



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

Com Games - The G Lanes will be operative from Sunday 1st of April, as will additional road closures, in line with publicised GOLDOC planning that has been widely advertised. Because of the huge influx of people and the resultant traffic nightmare, it is recommended that we all fill our petrol tanks, do extra shopping and go to the hairdresser before it becomes really difficult to get around.

Novice Pairs - A very successful all day competition was held at our Club on Sunday 18th of March, with a number of our pairs earning a spot on the podium. Congratulations to everyone involved and to Liz Affleck, one of our most junior players, on bidding and landing her first slam.

Easter Monday Teams - This will be a well-attended event and I will be taking a vote from the floor on whether we will close or remain open for the next 10 days (gulp!) - that's a long time to go without playing, but if our members find it too hard to get here, then we will have little option. If we do open, we will let you all know by Pianola and if you don't have email, please phone me. It may be BYO lunch and a set opening time (e.g. 11 am) on each day. More on that later.

Grocon - The Council have postponed their decision to Thursday 29th on whether to reject Grocon's application or approve it. All such approvals come with conditions and sometimes those conditions can be so onerous that it can amount to a rejection. As this is off to the printer before that date, we will have to await the report from our Town Planners before reporting to you again, on how it is likely to play out. Have a wonderful Easter, everyone.

Philip Roberts, President

Education

Please note some important changes for Help with Play Sessions:

By common consent, there will be no Help with Play Sessions for the duration of the Commonwealth Games. This means the first session for April will be Wednesday April 18th. There also will **not** be Help with Play on Anzac Day, Wednesday 25th. Saturday morning Help with Play sessions have been **discontinued**.

REMEMBER: There are **two Help with Play groups on Wednesdays (9.15am - 11.30am) as usual** - one for our newest players (players who have recently completed lessons) and a second one for Improving and Intermediate players. Table fees for Help with Play Sessions are \$7 or Ticket for Members and \$10 for Visitors. See you there! Lynley & Cecily

St Patrick's Day Luncheon

It was great to see 30 members enjoying our special day at D'arcy Arms on Thursday 15th March. Many people were dressed for the occasion and the manager Flossie handed out many Irish hats which added to the atmosphere. 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.

Barefoot Bowls Day

We are a very social club and to continue in this tradition a bare foot bowls day is planned for Sunday 20 May at the Southport Bowls Club from 10.30am followed by lunch and thirst quenchers. Further details in the May newsletter.

Neville de Mestre - Surfing Legend

Neville who is the editor of our quarterly newsletter is also a veteran surf life saving legend and has won many State and Australian titles during his long and distinguished career as a member of North Burleigh Surf Club. Recently at the State Masters Surf Championships, Neville won three gold, one silver and one bronze medal which is a remarkable achievement in the over 70 years age group and even more remarkable considering Neville turns 80 in a couple of weeks time. Congratulations Neville you are an inspiration to us all.

International Invitational Pairs Note from Canadian Team

Hi All, We have been welcomed back to Canada by serious winter weather with nearly 20 cm of snow since our arrival home. A big thank to you to all the folks at the Gold Coast Bridge Club for staging the International Invitational Pairs just prior to the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship. We enjoyed ourselves very much and have fond memories of the "Aussie treats" served after the game.

Special thanks to Lesley for her warm welcome, and to Fred for acting as our chauffeur. Sadly, our team's performance in the Commonwealth Nations event did not go according to plan. Take care. We hope to see you in the not-too-distant future. Warm regards Judith and Nicholas.

Letter from Crisis Care

The Directors of the Crisis Care Centre in Surfers Paradise would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to the members of the Gold Coast Bridge Club for their many donations of clothing and household goods delivered via Janet Wallis and Ann Bullock. All donations found good homes.

April Events

- **Tuesday Open Eclectic (sponsored by Modern Goddess)** - best 3 of 4 scores
- **Thursday Night Eclectic (sponsored by Rob Slobom)** - best 3 of 4 scores
- **Saturday Open Eclectic (sponsored by D'arcy Arms)** - best 3 of 4 scores
- **Easter All Day Red Point Teams (sponsored by Bernie Nightingale)** - Monday 2 April
- **GNOT Heat 2 at SPBC** - Wednesday 18 April, 2 & 9 May (club bridge sessions on Wednesday)

*Saturday Pairs (<35 mps) sponsored by Cheryl Millar postponed. Now to be held on Saturday 21 & 28 July.

Benowa Tavern Players/Members Achievement Award - The two \$20 vouchers are awarded to Val Smith and June Packman for being loyal, long serving and lovely club members,

April Birthdays

2nd - Marlene Millar, 3rd - Rose Corocan, 4th - Lionel Nichol, 5th - Rita Kahn, Maria Cremona, David Zhang, 8th - Margaret Pisko, Nimal Weerasinghe, 10th - Jeff Hollywood, 11th - Paul Bennet, 12th - Joe Melnik, 13th Sue Smith, 18th - Angeline Christie, 20th - Maureen Smith, 21st - Lou Tillotson, Carol Harris, 22nd - Judi Ellison, Doby Stepanek, 24th - Linda Stanton, Anne Sandeman, 25th - Trevor Shaw, Sue Deaves, 26th - Bernie Nightingale, 27th - Jeff Wicks, 28th - Robyn Kirkley, 29th - Lauren Somers, 30th - Guven Kadem, Marcia Burdette.

Promotions

National - John Glennie, ***State** - Sue Herse, Di Hodges, **State** - Grace Henry, **Regional** - Lance Workman, Barbara Marker, Margaret Day, ****Local** - Margaret Mellick, ***Local** - Diane Board, **Club** - Sonya Bailey, **Graduate** - Angela Nicholls.

New Members

Please welcome the following eleven (11) new members:- Sue Smith, David Smith, John Ryan, Lori Ryan, Carolyn Linton, Di Brown, Greta Collins, Paul Bennett, June Cummings, Yvonne Croft and Sandra Hendry.

Somerset Maugham on Playing Bridge (submitted by Barbara Grant)

The English writer, Somerset Maugham was known to be an avid bridge player, had this to say about the game:

Bridge is the most diverting and intelligent card game that the wit of man has so far devised. I would have children taught it as a matter of course ... for you can play bridge so long as you can sit up at a table and tell one card from another. In fact, when all else fails - sport, love, ambition - bridge remains a solace and an entertainment.

Sponsor's Corner

Sponsors are very important to our club and to maintain their support please identify yourself as a member of the club when visiting them. The 3 month sponsorship deal with Caltex Surfers Paradise finishes on 31 March. Details of the amount raised to be given in May newsletter.

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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