

TOURNAMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT 2023

Since a marked decline in FTF Bridge due to Covid related lockdowns over the last two-year period it is pleasing to record a noticeable increase in the number of tables beginning January 2023.

With table numbers meeting the Club Tournament Regulations of 5 Tables it has been easy to run all events except February Pairs scheduled for Tuesday 14th February. This was successfully held on the following Wednesday which was well attended.

Of concern is Events that are held for State and Country Qualifiers. Because the fields are smaller, most winners in the top 50% of the field do not intend to attend Regional Finals. It then becomes a difficult situation to find volunteers to fill in the gaps.

Finding players to enter local club events is also a matter of concern as we often get reminded that CCBC does not support their events so why should they attend ours. I need to stress the point here as CCBC should make every effort to support all local clubs for reciprocal attendance.

As most internal and external Events are now restored it is hoped that attendance will be at the premium level and Novice players will be sought and encouraged to enter most Trophy Events.

The future of Duplicate Bridge at CCBC looks good.

Finally, the success of attendance would not have happened without support from Committee Members including our loyal members. I would have liked to mention names but fear that I may unwittingly omit one so please accept my sincere thanks.

Looking forward to even better year and being there to carry on regardless.

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