

# Gold Coast Bridge Club Newsletter

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### President's Message

Our bridge club is a substantial community, now, made up of very different people, from a variety of walks of life, who love to play the beautiful game and hang out with one another.

Together, we have enough clout (if we all get really cross enough!) to change the outcomes of political elections, to cause a lot of grief to anyone who seriously threatens us, or to be a tremendous help to anyone in need.

All of us who attended Ashok and Veena's delightful lunch, in support of Hopewell Hospice, heard first-hand what an amazing service Hopewell provides to the our city. Well, they were so appreciative of the \$1,500 we raised for them that they offered to host an Italian themed lunch at our Club. How good is that? I will be taking that to the Board on the 10<sup>th</sup> October for a decision and will keep you all posted.

For those who couldn't make our recent AGM, I mentioned that 2018 is a unique year for bridge on the Gold Coast. The Board is looking at hosting a special event, leading up to the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships, to be held in our City from 14 to 18 February 2018. More on that later.

Happy bridging,  
Philip Roberts  
President

### First Board Meeting

The first board meeting under the guidance of President Philip will be held on Tuesday 10 October.

### Education Report

Super Value Saturdays! Don't forget **Saturday morning Mini Lessons** with Lynley 10-11.30am in the annexe. Lessons are free for people playing the Saturday afternoon session. Focus is always on Declarer Play & Defence. See you there!

Cecily & Lynley

### Date Change

Unfortunately the **Gold Coast Zone Novice Pairs** event (<100mps) sponsored by Philip Roberts which was to be held in June was cancelled. The event will now be held for our club members only on **Thursday 16, 23 & 30 November**. This honour board event will come valuable prize money. Please note your diary of this date change.

### Melbourne Cup Party - Tuesday 7 November

The Melbourne Cup the event that stops a nation. This year the GCBC will celebrate this event with a chicken and champagne lunch together with a fashion parade at the end of the bridge session and then watch the cup. **Bridge will commence at 9.30am** and the cost will be the table fee plus \$15 (if you want to join the party). Place your names on the promo on the small notice board if you wish to attend. This year the day will be generously sponsored by Linda Stanton Realty with prizes going to the handicap winners. (Linda is a club member).

### Neil Update

Following my par last month I would like to thank John Glennie who will be taking over as Chair of the Tournament Committee and Di Hodges and Cheryl Hensel who will be taking over as the diary conveners in 2018. Thanks folks for your support and I will be always available to assist when requested. The newsletter has now entered its 12<sup>th</sup> year!

### Interclub Teams

Another very enjoyable Interclub Teams event was held with Twin Towns Bridge Club on Sunday 17 September with 9 teams from each club competing in the 3 categories. Who really cares who were the winners on the day, the winners were those who attended and enjoyed the friendship and fellowship that was engendered.

### Sponsorship

Krystyna Homik is the sponsorship coordinator and she has been very busy contacting current sponsors. It is pleasing to note that that nearly all of our sponsors will continue to support our club in 2018. **If you would like to sponsor a club event please contact either Krystyna or myself.**

### September Luncheon - Northcliffe Surf Club

On Thursday 21 September, 26 members attended the Northcliffe Surf Club for this annual event after the conclusion of

bridge. A great day was had by all.

### Law Changes

In August many changes to the laws of bridge were introduced. Many do not have a great impact on general play although I intend to provide a summary of the more important changes.

**Law 9** - Dummy has now the right to try to prevent any irregularity (such as a lead from the wrong hand), irrespective of whom the potential perpetrator may be. However, once an infraction has occurred, dummy is still prohibited from calling attention to it until after the conclusion of the play.

**Law 53** - A lead out of turn to trick 13 may no longer be accepted and must now be retracted.

### Future Events

- **Anniversary Red Point Teams** - Monday 2 October - **In memory of Yvonne Wain**
- **Tuesday Eclectic open and restricted - Sponsored by Shoetique**
- **Rookie Pairs (<35mps)** - Thursday 5 & 12 October - **Sponsored by Cheryl Millar**
- **Monday night Eclectic - Sponsored by D'arcy Arms**
- **Friday Red Point Pairs** - Friday 13 & 20 October - **Sponsored by 10 Ants Jewellers, Broadbeach**
- **Club Pairs Championships** - Saturday 14, 21 October & 4 November
- **Thursday Red Point Pairs (Graded \*National & below)** - Thursday 2, 9 November - **Sponsor Denise Richards**
- **Gold Coast Zone Novice Pairs (<100mps)** - Thursday 16, 23 & 30 November - **Sponsored by Roberts Law**
- **Benowa Tavern Club Member/s of the Month - October.** Winners were **Noni & Liz Affleck** for being lovely members who do beautiful behind the scene favours for all to enjoy. You will each receive a \$20 voucher, courtesy of Benowa Tavern.

**Thanks go to Shoetique, 10 Ants Jewellers, D'arcy Arms & Benowa Tavern for their sponsorship**

### Birthdays October

1<sup>st</sup> - Jan Jennings, 10<sup>th</sup> - David Browne, Bob Hughes, 12<sup>th</sup> - John Hiscocks, 14<sup>th</sup> - Ian Heron, 15<sup>th</sup> - William Dyson, 16<sup>th</sup> - Shirley Wanz, 17<sup>th</sup> - Sandra Middleton, Marie Orme, Lisa Basile, Julie Heib, 18<sup>th</sup> - Mary Jojkity, 19<sup>th</sup> - George Powis, Margaret Taylor, 23<sup>rd</sup> - Lysette Woodman, 25<sup>th</sup> - Geraldine Purvis, 26<sup>th</sup> - Gillian Jones, 28<sup>th</sup> - Ethne Huddleston, 30<sup>th</sup> - Norman Sprintall (95), Odette Hall.

### Summary of ABF Rank Promotions

**Gold Life** - Margaret Pisko, **Bronze Life** - Angus Lightbody, **Regional** - Pamela Hare **\*State** - Mary Jojkity, Maria Cremona, **State** - Mary Ditton, **\*\*Local** - Lesley Sutherland, Doby Stepanek, Juliet Rogers, Edie Tonkin, **\*Local** - Lorraine Twyford, **Local** - Cheryl Millar, Caroline Waters, **Club** - Noni Affleck, Richard Metcalfe.

### New Members

Welcome to the following new members:- David Zhang, Pat Beattie, Jan Ralph, Angela Nichols, Jill Lang, Raj Limaye, & Glen Davis.

### Vale

It is with sadness to note the recent passing of Betty Doran who played solo at our club for over 20 years.

### 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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