



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

OMG, this has been an amazing year, thank you to everyone that has supported me, it has made my tenure so easy and enjoyable.

Traditionally, the President uses their last newsletter thanking all the wonderful helpers, but this year I think they all know how much I appreciate them so instead, I intend to discuss the future of our club. We have an exciting new board, with a great vision for the future of our club and as a senior member of the club, I couldn't be happier. Of course I will be there to offer my experience and assistance if needed, and will continue in my role as a director, mentor and advisor. The time has come for the next generation of bridge players to take over the running of the club.

I love the great camaraderie of the club, when I stay back for drinks, I can see that we are a club that thrives not only on enjoyable bridge but love a get together also, let's keep it up.

All of you that have helped make our club so successful know who you are, but a standout for me is my husband, who was not only on the board looking after the maintenance of the building, but when the nominated treasurer suddenly resigned Tony, with no financial experience but a money savvy person put up his hand and took over the role, thanks Tony. Marlene, you are becoming so valuable in all the tasks you undertake, thank you from all of us at the club. **Eva**

AGM

Board nominations have closed and the AGM will be held on Saturday 28 September commencing at 11am followed by bridge at 12.20pm. Morning tea will be served to those members attending the AGM.

The Years Roll On

When I became President for the first time in September 2006 I announced that I intended to produce a monthly newsletter as I am a great believer in communication, especially in a club such as ours. Little did I realize that the tradition would continue and I am very proud to announce that the newsletter is now 13 years old with the publication of the 156th edition.

Education Report

It was very pleasing to see that 12 people have enrolled for the recent commencement of classes. Our hard working member Dot Piddington will be taking the class in her new role of teaching bridge to beginners. Great to see Dot putting her hand up once again further increasing her presence as an outstanding member of the club.

Congress Winners

A party of our members travelled to Mission Beach (North QLD) for the Cassowary Congress. Congratulations to Caroline Waters and Lindall Day who won the C division and came 7th out of 56 pairs with 53.8%. Well done girls another outstanding achievement by members of the GCBC.

Club Sponsorship

As Sponsorship Coordinator I will shortly be contacting all corporate sponsors for this year in the hope that they will continue their sponsorship for next year. If any member would like to be new sponsor for a club event please contact me. I would like to thank all those members who sponsored events in 2019. I will be contacting all of our sponsors in the coming weeks in expectation that you would like to renew your sponsorship for 2020. If any member knows any potential commercial sponsor please let know and I will contact them.

Di Hillman will be compiling the diary this year. Thank you Di another club chore off the list.

Interclub Teams Event vs Ballina Bridge Club

The inaugural event was held in 2018 with teams playing for the Neil Raward Interclub Teams Trophy. The only way we can get the trophy back is by competing and beating them at Ballina on Sunday 22 September. Three teams in each of the categories <200mps, <600mps and Open will be selected to go to Ballina to win back this trophy. The open section has many nominations, as has the <600mps section. It is disappointing that there are very few nominations in the <200mps section. There are many talented players in the club who could make up 3 very strong teams in our quest to win back the trophy. Please nominate as a pair. The club pays for the day and at this stage the club is considering chartering a bus to take players to Ballina.

Virgo/September Birthdays

For many years the club has had birthday celebrations for those who have this birthday star sign and indeed also birthdays in September. These celebrations are **open for all members** to enjoy. **This year the Virgo/September luncheon will be held at the D'arcy Arms on Thursday 19 September commencing after bridge at 1.00 pm.** D'arcy Arms is one of our major sponsors and a great supporter of the club. There will be a list on the main notice board for those who would like to attend. In the past this event has been a great day of fun and friendship for those who have attended. *Footnote the editor is a proud Virgo.*

August Luncheon

Forty four (44) club members and partners had a fantastic day of fine food, drink and fellowship at the recent Taboon luncheon. We will make this an annual event on our social calendar.

September Events

- **Stan Pogacic Memorial Red Point Pairs - Monday 2, 9 & 16 September**
- Monday night Eclectic - **Sponsor Benowa Tavern**
- Thursday restricted Eclectic - **Sponsor D'arcy Arms**
- GNOT final at SPBC on Saturday 14 September
- **AGM - Saturday 22 September at 11am**
- **Inter Club Teams vs Ballina - Sunday 22 September**
- **Anniversary All Day Red Point Teams - Monday 7 October - In Memory of Yvonne Wain**

Birthdays for September

1st - Trish Miller, 2nd - Anne Brooker, Trish Anagnostou, 6th - Royala Rooney, Marie McGarry. 7th - Neil Raward (77 years young), Mary Denison, David McLeish, 9th - Kevin Dean, 10th - Sonja Bailey, Philip Long, 11th - Jennifer Sawyer, John Bunker, 13th - Kevin Hall, 15th - Carolyn Waters, Ricahrd Metcalfe, 18th - Pamela Jessep, 19th - Helen Ross-Johnson, 20th - Francis Taylor, 23rd - Diana Board, 24th - Christine Brameld, 25th - John Sear, David Gout, 27th - Maxima Fogelgarn, 28th - Angus Lightbody.

New Members

Please welcome the following new members:-

Larry Laikind, Anne Champtaloup, Dianne McMaster, Warren Johnston, and Margaret Gibbs.

Promotions

Silver Life - Rita Morris, **Regional** - Penny Grace, **Local** - Lysette Woodman, Elizabeth Downer, **Club** - Charles McLaren.

Enjoy Your Bridge

Neil Raward - Editor

Please come with a smile and leave with a smile and treat your partner and opponents with respect and dignity.

Players who require a partner please contact

Mon, Wed, Fri. Neil Raward 0402 417 584

Tue, Thu, Sat. Jim & Shelley Moodie. 5591 2135 or 0402 634 013

Nights Mon & Thurs. Tom Strong 5593 3416

Use your Pianola account if you are looking for partner (you can also see who is looking for a partner)

Welfare Officer Cheryl Millar 0409 879 08

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