



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

We hope all members will join us for the next part of this journey. We were all taken by surprise that we are being allowed to open so soon. A huge thanks to the Mackay Contract Bridge Club for spending many hours preparing the documentation in order to comply with all the Queensland Health regulations and also for agreeing to share their hard work with the rest of the bridge community.

Even with the back broken with the paperwork it has still involved considerable work and time to get ready for an opening on 11th July. The numbers for each session are limited and you and your partner will need to register ahead of time for a game. There are quite a few changes to how bridge was before we closed. However, I know we can adapt to the changes and the primary focus is that we observe social distancing and a high standard of hygiene. This is our best defence against contracting the virus and passing it on to others.

A lot of businesses have suffered during the pandemic including those of some of our sponsors. It is not practical for the club to allow the after session drinks on Friday and Saturday evenings, at least for the time being - what better way than to show support for our long-term sponsor D'Arcy Arms. They will welcome our members for drinks and/or food any day of the week.

The Covid Competition closes on 30th June. I will then hand over the entries for judging and ultimate display at the club. Thanks to those who entered. Welcome back everyone. **Julie**

Education

Wonderful to see that our Club is emerging once more. I have the green light to commence lessons albeit under strict conditions.

Monday Improver Lessons will start Monday 13 July 9am - 11am with 8.30am arrival.

Lesson Content - An introduction to Competitive Bidding.

Starting with preemptive bidding, overcalls and takeout doubles - followed by essential conventions like Stayman and Blackwood and Slam Bidding. These lessons specifically target those members of our club who have completed Beginner Classes at GCBC in 2019 and 2020 but rarely, perhaps never, have had the opportunity to play in formal club sessions. Due to this years beginnings, there has been little possibility to provide further lessons. I already have around 4 tables of members from this group, keen to proceed who wish to join the Monday lessons. Around 6 tables might be the comfort limit though I would think.

Registration is essential

- We need even table numbers (difficult to accommodate kibitzers at this stage)
- Numbers will be limited. Due to size of tables required to comply with restrictions.
- Preference will be given to those members who are not ready to attend sessions currently, but no member will be turned away if numbers permit.
- All the strict Covid – 19 procedures will apply.

If you wish to attend Mondays please email me to register - lynleyjenkins@gmail.com

I will acknowledge your booking and send emails to all who register with any updates or necessary information prior to 13 July.

To all my loyal intermediate students/friends who have attended Wednesday lessons in the past

- You will be aware that Dot will be holding two more sets of Beginner Classes in 2020, on Wednesdays. Starting Wednesday 1 July, followed by a further set of lessons starting in September.

This means for the bulk of the remainder of 2020, beginner lessons will be underway on Wednesdays.

- I cannot visualise two teachers working simultaneously with separate classes on Wednesdays until we are back to normal bridge table size again.
- As Wednesday does not appear suitable, I am working on alternatives for Intermediate lessons. Suggestions welcome. **Lynley**

Dot Piddington will commence lessons on Wednesday 1 July with 12 students attending.

Events for July

All events listed in diary for July have been cancelled with the exception of the Club Pairs Championships which has been postponed. After the recommenced of bridge the calendar for red point events will be revised so that all red point sessions (36) will be utilised during 2020.

Lets Celebrate Christmas in July

Christmas in July luncheon will be held at the D'arcy Arms on Thursday 30 July from 12.30pm for 1pm lunch. It is time for members to celebrate a return to bridge and a chance to once again socialise. The management is offering the club a special deal of roast turkey and pork with a slice of ham from the bone served with roast vegetables and greens together with sauces and gravy. It is time we spent some of our corona virus savings and to help our struggling restaurants. For further details please refer to the main notice board. Santa may even sneak in. **Please support our major sponsor.**

Birthdays for July

1st – John Pisko, Bruce Marr, Brian Kirkley, 2nd - Carole Roache, 4th – James Lindsay, Lyn Thompson, 5th – Edie Tonkin, Ann Roberts, 6th – Elinor McCloskey, 8th – Carolyn Jordan, Barbara Hadley, Jenny Dimond, 10th – Marlise Jones, 11th – Marlene Dwyer, 12th – Lynn Bain, 16th – Lesley Riches, Eugene Krause, 17th – Suzanne Purnell, 20th – Val Bennett, Annette Karstensen, Lesley Kenyon, 21st – Norman Meehan, 22nd – Stefan Kotzander, 24th – Patricia Powis, 25th – Roger Weathered, Jeanette Lewis, 27th – John Wilkinson, Greg Day, 29th – Edith Richardson, Gerda Thurin, Angie Kerr, 30th – Daria Williams, 31st – Dot Piddington

New Members

Please welcome the following new members:- Edward Hahn, Michael Kent and Geraldine Bolton. The club now has 393 members.

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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