



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

Well, Lynley excelled herself again. The final Andy Hung lesson on Sunday was attended by about 6 tables and those to whom I spoke at drinks, were very excited about continuing their bridge journey. No doubt Lynley will have more to say about this. One of the unsung heroes of our club is John Glennie, the chair of our tournament committee, amongst other hats. Sometimes hard to read but always ready to step up to the plate.

A big congratulations to Jeff Wicks and Mary Ditton, our newest directors. No doubt Jeff and Mary will bring a real empathy to the novice and restricted sections. Jenny Sawyer is also a new director.

By the time you read this, I will be warming myself in sunny Milan. Hope to get in a few games of bridge but will also be attempting to capture an essence of this legend city, on camera. During my absence, Julian Edgerton-Vernon will be holding the fort, so please direct any enquiries to the good doctor. NB. Whilst I am away, please don't lead out of turn.

Happy bridging - Philip

Education

The latest beginners classes conducted Sunday 15th and 22nd July with Andy Hung were most successful. 18 new players attended and were joined by some of our newer players who availed themselves of the refresher lessons offered free of charge to Club members. Andy has a nice relaxed attitude with his class and students enjoy the atmosphere.

As club teacher I was present at both days to make sure that things ran smoothly and happily they did. Helped along by the ever present Marlene. What a gem! Thanks to President Philip along with secretary Julie who provided me with support at the start and end of both Sundays and to Di Hodges who made sure we had provisions for morning teas and a party after lessons on Sunday 22nd. Traditionally on the second Sunday players are invited to join us for drinks and nibbles. A very nice touch and always a great success. Neil and Carole are a fantastic team and attended to the food preparation (Carole) and drinkies (Guess who?) and clean up on both days. Thanks guys.

Back to Bridge! The new group of students seem really enthusiastic and will hopefully attend the Saturday morning Help With Play Sessions I have organised as follow up for beginners. Wednesday classes for Intermediates are also proving popular.

Lynley

Teams of 3

On Sunday 29 August the Zone conducted an all day red point teams of 3 at the GCBC. There were 10 teams in the <10mps and 12 teams in the <100mps sections together with a team captain. The day was a great success with many newer players never been exposed before to the competition environment. Every one enjoyed the day and a special thanks goes to Eva Berger who put the fields together and directed the event which Di Hodges sponsored.

Christmas in July

On Thursday 26 July, 27 club members, partners and friends ventured to our major sponsor D'arcy Arms for a delicious Christmas luncheon which prepared to the satisfaction to all who attended. The Christmas decorations and the wood fire made a perfect setting for the occasion and a visit from Santa also added to the atmosphere. All who attended agreed it was a great way to celebrate this popular addition to our yearly calendar.

Nomination for Board Members

Nominations will shortly be called for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board members. Nomination forms will shortly be available so please give thought to the challenges of assisting with the running of this great Club.

Virgo/September Birthdays

For many years the club has had birthday celebrations for those who have this birthday star sign and indeed also birthdays in September. These celebrations are **open for all members** to enjoy. **This year the Virgo/September luncheon will be held at the D'arcy Arms on Thursday 20 September commencing after bridge at 1.00 pm.** D'arcy Arms is one of our major sponsors and a great supporter of the club. There will be a list on the main notice board for those who would like to attend. In the past this event has been a great day of fun and friendship for those who have attended. Footnote the editor is a proud Virgo.

August Events

- Thursday morning open eclectic - **sponsor Modern Goddess**
- Friday afternoon eclectic - **sponsored D'arcy Arms**
- Saturday open/restricted/novice eclectic - **Sponsor Home Instead Senior Care**
- **Australia Wide Pairs** - Monday afternoon 27 August
- **Masters Pairs Championships** - Wednesday 28 August. **Three section all day red point honour board event**
- **GNOT Heat 5 at Mt Tamborine BC** - Thursday 9, 16 & 23 August

Note Monday afternoon eclectic is cancelled

Masters Pairs Championship

The Masters Pairs Championships has been reformatted with the three divisions of the event being held as an all day red point barometer event conducted by National Director Trevor Strickland. The three divisions being **Local Master and below (<50MPs), *National Master and below and Open. For \$20 competitors receive lunch, snacks throughout the morning, a cocktail party and drinks. Please get your entry in - forms are available now at the club.

Benowa Tavern Award

Peter our gardener/groundsman is the winner of 2 x \$20 Benowa Tavern vouchers for the month of August. Peter is a volunteer and an avid gardener and members cannot help but admire our beautiful well kept gardens and the immaculate condition in which the car park is maintained. Thanks Peter, on behalf of the club, for all your excellent work - it is certainly much appreciated by the members.

Birthdays for August.

4th - John Leach, 6th - Wendy Clark, 8th - Kerry Hiscocks, Lesley Lee, 9th - Marilyn Bidey, 12th - Melanie Mills, 13th - Bill Guthrie, Jeanne Adams, Dorothy Meier, 15th - Laura Dummett, 16th - Lynn Gerrard, Paula McLeish, Bob Still, Derick Coppack, 17th - Di Court, Elizabeth Downer, 19th - Ken Moschner, 20th - Jack Luke - Paredi, 21st - Allannah Aitken, 22nd - Charles Dacey, Margaret Chesser, Anthony Tuxworth, 23rd - Patricia Adam, 25th - Kay Simpson, Wendy Flens, Di Larcombe, 30th - Joan Leckie.

Reminder

Annual Membership Renewal Notices were emailed out to members on 16 July. Those without email address can collect their notice at the club. Payment due 31 August 2018.

Promotions

Gold Life - Jan Swanson, **Silver Life** - Neville de Mestre, **Bronze Life** - Neil Raward, ***Regional** - Jenny Lynton, ***Local** - Penny Grace, **Local** - David Zhang

Vale

It is with sadness that we note the passing of our longest serving member, Elizabeth Hartnell. Our club was established in 1964 and Elizabeth joined in 1967. During the formative years of the club Elizabeth served as treasurer and masterpoint secretary. Elizabeth was well known as a regular and popular attendee of our club and her friendly happy nature will be missed by all.

Sponsor Update

- To the many customers of **Shoetique**, Cathy will be moving into Australia Fair from 1 September near the Scarborough Street entrance behind Max Bremmer Chocolate Shop. Cathy will be expanding Shoetique with the addition of clothing and accessories. Please call in and say hello to Cathy in her new shop. **Please support our sponsors.**

Enjoy Your Bridge

Neil Raward

Editor/Sponsorship Coordinator

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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