

# ***THE GRUMBLER***

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### **Membership**

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This brings us to 46 members. The clubs previous record was 36 members (mostly juniors) in the mid 1980s.

With this growing membership is an increase in the number and diversity of games being played at the club. As the principle objective of the club is to provide a forum for gamers to gather and play then the amount of dice being rolled over recent weeks provides a strong measure of the club's success.

### **Club Communications**

The larger membership and busier gaming nights have prompted some changes in how the club operates (hopefully some improvements). With a larger number of members and games being played, effective club communications becomes both more important and more problematic. A 'photo gallery' of club volunteers has been placed on the notice board and on the 'fridge to assist members in working out 'who does what' so that they can find the appropriate person to

talk to on issues.

In addition there are a lot of 'new faces' around the club. Please take to opportunity to have a look at some of the other games that are being played around the club and don't be afraid to introduce yourself to people. One of the ways that a larger club can be successful is by each of us taking the initiative to talk to other members, and to include newcomers and visitors in our games where possible.

### **Duty Officer**

In addition (to the communications note above) the club has trialed the use of a "Duty Officer" on Wednesday nights. This was previously done in the club during the 1980s with some success. The duty officer provides a point of contact during the evening, dealing with questions on the club and its operations, and welcoming newcomers and visitors to the club. A number of members have volunteered to undertake this role, and a roster of club meetings and duty officers has been posted on the club notice board. Dave Knowles is coordinating the duty officer roster. Please see Dave if you are interested in participating.

### **Club Safety**

Another challenge with the expanded numbers is in the numbers of people in the hall. Please be considerate of others when gaming and tidy up after yourselves.

From a safety perspective we also need take greater care around the club. With 30-40 members attending on Wednesday nights, the car park is starting to become busy. Please take care in and around the car park, both when driving and when walking to and from your car (and take particular care of any children with





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