

Presidents Report

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I. Summary

The club is in “Good” shape.

We have three TDs and the Online Registration is working very well for us. Rounds start on time with only a few exceptions due to last moment printer problems. We are on very good terms with the Facility and should be able to continue renting for as long as we like.

We are running on average, slightly above break even.

- Low attendance we lose money.
- High attendance we make money.

Players we need to break even when we factor in all monthly expenses:

For 2023 and 2024 our Break-Even numbers were less than they will be for 2026.

- For 2026: $(\text{Number of Rounds} + 1) * 10 = \text{Players}$ needed to break even.
 - 4 rounds we need 50 players
 - 5 rounds we need 60 players

Attendance:

- 2023: 45 players average per event
- 2024: 49 players average per event
- 2025: 47 players average per event

II. Background Information

The Club re-opened in July of 2023 after three years of hibernation due to Covid. When we re-opened it was with some significant changes from when we last met in March of 2020.

- Planned for a capacity of about 80 players Maximum.
 - Used to average 84 players but the two years prior to Covid averaged only 62 players.
- Moved from Tuesday nights to Wednesday nights.
 - The only night we could find a facility with enough capacity.
- Changed the time control from 40/90, SD/30; d5 to a single time control, G/90; d5
- Reduced sections from four to three:
 - Open
 - U1700
 - U1400
- No Prizes
- Adopted an online registration system that provides instant confirmation of entry to events.
 - The ability to view tournament registrants, results, standings, and projected pairings.
 - Eliminating the need to physically be present to enter, even when entering at the last minute.
 - The ability to join the club online.
 - Payment by PayPal or credit card. Cash not accepted.

In January of 2025 we made an adjustment to the number of sections. Our attendance didn't support having three sections, so we reduced it to just two:

- Open
- U1700