

Caboolture Bridge Club Newsletter

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President's Letter

By Peter Gruythuysen

Well the 20's don't get any easier now with *that virus* that has disrupted all our lives. Since the AGM, events moved very quickly with all bridge at our clubhouse being suspended from the 17th March. This was on the advice of ABF and QBA our governing bodies. Things can change very quickly in a week following the AGM.

Your Committee has not been idle during this time with first priority given to finding other ways to enjoy and play this most rewarding (most of the time) game.

Enormous thanks must go to Noreen mainly with support from Tony, Gary and Jenny in providing an online format (BBO) that is user friendly, free and available to all Caboolture Club members.

This started at the beginning of May and will continue going for the foreseeable future, which may be until a vaccine becomes available.

The committee will be requesting expressions of interest in the coming weeks from members, to possibly start with one session of social play; initially, either Monday or Saturday, and under very strict guidelines as required by law. A Covid-19 plan that is acceptable is being formulated by Dave Bruce who has volunteered to become our person undergoing training, as required. *If it goes ahead* this will be limited, by appointment only, to a max of (currently) twenty people. This will mainly focus on members that are not playing on line with BBO to give them an avenue to play in a limited group environment.

“Defeat is often a fleeting experience—giving up makes it permanent.”

– Marilyn vos Savant

President's Letter – Continued

Your committee has also overseen upgrades to your clubhouse while in playing recess:

- ❖ The disabled toilets have been refurbished
- ❖ The computer systems continue to be refined
- ❖ Some cupboards have been relocated to increase larger item storage and a card storage unit built and installed.
- ❖ The back steps were also cleaned oiled and hand rails painted.
- ❖ A new A/C for the office was bought to get rid of the old rattler in the window
- ❖ Extra power points also installed in areas needed
- ❖ A new cordless speaker system was purchased.



New Office A/C

It is difficult times but we are the lucky country and state. Hopefully, in the not too distant future, we can get back to normal whatever that is, and maybe not till mid next year. Wishing all the best in health and do not hesitate to contact any committee members if we can help in any way.

Peter Gruythuisen

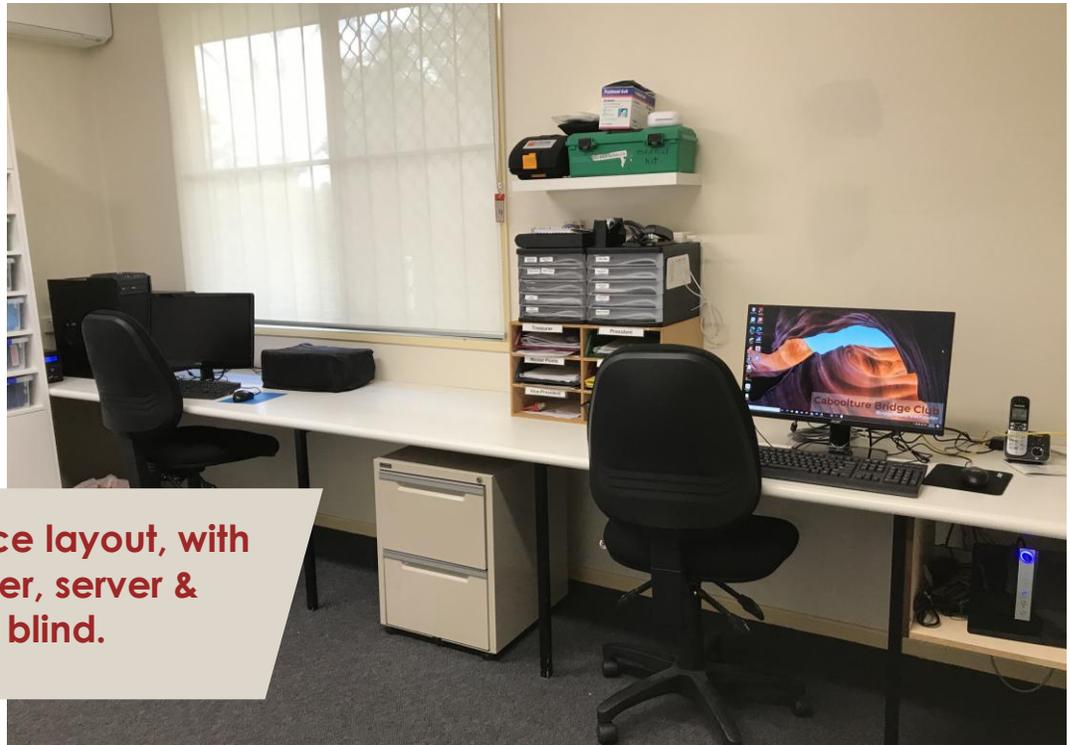
President



Before



After



Our new office layout, with new computer, server & new window blind.



Grant presented to the club by Terry Young, used for our ladies bathroom upgrade.

With Derek Stringfellow & Peter G.

Please note: New PA system on right.

Bridge Base Online

By Noreen Weyling

The current Covid19 restrictions have not prevented many of our bridge club members from continuing to enjoy our much loved game - albeit we're playing in a slightly different format.

It has been said that “a change is as good as a holiday!”

The Club's bi-weekly on-line Bridge tournaments continue to run smoothly each Tuesday and Friday with tournaments averaging between 10 and 12 tables of players from Caboolture, Moreton Bribie, Caloundra, Redcliffe and two players from Bairnsdale Victoria! All of the players are members of the Caboolture or Moreton-Bribie bridge clubs.

Although we are not face to face, we have encouraged players to maintain the friendly mantra of the Caboolture Club with players identifying themselves at the tables and enjoying light hearted banter in the 'chat' area.

The Cabbri Bridge club has received tremendous support from a group of Brisbane clubs and the Mt Tamborine bridge club. Their willingness to share information and offer support has made our Director's job so much easier.

The BBO system will not allow a tournament to proceed should there be a half table. One of the areas in which the abovementioned Bridge clubs continue to support us, is by willingly supplying substitutes should we need them to fill a half table.

We now have the perfect tool to enable our players to repay this generosity. A website has been launched onto which our players can volunteer to substitute for other clubs on days they may be available - other than our Tuesday and Friday tournament days. Simply log on to the Caboolture Bridge Club website and click on the teal strip at the top of the home page which reads - BBO Substitute Website. By entering your BBO user name and your ABF number as a password, you can easily nominate a day or time on which you anticipate being available to play in another club's tournament as a substitute.

It is our preference that our players are playing in our tournaments and substituting for other clubs. If you don't have a partner, register and wait at the 'Partnership Desk.'

Please remember that if you have nominated for substitution and you find yourself unavailable on the nominated day - it is important that you log in - click on 'new edit' and remove your name. It is very frustrating for the Director to call a player on the list only to find that they are unavailable.

See you at BBO until we meet again!

Noreen