



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

Our annual Christmas Party is almost upon us. Please note there will be NO walk ins on the day so please purchase your ticket in advance. We will be selling raffle tickets up to the day of the party giving you a chance to win one or more of the impressive prizes on display. The proceeds from this raffle will go to Rosie's and a representative from Rosie's will be at the Christmas party to receive our cheque. The decorating team led by Kerry Wood is once again transforming the room. Again, thank you ladies.

Our two congresses on November 10th and 17th were a great success. Congratulations to all the winners. Thanks goes to the two sponsors, Heritage Brothers Funeral Services and Roberts Law; to Dot Piddington as Congress Convener; to Margaret Bills for offering to caddy; and to Marlene Dwyer who always gives up her free time on a Sunday to ensure that the accounting side of things runs smoothly. With the help of kitchen staff and generous donations of food from members, everyone was well fed throughout the day.

In case you have not received this message any other way, the Extraordinary General Meeting scheduled for Thursday 5th December has been cancelled. **Julie Wicks - President**

Bridge Lessons

Bridge lessons (6 weeks) commence on Wednesday 22 January from 9am to 11am with newly accredited teacher Dot Piddington (congratulations Dot another achievement).The cost of the package is \$85 which includes a text book. Members are asked to distribute the flyers to family, friends and to place on apartment block. notice boards.

New Handicap Winner System for 2020

The previous handicap system was dependent on sponsorship of events for each month. With declining commercial sponsorship there was a need to implement a new system which has considerably streamlined the method by which handicap tickets are distributed. Winning tickets will still be awarded to N/S and E/W handicap winners when there are 7 or more tables in play.

Commencing in January the following system will apply. All winners for Monday will receive a winning handicap ticket regardless whether there is a sponsored event or not during the month. In February the same principle applies for both the restricted and open sections for a Tuesday and so each month there is a different day session for handicap winners. In July the system revert back to Monday and follows through to Saturday in the month of December.. If you have any problems with the format please contact Neil Raward.

Melbourne Cup Party

A huge success with 104 members enjoying the gala day with many thanks to Linda Stanton (Linda Stanton Realty) for her very generous sponsorship and excellent day which resulted. Credit to the Flower Girls for their outstanding decorations which graced the club (story on their contribution will be published in the December quarterly newsletter).

Christmas Party

Our popular Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 7 December commencing at 11am. Full buffet Christmas dinner, champagne and a game of bridge. The day commences with prize giving for the honour board events, followed by lunch, the drawing of the raffle and bridge.

January Congress

On Sunday 5 January the club will be hosting a teams congress sponsored by TBIB Insurance which is limited to 36 teams, The popularity of the congress means that it is important to nominate early otherwise you may miss out.

November Congresses

The club hosted the QBA Senior Pairs event sponsored by Heritage Brothers Funeral Services which was held on Sunday 10 November. with 40 pairs competing (44 pairs in 2017) on the day. This is the 6th time and final time the club has conducted the event. The teams congress sponsored by RobertsLaw was held on Sunday 19 November with 20 teams competing (22 teams in 2018). Results will appear in the quarterly newsletter.

Congratulations

Louise and Lol Garnett recently won the B grade pairs at Noosa. Krystyna Homik and Sue Spurway came 5th (52 pairs entered).

Library News

The Library continues to be well supported. We need to do as stocktake of all our resources. Can you return your books when you are next at the club or before December 17. There is a Gold Library box in the Office for this purpose.

Lesley Librarian

December Events

- **Christmas Eclectic** – Best 3 of 5 scores on Tuesday (open & restricted) - **Sponsor Danny Hatcher**
- There will be no free tickets for handicap winners for December During the year the club distributed \$4,500 worth of ticket to handicap winners. The generosity of our club can never be questioned.

Birthdays for December

2nd - Stuart Wismer, 4th - Shelley Moodie, 5th - Jackson Cook, 6th - Edda Strong, 8th - Laura Ryan, 9th - Carole Millar, 10th - Charlie Howard, Patricia Weld, 12th - Heather Reid, Dulcie Miller, 14th - Barbara Huddy, Ruth Tracey, Lee Lethbridge, Anne Champtaloup, 19th - Nola Saunders, 20th - Lesley Sutherland, 21st - Ruth Young, Ralph Spinks, Judy Fitzgerald, Ann Burstow, 26th - Saftica Poppa, 28th - Lynley Jenkins, Margaret Williamson., Les Woollard

Summary of ABF Rank Promotions

Silver Life – George Powis, **Bronze Life** – Paul Brake, **Life** – Stuart Wismer, **Regional** – Eddie Tonkin, **Club** – Dorothy Meier, Pat Gaudet, Carole McGregor,

New Members

Welcome to our new member:- Ralph Slick

Tom Strong's New Phone Number

Please note that Tom Strong (partner arranger for our night sessions) has a new contact number 0421 106 986.

Di's Diary

I would like to congratulate our new diary convenor Di Hillman. Di stepped up and took on the difficult and time consuming role without hesitation and Di has done a fantastic job in producing the 2020 diary. Another fine example of a member wanting to give her time to the benefit of the club and its members. Thanks Di (Neil)

Vale

It is with sadness that we note the recent passing of lovely long time member Marjorie Jackson (95 years).

Enjoy Your Bridge

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

Nights Mon & Thurs. 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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