



# GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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## President's Message

Firstly I would like to thank the outgoing board for their dedication and hard work and for leaving the club in a solid financial standing.

A new year of administration at the board and I am proud to introduce the team. Myself as President, Odette Hall as my Vice President (I am so fortunate to have Odette guiding me along), Neil as Secretary and Lance Workman as Treasurer. Our committee will be Tony Berger back on keeping the maintenance in ship shape condition, Margaret Bills, who is a reasonably new member from Brisbane, Lorraine De Nett who will be invaluable with all her experience and wisdom, my dearest friend Kathy Johnson who has been on many boards over the years, Elinor McCloskey, Dot Piddington who will continue to be our Congress Convenor, although I believe she is hoping to mentor someone to replace her in this role - please let me know if you think you'd be interested as it is a very rewarding position to hold, and of course Julie Wicks; who has been our secretary for several years and is now moving on to teaching beginners and assist Lynley with help with play.

It is too early to report on our vision for this year as we have not had our first board meeting, but we will be looking into the potential car parking problem if we lose the Telstra facility. For those of you who attended the AGM there was a brief discussion about the finances of the club and the question was raised as to the Term Deposits and the interest the club received compared to other methods such as shares that pay higher dividends. I hear from our incoming Treasurer that he will be making it a priority to investigate our options, of course we will keep all members informed of our movements regarding this.

If you have any suggestions on ways to improve our wonderful club or you would like to assist in any way or even if you have a complaint about anything, please feel free to approach any of the board members.

From now to Christmas we have a very busy calendar with November hosting 3 huge events, Melbourne Cup, The Queensland Senior Teams and our usual November Teams Congress. All of these will need to be catered for and I ask as many members to assist by baking some goodies for our congresses. The first board meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 October. **Eva**

## Education Report

Help with Play Lessons continue on Wednesdays and Saturdays 9.15 am - 11.30 am.

### OCTOBER LESSONS

- **Wednesday** Concentration on DEFENCE and DECLARER PLAY SKILLS
- **Saturday** Continuing with Competitive Bidding.  
Overcalls  
Takeout Doubles  
The Competitive Auction

The new beginner's group (12 players) all of whom have become members have been attending lessons regularly on Saturday mornings since July. They are now ready to play in sessions and some have already done so. It's great to watch.

There's so much to learn when you are a new player. Particularly in the modern game which has become so competitive and aggressive in style. This means it's tougher on these new players as they enter the world of competitive bridge. This is a settling in period for them. These learners play their first session without ever having used a bridgemate before. Without ever having played the duplicate game. Without ever having a director called to the table. For some it can be quite a daunting, even terrifying experience.

So thanks to all in anticipation for helping to make their first experience a pleasant one.

- Ways you can help. Please don't rush them. Give them time to think about what comes next. Don't give advice at the table. It's confusing and wastes time.
- Importantly - Don't lose sight of the fact that although it may have been in the distant past and has possibly disappeared from your memory, you too were there once!!

Old Chinese proverb - *Make happy those who are near and those who are far will come.* Have Fun. Play the Game - **Lynley**

## Diary

Please inform Membership Secretary Sue Herse if your phone number is different from that in the 2018 diary.

## Melbourne Cup Party - Tuesday 6 November

The Melbourne Cup the event that stops a nation. This year the GCBC will celebrate the event with a catered lunch and champagne. **Bridge will commence at 9.30am** and the cost will be \$25 for the day. Place your names on the promo on the 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, French champagne to the winners of the fashion of the fields and Linda will provide the champagne on the day. (Linda is also a member of our club).

## Interclub Teams

A red point all inter club teams will be played against the Ballina Bridge Club at the GCBC on Sunday 28 October. Three teams (<200mps, <600mps and open) will take part in the event. Members are asked to nominate as pairs on the notice board entry form. Cost for the day is \$20 per player.

## September Virgo Luncheon - D'arcy Arms

On Thursday 27 September, 30 members wined and dined at the D'arcy Arms the for this annual event after the conclusion of bridge. As usual a great day of friendship was had by all in attendance.

## Future Events

- **Anniversary All Day Red Point Teams** - Monday 1 October - Sponsor - **Yvonne Wain Trust Fund**
- **Tuesday Eclectic open and restricted** - Sponsor - **Shoetique**
- **Wednesday Eclectic** - Sponsor - **Modern Goddess**
- **Monday afternoon Eclectic** - Sponsor - **D'arcy Arms**
- **Friday Red Point Pairs** - Friday 12 & 19 October - Sponsor - **10 Ants Jewellers, Broadbeach**
- **Thursday handicap open/restricted** - Thursday 25 October - Sponsor - **Niagara**
- **Zone Eclectic (red point event)** - GCBC Monday night 15 & 22, SPBS Tuesday night 16 & 23 October
- **Neil Raward Interclub Teams Challenge All Day Red Point Event** - at GCBC Sunday 28 October

**Benowa Tavern Club Members of the Month - October.** Winners were **Veena and Ashok Chotai** who sponsored the lovely Indian banquet and drinks for our fund raising day for the QBA Drought Relief Fund. Eighty members attended and enjoyed the day which raised \$1925. You will each receive a \$20 voucher, courtesy of Benowa Tavern.

**Thanks to sponsors Shoetique, 10 Ants Jewellers, Niagara, D'arcy Arms, Modern Goddess & Benowa Tavern**

## 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, Marion Ridge, 25<sup>th</sup> - Bridgitt Bingham, 26<sup>th</sup> - Michael Hogan, 28<sup>th</sup> - Ethne Huddleston, 30<sup>th</sup> - Odette Hall.

## Summary of ABF Rank Promotions

**Grand** - Edda Strong, \*Regional - John Hiscock, \***Local** - Peter Uldrich, Drazel Pincus, **Graduate** - Marion Ridge, John Auld. *Edda congratulations on behalf of the club for your elevation to Grand Master.*

## New Members

Welcome to the following new members:- Greg Tosh, Beth Demody, Vanda Braga and Kevin Hall.

## Sponsor Corner

Niagara representatives will be speaking with players on Thursday 25 October about Cycloid Vibration Therapy for circulation and mobility problems and also sponsoring a handicap event on that day. They have spoken at our club in the past and two members who purchased their product are very happy with the results they have obtained from using the product.

## *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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