



# GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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## President's Message

Boy, our weekend Congress on 16 & 17 June was an outstanding success. A number of visitors commented to me on what a great Club we have and how friendly were our members. Well done.

Of course we could not possibly have managed the full house on both days were it not for the amazing work done behind the scenes by Dot Piddington, Neil Raward, Eva Berger, John Glennie and his team of dealers, Chris & Carol and everyone else who put their shoulders to the wheel, along with the food donated by other fabulous members. Again, thank you to all.

Some of you may not be aware that the Surfers Paradise Bridge Club was broken into, recently. Whilst I understand their loss was not significant, it does not take much imagination to think how much damage could have been done by disappointed vandals. Coincidentally, your Board had been planning improvements to our external security for several months now and identified three things we can do to deter future criminal activity. The first two are to replace our old fly screen doors with crim-safe doors on the kitchen and southern slide doors.

The other important step is to have both our entrance and exit gates locked after each session has finished. We tried combination locks, with the same combination that we use on the Telstra gate, but that encountered surprising opposition from some quarters, which has resulted in those gates often remaining unlocked. Now, it is not rocket science to realise that criminals carrying their gear to break and enter, will travel by car to avoid observation and suspicion. So, if we can come up with a workable solution that is easy to use, for our night time directors particularly, then we can be as secure as is possible. Thus, I am requesting suggestions from all our members on a fool proof and easy method of locking (and unlocking!) both our gates. Please let any Board member know, if you have an idea.

**Philip Roberts**

## Education

**The dates for the mid-year Beginners' lessons with Andy Hung:** Sundays 15th & 22nd July 10am - 3pm. Start spreading the word! More grandchildren perhaps?? Youth players (under 25) can attend the lessons free of charge - it's a great opportunity for young players to discover bridge at no cost to parents. Flyers will be available at the club for distribution to all.

**Help with Play** has recommenced at the club on a Wednesday with a 9am for 9.15am start. Once again this session is proving to be very popular with our members. **Lynley**

## June Congress

On Saturday 17 June the **Graded Imp Pairs Congress** was held at the club sponsored by TBIB-ABF Insurance. This congress was very successful with 72 pairs competing. And on Sunday 18 June, Jewel Residences sponsored the **Graded Teams Congress**, with 36 teams competing. Congratulations to our restricted players who really embraced the pairs event with 17 of the 24 pairs coming from the GCBC. Congress Convenor Dot Piddington did an excellent job putting the fields together.

## Zephyr Foundation Raffle

Congratulations to Jan Palm who put her extraordinary artistic and organising skills on display with the July raffle. Jan would also like to thank the many members who provided an excellent array of prizes. Jan and the club should be very proud of these outstanding efforts which raised \$1,500 for the Zephyr Foundation. Members also provided much needed extras such as clothing, school supplies etc which will be greatly appreciated by those less fortunate than ourselves.

Eva's daughter, Sonya Fuller (Remedial Massages), donated three remedial massages and the member who won the prize spoke very highly of the quality of the massage. Eva can supply a business card on request.

## Teams of 3

Teams of 3 is a red point event that has proven to be a very popular for rookie players (<10MPs) and restricted players (<100MPs) as it allows three players in these categories to play with a senior player who makes up the team. Each team members plays two rounds with the mentor thus enabling them to benefit greatly by playing with their mentor. The cost of the day is only \$20 per player. **The all day Teams of 3 event will be held at the GCBC on Sunday 29 July.**

## Christmas in July

This year we will have our Christmas in July luncheon at the D'arcy Arms on Thursday 27 July from 12.30pm for 1.15pm lunch. The management is offering the club a special deal of roast turkey and pork with a slice of ham from the bone served with roast vegetables and greens together with sauces and gravy for only \$25 per person. Please refer to the main notice board for further details. Santa may even sneak in. **Please support our major sponsor.**

## Photos

The club would like to increase the display of photos of our members competing in bridge competitions (and some photos of the wonderful food at our Congresses!). Initially photos will be on the web (with a link to the web address). You can just copy the address and paste it into your web browser. To start, the links to photos from our **June Pairs and Teams Congress** are below. [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Rw953xd\\_CmOWAfG4hfrrYBrOgssqQEg\\_?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Rw953xd_CmOWAfG4hfrrYBrOgssqQEg_?usp=sharing) **Pairs**, winners only, and <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pZ5kTay0V2p5jIwS0KWitcp1NIg4X71?usp=sharing> **Teams**. Many thanks to Di Morris in particular to coming to the club expressly to taking her marvellous Team photos on Sunday morning. On a longer term basis, we are looking at putting photos on our Facebook page (have you “liked” it yet?) and the club’s website.

## Nomination for Board Members

Nominations will shortly be called for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board members. It is a very rewarding experience to be involved with the Club at an Executive level and I would ask any members who would like to join the Board to seriously consider nominating for one of these positions. Nomination forms will shortly be available so please give thought to the challenges of assisting with the running of this great Club.

## July Events

- **GNOT Trials** - Heat 4 @ SPBC - Monday 2, 9 & 16 July
- **Tuesday restricted eclectic** (best 3 of 5 scores) - sponsored by **Modern Goddess**
- **Thursday evening eclectic** (best 3 of 4 scores) - sponsored by **D'arcy Arms**
- **Rookie Pairs for under 15 MPs** - Thursday 5 & 12 July - sponsored by **Julian Egerton-Vernon**
- **Saturday Pairs for under 35 MPs** – Saturday 21st & 28<sup>th</sup> July - sponsored by **Cheryl Millar**
- **Zone All Day Red Point Teams of 3 at GCBC** - Sunday 29 July - sponsored by **Di Hodges**

## Benowa Tavern Award

Leslie Riches and Leonie Harris are two very popular newer members of our club and love everything about us. They are both very enthusiastic about their bridge and are worthy winners of our two \$20 vouchers from Benowa Tavern.

## Birthdays for June

1<sup>st</sup> - John Pisko, Bruce Marr, Brian Kirkley, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Carole Roach, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Patricia Richards, 4<sup>th</sup> - James Lindsay, Lyn Thompson, 5<sup>th</sup> - Edie Tonkin, 6<sup>th</sup> - Elinor McCloskey, 8<sup>th</sup> - Carolyn Jordan, 10<sup>th</sup> - Marlise Jones, 11<sup>th</sup> - Marlene Dwyer, 12<sup>th</sup> - Lynn Bain, 15<sup>th</sup> - Peter Staines, 16<sup>th</sup> - Lesley Riches, 17<sup>th</sup> - Suzanne Purnell, 20<sup>th</sup> - Val Bennett, Annette Karstensen, Lesley Kenyon, 22<sup>nd</sup> - Wilma Dawson, 23<sup>rd</sup> - Gloria Rydon, Kay Rixon, 24<sup>th</sup> - Patricia Powis, 25<sup>th</sup> - Roger Weathered, Watson Zhou, 27<sup>th</sup> - John Wilkinson, 29<sup>th</sup> - Edith Richardson, Gerda Thurin, 30<sup>th</sup> - Dot Piddington, Daria Williams.

## New Members

Please welcome the following new members:- Di Larcombe, Bill Larcombe, John Leach, David Gout and Yong White.

## Promotions

**Bronze Life** - Jessica Brake, \***National** - Brett Simpson, \*\***Local** - Charlie Dacey, Lance Workman, \***Local** - Bob Still, **Local** - Sue Deaves, **Graduate** - Doris Jaa.

## Vale

During the month of June the following former members of our club sadly passed away, Lesley Robertson, Sandy Mitchell and John Pritchard.

## *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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