



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

Each year we say goodbye to the old year and aim to start the new year afresh with all sorts of resolutions, most of which we never keep. It is with some fear and trepidation that we welcome this New Year. It would be so good to believe the Covid-19 woes of 2020 are all behind us but sadly they are not and the New Year will not sweep it away. We can only count our blessings that current active cases and transmission rates in Australia are minuscule compared to almost everywhere else in the world. But the virus only needs a tiny crack in the armour to take hold again. With this in mind I would like to personally thank all of you for complying with the various protocols which were put in place at our club back in July expressly to keep us safe. We have eased our rules slightly but, unfortunately, we are not able to remove them altogether. These main points remain:

- Hand sanitizing. This is compulsory on entry to the club and should be repeated during play.
- A record of your attendance and a temperature check on arrival.
- Personal hygiene such as washing your hands with soap and water after bathroom visits, coughing into your elbow and properly disposing of tissues.
- Only one person at each table handles the Bridgemate.
- Tables are disinfected at the end of each round.
- Social distancing. Many people think this no longer applies. However, keeping a distance of 1.5m is still a requirement by the authorities as well as our club.
- If you are unwell, for any reason, please stay at home.

We could not hold our annual Congress in January but we will still host an all-day red point event on Sunday 3rd January. Our maximum number of 14 teams filled very quickly and it promises to be a great day.

Lisa Basile has taken over as Librarian at the club and is applying great enthusiasm to the role. Lisa has done a thorough audit of books that have been borrowed and there are many that have not been returned, with some having been taken out up to a year ago. If you have any of the club's library books sitting on your shelves at home, please return to Lisa.

We earlier announced that we would revert to single tables on 11th January subject to conditions. The Board is very aware that many members desire this to happen. However, we are closely watching the situation in Sydney and we may need to delay this very significant change at our club. I will keep you informed.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, Covid-19 free New Year and, as always, happy bridging. **Julie**

Education Report

Beginner Lessons for new learners commence Wednesday 27 January . The 6 week course ends Wednesday 3 March 2021.

Improver lessons will restart next year on Wednesday 6 January. Intermediate lessons will recommence on Monday 1st February. **Happy New Year - Lynley**

Sponsors

I would like to welcome Stuart Reeder from Harcourts Coastal as a new major sponsor. Stuart has had dealing with several of our members and it is lovely to welcome him aboard. Linda Stanton our wonderful major sponsor for several years has closed her real estate business. The club has lost some sponsors from last year mainly caused by COVID – 19, another reason is the lack of support from club members so when you support a

sponsor please let them know that you are a member of the Gold Coast Bridge Club. The club is very lucky to have so many generous member sponsors and without your support the role of our sponsor coordinator becomes much more difficult when seeking sponsors for our 2022 diary. Dee McAuliffe will be taking over the sponsorship coordinator role

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 11 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 large 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 2021.

January Events

- **Zone Teams Sunday 3 January** – sponsor GCBC
- **##Tuesday Red Point Pairs Tuesday 12 & 19 January** – Sponsored by Surf Parade Hair Salon
- **President's Cup Wednesday 27 January and 5 & 12 February**
- **GNOT Heat 1 at SPBC – commencing Friday 29 January**
- Friday Eclectic – sponsor Mudgeeraba Cutting and Colour Shoppe
- Australia Day celebrations – Tuesday 26 January
- **##** Note change of date

Australia Day Celebrations

The club will celebrate Australia Day on Tuesday 26 January please come and join the fun and enjoy the celebrations . Prizes for best dressed pairs.

January Birthdays

1st - Kerry Wood, Raynor Loewenthal, Brett Simpson, 3rd - Thomas Kenny, Lynette Arnold, Andrew Richman, 4th – Pat Beattie Judith Woodward, Lois Mee, 5th - Lesley-Anne Parry, Kerry Goldson, 6th - Wilma Crisford, 7th - Danny Hatcher, Anne Zuscak, 10th – Liz Jones, 13th - Coral Aikin, Mary West, John Brown, 14th - Diane Hillman, 15th - Ashok Chotai, 17th - Lois Steinwedel, Trevor Fletcher, Janet Johnson, 18th – Graham Male, 19th – Sui Ying Lindsay, 20th - Judy Bolscheid, 21st - Dianne Rayward, 23rd - Louise Garnett, Helen Geschke, 24th – Michele Stewart, 25th - Veena Chotai, 26th - Paul Brake, 27th Sandra Hendry, Dianne McMaster, 28th – Andrew Cogar, 29th – Liz Affleck, Ian Becker, 30th – Ann McCallum, 31st - Peter Stone, Tony Pearlman, Kathy Toth

New Members

Please welcome Carol Ossher, Tim Runting, Maida Beale, Susan and Susan Ziegenfuss as new members of our club.

Promotions

Grand Master – Margaret Pisko, **Regional** – Caroline Ausden, ***Local** – Ralph Spinks, **Graduate** – Jane McIntyre. Congratulations Margaret well deserved and even more difficult to achieve with the limited events during 2020.

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

Night Thurs. Tom Strong 0421 106 986

Use Pianola 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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