

## Mah Jong

The initial meeting for the Mah Jong group on Friday, August 30 was a great success. We had two tables with one or two extras to help with questions. We met at one of the player's lovely home which enhanced the theme of the game. Many thanks go to Barbara for her help. We have discovered that there are many ways to play Mah Jong and that anything that you are used to playing is acceptable as long as it is within the general rules. I have to mention that one of the new players made an amazing Mah Jong that would have scored her over 6,000 points had we been keeping score! So far, we are delaying the scoring until we know the game better.

We have chosen to keep the handbook available from the U3A as our guide for now. We discussed the best days for play for the majority and have found that there is one group that would like to meet in the evenings so that will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm the first one being September 4 (location to be sent to you early in the week). The remainder of the group preferred Monday or Friday. We have scheduled to meet on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at my home, 12 Helena Court, GL88PG. Parking is sometimes limited so if you are able to walk or share rides it may be helpful for you. We can usually find space for one or two cars within the complex. Please let me know, if possible, that you are coming to either of the sessions (both if you wish) so that we can plan the number of tables required, etc.

I am also planning to have a session on Friday mornings at 10:00am the first one to be on September 6 at my home (address above). Again please let me know if you wish to come, for planning purposes. If these times seem to be convenient for all of you to be able to play at least once a week, we will continue on this schedule. Let me know if you want to play and cannot make any of these times. I will not be able to attend all of them but it is a self learning program and you will be able to help each other.

Thank you all for your enthusiasm. I am looking forward to many more fun games.

## Travel

The idea for the travel group is to meet in a social group to discuss our travels past, future and bucket lists. Also, for those of us that travel alone, we may form friendships with other travel loving single people that may be willing to share rooms/cabins. If we get a large enough group, we may be able to plan some group travel. The group is open to ideas and hopes to have an initial meeting in early September. The date and location will be based on the number of members and convenient times for the majority. Please watch the website for further details or contact group leader.