

# Gold Coast Bridge Club Newsletter

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### President's Message

Most of our members would know young Jack Luke-Paredi, who is our youngest, gun player. He was encouraged to come to our Club when he attended our lessons at All Saints College at Merrimac. Now Jack attends Somerset College at Mudgeeraba and has requested our members supply players who could form a roster, to conduct very basic lessons there as well. If anyone would like to talk about it some more, please contact Paul Brake for more details.

Some members may not realize that the Florida Gardens tram stop is the closest (by 50m) to the Club and requires fewer streets to be crossed, Cheryl Hensel's research. However, the second closest stop at Northcliffe, does have the advantage of a bottle shop next door to it!

Thank you to all our hardworking volunteers who are the glue that holds our amazing Club together and thus help make it what it is today. Remember, love is a verb, so please contact Julie Wicks or myself, if you can contribute time or resources.

Enjoy the beautiful game - **Philip Roberts - President**

**P.S.** Just reading 'The Sellout' by Paul Beatty (Man Booker Prize) and whilst I really appreciate his literate analogies as satire, still finding it surprisingly difficult to enjoy.

### Education Report

As we approach the end of the year, please note the following dates for Mini Lesson & Help with Play.

- 2017 Saturday Mini Lessons conclude Saturday 25 November
- 2017 Monday Help with Play Sessions conclude Monday 11 December

### Library

The Club has recently added some fantastic new texts to the Library. There are books for everyone.... including our most experienced players. Don't forget to be a responsible borrower and return your books within 2 weeks unless you organise an extension with the Club Librarian, Lesley Sutherland. Also, please don't pass your books onto others without organising a new "borrowing". Thank you - **Lynley & Cecily**

### November Congresses

Our Swiss Teams Congress will be held on Sunday 19 November. The entry fee is \$140 per team which is \$35 per player and includes snacks all day, lunch, nibbles and drinks at the conclusion of the day. Entry forms available at the club.

The club will hold the QBA Senior Pairs Congress which will be held on Sunday 12 November. This is a prestigious event conducted under auspices of the QBA and members are encouraged to enter the event which features some of the state's leading bridge players.

*Members are reminded that the provision of snacks, dips, cakes etc for both congresses would be much appreciated. Please list your name on the small notice board if you would like to help.*

### Melbourne Cup Party - Tuesday 7 November (Reminder)

The Melbourne Cup the event that stops a nation. This year the GCBC will celebrate this event with a game of bridge, a chicken and champagne lunch together with sweeps, fashions of the field (best dressed pairs with prizes provided by our generous sponsor) and a fashion parade then watch the cup. **Bridge will commence at 9.30am** and the cost will be only \$20 a person for the day (what a bargain). Tickets available at club. This year our Cup Day will be sponsored by **Linda Stanton Realty** with prizes going to the handicap winners. (Linda is also a member of our club).

### D'arcy Arms Luncheon - Thursday 30 November

On Thursday 30 November after bridge another popular luncheon will be held at the D'arcy Arms (a major sponsor) and members who attend can order and pay for individual meals and drinks. To those who have not been to the D'arcy Arms, it has a warm and friendly Irish atmosphere which is being enjoyed by many of our members. Please refer to the large notice board if you would like to attend (by popular demand).

### Christmas Party - Saturday 9 December

Our traditional Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 9 December. The proceedings will commence at 11am with the honour board event winners receiving their prize money. At 11.30am the buffet Christmas luncheon with desserts will be served with champagne. After which our usual bridge session will follow. Cost for the day including a game of bridge will be \$30. Tickets will be available at the club shortly.

## Club Sponsors

The club would like to welcome **Jewel Residencies** as major sponsor of our club (\$1,000 sponsorship). **Modern Goddess** is also a major sponsor by contributing two \$100 vouchers each month for eclectic winners in the various sections starting in November this year until December 2018. **Niagara** will provide \$100 and hold a free raffle with prizes such as free therapy treatments for members - event to be held on Saturday 18 November.

The Jewel building is under construction in Old Burleigh Road. Modern Goddess is an upmarket professional Gold Coast based skin clinic, beauty spa, hair and nail salon addressing numerous self esteem issues, providing a customised treatments for various skin conditions, improving your looks and at the same offering a refuge from daily stress in a friendly environment.

## November Events

- **Thursday Red Points Pairs (2 & 9 November) – prizes <300mps & <50mps. Sponsor Denise Richards**
- **Friday Eclectic (best 3 of 4 scores). Sponsor Spits N Pieces**
- **Monday Night Eclectic (best 3 of 4 scores). Sponsor Danny Hatcher**
- **Tuesday Open Eclectic (best 3 of 4 scores). Sponsor Modern Goddess**
- **Melbourne Cup Party. Tuesday 7 November. Sponsor Linda Stanton Realty**
- **Saturday Handicap open & restricted. Saturday 18 November. Sponsor Niagara**
- **QBA Senior Pairs – Sunday 12 November. Sponsor Heritage Brothers Funeral Services**
- **Graded Swiss Teams Congress – Sunday 19 November. Sponsor Northcliffe Surf Club**
- **Old Wide Pairs – Monday afternoon 20<sup>th</sup> & Thursday night 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Benowa Tavern Club Award of the Month – November.** In the past we have made this award to achievers and outstanding club members, this month the award goes to a tireless worker for our club - Valerie Fairlie. After each session of bridge Valerie attends and for as long as I can remember our lovely member walks around the club picking up rubbish thoughtlessly left behind by members. Keep up the good work Valerie. The second \$20 voucher has been awarded to a mystery person who never thought he/she would ever win such a prestigious award. My lips are sealed forever as to the identity of this member.

## Proposed Director's Course

The Chair of the Tournament Committee John Glennie is seeking expression of interest from members who would like to undertake a Director's Course which would be held over a 10-12 week period for two hours per session. At the end of the course attendees will be expected to sit for the QBA open book exams on 'laws and regulations' and 'movements and scoring'. A knowledge of the laws is most important as it will improve your general play when you have to make a decision regarding infractions by opponents. If you are interested in attending please contact either John or myself.

## Birthdays November

1<sup>st</sup> - Christine Joslin, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Zacharia Davidson, John Auld, 6<sup>th</sup> - Lorraine de Nett, Charles Rees, Pat Gaudet, 7<sup>th</sup> - Kim McMaster, Merle Marr, 9<sup>th</sup> - Errol Holmes, 11<sup>th</sup> - Carole Stone, Lyn Keogh, Cheryl Hensel, John Ratner, 12<sup>th</sup> - Noni Affleck, 15<sup>th</sup> - Colin Lewis, 22<sup>nd</sup> - Eva Berger, 23<sup>rd</sup> - Valmae Smith, 25<sup>th</sup> - Jill Lang, 27<sup>th</sup> - Naomi Ryan, 28<sup>th</sup> - Annette Gatland, 29<sup>th</sup> - Beverley Payne, 30<sup>th</sup> - Carolyn Sargeant.

## Summary of ABF Rank Promotions

**\*\*National** - Angeline Christie, **Regional** Tony Donkersloot, William Dyson, **\*\*Local** - Marilyn Bidey, **\*Local** - Barbara Huddy, **Local** - Julian Vernon-Edgerton, **Club** - Raj Limaye, Francis Taylor, **Graduate** - Liz Affleck, David Zhang.

## New Members

A big welcome to Ralph Spinks, Dorothy Meier, Margaret Wallace, Lyn Thompson & Elizabeth Downer.

## 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 & Thu. 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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