



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

As each year draws to a close, it is customary to reflect on the events of the past year. For 2019, some highlights were the efforts of our fund raisers, including the hundreds of knitted poppies sold to raise money for Legacy, the Biggest Morning Tea with funds raised going to the Cancer Council and, thanks to a high level of generosity from club members, many donated items for both the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal and the Christmas raffle, the latter with proceeds to Rosie's.

As well as reflecting back we need to have a vision for the future. Some of us got excited at the possibility of buying the Caltex site on the Gold Coast Highway in front of the club house. However, we were not able to compete and we have recently learned that the successful purchaser appears to be Woolworths. If so, it is likely this site will continue to operate as a service station for the foreseeable future.

Our new board is working hard for you. Our Treasurer, Linda Stanton, has been sifting through the accounts and, with Marlene and Pat's help, streamlining a few systems and creating some new ones. Liz Downer has embraced the marketing role for the club in an effort to attract new members. Thank you to all Santa's helpers who make the club our happy place.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year.

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.

Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party was once again an outstanding success with 150 members in attendance. Congratulations the many members who assisted in putting the event together, including the room decorators, the raffle organisers and the members who contributed to the Christmas spirit. The raffle raised \$1800 which was donated to Rosies – Friends on the Street.

January Congress

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

2020 Diary

Di Hillman has excelled with her first diary, please note the following issues

- A few diaries have been identified with collating problems. Check to see if a complete list of member names are present. If not please get replacement diary

Australia Day Celebrations

The club will celebrate Australia Day on Saturday 25 January please come and join the fun and enjoy the Australian themed snacks, music and all round good times. Prizes for best dressed pairs. One day early but lets enjoy.

Sponsors

The club has lost some sponsors from last year and one of the main reasons is 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 becomes much more difficult when seeking their support for our 2021 diary. I will be continuing in the role of sponsorship coordinator throughout the year and I would like to thank the wonderful and generous support of our many members who are sponsoring events during 2020

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 13 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 large 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.

January Events

- **January Teams Sunday 5 January – sponsor TBIB Insurance**
- **Tuesday Red Point Pairs Tuesday 21 & 28 January – Sponsored by Surf Parade Hair Salon**
- **President's Cup Wednesday 29 January and 5 & 12 February**
- Saturday Restricted Eclectic – sponsor Benowa Tavern
- Friday Eclectic – sponsor Mudgeeraba Cutting and Colour Shoppe
- All handicap winners **on a Monday** will receive a free ticket regardless of the event. At least 7 tables must be in play for the session

January Birthdays

1st - Kerry Wood, Raynor Loewenthal, Janet Edwards, Brett Simpson, 3rd - Thomas Kenny, Lynette Arnold, Andrew Richman, 4th - Pat Beattie Judith Woodward, Lois Mee, 5th - Katrina Ratner, Kerry Goldson, 6th - Wilma Crisford, 7th - Danny Hatcher, 10th - Liz Jones, 13th - Coral Aikin, Mary West, 14th - Diane Hillman, 15th - Ashok Chotai, 16th - Izabella 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, 27th - Sandra Hendry, Dianne McMaster 29th - Liz Affleck, 30th - Ann McCallum, 31st - Peter Stone, Tony Pearlman

Promotions

***State** – Raynor Loewenthal, **Regional** – Caroline Waters ***Local** – Di Brown

New Members

Welcome to our new member:- Kim Giddings, Jeanette Lewis, Delma Roberts and Glenda Simmons

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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