

CENTRAL COAST BRIDGE CLUB

TOURNAMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT 2023-2024

CCBC 2023 season started on 2nd. January. The usual Green Point session. The sole Red Point Event for the month was on the 18th. January Pairs. January being a school holiday it has been traditional to schedule all competitions until later.

Over the 12-month period 273 GREEN POINTS, 23 RED POINTS including 17 (Trophy & Championship) CLUB MIXED PAIRS*, CLUB NOVICE PAIRS, CLUB RESTRICTED TEAMS, CLUB RESTRICTED PAIRS, CLUB OPEN TEAMS, CLUB NOVICE TEAMS, CLUB SWISS, CLUB OPEN PAIRS*, BLACK SWAN PAIRS, AUS-WIDE NOVICE PAIRS, STATE MIXED PAIRS (Q) AUS-WIDE OPEN PAIRS, AUS-WIDE REST'D PAIRS, GNOT (Q) Lakes Challenge (Toronto BC) were held.

Sadly, Inter-Club Teams had to be cancelled due to non-response from the neighbouring Clubs. CCBC attended their Inter-Club Events.

John Redfearn, Norm Berger and Matt Raj Mal hosted 99% with additional neutral C2 qualified Directors were called in to Direct the Club Championship Events.

The total for the Green Point Sessions alone adds up to 1365 hours.

With 23 Red Point including 17 Trophy & Championship Events.

$1365 + 115 + 85 = 1465$ Hours.

The figure is approx. as some sessions took longer due to either slow play or correcting anomalies after each session.

Directors have to be in attendance an hour before to set up sessions and upload results afterwards than close.

One major issue has been with players walking in without a partner only moments before the sessions are about to start. Directors' time is spent making calls to find an available player thus making it difficult to start sessions on time. Walk-ins should be advised to make every effort to call players themselves and not just arrive expecting a game. Players should be seated at least 10 minutes before start and be silent while the Directors are making announcement.

A point to note is an increased participation in competition in events particularly from those in Novice category. A few of the Novice players are working hard and it has shown with great results at sessions and Congress recently hosted by the Club. These players should be encouraged to start playing in sessions other than the Monday & Thursday after-noon. Perhaps a "buddy" system may be of some help.

Generally, everyone makes mistakes, even those that have been around for years (they just make fewer) and giving free of their time should be encouraged rather than criticised. So let us make every effort to be gracious and help towards building a better club.

I thank all that have been supportive and encouraged me over some difficult period.

Matt Raj Mal
Tournament Secretary
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