

Gold Coast Bridge Club Newsletter

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President's Message

Hi to all you wonderful members. The Board has decided to adopt the following Code of Conduct for all of us, based on the Queensland Contract Bridge Club Law 74 of the Laws of Contract Bridge:

Expected Behaviour:

- Treat your partner with respect at all times.
- When North/South, welcome the pair arriving at the table in a polite and courteous manner.
- Ensure that your behavior at the table AND away from the table adds to the enjoyment of bridge for yourself, partner and opponents.
- Give credit when opponents make a good play or bid at the end of the game.
- Ensure your mobile phone is turned off. Should it accidentally ring, do not disrupt play by answering it.
- Never accuse anyone of cheating at the table. If you believe that an impropriety has been committed, call the Director.

Unacceptable Behaviour:

General rudeness, insinuation, harassment or intimidation by word, gesture or posture.

Openly criticizing partner's or opponents' bid/plays.

Talking in a loud voice so that players at adjoining tables can hear the conversation.

Detaching a card before it is your turn to play.

Gloating over good results.

If unacceptable behavior occurs, please notify the Director of the Session immediately. You are also advised to contact the Club Recorder.

Our Club is debt free and owns its own land and building. The SPBC, on the other hand, has built their building on Council land. We could not be in the position we are today if it were not for the tireless efforts of every member who has volunteered and continues to do so. Volunteering is an essential element of our Club's DNA and we ignore that at our peril.

We kick off Queensland's bridge year with the first congress, our January Congress on Sunday the 7th of January 2018, sponsored by Jewel Residences. Get your entries in fast as this always fills very quickly. It should be a fantastic day again.

I hope you all have a happy and relaxing Christmas and on behalf of the Board, I wish you all the best for 2018.

Education

Numbers of players attending Help with Play Sessions Monday mornings has continued to increase and just through this group alone we have gained quite a few new members. The commitment of our newer players to improving their game is evident in their results - well done everyone! The final Help with Play Session for 2017 is Monday December 11th.

In 2018, Help with Play with Lynley & Cecily will be held on Wednesdays (instead of Mondays) and the first one for the New Year will be Wednesday January 17th. Don't miss out on Bridge books & gifts for sale at the GCBC Library's Christmas Stall. Stock is dwindling but there are still some great buys. **Cecily & Lynley**

Christmas Party

Our popular Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 9 December commencing at 11am. Full buffet Christmas dinner, champagne and a game of bridge for only \$30.

November Congresses

The club hosted the QBA Senior Pairs event sponsored by Heritage Brothers Funeral Services which was held on Sunday 13 November. This is a prestigious event conducted under the auspices of the QBA and 52 (36 in 2016) pairs played on the day. This is the 4th time the club has conducted the event.

The teams congress sponsored by Northcliffe Surf Club was held on Sunday 20 November with 26 teams competing (down on last years numbers). Once again the catering was outstanding with many accolades being received on the day. Results will appear in the quarterly newsletter.

Melbourne Cup Day

Our great Melbourne Cup party ever, the function was well organised and the members who decorated the club provided a great atmosphere for an enjoyable day with 100 members in attendance. Thanks go to our sponsor Linda Stanton of Linda Stanton Realty who provided prizes for the fashions of the field and also for the handicap winner on the day. The fashion parade was also a highlight and enjoyed by all. The new is Linda will be sponsoring the event next year and it is even going to be bigger and better

D'arcy Arms Luncheon

On Thursday 30 November 24 members enjoyed a lovely day at the D'arcy Arms Restaurant and Bar who are a major sponsor of our club. I would recommend that members who enjoy a nice meal and a drink in a congenial atmosphere call in and say hello to the manager Kerry and their friendly staff who will make you most welcome.

January Congress

Our largest teams congress of the year will be held on Sunday 7 January. Last year we had 32 teams competing and all those players thoroughly enjoyed the day. The new sponsors for the event is Jewel Residences. I urge members who have not played in one of our

congresses, to organise a team and compete. The congress is arranged so that players with lower masterpoints play against teams of the same standard after the first round thus taking away some of the apprehension that may linger in their minds regarding the competition. Make sure to get your entry in early and enjoy the day.

Diary for 2018

This is the 8th year I have produced the diary and I am pleased to say that the full colour formats certainly makes it the best club diary ever. The club has received 34 sessions of red point events for the year. Many newer members often ask about the format of different events and this year the *Terminology* segment has been updated to include hopefully better guidance for these members. There have been several new events added to cater for the increase in sponsors

Members will receive the diary at the Christmas Party. A special thanks to Krystyna Homik for organising the sponsors and advertising component of the diary, to Sue Herse for her excellent work in presenting the membership list for 2018 and John Glennie for his technical input.

Sponsorship Report

Our sponsorship program has been finalised for 2018. Please refer to P6 of the diary for a list of all the sponsors. New sponsor Jewel Residence and TBIB will be providing \$1,000 for 2018. Including club sponsorship for the honour board events approximately \$13,000 in prizes money and vouchers will be distributed to club members in 2018. It is pleasing to welcome 5 new sponsors (Jewel Residences, Modern Goddess, Niagara, AMP Advice and Dianne Freelance Hairdressers). However it was disappointing that 3 sponsors are no longer with us, citing that they believe that they were not getting value for money for their sponsorship.

Please Support our Sponsors.

When you access our sponsors please mention that you are a member of the GCBC to reassure our sponsors that you do care about their contributions to the club.

Krystyna Homik has been sponsorship coordinator for the past 5 years and words cannot express the outstanding job Krystyna has done in finding new sponsors and ensuring our current sponsors were well and truly look after. Unfortunately Krystyna has stepped down from this role and I have offered to take on the job for 2018. I would ask for a member to assist with sponsorships so that I can step down and hand over the sponsorship coordinator in 2019.

Future Events

- **Christmas Pairs** - Saturday 1 & 15 December - **Sponsor Pamela Hare**
- There will be no free tickets for handicap winners for December/January however the winners of each of the 11 eclectics for each month will receive a free ticket. During the year the club distributed \$4,400 worth of ticket to handicap winners. The generosity of our club can never be questioned.
- **Benowa Tavern Members' Award for December.** Maria Cremona and Louise White each will each receive a \$20 voucher courtesy of Benowa Tavern. Thanks Maria and Louise for giving our members such fun times during our bridge sessions.

Birthdays for December

2nd - Stuart Wismer, 4th - Shelley Moodie, 5th - Jackson Cook, 6th - Edda Strong, 8th - Laura Ryan, 9th - Carole Millar, 10th - Charlie Howard, Patricia Weld, 12th - Heather Reid, Dulcie Miller, 14th - Angela Worrall, Barbara Huddey, Ruth Tracey, 19th - Nola Saunders, 20th - Lesley Sutherland, 21st - Ruth Young, Ralph Spinks, 23rd - Ann Bullock, Keith Archos, 26th - Saftica Poppa, 27th - Brian Hall, 28th - Lynley Jenkins, Margaret Williamson.

New Members

The following new members are welcomed to our club:- Michael Jefferies, Thelma Meerkin, Kazrina Larbalestier, Ann Haight, Trevor Haight, John Bunker, Meg Kanematsu, Lesley Faulkner, Debra Canning, Helen Ross-Johnson, Pamela Thompson, Lynne Allan, Ian Cameron, Alison Ryan. 14 new members! **Wow** - the club is on track with regard membership.

Summary of ABF Rank Promotions

State - Pamela Hare, ****Local** - Tony Pearlman.

Vale

It is with sadness that we note the passing of popular restricted member Alf Payne. Condolences to Bev his lovely wife and bridge partner.

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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