

Georges River Bridge Club

The Spring Challenge and its Precursors

In 2019, we held a special Novice Tournament for relatively new players – those with less than 40 masterpoints. The club values all such players and wants to attract new people into the game we love. The event gave novice players the excitement of the potential to win prizes and to be recognized as a Champion, while playing amongst their peers. This event attracted a number of people who had not (or only rarely) previously played at our club. The event ran over two sessions in one day, with a light lunch included. It is warmly remembered by many participants.

In 2020, COVID struck and face-to-face events became difficult and new players could not be attracted into lessons so readily. The planned Novice Tournament was moved online to BBO. The circumstances caused us to increase the eligibility level to 100 masterpoints, partly to attract sufficient players to make the event viable.

The continued impact of COVID led to the cancellation of the event in 2021.

In 2022, this event evolved into an event for the whole club, but with 4 categories. It was combined with the annual Christmas party. The relative newcomers still had the opportunity to play substantially against their peers and compete for the Rookies or Novice championship, while more experienced players could compete in an overall championship.

This same structure was continued in 2023, but it was held in September, renamed the “Spring Challenge” and held over two sessions on consecutive Tuesdays.