



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Report

This month the club celebrated our January Congress and Australia Day in grand style, the room was transformed into a mass of gum leaves and nuts, wild flowers and animals, aboriginal art. Please check out the photo tab on our website. The 120 members and visitors certainly enjoyed the food, the drinks, the bridge and most of all the camaraderie that is always a feature of our great club. Once again Kerry, Sue and Jan a huge thank you.

In February we have the Gold Coast Congress and I encourage all players to compete, the atmosphere is electric and gold points are plentiful. If you prefer not to commit to playing in the main events but would still like to have a game there are two ways you can get casual game, walk-ins are daily and if you prefer you can register to be an emergency substitute, you will get free games. Players pull out for many reasons mainly hangovers or health reasons.

If you would like to register please come and see me. Email from QBA below:-

House Pairs for all Events – a partnership who is prepared to play in the whole event (6 sessions for the teams) (5 sessions for the Pairs) and there are other 2 and 3 session events. The partnership needs to turn up at the start of play for the first session where they will be told whether they will be required once play starts. If not required, the walk ins can be played in at no cost. It costs nothing to be a house pair.

Substitutes - These are single players who are prepared to be contacted at short notice and come in and play a session sometimes two. These are required usually in an emergency for example a player is sick etc.

Players who just wish to play and don't have team mates or in some cases, single players who wish to play and don't have partners. We have people on our books. The Gold Coast Congress also needs caddies particularly for the Teams.

Please contact me on if you can help. Good luck to all of you competing. **Eva**

Education Report

Beginners' lessons start Saturday 2 February (9am - 11.15am). The cost will be \$10 per lesson and there is no set number of weeks. Students learn at their own pace and can attend these beginner lessons as long as they need to. They will be encouraged to buy the book for \$25.

Board Items

- Next board meeting Tuesday 5 February

Valentine's Day Luncheon

You are invited to attend the Valentine's Day luncheon which will be held at **D'arcy Arms** (a Major sponsor), Gold Coast Highway on **Thursday 14 February** at 1 pm (after Thursday bridge). Members and guests are most welcome to attend and order from the extensive menu. Please place your name as an attendee on the small notice board. Thank you and I hope that we have a really good roll up for this luncheon, which is the first social occasion of 2019.

St Patrick's Day Luncheon

Arrangements are in hand to hold a St Patrick's Day luncheon at **D'arcy Arms on Thursday 14 March**. D'arcy Arms will be decorated for the event. List will be placed on large notice board after Valentine's Day luncheon.

February Events

- **Tuesday Restricted Eclectic** - (best 3 of 4 scores) - **sponsor D'arcy Arms**
- **Saturday Open Eclectic** - (best 3 of 4 scores) - **sponsor Benowa Tavern**
- **Novice Teams (under 100MPs)** - Thursday 7 & 14 February
- **Tuesday restricted Eclectic** - (best 3 of 4 scores) - **sponsor D'arcy Arms**
- **President's Cup** - Wednesday 6 February, Day 3
- **Peter Leden Birthday Handicap Pairs** - Saturday 24 February – **sponsor Peter Leden Family**
- **Gold Coast Congress** – Gold Points - Feb 16 to Feb 23 ***

*** Normal bridge sessions during the Gold Coast Congress with the exception of *bridge being cancelled* for Monday night 18 February and Thursday night 21 February.

Peter Leden Birthday Handicap Pairs

The family of the late Peter Leden are proud to sponsor this event which is to be held on Saturday 23 February. The family provide prize money to the open and restricted section together with some drinks and finger food.

February Birthdays

1st - Lol Garnett, 2nd - James Moodie, Carrol Jackson, 5th - Valerie Fairlie, Roman Morawiecki, 9th - Connie Isaacs, Margaret Watson, Dale Wells, 10th - Connie Cassar, 12th - Mary Dooley, Richard Misiar, 14th - Kevin Steffensen, Valerie Reuter-Buck, 15th - Jan Palm, Bill Reynolds, 18th - Raj Limaye, Sandra Fueleop, 19th - Eduardo Besprosvan, 21st - Eric Thurin, 22nd - Cheryl Millar, 25th - Di Hodges, Janet Wallis, Lindell Day, Bill Corcoran 26th - Dinah Davidson.

Promotions

National** - Wendy Harrison, **Regional** - Jeff Wicks, *Local** - Penny Grace, ***Local** - Maggie Reynolds, **Local** - Dianne Morris, **Club** - Kerrie Goldston, Lyn Arnold, **Graduate** - John Bunker.

Handicap Winner Program Commences in February

The program in its original format was suspended for December and January. Handicap winning tickets will be won in sessions in which there are no sponsored events for that month. For sessions where there are 7 plus tables N-S and E-W handicap winners will receive winning tickets. The list of handicap sessions appears each month on the small notice board. In 2018 free tickets to the value of \$4,500 were won by members.

Sponsor's Corner

Our sponsors are very important to our club and each month messages from them will be published. If we are to maintain our sponsors it is important to advise them that you are from the GCBC when you visit them.

Web News

Charlie Dacey is currently updating our web site. A new initiative is to feature more photos on our web site which have been sadly lacking in the past. If any member takes photos of bridge club activities please forward them to Charlie 0418 769 729 or cdacey@onthenet.com.au so that they can be posted on our web page. Members with Australia Day photos can forward them to Charlie.

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 879 081

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