Tournament Directors Report

August Meeting 2026

Welcome to the 2026 – 2027 bridge playingseason.

We currently have approximately 150 members with around 116 that could be termed as regular players.

Up till the end of July (29 weeks) individually these players, played between 20 to an outstanding 101 games.Also, we have several alternate members who play at Great Lakes on a semi regular basis.

We have ½ dozen players who we haven't seen for over 3 months due to travel and medical treatment.We look forward to their return.

In our "Over 70% Club"(1 Jan toJuly) individually we have
Uve Anderson 3, Gail Salmon 2, Walter Burkill 1, Fran Carroll 1, Wayne Carroll 1, Karl Buchmann 1, Jill Buchmann1, Lode Van Grootel 1, Gillian Courtice 1, Phillip Hackett, Eddie Hancock 1
All these players achieved over 70% ranging from 1 to 3 times (Uve) with the highest percentage being Phillip Hackett and Eddie Hancock (72.05%).

From about mid-September, there will be some changes introduced at the bridge table: Bridgemates will show percentages only, and the correct lead card must be entered—not what we think it may have been.

Whilst looking at the results is interesting and may even be termed as fun advantages to not doing so are:
Prevention of slow play, not analysing, debating, or lamenting over previous results which helps to minimize table chatter that can be disruptive or informative to nearby tables.
Correct lead card entry has advantages:
Verifies the declarer e.g. if North is entered as declarer but the lead card belongs to North or South it will be flagged immediately as will direction i.e. entered as East when should be West.
Fewer post-game corrections
Managing fouled boards

The formation of 2027 programme will take priority in the next couple of months however in the meantime we have Club Pairs Champs (September) Swiss Teams Champs (October) plus Australia Wide Restricted pairs coming up.

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