



# GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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### **President's Message**

Congratulations to Wendy Harrison and David Gillard, two very popular members on their nuptials, and a huge thank you to you both for taking on the very important role of Master Points.

A person who needs to lighten his load is our Secretary, Neil... playing, non playing director, cellar master, sponsorship, partnership, diary, functions coordinator and car parking ranger, surely there's someone that is keen to take over one of his duties. We are particularly looking for someone to train as diary co-ordinator, Neil would be a good mentor.

During the month of March we lost our Treasurer, Lance Workman. He was integral in getting the club's investments on a solid footing.

Finally, the board are working hard to get a happy median with our restricted days, we do listen to all the players that are reluctant to play out of their comfort zone, so we have agreed to change the 'B' and 'C' sections. 0-35 for 'C' and 36-100 for the 'B'. Of course the director can use their discretion.

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### **Board Meeting**

- Quotes have been finalised to repair potholes in car park
- Lance Workman has resigned as treasurer and Tony Berger has been appointed to this position

### **Education**

The three beginner's classes are proceeding very smoothly and the two Help with Play classes are also being well attended (Monday and Wednesday mornings). Members are reminded to take advantage of the excellent bridge library as a means of honing up their skills.

### **Congratulations and Celebrations**

Di Hillman and Connie Cassar I believe have achieved the unachievable. They won the pairs event at the Ballina Congress on Saturday 16 March. They won 6 of their 7 matches and beat two pairs of silver grand masters who finished second and third. And more unbelievable is that Di and Connie have a combined tally of 255 masterpoints. They were seeded 29<sup>th</sup> out of 36 pairs. I would say to all those doubters in the club who believe that they cannot compete against better players you had better think again as anything is achievable in the game of bridge. Di and Connie your victory will go down in annals of the GCBC folk law. Where to next?

### **Novice and Restricted Pairs Congress**

The recent congress held on Sunday 24 March attracted a 18 tables with 9 in each section. A lovely day directed by Trevor Strickland and sponsored by a club member. Congratulations to Daria Williams and Eduardo Besprosvan who won the restricted division with 6 wins from 6 rounds and to Cheryl Millar and Penny Grace who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the novice section.

## St Patrick's Day Luncheon

It was great to see 20 members enjoying our special day at D'arcy Arms on Thursday 21 March. Many people were dressed for the occasion. Everyone agreed it was a great day had by all. For those members who have never been to D'arcy Arms please put it on your bucket list you won't be disappointed.

## April Events

- **Saul isaacs Memorial Pairs - Monday 1 & 8 April - Sponsor Connie Isaacs**
- **Tuesday Pairs Open and Restricted - Tuesday 2 & 9 April - Sponsor Carolyn Miller**
- **Thursday Night Eclectic - best 3 of 4 scores Sponsor Rob Slobom**
- **Friday Handicap Eclectic - Sponsor Ann Rivereau Fashion**
- **Saturday Open Eclectic - best 3 of 4 scores - Sponsor D'arcy Arms**
- **Easter All Day Red Point Teams - Monday 22 April (Sponsor - The Rose & Bernie Nightingale Memorial Trust)**
- **GNOT Heat 1 at GCBC - Wednesday 3, 10 & 17 April. No walk in bridge**

## April Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> - Marlene Millar, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Rose Corocan, 4<sup>th</sup> - Lionel Nichol, 5<sup>th</sup> - Rita Kahn, Maria Cremona, 8<sup>th</sup> - Margaret Pisko, Nimal Weerasinghe, 11<sup>th</sup> - Paul Bennet, Val Holbrook, 13<sup>th</sup> - Sue Smith, 18<sup>th</sup> - Angeline Christie, 20<sup>th</sup> - Maureen Smith, 21<sup>st</sup> - Lou Tillotson, Carol Harris, 22<sup>nd</sup> - Doby Stepanek, Yong White, 24<sup>th</sup> - Linda Stanton, Anne Sandeman, 25<sup>th</sup> - Trevor Shaw, Sue Deaves, 26<sup>th</sup> - Bernie Nightingale, 27<sup>th</sup> - Jeff Wicks, 28<sup>th</sup> - Robyn Kirkley, 29<sup>th</sup> - Lauren Somers, 30<sup>th</sup> - Guven Kadem, Marcia Burdette.

## Promotions

**Siver Grand Master** - Charlie Howard, **Gold Life** - Merle Bogatie, **Silver Life** - Yong White, **\*National** - David Grout, **\*State** - Alan Jones, Di Hillman, **State** - Grace Henry, **Regional** - Cheryl Millar, Maureen Smith, Margaret Mellick, **\*\*Local** - Peter Uldrich, **Club** - Angela Nicholls, **Graduate** - Charles McClaren.

## *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

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