



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

Hello from your recently elected President. I have an amazing team forming our new Board and we are and ready to take on the challenges of the coming year. It is a privilege that I get to write a paragraph or two for the monthly newsletter.

I wish to commend the editor of this long standing newsletter, Neil Raward. Neil has been a part of the GCBC for 18 years and during that time he has held positions of president, vice president, secretary, board member, zone committee chair of tournament committee, congress convenor and director. He has also worn many other hats such as producing this monthly newsletter, the annual diary, partner arranger, sourcing sponsors, procuring good value wines, liaison officer with Telstra, traffic coordinator, room monitor, social director, most of which he has done at the same time. He is also an awesome bridge player. Thank you Neil for your tireless contribution to our club. You are a legend. *Thank you Julie for your kind words. It has been my pleasure to give to a "family" that I love being part of.* Ed

We have some exciting events coming up over the next three months including Melbourne Cup Day on Tuesday 5th November sponsored by Linda Stanton Realty, congresses on Sundays 10th and 17th November and the Christmas Party on 7th December. Enjoy the rest of 2019 and happy bridging.

Julie Wicks - President

Education Corner

A gentle reminder to section C and B players on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

New players continue to join our ranks from the beginner classes. Many are now starting to play in restricted sessions on these days, and it's wonderful to see.

Please Remember - New players need time to settle in to the routine of session play. Respect that fact. They will learn by example the etiquette of the game, so it's up to you to set that example by behaving well at the table. By all means be helpful and friendly, but please do not offer them unsolicited advice on bidding or play or instruct them on the rules of the game. Leave that to the Directors and Teachers

ONGOING LESSONS at the Club

Check our club website via **LESSONS** tab to keep in touch with what subjects are being covered. We have continuing lessons for various levels on Mondays Wednesdays and Saturday mornings. These are conducted by Dot, Carolyn and myself .

Wednesdays starting on October 2nd I'll be covering **BALANCING BIDS** in some detail. Balancing is a very important aspect of the bridge game. Learn *when* to balance and when not to. *How* to balance most effectively and *why* you need to balance more often.

Have fun! Play the game! Have lessons! Play the game even better! **Lynley**

Congress Winners

Congratulations to Bill and Di Larcombe who recently won the Kenmore B C <50 mps Congress with 58%.

Club Diary and Sponsorship

Di Hillman has taken over compiling 2020 diary with assistance from me, and she is doing a marvellous job on what is a very difficult task first time around. A couple of commercial sponsors have withdrawn their support for the club, however, I can assure the members that there will be many sponsored events for the 2020 year.

Interclub Teams Event vs Ballina Bridge Club

On Sunday 22 September, 9 teams from the club made the journey to Ballina Bridge Club to compete in the annual interclub teams event. The club really turned on an excellent day with a lovely served lunch and snacks throughout the day with a cocktail party and drinks at the end of the event. Congratulations to Tom & Edda Strong, John Masters and Nimal Weerasinghe who were the best performing team in the open section. It is with much sadness that I have to inform all, that we will have to wait until 2020 to return the cup to its rightful owners. Thanks to all members who offered their time for a great day of bridge, friendship and fun with our lovely neighbourly club, Ballina.

September Luncheon

On Thursday 19 September, 24 members wined and dined at the D'arcy Arms for this annual lunch after the conclusion of bridge. As usual a great day of friendship, fine food and drink was shared by all in attendance.

Future Events

- **Anniversary All Day Red Point Teams** - Monday 7 October - Sponsor - **Yvonne Wain Trust Fund**
- **Tuesday Eclectic open and restricted** - Sponsor - **Shoetique**
- **Wednesday Eclectic** - Sponsor – **Benowa Tavern**
- **Thursday Open Eclectic** - Sponsor - **D'arcy Arms**
- **Friday Red Point Pairs** - Friday 12 & 19 October - Sponsor – **Local Newsletters**

Birthdays October

1st - Jan Jennings, 10th - David Browne, 11th – Darren Brake, 12th - John Hiscocks, Madeline Sutcliffe, 16th - Shirley Wanz, 17th - Sandra Middleton, Marie Orme, Lisa Basile, Julie Heib, Frank Hymus, 18th - Mary Jojkity, 19th - George Powis, Margaret Taylor, 20th – Kadie Cheney, 23rd - Lysette Woodman, Marion Ridge, 25th - Birgitt Bingham, Jill Dowling, 26th - Michael Hogan, 27th – Tom Lyons, 28th - Ethne Huddleston, 30th - Odette Hall.

New Members

Anne Thompson, Carolyn Lloyd, Lois Mee, Lenette Schreck, John Henderson, Jane McIntyre and Meredith Evans recently joined our club.

Promotions

Bronze Life – Louise Garnett, **State** – Lindell Day, **Regional** – Ethner Huddleston, Elinor McCloskey, ****Local** – Ellen Pointon, ***Local** – Dianne Morris, **Local** - Laura Ryan, **Club** – Lyn Thompson, Carole Millar, **Graduate** – Beverly Jarvis, Greg Tosh

Vale

With sadness we note the passing of Roman Morawiecki after along battle with cancer. Roman was one of the most talented bridge players to grace our club.

Breaking News

I have finally succumb to the pressure of people power. After continual “harassment” from my lovely partner, family, friends, club members, my retired police and cancer support group, I am happy to announce that you have won. A warning to those players who appear to be whispering at the table I will now be able hear what you are saying about me.

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

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