

## Volunteer partners wanted

Are you able to partner a player in need of a partner? I am proposing that there would be five categories of players that may be looking for a partner on a trial basis with the prospect of a longer term arrangement. Or it could be a team of volunteers helping a senior player stay in the game. If you are available to volunteer, all I need is your email address and a list of categories you would be interested in. Email addresses will not be shared or given to another unless requested by the owner.

The categories are:

Saturday Partner

Club partner

Nil points Mentor

Senior

Competitive

Improving player Mentor

My email address is [needabridgepartner@gmail.com](mailto:needabridgepartner@gmail.com)

Here is a description of each category:

**Saturday:** As there is no standby partner for Saturday, any member wanting a game on this day (either on a one day basis or a trial basis (1 to 5 sessions)) would email or phone me. I could then email those volunteers who have elected the Saturday category to respond if available to help.

**Club Partner:** Volunteers who may be able to partner a player on a medium term to long term basis. All partnerships are initially on a trial basis. This could help where a player has lost a partner due to holidays, illness or other reasons.

**Nil Points Mentor:** Graduating players will often be better adjusted if brought into the open playing area with a more experienced partner to guide them with etiquette, and patiently guide them for a minimum of 5 sessions. There is no need to be an expert player to fill this role, but you will need to be able to meet before or after the sessions to go over a card or help by answering questions.

**Senior Player Partner:** A single volunteer or perhaps a group of volunteers could help a senior player stay in the game after the loss of a partner.

**Competitive Partner:** Likely also to be a person wanting to move into competitive bridge at any level (Novice, Intermediate or Open Categories). Competitive bridge could be described as Red point days, Congress or GNOTs.

**Improving Player Mentor:** A mentor would need to be at a higher ranking, but this could also be an experienced Novice mentoring a Graduate or Club novice, or an intermediate player mentoring an experienced novice etc.

Looking forward to many volunteers coming forward to help our club serve each other in our favourite game (or sport if you are a competitive player).

Kind Regards

Chris Farr