



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

Eva has requested that she be excused from providing a message this month as she devotes her attention to Tony who underwent surgery recently and now he is at home recuperating.

Board Meeting

Very little news which is a good sign.

- Quotes are being obtained to repair the pot holes in the car park.
- Investments are also producing good returns outpacing bank interest rates.
- The board has approved that Peter our groundsman mops the floors in kitchen/server area and also in the toilets on days when our cleaner is not at the club.
- A reminder if any member has any issues they would like to raise at board level please submit in writing to the secretary (me) and the matter will receive the necessary attention and response.

Education

2019 promises to be a very active one in the Education area. Dot Piddington and Carolyn Waters have joined the teaching team. I welcome their help with the beginners lessons, and we will be meeting regularly to bandy around new ideas for Education in GCBC. Dot, Carolyn and I attended a Teachers party hosted by Joan Butts and the ABF during the week of the Gold Coast Congress, where we were able to interact at a social level, and discuss ideas with teachers from around Australia.

Now that the Gold Coast Congress is behind us we can start planning our year in earnest.

Our Education plans are not only focusing on beginners. My Intermediate lessons are offered Monday mornings and Wednesday mornings, and are being well attended by players wishing to improve their game. We have fun as well! All welcome!

Meanwhile, 27 players in all are attending our Beginners lessons which commenced in February. I am conducting these on Saturday morning and Dot and Carolyn are sharing Monday lessons. Dot has already taken her first lessons which started on Monday 25th Feb. For these Beginner's classes, we are trialling a couple of new ideas.

Firstly, we are offering the classes over several time slots. Including Saturday am, Monday am and Monday pm.

Secondly, you may have heard of the game Mini-Bridge, which is a simplified version of the game of Contract bridge but closely mimics the parent game.

In our teaching methods we have always used Mini-Bridge as an introduction for one lesson, but now we are extending its use for several lessons to teach the mechanics of Contract Bridge, declarer play and defence, scoring, and general hand assessment skills, before launching into the complexities of the bidding.

Thank you very much to our Club Members Margaret Bills, Drazel Pincus and Elizabeth Downer who have helped out with Mini bridge classes making sure that table numbers are even for the new players and generally helping out where needed.

As always I rely on the continued support of our long term members to make sure that our new players are treated with respect and encouraged to enjoy their experience at your table.

Make happy those who are near and those who are far will come. Happy Bridging Lynley

Youth Bridge

On the Wednesday night during the Congress for the last 4 years the GCBC has hosted an under 25's night, this year 20 players attended. This night was hosted by Jessica and Paul Brake and Andy Hung also attended. Pizzas (15) and soft drink were provided by the club together with an unorthodox bridge competition from 7 pm to 9:30 pm. A most enjoyable night for all in attendance.

Valentine's Day Luncheon

A great day was had by all with 30 members attending and enjoying the gathering and fellowship at D'arcy Arms. Lovely touch by D'arcy Arms was the presence of vases of roses on the tables.

St Patrick's Day Luncheon

A St Patrick's Day luncheon will be held at the D'arcy Arms (an Irish pub and restaurant) on **Thursday 21 March**. A flyer has been placed on the main notice board so please place your names on the list to attend. The D'arcy Arms is an outstanding venue with a great atmosphere that also has off street parking and is just down the road from our club. The last social occasion with **our major sponsor** was well attended and the meals were first class and all who attended thoroughly enjoyed their day.

Bridge during the Congress

It was pleasing to see a good attendance on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the congress. Members really appreciated that bridge and lunch was available during the week. I would like to thank Mary Ditton on behalf of all club members who directed each session, another outstanding example of club loyalty. For the first time in many years I was able to play in the congress. Five days of bridge and judging by my results it would have been cheaper to buy gold from a jeweller than try and win it at the congress.

March Events

- **Novice Pairs (<100mps) & Restricted Pairs (<300mps) Sunday 24 March** - sponsor a club member
- **March Red Point Pairs Friday 1 & 8 March** - sponsor Moving With Ease
- **Ken Nicholson Memorial Pairs Tuesday 5 & 12 March** - sponsor June Pulford (prizes for under life and <50mps)
- **Friday 15 March Handicap Pairs** - sponsor Niagara
- Thursday evening eclectic best 3 of 5 scores - sponsor Benowa Tavern
- Monday evening eclectic best 3 of 4 scores - sponsor D'arcy Arms
- Saturday Eclectic - sponsor a club member

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March Birthdays

1st - Joan Tucker, 2nd - Julie Hudson, Robyn Fletcher, 4th - Anthony Donkersloot, Margaret Bills, 10th - Trevor Haight, 12th Vernia Bullivant, 13th - Faye Atkinson, Julie Wicks, Kerry Watson, 14th - Bob Hunt, 15th - Val Gibney, 16th - Kathy Johnson, 17th - Merle Bogatie, 18th - Margaret Mellick, 19th - Carole McGregor, 23rd - Darryl Hennig, 27th - Norma Cameron, 28th - Maggie Reynolds, Setsuko Horsfield, 29th - Rhonda Peachey, 30th - John Glennie.

Promotions

Gold Life - Lou Tillotson, Jessica Brake, ***National** - Daria Williams, **Regional** - Bob Still, ***Local** - Sue Deaves, **Local** - Sarah Taylor, **Club** - Ann McCallum

New Members

Please welcome the following new members:-

John Masters, Frank Hymus, Jill Dowling, Joy Gillmer, Lee Lethbridge and Kay Rutter.

Another Milestone

I am proud to announce that **edition No 150** has rolled off the printing press. I enjoy producing the newsletter as my contribution to the club and also it keeps me off the streets where many temptations can lead one astray...

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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