



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

August has been a busy month on some days and not so on others. We are seeing registrations to full or near full capacity on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Unfortunately we recently had to suspend the Monday session until further notice due to very low numbers.

How lovely to see Chris and Carole, who now greet us as we arrive. They have taken on the rather demanding job of registering people on arrival as well as checking health declarations and temperature readings, among other duties.

On Thursday 27th August we will see the return of an evening bridge session. Starting at 7pm and being directed by the indomitable Eva, it promises to be a relaxed fun evening. A new session will start mid September on Monday afternoon for our Rookies. We have many graduates from Lynley and Dot's classes with more on the way. As we cannot guarantee a Restricted section in any of our sessions, we felt it was only fair to give our budding future grand masters a chance to 'learn the ropes' of playing in a duplicate bridge session.

The Club Teams Championship is being held on 28th August. Our 12 tables filled almost immediately. I wish everyone a good day. Neil has been busy allocating other red point events throughout the remaining months of the year. With red point allocations, it is a case of use them or lose them and we certainly don't want to lose them.

Our Annual General Meeting is being held at the club at 11am on Saturday 19th September. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we need to limit the number of people in the room. If you are attending the meeting AND planning to play, please register with Liz in the normal way and advise her that you will be coming to the meeting. If you are only attending the meeting, please let the club know in advance. This will allow us to monitor numbers and prepare accordingly.

The Coronavirus continues to nip at our heels and complacency will be our undoing. You all know the drill, practice good hygiene and physical distancing etc. Hopefully when this is all behind us and we are all present and accounted for, you may be thankful for all the nagging! Stay safe **Julie Wicks**

Education

Monday and Wednesday Lessons for Improvers and Intermediates continue to be well attended at this stage, and for as long as we are able to continue safely in these unpleasant Covid times, I am closely monitoring the current Queensland situation, as I'm sure you all are. Please if you do not feel well, do not attend lessons.

All being well, Dot's New Beginner classes commence September 16.

Otherwise Dot, Mary and I do look forward to seeing you. The environment is relaxed and friendly despite our strict social distancing and attention to covid safe hygiene. 😊 We can still manage a few laughs. You are welcome to join us.

Lessons will continue to be advertised on the website, and you will be notified of any changes by myself or the President. Stay safe everybody . Play bridge and enjoy the Game! **Lynley**

Events for September/October

- **Stan Pogacic Red Point Pairs Wednesday 2, 9 & 16 September**
- **Friday Pairs - Friday 4 & 11 September.- sponsor Flowers on Tedder**
- **Saturday Red Point Eclectic - Saturday 5 & 12 September - sponsor club member**
- **Friday red point pairs - Friday 2 & 9 October - sponsor Local Newsletters**

- 2nd heat of GNOT Sunday 13 September at SPBC
- **Yvonne Wain Memorial Red Point Teams Monday 5 October**
- Interclub Teams Sunday 20 September - cancelled

If you would like to be a new sponsor for an event in 2021 please contact me. Thanks Neil

Red Point Sessions

As at the end of September the club would have utilised 18 of its 36 red point sessions allocated for 2020. The diary has allocated another 8 sessions by the end of the year. Leaving 10 sessions for the two honour boards events that have not been held, namely the Club Pairs and the Master's Pairs. These events will be held by the end of November although dates have not been allocated yet.

September Birthday Luncheon

For many years the club has had birthday celebrations for those who have their birthdays in September. *These celebrations are open for all members to enjoy.* **The September luncheon will be held at the D'arcy Arms on Thursday 17 September after bridge at 1.00 pm.** Please place your name on the flyer on the large board if you will be attending.

Birthdays for September

1st Trish Miller, 2nd Anne Brooker, Trish Anagnostou, 3rd – Ralph Slick, 6th Royala Rooney, Marie McGarry, 7th Neil Raward (78 years young), Mary Denison, David McLeish, 9th Kevin Dean, 10th Sonja Bailey, Philip Long, 11th Jennifer Sawyer, John Bunker, Jenny Sawyer, 13th Kevin Hall, 15th Carolyn Waters, Richard Metcalfe, 18th Pamela Jessep, 19th Helen Ross-Johnson, 20th – Francis Taylor, 21st - Allanah Aitken, 23rd Diana Board, 25th John Sear, David Gout, 27th Maxima Fogelgarn, 28th Angus Lightbody, 30th – Shawna Trebble

My Journey Bulletin

Bulletin No 7 is now available on home page of GCBC website. The news following my recent program of treatment is not as good as I had hoped for. Life must go on though.

New Members

Welcome to Ian Jarvis, Rae Bocher, David Flintoff, Deidre Stein, Fiona Evans, Cheryl Harbreck, Robyn Rodwell, Paul Goodman, Daniel Sebbens, Michele Stewart, Trevor Murphy. All from recent lessons – good work Dot

Reminder

Annual membership payment due by 31 August 2020.

Sponsorship

I do not expect that our many commercial sponsors will be in a position to sponsor events in 2021 and perhaps members who are not currently sponsoring an event could come forward to be a sponsor. I will be carrying on the role as sponsorship coordinator in 2021 and if you would like assist please contact me.

Newsletter Anniversary

Newsletter No 167 ushers in the 14th year of publication. I am a very proud editor and look forward to many more years in this role.

Vale

It is with sadness to announce the recent passing of Janet Edwards following a fall at her home.

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 0421 106 986

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 879 081

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