



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

We are having a busy time leading up to the festive season and many volunteers headed by Kerry Wood are getting the club rooms decorated for Our Xmas Party. I am so excited about the new style of decorating, I hope you all like it. For those of you that don't know Kerry, she is an exceptional bridge player having represented Queensland many times and plays with her long time bridge partner Charlie Howard. Kerry is also a keen golfer and divides her time between her two hobbies. Thank you Kerry for your fine work.

Also, behind the scenes is our hard working kitchen convenor Jan Palm, Jan is responsible for collating the wonderful donations and presenting them for display, thanks Jan. Wendy Browne is another behind the scenes hard worker, she is always donating her amazing baking, thanks Wendy. This Xmas we have booked Spits'n'Pieces again, and would appreciate some feedback on the quality of the food.

On behalf of the board I extend a huge thank you to the many members that help make our club one of the best, and wish you all a safe and enjoyable Xmas. **Eva**

Board Items

- A garden shed has now been erected at the rear of the club thus easing the congestion in our store room and also allowing more room for the all important wine cellar
- Draft interim report received from the chair of the Investment Committee
- Elinor McCloskey appointed congress convenor for 2019. Many thanks go to Dot Piddington who has carried out this role for many years
- Futures report released for the information of club members (blue folder in entrance way)
- Eclectic lawn mower purchased for use by our gardener Peter
- The club is trialling BYO lunch congresses and the entry fee has been reduced to \$30 per player
- Role of Recorder document to be placed on the web page - Tom Strong appointed Club Recorder
- The diary has now gone to print and will be distributed at the Christmas Party

January Congress

On Sunday 8 January the club will be hosting a teams congress sponsored by TBIB Insurance which is limited to 36 teams, The popularity of the congress means that it is important to nominate early otherwise you may miss out.

Christmas Luncheon at D'arcy Arms

Our major sponsor has put together a special Christmas luncheon package for the club which will be held on Thursday 20 December at 12.45pm for 1.15pm. The traditional menu includes roast pork, ham, vegies, steamed vegies with all the condiments for only \$25. This will be a wonderful time for the club to get together once again before Christmas. Come and enjoy the fun and catch up with Santa. Please refer to the flyer on the large notice board.

Christmas Party

Our popular Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 8 December commencing at 11am. Full buffet Christmas dinner, champagne and a game of bridge for only \$30. Please book early as the numbers are limited to 140. Di Morris our musical director will once again provide the entertainment, if you would like to join the choir please contact Di.

Melbourne Cup Party

A huge success with 100 members enjoying the gala day with many thanks to Linda Stanton (Realty) for her very generous sponsorship. A full report will feature in the December quarterly newsletter.

November Congresses

The club hosted the QBA Senior Pairs event sponsored by Heritage Brothers Funeral Services which was held on Sunday 12 November. with 44 pairs competing (52 in 2016) on the day. This is the fifth time the club has conducted the event. Next year

the event will be held for the final time at the GCBC. The teams congress sponsored by RobertsLaw was held on Sunday 19 November with 22 teams competing (down on last years numbers). Results will appear in the quarterly newsletter.

Sponsorship Report

Our sponsorship program has been finalised for 2019. Please refer to Page 6 of the diary for a list of all the sponsors. TBIB will be providing \$1,000 for 2019 with Heritage Brothers Funeral Services providing \$500. Including club sponsorship for the honour board events approximately \$13,000 in prizes money and vouchers will be distributed to club members in 2019. It is pleasing to welcome a new sponsor Ann Rivereau Boutique at Chevron Island. A couple of sponsors withdrew this year citing the Commonwealth Games downturn in the economy and lack of support from GCBC members. 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. Merle Bogatie will assisting with sponsorship in 2019.

Future Events

- **Christmas Eclectic - Best 3 of 4 scores on a Saturday - Sponsor Danny Hatcher**
- **Thursday Open Eclectic - Sponsor Modern goddess**
- There will be no free tickets for handicap winners for December/January however the winners of each of the eclectics which are not sponsored for each month will receive a free ticket. During the year the club distributed \$4,500 worth of ticket to handicap winners. The generosity of our club can never be questioned.
- **Benowa Tavern Members' Award for December.** Sandra Hendey and Michael Hogan who recently won E/W in the Saturday restricted section, after graduating from the recent beginner's course. Each will receive a \$20 voucher courtesy of Benowa Tavern. This will be the last awards for members, in 2019 the vouchers will be used for monthly eclectic prizes.

Birthdays for December

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

Summary of ABF Rank Promotions

National - Philip Roberts, **Graduate** - Ann McCallum, Margaret Bills

New Members

Welcome to our new members:- Val Holbrook, Victoria Cross and Gaynor Kearney.

Sponsors Corner

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

BREAKING NEWS

For many years I have taken pride in being the cellar master for the club, despite many negative comments from supposed wine connoisseurs. For my many critics I have at last kicked a winning goal. My continuing choice of Story Bay Semillion Sauvignon Blanc from the Margaret River has been voted the top value wine under \$20 in a field of 2,500 Australian wines and it only costs \$6 a bottle from First Choice Liquor Barn. LONG LIVE THE KING.

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 879 081

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