



# GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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### President's Message

The game of bridge is a deeply fascinating and challenging sport. It simultaneously demands from a player, absolute attention to every bid made by one's partner and opposition, so as to interpret their meaning, as well as the thinking behind the play of each and every card - yes, folks, every card must mean something and one of the challenges is to comprehend that meaning, within the context of each particular game.

Thus, for example, a two of clubs led by a declarer cannot mean the same as a two of clubs led by the defence. Then we overlay all of that with the meaning of convention bids and how much information they convey to one's partner and the opposition. On top of that there is the interplay between partners and the interpretation of their non- verbal "messages", by body language etc.

After play, of course, there is the added reward of socialising with other players, at which we are very good. Thus, we can become so absorbed by this beautiful, game that we can forget to share our delight and love of the game with others less fortunate than ourselves.

Fortunately on July 15 and 22, we have the wonderful Andy Hung teaching beginners lessons, which is the perfect way to introduce our friends, acquaintance and, yes, even strangers, to the wonders of our game and the immense long term benefits of becoming a member of our Club. We shall have flyers available for your distribution at the end of this month and my challenge to you is to take several home to hand out to anyone who you feel could enjoy everything that membership of our Club provides. **Philip Roberts**

### Celebration of the Life of Cecily Critchley

On Thursday 31 May after bridge over 120 members celebrated the life and times of Cecily. Lynley provided a very moving tribute to Cecily and other members also highlighted their special memories they had of Cecily. It was a special touch that her good friend and ABF teaching coordinator Joan Butts also attended and spoke very fondly of her involvement with Cecily as a friend and bridge teacher. The club and members provided the catering and the celebrations carried into the late afternoon with many stories of Cecily being shared by those in attendance. Rest in peace Cecily your memory will live on for ever amongst your cherished friends at the Gold Coast Bridge Club.

### 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** will recommence at the club on Wednesday 13 June at 9am for 9.15am. **Lynley**

### Barefoot Bowls Day

Forty people enjoyed the recent barefoot bowls day at the Southport Bowls Club and it is suffice to say that the skills of our fine bridge players did not necessarily shine on the bowling green but the fun was shared by all as we to tried to impress with their bowling skills. All in attendance enjoy an excellent BBQ lunch and the sharing of stories of the day. Of course the indulgence of alcohol beverages further embellished these stories. Thank you folks for being a part of this excellent fellowship which was shared by all. Perhaps we might make this an annual social event.

### Christmas in July

The club will celebrate Christmas in July at the D'arcy Arms after bridge on Thursday 26 July. Further details will be provided in the July newsletter.

### June Congress

Entry forms are now available for our two day June Congress, the **Graded Pairs on Saturday 16 June (sponsored by TBIB Insurance)** and the **Graded Teams on Sunday 17 June (sponsored by Jewel Residences)**. Please support these events and enjoy the atmosphere of club congresses. Restricted players are asked to seriously consider entering the teams and the pairs event. Players are graded according to the total master points of each pair thus ensuring that lower level pairs and teams will be playing each other and competing for the allocated prize money. Members are asked to assist with catering on both these days by providing the usual goodies.

**Unfortunately there will be no walk in bridge on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June** as the Pairs Congress will be also occupy the annex such is the popularity of the this event. If any member would like to play on a Saturday I would suggest that they enter the graded pairs event to enjoy the usual fun created by Saturday bridge.

## Amendments to the Diary

Please note the following amendments to the diary:

1. New event - **Thursday Handicap Pairs (under 50mps)** 21 & 28 June - sponsor Lorraine Twyford
2. New date - **Saturday Pairs (under 35mps)** 21 & 28 July - sponsor Cheryl Millar
3. *Cancelled* event - Interclub Teams with Twin Towns B C on Sunday 9 September
4. New event - **Interclub Teams with Ballina B C** at GCBC on Sunday 28 October

## June Events

- **GNOT Heat 3** at GCBC Friday 1, 8 & 22 June
- **Thursday restricted eclectic** (best 3 of 4 scores) - sponsor Modern Goddess
- **Monday night eclectic** (best 3 of 4 scores) - sponsor Rob Slobom
- **Tuesday Red Point Pairs**, Tuesday 5 & 12 June - sponsor Grace Henry
- **Zeppelin Travel All Day Red Point Teams** - Wednesday 7 June - Sponsor Zeppelin Travel
- **GCBC Graded Pairs Congress** - Saturday 16 June - sponsor TBIB ABF Insurance
- **GCBC Teams Congress** - Sunday 17 June - sponsor Jewel Residences
- **Thursday Restricted Handicap Pairs** under 50 mps Thursday 21 & 28 June - sponsor Lorraine Twyford
- **Club Championship Pairs** - Saturday 23, 30 June & 7 July
- **GNOT Heat 4** at SPBC - Monday 2, 9 & 16 July

## Benowa Tavern Achievement Award

Winners of two \$20 vouchers for June are Wendy Lemon and Mary Jojkity. Wendy for many years has been responsible for laundering our table cloths and Mary who is Wendy's Saturday bridge partner for being such lovely and loyal member.

## Birthdays for June

1<sup>st</sup> - Julia Pajti, Eva Workman, 2<sup>nd</sup> - David Smith, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Wendy Browne, Carolyn Miller, 4<sup>th</sup> - Doris Jaa, Angela Nichols, 6<sup>th</sup> - Cathy McPaul, 9<sup>th</sup> - Robyn Spooner, Lynne Allan, 10<sup>th</sup> - Judy Martin, Chris Smith (kitchen), Noel Watson, 14<sup>th</sup> - Sue Robinson, 15<sup>th</sup> - Neville de Mestre, 18<sup>th</sup> - Patrica Bourneville, Jennifer Hunt, 19<sup>th</sup> - Penny Grace, 20<sup>th</sup> - Philip Roberts, 23<sup>rd</sup> - Kerry Wood, June Cummings 24<sup>th</sup> - June Packman, 25<sup>th</sup> - Jenny Lynton, Lora Heal, Ann Dean, 26<sup>th</sup> - Betty Karlovic, Alison Ryan, 27<sup>th</sup> - Elaine Hennig, Sally Gorman, Greeta Collins, 28<sup>th</sup> - Tom Strong, Pamela Hare, 29<sup>th</sup> - Krystyna Homik, 30<sup>th</sup> - Vere Drakeford.

## New Members

Please welcome the following new member: Kerrie Goldson.

## Promotions

**Regional** - Lorraine Twyford, **\*\*Local** - Anne Sandeman, Cheryl Millar, **\*Local** - Julian Edgerton - Vernon, **Graduate** - Ralph Spinks.

## Role of the Welfare Officer

Cheryl Millar is our very dedicated Welfare Officer and carries out the important role of ensuring that the club does everything possible to assist members who may be battling hard times. You can assist Cheryl by referring the names of any member who may need welfare assistance or a cheery card to help them through any illness.

## Vale

Cecily Critchley sadly passed away after her long and determined battle with cancer. A tribute to Cecily will be published in the June quarterly newsletter. Les Watson a former long time member of the club passed away recently aged 104.

## 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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