

Gold Coast Bridge Club Newsletter

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President's Message

Hi all,

A sad farewell letter to you all as President. I took on this role very reluctantly but it has proven to be an absolute joy and that is because of you all. We have such a friendly and happy club with lovely members and I hope you all agree, great facilities. I honestly feel that we are an extended family who care and look out for each other and provide support in times of need.

I have really enjoyed the opportunity to do some renovations and improvements to the club and I would like to thank all the Board members I have worked with for their support and hard work. We also have a wonderful group of volunteers, dealers, directors teachers and kitchen staff who work extremely hard to keep our club functioning so well. A bridge club is actually a very complex organisation and everyone who helps is part of the puzzle of keeping it running smoothly. And we do.

We had a truly wonderful day of camaraderie, music, gorgeous food, dressing up and lots of fun playing bridge on our wonderful Indian day on Sunday. Who would have thought in the fairly formal atmosphere of a bridge club that during play most of the club would burst into song. Eva, as usual, did an amazing job of directing and prize giving and Veena and Ashok's generosity in providing food and drinks was much appreciated by all. We gave them a rousing 'For they are jolly good fellows' and the love for them shone out of everyone's faces as we sang. And of course we raised an amazing \$1,500 for Hopewell Hospice. I asked Bernie to invite Jean, the grief counsellor from Hopewell to talk about the hospice (the only one on the Gold Coast) and her talk was awe-inspiring and I hope convinced all the members there that this is a very worthy charity for the Gold Coast Bridge Club to support and a facility that we may all need in the future.

On a sadder note, we have had to talk to a restricted member about a nasty remark made at the bridge table to another member. Please remember your manners at the table and please treat other players as you would wish to be treated. I grew up with two mantras from my parents and they stay with me constantly - 'If you can't say something nice don't say anything at all' and 'do unto others'. I know I don't always live up to this but I do try.

Hope to see you all the AGM on Saturday the 16th of September at 11 o'clock at the club.

Love to you all, Di

The Years Roll On

When I became President for the first time in September 2006 I announced that I intended to produce a monthly newsletter as I am a great believer in communication, especially in a club such as ours. Little did I realize that the tradition would continue and I am very proud to announce that the newsletter is now 11 years old with the publication of the 132nd edition. Neil.

Neil Update

As I turn 75 I will be stepping down from my role as Chair of the Tournament Committee a role of I have had for the past 12 years. Work has commenced on the 2018 diary, this being my 7th diary. I will not be producing the 2019 diary as I pull down the shutters on that role as well. I would ask for a volunteer to assist me with this year's diary in the expectation that this person?? can take over from me next year. I will continue as editor of the newsletter until who knows when.

Education Report

The next set of Beginners' Lessons at Gold Coast Bridge Club will be held on Mondays 9.30am-11.30am for 6 consecutive weeks, commencing Monday September 4th. Cost is \$75 which includes the textbook. Registration from 9am on Monday 4th September. Advertising flyers are available at the Club. Please spread the word!

Thanks, Cecily & Lynley

Inter Club Teams

The State of Origin battle between Twin Towns Bridge Club and our club will be held at GCBC on Sunday 10 September with 9 teams from 3 different categories from each club doing battle. Go Queensland!

September Luncheon at Northcliffe Surf Club

For many years the club has had birthday celebrations for those who have birthdays in September. These celebrations are open for all members to enjoy. **This year the September luncheon will be held at the Northcliffe Surf Club, Old Burleigh Road on Thursday 21 September commencing after bridge at 1.00 pm.** The Northcliffe Surf Club is one of our major sponsors and a great supporter of the club. There will be a list on the main notice board for those who would

like to attend. In the past this event has been a great day of fun and friendship for those who have attended. Those attending can order and pay for their meal from the restaurant at the surf club.

Sponsorship

Sponsorship coordinator Krystyna Homik will shortly be contacting all corporate sponsors for this year in the hope that they will continue their sponsorship for next year. **If any member would like to be new sponsor for a club event please contact me.** I would like to thank all those members who sponsored events in 2017. I will be contacting all of these sponsors in the coming weeks in expectation that you would like to renew your sponsorship for 2018.

I would like to thank Linda Stanton (Linda Stanton Reality) for sponsoring this years Melbourne Cup day and also for her continuing sponsorship in 2018. Please refer to our sponsor web page for more information.

September Events

- Thursday Open Eclectic - **Sponsored by D'arcy Arms**
- **Stan Pogacic Memorial Red Point Pairs** - Monday 12, 19 & 26 September
- Masters Pairs ****Local & below Super Green Event** - Thursday 7, 14 & 21 September
- Thursday Night Eclectic - **Sponsored by Local Newsletters**
- Betty Desmond Pairs - Friday 8 & 15 September
- GNOT final at GCBC on Saturday 9 September
- Interclub Teams - Sunday 10 September
- **AGM** - Saturday 16 September at 11am
- **Anniversary All Day Red Point Teams - Monday 2 October - In Memory of Yvonne Wain**
- **Benowa Tavern Member Recognition Award for August** - Two \$20 Benowa Tavern vouchers are awarded to Veena and Ashok Chotai in appreciation for their recent Indian banquet day which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Thanks go to Local Newsletters, D'arcy Arms & Benowa Tavern for their sponsorships

Birthdays for September

1st Trish Miller, 2nd Anne Brooker, Trish Anagnostou, 6th Royala Rooney, Marie McGarry. 7th Neil Raward (75 years young), Mary Denison, David McLeish, (yes Buddy Holly was also born on this day), 9th Kevin Dean, Doug Dunstan, 10th Phillip Long, Sonja Bailey, Pamela Clark, Sonya Palfreyman, 11th Jennifer Sawyer, 15th Carolyn Waters, Ricahrd Metcalfe, 18th Pamela Jessep, 23rd Diana Board, 24th Christine Brameld, 25th John Sear, 27th Maxima Fogelgarn, Dot O'Hara, 28th Angus Lightbody.

Summary of ABF Rank Promotions

State** - Jack Luke-Paredi, *Local** - Madeline Bragg.

New Members

Please welcome our new members:- Daria Williams, Pat Gaudet & Delma Purcell.

Vale

It is with sadness we announce the passing of member Peggy Simmonds.

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 & Thu. 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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