



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

Our Joan Butts lesson was a great success! We had 23 tables. Everyone who attended gained a better knowledge on how to Bid to Slam. Joan will be returning in the near future to present a lesson on Defence.

In February 2021 the Board thought that we would be unable to hold our annual GCBC Congress. Suggestions were made to cancel it due to COVID. We are so glad the Congress went ahead as we had a full house both days!!

52 Pairs Saturday sponsored by Roberts Law & GCBC
26 Teams Sunday sponsored by TBIB & GCBC

Thank you to our Sponsors who were very generous! (The feedback that Graded competitions are preferred has been noted.)

Many thanks to all who made the CONGRESS run smoothly Dot Piddington (Convenor), caddy Darryl, Marlene who organised the money and Jan Palm who organised the after play food.

A huge thank you to Jim and Shelley Moody who are our Partner Co-ordinators for all sections and who spend hours finding partners for members. Please be mindful of their private time and only call them between 8.00 am & 6.00 pm.

Thanks to Trevor Fletcher and Margaret Bills for persistence in obtaining the \$35K grant for the resurfacing and line marking of our car park. The GCBC is receiving this funding through the Gambling Community Benefits fund. **On Tuesday 20th July**, Mr John-Paul Langbroek MP (Member for Surfers Paradise) will visit our Club to extend his congratulations and have a briefing on the project. Please join us in thanking him and making him feel welcome.

Kind regards, Odette.

End of An Era

When I was elected President many years ago, I promised that I would provide a monthly newsletter. The first edition from September 2006 is attached. No. 177 was published last month and it is time to step down from this role. It has given me great pleasure knowing that my bridge family also looked forward to each edition. I would like to keep going but my health tells me otherwise. I would like to thank Julie Wicks for taking over this role and I know that she will get the same satisfaction that I enjoyed. Hope to catch up with you all very soon. Cheers Neil.

Education

Joan Butts' lesson on June 18 was a great success, attracting a full house of GCBC members. The slam bidding workshop was, I'm sure, enjoyed by all of us who attended.

As announced in last month's newsletter, I will be taking some time off from teaching for July. My lessons will resume on Monday August 9 for Intermediates, and on Wednesday August 11 for Improvers.

Dot will be continuing with her current Beginner group over that period. She is also starting a new set of beginner's lessons on July 14.

Although my holiday plans to travel south may well be disrupted by Covid intervention, I shall endeavour to enjoy a teaching free period to recharge, and hunt for interesting topics for our upcoming lessons . Keep an eye on our website for these.

Meanwhile don't be shy. I'll enjoy reading about the slams you bid!
Or *should* have bid !! Or maybe should *not* have bid !!!
Keep in touch. my email is lynleyjenkins@gmail.com
Stay safe! Have Fun! Play the game! Lynley

Let's Celebrate Christmas in July

Christmas in July luncheon will be held at the D'Arcy Arms on Thursday 15 July from 12.30pm for 1pm. Cost is \$35 per head, including a complimentary glass of wine. Lunch includes roast turkey, pork and ham served with seasonal roast vegetables, stuffing, Yorkshire Pudding, together with sauces and gravy. Dessert is traditional pudding with brandy sauce and vanilla ice cream. Please add your name to the list on the main notice board. **Please support our major sponsor.**

July Events

- .Thursday Open Afternoon and Evening Eclectic, best 3 of 5 scores.
- .**Club Pairs Championship** – Friday 2, 9 & 16 July
- .Saturday Open/Restricted Eclectic, best 3 of 5 scores.
- .**Rookie Pairs for under 25 mps** – Monday 5 & 12 July. **Sponsor Julian Egerton-Vernon**
- .Tuesday Open/Restricted Eclectic, best 3 of 4 scores.
- .Wednesday Eclectic, best 3 of 4 scores. **Sponsor D'Arcy Arms.**
- .**Teams of 3 All Day Red Point Zone Event** at SPBC. Sunday 25th July.
- .**GNOT Heat 4** at GCBC – Monday 19, 26 July & 2 August
- .**Saturday Pairs – Prizes for best performing pair in three categories: >50mps, >200mps and Open.** Saturday 31 July. **Sponsor Club Member**

Birthdays for July

1st – John Pisko, Bruce Marr, 4th – James Lindsay, Lyn Thompson, 5th – Edie Tonkin, 6th – Marie Bloomfield, Ian Jarvis, Elinor McCloskey, 8th – Carolyn Jordan, Barbara Hadley, Jenny Dimond, Adam Marks, 10th – Marlise Jones, 11th – Marlene Dwyer, 13th – Ed Hahn, 14th – Robyn Rodwell, 15th – Dennis O'Brien, 16th – Lesley Riches, 17th – Suzanne Purnell, 18th – Pamela Thompson, 20th – Val Bennett, Annette Karstensen, Lesley Kenyon, 21st – Norman Meehan, 24th – Patricia Powis, 25th – Rachel Langdon, Roger Weathered, Paul Goodman, 27th – John Wilkinson, Greg Day, 29th – Edith Richardson, Gerda Thurin, Ange Kerr, 30th – Daria Williams, Dot Piddington

Promotions

Peter Lyons – Silver Local; Helen Ross-Johnson – Silver Local; Kerrie Goldston – Silver Local; Elizabeth Downer – Bronze Local; SallyAnn Bennett – Local; Thomas Ward – Club; David Ward – Graduate.

New Members

Please welcome the following new members:- . Mary Rogers, Debbie Foot, Adam Marks, Helen Boxer, Russell Parry, Darryl Briskey, Patricia Geale, Catherine Beatty, Brenda Keogh.

Happy bridging

Julie Wicks – 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

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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