

CONGRESS REPORTS

SUMMER TEAMS AND SUPER CONGRESS

We ran the CCBC Summer Teams on Sunday 1st November 2019 at our clubhouse. We had 28 Teams and lunch was supplied by Long Jetty Senior Citizens Club and Marianna organized the club catering. A big thank you to all including the “unseen” helpers who helped cater, set up, take down and clean up, provided cakes and slices for our enjoyment. We had a profit over \$1300 and we also raised \$540 for CoastShelter. A big thank you to John McIlrath and Gary Barwick for a great day.

We had everything in place for our Super Congress on 4/5 April. Entries were good as we anxiously watched the progress of the Corona Virus. The boards were prepared and stored, hand records printed, cups, pens, stationery items purchased, and donations for the hampers to raffle for CoastShelter were coming in and everything was in place. Sadly, we had to cancel, return and re-deal all the boards for day to day bridge and store everything else away for our next Congress, whenever that will be.

A big thanks to our trusty helpers who helped not only at the Congresses but at the many other club functions throughout the year. They are often quiet and unseen but always there and we could not manage without them.

During our forced covid-19 recess the boards have been cleaned of “graffiti”, re-numbered, cards replaced and re-organized into more use-friendly sets. We can safely rotate and rest the cards in these uncertain times when we get back to face-to-face bridge.

Thank everyone for all your help, and thanks to the committee for all their hard work and commitment.

Pam Townsend.

2019 RESTRICTED AND NOVICE

The CCBC Novice and Restricted Congress was held on August 10th and 11th.

The Director was John McIlrath. He was a pleasure to work with and ran a seamless Congress.

I made the decision on the day, with the Treasurer’s agreement, to increase the prize money for the Novice section. The prize structure needs to be looked at very closely and perhaps increased. I recommend the entry fee be \$40 in line with our other Congresses.

My advice would be to forgo the Saturday afternoon Open session which we held at the CWA. There was very little interest and was a major distraction and hard work for the Convenor.

I restricted entries to the Congress to 23 tables. Forty-eight pairs (squeezed in another table) and 22 Teams entered.

Marianna’s catering contributed a great deal to the player’s enjoyment of the Congress. Marianna and I, as the weekend helper, along with Nola and Annette assisting on Sunday, managed the kitchen duties.

We made a profit of \$1495. This Congress was a resounding success. Next year our members should be urged to enter asap to avoid disappointment.

Sally Clarke