



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

For a very brief moment we were able to remove our masks while seated at the table. That is no longer the case and once again we are required to wear masks at all times while playing, except for eating and drinking. Also, the club is now transitioning towards being cashless. After a suitable period, we will no longer accept cash and payments will need to be made by a credit card or other mutually agreed arrangement. Attached is my report that I presented at the AGM last week. Kind regards, Odette.

Education

-A new set of **Beginner Classes** with Dot commences **Wednesday October 6th**. This date also marks the start my next set of **Wednesday Improver Classes**. These weekly lessons cover Stayman, Competitive Bidding, Overcalls and takeout doubles, Strong 2Club opening and slam bidding, plus declarer play and defence. All the basics and skills needed to play a good game of bridge. Many players choose to repeat this course. These challenging Improver lessons are also enjoyed by those who have learned in the past and want a refresher. We also encourage visitors.

-**Intermediate classes** are conducted by me each **Monday morning from 9am**. A new set will commence **October 11th**. These lessons are oriented towards partnership **coaching** and **understandings**. I really enjoy these classes and do appreciate the support shown by my budding students, who constantly reward me with good results in club sessions. Thank you to you all. Take care and stay safe. Cheers Lynley

Club Library

Izabella Eret passed away last year and left a bequest to the club to be used for the purchase of library books. If you look at the top of the left-hand library cabinet, you will see a small plaque has been erected honouring this bequest from Izabella. These books have now arrived along with an order that was placed following a stocktake. The library is now bursting with books that members can either purchase or borrow. Lisa Basile is our passionate and enthusiastic Librarian and she is usually available for you to access the Library on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays before each session. **Books can be borrowed for up to one month**. There are a number of books that have been out on loan for longer than a month and it would be most appreciated if these could be returned when convenient. If you borrow a book on the days that Lisa is not present, please make sure you enter it in the folder inside the cabinet with your name, date and club number. When returning books, if Lisa is not available, you may drop the book into the gold box on top of the filing cabinet in the office.

Rookies and Supervised Play

In the halcyon days pre Covid-19 we provided at least two sections on three days per week: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and on at least two of those days we were able to offer three sections: Open, B and C. Covid-19 has resulted in a number of changes to how we play bridge. With reduced table numbers we are no longer able to guarantee a C section. However, the introduction one year ago of the Rookies session on Mondays has at least given our newer players a safe haven to play and learn.

More recently we introduced a Supervised Play session on Wednesday afternoons. All members who are looking to improve their skill and confidence are welcome to join this group. There are no bridgemates, no scoring and no points. However, you will have the benefit of asking 2 or 3 senior players for tips and advice.

Finally, please remember that the Director of the day needs to have the flexibility to move pairs as required and your co-operation is most appreciated.

Events for October

- **Friday Red Point 1st and 8th October. Sponsor Your Local Newsletters**
- Saturday Open Eclectic, best 3 out of 5 scores. **Sponsor D'Arcy Arms**
- Saturday Restricted Eclectic, best 3 out of 5 scores.
- **Monday 4th October, Anniversary All Day Red Point Teams. Sponsor Yvonne Wain Trust Fund**
- Tuesday Open and Restricted Eclectic, best 3 out of 4 scores. **Sponsor Shoetique.**
- **Thursday Open & Under 35mps Pairs, 7th and 14th October. Sponsor Odette Hall.**
- Friday Open Eclectic, best 3 out of 3 scores.

The club diary for 2022 is being compiled now. If you would like to be a new sponsor for an event in 2022 please contact Di Hodges.

Birthdays for October

1st - Jan Jennings, Wendy Parsonage, 4th - Elaine Crommelin, Suinee Wong, 5th - Robin Mitchell, 6th - Carol Vogel, 10th - David Browne, Wendy Christie, Russell Parry, 11th - Darren Brake, 12th - John Hiscocks, Madelon Sutcliffe, 13th - Sue Graham, 15th - William Dyson, 16th - Shirley Wanz, 17th - Lisa Basile, Julie Heib, Frank Hymus, Sandra Middleton, Marie Orme, 18th - Mary Jojkity, 19th - John Henderson, George Powis, 20th - Kadie Cheney, 21st - Wendy Wilson, 23rd - Lysette Woodman, 25th - Birgitt Bingham, Jenny Simmons, 26th - Jill Dowling, Michael Hogan, 27th - Tom Lyons, 28th - Ethne Huddleston, 30th - Odette Hall.

New Members

Diana O'Ferrall, Gayle O'Neill, Inez Pinto, Annabel Forster, Beverley Mitchel, Suinee Wong, Sharon Shapiro, Patricia Kaye, Robin Winter, Haklan Morton, Netta Davies, Peter Stringer.

Promotions

Lorraine De Nett – Grand Master; Dianne C Morris – Silver Local; Lysette Woodman – Bronze Local.

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

Mon - Sat. Jim & Shelley Moodie 5591 2135 or 0402 634 013

Thursday Night. Tom Strong 0421 106 986

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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AGM President's Report for 2021

It's certainly been a year like no other due to Covid19.

As you are aware, the club closed during lockdown and reopened with social distancing, hand sanitising and mask wearing in place. Initially larger tables were used but we are now back to our regular size tables. We are constantly changing and updating to comply with government regulations. It's pleasing to see that all of us are wearing our masks even though they don't feel comfortable. Every time a change is made to the format of our club room, we have to either remove or add tables and chairs.

Thank you to the team who measured out the club room, for placement of tables according to Covid regulations, and organising tables and chairs to and from storage.

A very special thank you to the hard-working Board members. You have pulled together and worked through issues that the club has never been faced with before in its history.

It is pleasing that key positions remain unchanged. A big thank you to our retiring board members Dot, Dee and Neil. Your contribution to the Club is very much appreciated.

We welcome two new members to the incoming Board. Cheryl Hensel, who will be responsible for the Club Diary, and Lauren Somers who is taking on the role of Tournament Convenor.

Thank you to our teachers, mentors and supervisors. Club membership has increased in this Covid year. That's amazing! New members, new energy and a growing Club. This is fantastic!

You're probably not aware that our club is maintained totally by volunteers (apart from the garden and cleaning staff) who work tirelessly to keep the Club running smoothly. There are too many of you to name individually but one person who works tirelessly is Marlene Dwyer. Thank you, Marlene.

Thanks to all the volunteers in so many areas:

- Dealers, Masterpoint Secretary, Membership, IT personnel, Accounting, Partnership Arrangers, our website master and legal advisors.
- The members who assist with selling table tickets and writing up of handicap winners and the members who wash our tablecloths and who bring out the tea and coffee for sessions.
- To the Editors of both our monthly and quarterly newsletters and the annual Diary that Neil has prepared for many years and his assistants.
- To our two members who were instrumental in gaining the \$35k grant for the resurfacing of our car park. You must agree our car park looks fantastic.
- The directors, non-playing, and especially playing directors. It's so hard to play and direct. They sacrifice their own game while directing.
- Our Club would not run efficiently without your assistance thank you all.

Early in the year we were forced to make the decision to close the kitchen and deal with the issues that it presented. We are now able to give a little back to our members. The Club is absorbing the \$2 fee on red point events for members. The price of table tickets remains unchanged. Also, there's now single packaged biscuits at sessions for all of you to enjoy.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you, our members who returned to support our club through your attendance. We belong to an amazing club.

Odette Hall