



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's message

December was such a great month for the club with a hugely successful (38 tables) Christmas party. I arrived to offer assistance and by 8.30am our providor Jan Palm said Eva, why don't you have a champagne you're so much better on the microphone after a couple of drinks. Who am I to argue with such wisdom. I actually stopped drinking before most of you start. The rest is history.

On to more serious topics, I am working closely with our Novice coordinator Julie Wicks after the Gold Coast Congress in February we hope to run a mentoring program. This is still in its infancy but we will have around 8 experienced players including myself who will play for 3 weeks with the same novice. Discussions before and after the sessions on system cards, defence, declarer play and generally giving as much help as we can. The reason for this program is to hopefully convince players to start playing on Mondays, Wednesday's or Fridays as these days could do with some extra bums on seats. We believe that it will improve the standard at the club. If you want any information see Julie or myself. **Eva**

Board Items

- quotes to be obtained for repair of bitumen in parking lot
- \$5000 surplus for November
- board voted to invest in Commonwealth Bank hybrid shares for a period of 6 months and compare returns with bank interest. \$150,000 invested and returns to date are higher than bank interest over the same period
- Andy Hung not available for lessons in 2019. Lynley and Dot Piddington are in the process of formulating plans for lessons in 2019

TBIB Teams Congress - Sunday 6 January

The January Congress had 36 teams in 2018 and as at 31 December we have 28 teams. The field is limited to 36 teams so please get your entries in if you have not already done so. Our sponsor **TBIB Insurance (Insurance for the Bridge Community)** is sponsoring the event with a \$500 donation. TBIB is also sponsoring the June Graded Teams with a similar donation. Members are asked to make contribution with regard to the catering. Please place your name on the list on the main notice board with regard to your food catering donation.

Amendments to Diary

Folks I had a off year with the diary, so would you please note the following amendments:-

- P 16 - delete 1 Thursday and move *open/pm Eclectic - Best 3 scores 4/3* to 7 Thursday
- P 20 - 4 Thursday add sponsor Lorraine Twyford
- P 23 - 23 Thursday 2nd line should read *<100mps (at GCBC)*
- P 42 - 5 Friday add sponsor Club Member
- P 53 - 25 Wednesday - Christmas Day - No Bridge
- P 53 - 26 Boxing Day - Bridge - BYO Lunch

Yes I am still looking for a member to take over compilation of the 2020 diary, as you can see age has over taken me.

Australia Day Celebrations

The club will celebrate Australia Day on Saturday 26 January please come and join the fun and enjoy the Australian themed snacks. Prizes for best dressed pairs.

Sponsors

The club has lost some sponsors from last year and one of the major reasons this has occurred is the complaint of the lack of support from club members, so please when you support a sponsor please let them know that you are a member of the Gold Coast Bridge Club. The club is very lucky to have so many generous sponsors and without your support the role of our

sponsor coordinator (Merle Bogatie) becomes much more difficult when Merle has to canvas for the continuation of the sponsorships for 2020. Your sponsor support is so important for our great club..

Valentine's Day Luncheon

You are invited to attend the Valentine's Day luncheon which will be held at **D'arcy Arms** (a major sponsor), Gold Coast Highway on **Thursday 14 February** at 1 pm (after Thursday bridge). Members and guests are most welcome to attend and order from the extensive menu. Please place your name as an attendee on the small notice board. Thank you and I hope that we have a really good roll up for this luncheon, which is the first social occasion of 2019.

St Patrick's Day Luncheon

Arrangements are in hand to hold a St Patrick's Day luncheon at **D'arcy Arms on Thursday 14 March**. Further details in the February newsletter..

Twenty (20) members had a very enjoyable Christmas luncheon at D'arcy Arms on Thursday 20 December.

Future Events

- **January Teams Sunday 6 January – sponsor TBIB Insurance**
- **Tuesday Red Point Pairs Tuesday 22 & 29 January – Sponsored by Surf Parade Hair Salon**
- **President's Cup Wednesday 23, 30 January and 6 February**
- Saturday Restricted Eclectic – sponsor Benowa Tavern
- Wednesday 16th overall handicap winners – sponsor Dianne Freelance Hairdresser
- Cecily Critchley Novice Teams Thursday 31, 7 & 14 February – sponsor club members

January Birthdays

1st - Brett Simpson, Raynor Loewenthal, Janet Edwards, Kerry Wood, 3rd - Thomas Kenny, Lynette Arnold, 4th – Pat Beattie Judith Woodward, 5th - Katrina Ratner, Kerry Goldson, 6th - Wilma Crisford, 7th - Danny Hatcher, 10th – Liz Jones, 13th - Coral Aiken, Mary West, 14th - Diane Hillman, 15th -Ashok Chotai, Katrina Larbalestier, 16th - Isabella Eret, Shirley Wanz, 17th - Lois Steinwedel, Trevor Fletcher, 18th – Graham Male, 19th – Sui Ying Lindsay, 20th - Judy Bolscheid, 21st - Dianne Rayward, 23rd - Louise Garnett, 25th - Veena Chotai, 26th - Paul Brake, 29th – Liz Affleck, 30th – Ann McCallum, 31st - Peter Stone, Tony Pearlman

Promotions

Bronze Life – Lol Garnett, ***State** – Eduardo Besprosvan, ***Regional** – Valerie Fairlee, **Regional** – Barbara Huddy, Tony Pearlman, Nola Saunders, ****Local** – Diana Board, ***Local** – Wendy Lemon, **Local** – Di Brown, Judy martin, Georgina Sievers, **Club** – Liz Affleck, Valerie Bennett, Margaret bills, Graham Male, Marion Ridge

Web News

Charlie Dacey is currently updating our web site. A new initiative is to feature more photos on our web site which have been sadly lacking in the past. If any member takes photos of bridge club activities please forward them to Charlie 0418 769 729 or cdacey@onthenet.com.au so that they can be posted on our web page.

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 5593 3416

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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