



NOVICE NEWS #2 AUGUST 2018

Novice, in bridge speak, refers to members with less than 100 masterpoints. Rookie means less than 10 masterpoints. If you do not know how many masterpoints you have, you can go to <http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au> and on the left-hand side about half way down the screen you will see a tab for Masterpoints Lookup. Click on this and select By Name, enter your name and you will see your latest masterpoint total, effective as of the preceding month. Your masterpoint total is also displayed on a club noticeboard and is updated every quarter.

At our club around half of our members are Novices and Rookies. The Tournament Committee and Zone Committee work hard to ensure that Novices and Rookies are given a fair representation of events throughout the year. It is important to listen to announcements by Directors, check noticeboards and check your diary so that you know in advance which events are coming up. We have a number of Novice members sponsoring events each year and your participation and support is greatly appreciated. It is also useful to know when events are scheduled as, if you do not match the criteria, you may be asked to play in a different section on the day or days of the event. If it is a red point event, you will need to have a \$2 coin handy to cover the levy.

The events listed below are for novice players. They are either exclusively for novices or have a novice grade within them where players only play within their grade. Note, however, in these graded events, all novice players and rookies are eligible to play in any grade higher than their own including open company if they so wish.

Sep 1 QBA Graded Pairs

Sep 9 Kenmore Rookie (0-50mps) Pairs

Sep 16 Sanctuary Cove Novice and Restricted Pairs

Sep 16 Sunshine Coast Graded Matchpoint Pairs

Sep 23 Redland Graded Pairs

Oct 17 Noosa Novice Pairs

Oct 21 BBC Novice Pairs

Oct 27 Surfers Paradise Graded Teams

Oct 28 QCBC Teams and Novice Teams

Details on how to enter events at our club can be found on the noticeboard at the club or on the GCBC website at www.goldcoastbridgeclub.com. Details for events around the region can be found on the QBA website at www.qldbridge.com.au.

From the Home page go to Events and then Coming Events. If you cannot access this information online, email me at gcbc@winshop.com.au and I can print an entry form for you.

GCBC Annual General Meeting (Saturday 22nd September 2018)

Nomination forms are now available on the noticeboard. If you would like to nominate to be on the Board please complete a form and hand to me.

Rule (Eva Berger)

Declarer must call for the card from dummy and nominate both suit and card, eg 6 of Clubs. Dummy cannot choose the card for Declarer, even if it is the only card of that suit remaining.

Tip (Lynley Jenkins)

The opening lead is our primary advantage as defenders. Do not waste it.

GCBC ByLaws

The defender on opening lead or dummy must not delay making the opening lead, or putting their hand down (as appropriate), to enter the contract on their personal scorer or in the Bridgemate.

Bridge Etiquette.

Please do not discuss each board with your partner until the end of the round. It is rude to do this in front of your opponents and adjoining tables can also hear your discussion.

If you don't risk anything, you risk even more. Erica Jong.

Julie Wicks, Secretary