



# GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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### President's Message

As at the time of writing, the QBA has advised that masks are not mandatory in bridge clubs because clubs are not permitting entry to anyone who is not fully (double) vaccinated. Of course, as with all things Covid, this could change at a moment's notice. Members can wear masks if they choose. As from 17<sup>th</sup> December anyone entering the club premises must show proof of being fully vaccinated. This includes members, visitors, contractors and deliveries.

I hope you are all able to enjoy the festive season and wish you all a safe and happy New Year.  
Best wishes, *Odette.*

### Events/Congress winners in December

#### Grand National Novice Teams

Congratulations to Elinor McCloskey and Di Court who moved through the heat at our club, then online (RealDeal Bridge) to the semi-final and finally on to play in the National Finals. They finished a very credible 6<sup>th</sup> place East/West with 51.76% and earning Gold masterpoints.

### January Events

GCBC Teams Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Sponsor TBIB Insurance

President's Cup Fridays 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January.

Tuesday Red Point Pairs 18<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> January. Prizes Open / <300 MPs. Sponsor Surf Parade Hair Salon.

GNOT - SPBC - Heat 1 - Day 1

Australia Wide Pairs. Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Open

GNOT - SPBC - Heat 1 - Day 2

### Gold Coast Congress - February 2022

This signature bridge event is fast approaching, being held 18<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February. All details are on the ABF website at <https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/46>. We always strongly recommend that those members who have never played in a major event such as this, play in at least one of the sessions, especially our less experienced players. There are events for players with less than 10 masterpoints and it is a very worthwhile experience.

Kim Ellaway (Manager at QBA) has put out a request for house pairs to be available throughout the entire week of the congress. There are numerous pairs needed across all experience levels from Novice to Open. More detailed information about what is actually required has recently been sent via an email to all members.

### **Education**

The next course of Beginners Lessons with teacher, Dot Piddington, will run each Wednesday from 2<sup>nd</sup> February to 9<sup>th</sup> March, 9am - 11am. Six-week course costing \$85 including a textbook. Please spread the word.

### **Welcome New Members**

Eric Lomas, Stacey Langbroek, Dave Mohr, Janie Smith, Marie Mills, David Shapiro, David Martin, Jo-anne Martin, Brett Hughes, Bijan Assaee.

### **Promotions**

Sue Smith - Bronze National; Georgina Sievers - Silver Local; Wendy Lemon - Silver Local; Lyn Keogh - Local; Carolyn Sargeant - Local; Duncan Fraser - Club.

### **January Birthdays**

1<sup>st</sup> - Brett Simpson, Raynor Loewenthal, Kerry Wood; 3<sup>rd</sup> - Andrew Richman, Sandra Richman, Lynette Arnold, Thomas Kenny; 4<sup>th</sup> - Lois Mee, Pat Beattie, Judith Woodward; 5<sup>th</sup> Kerrie Goldston, Lelsey Parry; 6<sup>th</sup> SallyAnn Bennett, Wilma Crisford; 7<sup>th</sup> - Anne Zuscak, Daniel Hatcher; 10<sup>th</sup> - Liz Jones; 11<sup>th</sup> - David Martin; 13<sup>th</sup> - John Brown, Mary West, Coral Aikin; 14<sup>th</sup> - Dianne Hillman; 15<sup>th</sup> - Ashok Chotai; 17<sup>th</sup> - Trevor Fletcher, Lois Steinwedel; 18<sup>th</sup> - Graham Male; 19<sup>th</sup> - Sui Ying Lindsay; 20<sup>th</sup> - Judith Bohlscheid; 21<sup>st</sup> - Dianne Rayward; 22<sup>nd</sup> - Janie Smith; 23<sup>rd</sup> - Louise Garnett, Mary Rogers, Helen Geschke, Ean Qusted; 24<sup>th</sup> - Michele Stewart; 25<sup>th</sup> - Veena Chotai; 26<sup>th</sup> - Paul Brake; 27<sup>th</sup> - Sandra Hendry, Dianne McMasera; 28<sup>th</sup> - Andrew Cogar; 29<sup>th</sup> - Liz Affleck, Ian Becker; 30<sup>th</sup> - Jo-anne Martin, Ann McCallum; 31<sup>st</sup> - Kathleen Toth, Tony Pearlman, Peter Stone.

### **Happy Bridging, Julie Wicks**

***Please come with a smile and leave with a smile and treat your partner and opponents with respect and dignity.***

***Use your Pianola account if you are looking for partner (you can also see who is looking for a partner)***

**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**

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**Welfare Officer Cheryl Millar . . . . . 0409 879 081**