



# GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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### **President's Message**

**GROCON APPLICATION** For those members who have not heard, the City Council granted approval for construction of a high rise on the Telstra land we are currently using for spill over parking. This does not mean there will be any immediate change to our current parking arrangement with Telstra in the short term. However, Grocon has 6 years to build their tower. The Board has decided not to appeal.

**BALLINA TEAMS COMPETITION** Neil Raward has been in discussion with the Ballina Club, to arrange an inter-club teams competition. As some will be aware, Ballina plays a high standard of bridge, so we shall have to bring our A game on the day. That clash is scheduled for Sunday 28 October and the Board has decided to call it the Neil Raward Challenge, in recognition of all Neil has done and continues to do for our wonderful bridge family.

**BERNIE & ROSE NIGHTINGALE TEAMS** Bernie has made a generous offer to the Board, to fund an annual Club team's event, in honour of his beloved Rose. The Board is in the process of finalising the arrangements required by Bernie and I will have more details for you in the next edition.

**NEW BEGINNERS LESSONS** Thanks to Cecily & Lynley, we have been able to arrange a second set of beginners' lessons with Andy Hung on Sundays the 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> July. The brochures can be downloaded from the Club website for you to give to the people you think would like to start the amazing journey. It is such a healthy sport, I have already invited three people to come along. Please think about who you are going to ask. We would also like to have a lesson for those who have moved on from beginners, sometime soon.

**GATE LOCKS** The Board has decided to continue the practice of locking both gates. However, a problem has been encountered with reading the very small letters on the combination locks. Until that issue has been resolved, we shall just place the loop of the chain over the fixed post, to deter any strangers from using our property.

*Enjoy the beautiful game,* **Philip Roberts (President)**

### **Education Report**

Wednesday Help with Play sessions continue as usual 9.15 - 11.30 each week.

**The dates for the mid-year Beginners' lessons with Andy Hung:** Sundays 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> July 10am - 3pm. Start spreading the word! More grandchildren perhaps?? Youth players (under 25) can attend the lessons free of charge - it's a great opportunity for young players to discover bridge at no cost to parents.

A special thank you to everyone for making our new players so welcome at the table for their first bridge experiences and equally for encouraging them to join in membership activities. **Lynley & Cecily**

### **Diary Amendment**

Please note the following amendments in your diary:

1. Monday (daytime) Eclectic (May) sponsored by D'arcy Arms will now be held as a Saturday Open event in June,
2. Wednesday Eclectic (May) sponsored by D'arcy Arms will now be held in November,
3. Monday (daytime) Handicap Eclectic to be held in June (a new event sponsored by Coral and Michael Aikin,
4. Thursday 21 & 28 June (under 35 mps) handicap pairs, a new event sponsored by Lorraine Twyford.

### **Fouled Boards**

Members are particularly reminded that the fouling of boards can cause major problems to the scoring if they are not found quickly (eg by a non playing director). The most common cause of fouled boards occur when players compare hands after a board is played or at a sit out table where players look at all hands in an effort to sort out their bidding. In each instances the hands can be replaced in the wrong pockets which occurred recently when Coral and Michael Aikin were at a sit out table. As a consequence to redeem the error of their ways they will sponsor a new event as outlined in **3** above.

### **Director's Course**

Congratulate John Glennie and Paul Brake for conducting the 4<sup>th</sup> such course with support from Dot Piddington, Edda Strong and Eva Berger. Once again the GCBC leads the way on initiatives - I will say no more. Nine (9) people are attending the course and all are club members. The club director's exams will be held Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> and hopefully the stocks of club directors will be replenished.

### **June Congress**

Entry forms are now available for our two (2) day June Congress, the Graded Pairs event to be held on Saturday 16 June (sponsored by TBIB Insurance) and the Graded Swiss Teams (sponsored by Jewel Residences) will be held on Sunday 17 June. Please submit your entry forms.

### **Zephyr Raffle**

Jan Palm is organising raffle to be drawn on Sunday 17 June for the Zephyr Foundation which is a QBA endorsed charity that assists children at domestic violence shelters. Jan has requested donations of bottles of spirits, quality wines and food

products to form part of the raffle prizes. Separate of items for the children in need are also requested, e.g. school items, toiletries, toys, clothing etc. Please refer to the Zephyr Foundation website [www.zephyreducation.com.au](http://www.zephyreducation.com.au) for further information about this charity.

### Barefoot Bowls

We are a very social club and to continue in this tradition a barefoot bowls day (flat sole rubber sport shoes would be the preferred foot wear) will now **be held on Sunday 3 June** at the Southport Bowls Club from 10.30am followed by lunch and thirst quenchers. Please refer to the flyer on the large notice board and add your name to the list. The cost of the day will be \$25 which includes 2 hours of bowls and a BBQ lunch with the trimmings. Payment is requested before the event so that firm catering arrangements can be made.

### May Events

- **Tuesday Open Eclectic (sponsored by Darcy Arms)** - best 3 of 5 scores
- **Graded Moerland Pairs (<35mps)** - Thursday 3 & 10 May, sponsored by a club member
- **Friday Eclectic - sponsored by Modern Goddess** - (best 3 of 4 scores)
- **Saturday Eclectic - Sponsored by the Jean Troughton family** - (best 3 of 4 scores)
- **Club Teams Championships All Day Red Point Event** - Sunday 6 May (**more teams required**)
- **Saul Isaacs Memorial Red Point Pairs** - Monday 21 & 28 May - sponsored by Connie Isaacs
- **Australia Wide Novice Pairs (<100 MPs)** - Thursday 24 May
- **Gold Coast Zone Novice Pairs (< 100 MPs) All Day Red Point Event (SPBC)** - Sunday 27 May. **Sponsored by RobertsLaw**
- **Zeppelin All Day Red Point Teams** - Wednesday 6 June
- **GCBC Graded Pairs Congress** - Saturday 16 June
- **GCBC Graded Teams Congress** - Sunday 17 June

### Benowa Tavern Members Achievement Award

Congratulations to Kay Simpson and Dale Wells who are this months winners of \$20 vouchers. Kay purchases all the stationary for the club and as we know Dale, her Saturday bridge partner, is a loyal and staunch supporter of our club.

### May Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> - Sue Herse, Peter Lloyd, 3<sup>rd</sup> - June Pulford, 4<sup>th</sup> - John Correy, 5<sup>th</sup> - Adele Butters, 6<sup>th</sup> - Caroline Ausden, 7<sup>th</sup> - Grace Henry, David Gillard, 8<sup>th</sup> - Peter Uldrich, 9<sup>th</sup> - Yvonne Kilvert, Wendy Lemon, 10<sup>th</sup> - Julian Egerton-Vernon, Margaret Wallace, 11<sup>th</sup> - Jane Swanson, Juliet Rogers, 12<sup>th</sup> - Alan Jones, Harry Childerley, Ann Haight, 13<sup>th</sup> - Judy Shapiro, Lori Ryan, 15<sup>th</sup> - Barbara Grant, 17<sup>th</sup> - Michael Aikin, Barry Coe, Paula Pettersson, Wendy Harrison, 19<sup>th</sup> - Tony Berger, 20<sup>th</sup> - Ross Steinwedel, 21<sup>st</sup> - Nadya Tuxworth, Mary Ditton, Jillian Michalas, 22<sup>nd</sup> - Margaret Liversage, Elleb Poynton, 24<sup>th</sup> - Dorothy Tumeth, 25<sup>th</sup> - Dianne Morris, Lorraine Twyford, 27<sup>th</sup> - Margaret Day, 28<sup>th</sup> - Drazel Pincus, Nina Moss, 30<sup>th</sup> - Sheryl Gardner, 31<sup>st</sup> - Sue Spurway.

### Promotions

**Bronze Life**- Sue Robinson, **State** - Lance Workman, **\*Regional** - Trish Miller, **\*\*Local** - Barbara Huddy, Christine Joslin, **\*Local** - Maureen Smith, Angela Worrell, Mim Hubbard, **Club** - Brian Hall, **Graduate** - Carolyn Sargeant, Graham Male.

### New Members

Please welcome the following new members - Marion Ridge and Jessica Moore.

### Vale

Life member Udice Meltzer who had moved to Melbourne a few years ago sadly passed away recently as did former member Alan Roberts after a long battle with cancer.

### Enjoy Your Bridge

Neil Raward - Editor/Sponsorship Coordinator

***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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