



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

Our Board members work tirelessly in the background ensuring that our Club runs smoothly. They have varied complimenting skills, pitching in together forming a strong and cohesive team. Thank you Board members. So many of you have wish me well in my new role, with words of encouragement and support I appreciate you help and assistance

When I started to play bridge it was obviously to learn the game. More importantly, after working many years full time, was the social aspect. I'm sure we can all relate to that. In the past year due to COVID, the social side at the bridge club has been near impossible.

We are making a concerted effort to reintroduce food after an event (abiding to Health Department regulations). The QBA stated "It is a Health Department directive that unless you can serve food, don't provide any".

Adhering to this directive we will be serving food at the completion of major competitions starting with the Easter Teams event on Monday 5 April.

An example of this was Bernie Nightingale's farewell. Bernie has been a member of the GCBC for 23yrs and has been a long time sponsor hosting an annual event. Bernie asked us to organize his farewell and he paid for the function. He is moving to Sydney to be closer to his family and starting a new chapter in his life in an over 60's new resort style complex. Bernie you will be missed by many.

Keep well and safe - Odette Hall

Education Report

Nothing new to report really re Education. My Intermediate lessons and Improver lessons are in recess until they resume April 19th and April 21st The Website has been updated to include lessons schedule for the next couple of months.

The rescheduling of The Cecily Critchley Memorial Teams event (under 100mps), which according to the diary, was to be held on Monday May 3rd. It will now be held on 3 consecutive Thursdays starting 15th April

St Patrick's Day Luncheon

It was great to see 22 members enjoying our special day at D'arcy Arms on Thursday 11 March with many people dressed for the occasion.

GNOT Heat 2

During this heat which will be held as GCBC there will be no walk ins. Members who are not playing in event are most welcome to play at SPBC where we have reciprocal game fees arrangements.

Sponsorship

It is not too late to sponsor a club event in 2021. Sponsorships can be attained from \$100. Please contact our Sponsorship Coordinator Dee McAuliffe if you would like to sponsor an event.

Tournament Committee

Eva Berger has taken over as the new chair of this committee

Bernie Nightingale Farewell

On Friday 19 March Bernie received a rousing farewell from our club with over 90 members enjoying drinks and pizza. Bernie has been a member our club for 23 years and in his farewell speech he said that he had played bridge all around the world and this was the best club he had been a member of. Bernie's family travelled up from Sydney for the occasion. Bernie is going to Sydney to be closer to his family.

April Events

- Thursday Pairs (<35mps) – Thursday 1 & 8 April – Sponsor Lorraine Twyford
- Thursday Night Pairs – Thursday night 1 & 8 April (sponsored by Rob Slobom {Decd})
- Tuesday Eclectic (prizes for open and restricted) Tuesday 6 & 13 April – Sponsor Flowers on Tedder
- Cecily Critchley Memorial Teams (<100mps) -Thursday 15, 22 & 29 April
- Saturday Open Eclectic – best 3 of 4 scores – Sponsor D'arcy Arms
- **Easter All Day Red Point Teams** - Monday 5 April - (Sponsor The Rose & Bernie Nightingale Memorial Trust)
- **GNOT Heat 2 at GCBC** – Wednesday 7, 14 & 21 April

April Birthdays

2nd - Marlene Millar, 4th - Lionel Nichol, 5th - Rita Kahn, Maria Cremona, 6th – Peter Lyons, 7th – Leone Harris, 8th - Margaret Pisko, Nimal Weerasinghe, 11th – Warren Johnston, 13th Sue Smith, 14th – Meredith Evans, 18th - Angeline Christie, 20th – Nikolas Moore, 21st - Lou Tillotson, Carol Harris, 22nd - Doby Stepanek, Yong White, 24th - Linda Stanton, Anne Sandeman, Anita Thompson, 25th - Trevor Shaw, Sue Deaves, 26th - Bernie Nightingale (90 years), Debbie Adams, 27th - Jeff Wicks, 29th - Lauren Somers , Lynne Rau

Promotions

Regional – Peter Uldrich

New Members

Please welcome, Neil Dexter, David Ward, Elizabeth Ward, June Jackson, Jan Kinkead and Ron Borland as new members

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

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