

Tournament Secretary's Report

Apologies I cannot be at the AGM as I am travelling overseas.

In my short stint as Tournament Secretary, I have welcomed the opportunity to work with an enthusiastic bunch of managers, officeholders, directors and volunteers who all have the best interests of the club at heart.

Much of the nominal work of the Tournament Secretary is actually better performed by our experienced cadre of directors and volunteers. So personally, I have focused on strengthening the schedule of events on offer at the club.

We have sought to improve the calendar so that we can attract a critical mass of players to all of our sessions. We need to be willing to innovate. In particular, We moved the competition night to Tuesdays.

Numbers have held up but it is a continued challenge to attract some of our top players to the club. We have sought to have a broader offering of events for restricted, novice and rookie players. A wider range of lessons have proved attractive to improving players.

The balance of events between face-to-face and online bridge will continue to be a matter of debate. There is no right answer with a wide range of personal views amongst members.

We should stretch to offer events that appeal to all views. We are currently finalising the 2025 calendar and I thank all of those who have provided input to date.

I will continue to be involved in the club through the Tournament Sub-committee and by becoming a director. So I look forward to continuing to work with many of you.

Thank you.

David Wawn