



# GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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### President's Message

I hope to see you at our Melbourne Cup party on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Please note there will be no walk ins on the day so please purchase your ticket in advance. The decorating team led by Kerry Wood is set to bedazzle us and transform the room into Flemington for the day. Thank you ladies.

A number of us have noticed how noisy the club room is during play time. It is challenging to be quiet when there are two or three sections and the changeover occurs at different times. However, please be mindful of those still playing in other sections when it comes your time to move. Also, too often there are people discussing at some length hands they have just played. Not only is this discourteous for all concerned, but it can give away unintended information to the next table who has yet to play those boards.

We have two congresses in November. The QBA Seniors Pairs on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November and the GCBC Teams on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November. These are all day events and your participation is encouraged, especially from the restricted players. These events are not graded but offer an excellent chance to play against and learn from our very experienced players. Donations of home made food are always gratefully received. **Julie Wicks**

### Board Items

The first board meeting was held on Tuesday 8 October and it was pleasing to see new members of the board attending, namely Linda Stanton, Charlie Howard, Colin Lewis and Elizabeth Downer. Jan Palm (first time member) was an apology for the meeting. At the meeting approval was given to purchase a new air conditioning unit for the office and to install new high visibility signage at the entry and exit of our club.

Jeff Wicks reported that the expressions of interest for the Caltex site closed on 21 October and he is in touch with the agents and keeping an eye on the sale.

### Melbourne Cup Party - Tuesday 5 November

The Melbourne Cup, the event that stops a nation. This year the GCBC will celebrate the event with a catered lunch and champagne. **Arrive at 9am for a glass of champagne and canapes. Bridge will commence at 9.30am.** The day will be generously sponsored by Linda Stanton Realty with prizes going to the handicap winners, and winners of the various fashion of the fields categories. Linda (our club treasurer) will also provide the champagne on the day. **You must purchase a ticket if you are to attend on the day.**

### Diary

The first draft of the diary prepared by Di Hillman will be forwarded to Local Newsletters early November. Please check the membership list (available at the club shortly) to ensure the correct contact numbers are listed. The diary will be available for distribution at the Christmas Party.

### 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 and bridge. More details will be released shortly.

### Club Badges

New members of the club receive a free club badge. If you do not have a badge they can be purchased through the club. Members are reminded to wear their badge as it is a means to allow newer members to know who you are.

## November Events

- **Melbourne Cup Party** - Tuesday 5 November. **Sponsor - Linda Stanton Realty**
- **Friday Eclectic - Sponsor – Spits N Pieces**
- **Saturday Open Eclectic – Sponsor - Benowa Tavern**
- **Friday Eclectic - Sponsor – D'arcy Arms**
- **Thursday Red Points Pairs <50mps (7 & 14 November) - . Sponsor - Odette Hall**
- **Thursday Red Points Pairs <300mps (21 & 28 November) - . Sponsor - Odette Hall**
- **QBA Senior Pairs** - Sunday 10 November. **Sponsor - Heritage Brothers Funeral Services**
- **Graded Swiss Teams Congress** - Sunday 17 November. **Sponsor - RobertsLaw**
- **Qld Wide Pairs** - Monday 25 November (afternoon) (**Note change of date**)
- **Qld Wide Pairs – Thursday 28 November (night)**

**Members are reminded to please support our generous commercial sponsors**

## November Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> - Christine Joplin, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Zacharia Davidson, John Auld, 4<sup>th</sup> - Pat Gaudet, 6<sup>th</sup> - Lorraine de Nett, Charles Rees, Greg Tosh, 7<sup>th</sup> - Kim MacMaster, 8<sup>th</sup> – Joy Gilmer, 9<sup>th</sup> - Errol Holmes, 11<sup>th</sup> - Carole Stone, Lyn Keogh, Cheryl Hensel, John Ratner, 12<sup>th</sup> - Noni Affleck, 15<sup>th</sup> - Colin Lewis, James Pisko, 16<sup>th</sup> – Elaine Jones, 17<sup>th</sup> - Barbara Marker, Sarah Taylor, 21<sup>st</sup> – Ray Bailey, 22<sup>nd</sup> - Eva Berger, 23<sup>rd</sup> - Valmae Smith, Georgina Moore, Jessica Moore, 27<sup>th</sup> - Naomi Ryan, 29<sup>th</sup> - Beverley Payne, Violet Grady, 30<sup>th</sup> - Carolyn Sargeant.

## Summary of ABF Rank Promotions

**State** -Raj Limaye, **\*Regional** – Jan Jennings, **\*\*Local** – Di Larcombe, Wendy Clark, **\*Local** – Helen Ross-Johnson, **Local** – Kerrie Goldman, Ralph Spinks, Jennifer Martin, **Club** - Sandra Hendry, Victoria Cairns, Leonie Harris, **Graduate** -Larry Laikind, Lee Lethbridge

## New Members

Welcome to our new members:- Mario Barchiesi, Viv Gillard, Jane Burke, Carolyn Lloyd, Les Woollard, Ann Robderts

## Sponsors Corner

- Two of our members Linda Stanton (Linda Stanton Realty) and Philip Roberts (RobertsLaw) are very generous sponsors for November and if the need arises members should consider supporting them.

## Vale

It is noted with sadness that Mim Hubbard, Geoff Dorber and long time former member Rob Slobom (90) recently passed away.

## *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 08

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