



# GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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## Major Sponsors



## President's Message

With our Christmas celebrations now behind us (phew! for some), we have a very exciting calendar of events in 2018 for your enjoyment. We kick off the Queensland competition season with our Teams Congress on Sunday 7th January.

As you will have been aware, your Board took the decision to lodge a formal list of objections to the application by Grocon to build an oversize tower block on the Telstra car park. That was successfully completed in the very short space of time available to us and my thanks to all our members who also lodged their own objections. We also sent a copy of our objections to JP Langbrook and Steve Ciobo, in whose electorates we are. On Thursday, I spoke to a former President who told me that Telstra had told our club, years ago, that if they ever decided that their land was surplus to requirement, they would offer the land to us. Unfortunately that hasn't happened. Anyway, that process will now take its course and I shall keep you all posted.

Margaret Day was recently hospitalised with pneumonia and is now (fortunately) recovering. Please txt her your best wishes as we all wish to see her back playing the game she loves so much.

At the end of each year, I write down my goals for the new year and place them on my fridge door (and no, you can't come around to look). My list comprises both small goals and big ones, but one of them is always about improving one aspect of my game.

On behalf of the Board, I wish you and yours a tranquil and happy New Year.

**Philip Roberts - President**

## Education

2018 Beginners' 2 day course will be held on Sunday 4 & 11 February from 10am to 3pm which is to be conducted by internationally recognised teacher Andy Hung. Cost \$75 includes a text book, hand outs and unlimited tea and coffee. Please refer to flyers in the club and our web site for further details.

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 17 January. **Cecily & Lynley**

## January Swiss Teams Congress - Sunday 7 January

The January Congress had 34 teams in 2017 and as at 29 December we have 35 teams. Only 40 teams will be playing so please get your entries in if you have not already done so. Our new sponsor **Jewel Residences** is sponsoring the event with a \$500 donation. Members are asked to make contribution with regard to the catering. Please place your name on the list on the main notice board with regard to your food catering donation.

## Amendment to Diary

Under the **GCBC Membership List for 2018**, page 53 could you please add **ADAM Patricia 799 0468 430 689**.

## Australia Day Celebrations

The club will celebrate Australia Day on Friday 26 January please come and join the fun and enjoy the Australian themed snacks. Prizes for best dressed pairs

## New Major Sponsor

Northcliffe Surf Club was a major sponsor of our club for five years and after a verbal agreement to remain a sponsor the club has advised that they will no longer be a sponsor. This advice was received after the diary went to print so I would please ask that members please disregard their sponsorship acknowledgement.

**D'arcy Arms** have been long term major sponsors of our club with monthly eclectic prizes and they have taken up the offer to increase their sponsorship to include \$500 sponsorship of the November congress thus replacing Northcliffe Surf Club. The manager of D'arcy Arms, Flossie together with her friendly Irish staff look forward to our support and please mention the club when visiting this lovely venue for food and drinks.

## Caltex Sponsorship Deal

Our good friends at Caltex Surfers Paradise have offered us a sponsorship deal which has been accepted. For 3 months from 2 January members who purchase petrol and items from the shop the club will receive a commission on all sales. Recently another club entered the deal and within 2 months the maximum amount payable \$1,000 was received by the club through their

members embracing the deal. Flyers are available at the club and these must be presented at the time of purchase. Manager Jenny and her friendly staff look forward to your patronage. **Remember it is important to support all of our sponsors.**

### Valentine's Day Luncheon

You are invited to attend the Valentine's Day luncheon which will be held at **D'arcy Arms** (a major sponsor), Gold Coast Highway on **Thursday 15 February** at 1 pm (after Thursday bridge). I know that it is a day late, however, Thursday is the best day as we always have great support from Thursday players. Members and guests are most welcome to attend and order from the extensive menu. Please place your name as an attendee on the main Notice Board. Thank you and I hope that we have a really good roll up for this luncheon, which is the first social occasion of 2017.

### St Patrick's Day Luncheon

Arrangements are in hand to hold a St Patrick's Day luncheon with our major sponsor **D'arcy Arms on Thursday 15 March**. Further details in the February newsletter.

### Future Events

- **January Teams Sunday 7 January - sponsor Jewel Residences**
- **Tuesday Red Point Pairs Tuesday 23 & 30 January - sponsor Surf Parade Hair Salon**
- **President's Cup Wednesday 24, 31 January and 7 February**
- **Thursday Restricted Eclectic - sponsor D'arcy Arms**
- **Saturday Restricted Eclectic - sponsor Modern Goddess**
- **Novice Teams Thursday 1, 8 & 15 February - sponsor Geoff and Julie Wicks**

For January eclectic winners will receive two tickets for an outright winner or one tickets each for shared winners with the exception of the four events mentioned above.

### Benowa Tavern Member's Award for January

Pam Jessep and Beryl McGregor. Pam and Beryl have been regular Tuesday partners for several years and Beryl has been battling health issues for a some time, however Pam always ensures that Beryl continues her association with our club by transporting her to and from bridge each time they attend. Beryl we hope to see you at the club for many years to come.

### January Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> - Brett Simpson, Raynor Loewenthal, Janet Edwards, Kerry Wood, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Denise Mansbridge, Thomas Kenny, Lynette Arnold, 5<sup>th</sup> - Katrina Ratner, 6<sup>th</sup> - Wilma Crisford, 7<sup>th</sup> - Danny Hatcher, 10<sup>th</sup> - Liz Jones, 13<sup>th</sup> - Coral Aiken, Mary West, Margaret Anderson, Barry Wilson, 14<sup>th</sup> - Diane Hillman, Katrina Larbalestier 15<sup>th</sup> - Ashok Chotai, 16<sup>th</sup> - Isabella Eret, Shirley Wanz, 17<sup>th</sup> - Lois Steinwedel, Trevor Fletcher, 18<sup>th</sup> - Graham Male, 19<sup>th</sup> - Sui Ying Lindsay, 20<sup>th</sup> - Judy Bolscheid, 21<sup>st</sup> - Dianne Rayward, 23<sup>rd</sup> - Louise Garnett, 24<sup>th</sup> - Michael McCallum, 25<sup>th</sup> - Veena Chotai, 26<sup>th</sup> - Paul Brake, 29<sup>th</sup> - Liz Affleck, 30<sup>th</sup> - Ann McCallum, 31<sup>st</sup> - Peter Stone, Kathy Toth, Tony Pearlman.

### Promotions

**Life** - Angelina Christie, **\*National** - Vere Drakesford, **State** - Julie Heib, **\*\*Local** - Bob Still, Bill Corcoran, Jeff Wicks, Julie Wicks, Caroline Ausden, Maree McGarry, **\*Local** - Anne Sandeman, Margaret Anderson, Wendy Flens, **Local** - Maureen Smith, Wendy Clark, Penny Grace, **Club** - David Zhang, Lysette Woodman.

### Vale

Former long time member of our club Geoffrey Roberts sadly recently passed away after a long battle with cancer.

### 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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