we have many members who can help in the director's role.

Our thanks go to Val Knapman for writing the Club's contribution to the *Buzz*. Please contact Val if you have any ideas or information for her articles.

We thank Babs Beh and Laurel Mathews for the time they put into dealing the cards, along with all the members who offered their help via the roster. Babs also produced the Club Diary and Planner.

I personally would like to thank Julie and her staff from Sandhills Sports Club and especially Sue who is always helpful and cheerful.

It is appropriate that we thank "departing" Committee members, Heather Torkington, Heather Walsh and Helen Lander (who has been a valued Secretary for a number of years) for their contributions to the Club.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the amount of work the Committee and volunteers do to make this a great Club.

A club is only as good as its members and I'd like to thank each and every one of you for making Bargara Bridge Club the very special place that it is.

You do this by assisting with setting-up and packing away all our resources, by volunteering to direct, by helping newer players who might struggle at your table, and generally by creating an atmosphere that is friendly, warm and welcoming – so much so that visitors send us "Thank You" cards when they return home.

We must never forget that while bridge is a competitive game, it is nevertheless just a game, and is meant to be enjoyed. I think you all embody that spirit.

Steve Taylor (President)

16 August 2019

"Without a sense of *Caring* there can be no sense of *Community*."