



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

In the July Newsletter I described the steps the Board is taking to secure the external security of our Bridge Club. That is one element for player safety, but the other and equally important element is internal security. By this I mean, how safe an environment we, as players and members, create within the club by our conduct at the table and our general conversation. The Board is looking hard to preserve the wonderful culture that all of our members have created within the Club and as the Club continues to grow, it is this vital element, over which we all have control that will determine our future success. It is for this reason I have set out below an account of a conversation between Socrates and an acquaintance.

"In ancient Greece (469 - 399 BC), Socrates was widely lauded for his wisdom. One day the great philosopher came upon an acquaintance who ran up to him excitedly and said, "Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your students?"

"Wait a moment," Socrates replied. "Before you tell me I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Test of Three."

"Test of Three?"

"That's right," Socrates continued. "Before you talk to me about my student let's take a moment to test what you're going to say. The first test is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

No," the man said, "actually I just heard about it."

"All right," said Socrates. "So you don't really know if it's true or not. Now let's try the second test, the test of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my student something good?"

"No, on the contrary..."

"So," Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him even though you're not certain it's true?"

The man shrugged, a little embarrassed.

Socrates continued. "You may still pass though, because there is a third test - the filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really."

"Well," concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither True nor Good nor even Useful, why tell it to me at all?"

Please be kind and considerate to one another within the club, so that we have a safe place to come to play the beautiful game and hang out with some wonderful people.

Philip Roberts - President.

AGM

Board nominations have closed.

The AGM will be held on Saturday 22 September commencing at 11am followed by bridge at 12.20pm.

The Years Roll On

When I became President for the first time in September 2006 I announced that I intended to produce a monthly newsletter as I am a great believer in communication, especially in a club such as ours. Little did I realise that the tradition would continue and I am very proud to announce that the newsletter is now 12 years old with the publication of the 144th edition.

Virgo/September Birthdays

For many years the club has had birthday celebrations for those who have this birthday star sign and indeed also birthdays in September. These celebrations are **open for all members** to enjoy. This year the **Virgo/September luncheon will be held at the D'arcy Arms on Thursday 20 September commencing after bridge at 1.00 pm.** D'arcy Arms is one of our major sponsors and a great supporter of the club. There will be a list on the main notice board for those who would like to attend. In the past this event has been a great day of fun and friendship for those who have attended.

Footnote: the editor is a proud Virgo.

Club sponsorship

As sponsorship coordinator I will shortly be contacting all corporate sponsors for this year in the hope that they will continue their sponsorship for next year. **If any member would like to be new sponsor for a club event please contact me.** I would like to thank all those members who sponsored events in 2018. I will be contacting all of these sponsors in the coming weeks in expectation that you would like to renew your sponsorship for 2018. If any member knows any potential commercial sponsor please let know and I will contact them.

Indian Banquet Day

On Sunday 23 September Veena and Ashok Chotai will once again present an Indian curry lunch from 12 midday. And to be followed by bridge. The lunch, including refreshments, costs \$15 which must be pre-paid. All proceeds for the day will be donated to the Drought Relief Fund.

Masters Pairs Event

The Master Pairs all day red point honour board event was held on Wednesday 29 August with 24 pairs in the Open section, 18 pairs in under *National and 8 pairs in the under **Local section. This was the first occasion that the three events were combined and all competitors thoroughly enjoyed the day which was directed by Trevor Strickland. Trevor has requested that his fee for the day be donated by the club to his nominated charity, a very generous gesture.

September Events

- **Stan Pogacic Memorial Red Point Pairs** - Monday 3, 10 & 17 September
- Thursday Open Eclectic - **Sponsored by D'arcy Arms**
- Thursday Night Eclectic - **Sponsored by Modern Goddess**
- **GNOT final** at SPBC on Saturday 15 September
- **AGM** - Saturday 22 September at 11am
- **Anniversary All Day Red Point Teams** - Monday 1 October - In Memory of Yvonne Wain
- **Benowa Tavern Member Recognition Award for August** - Two \$20 Benowa Tavern vouchers are awarded to Cheryl Millar and Kim McMaster for their recent win the **Local and under Master Pairs

Thanks go to Home Instead Senior Care, Modern Goddess, D'arcy Arms & Benowa Tavern for their sponsorships

Birthdays for September

1st - Trish Miller, 2nd - Anne Brooker, Trish Anagnostou, Carolyn Lynton, 6th - Royala Rooney, Marie McGarry. 7th - Neil Raward (76 years young), Mary Denison, David McLeish, 9th - Kevin Dean, Doug Dunstan, 10th - Phillip Long, Sonja Bailey, Glenda Nielson, 11th - Jennifer Sawyer, John Bunker, 15th - Carolyn Waters, Ricahrd Metcalfe, 18th - Pamela Jessep, 19th - Helen Ross-Johnson, 20th - Francis Taylor, 23rd - Diana Board, 24th - Christine Brameld, 25th - John Sear, David Gout, 27th - Maxima Fogelgarn, Dot O'Hara, Leslie Faulkner, 28th - Angus Lightbody.

New Members

Please welcome the following new members:- Kerry Watson, Jennifer Martin, Margaret Bills, Desley Qusted, Madelon Sutcliffe, Michael Hogan, Joanna Reid, Cathie Parks, Geoffrey Dorber, and Cecile Senior.

Promotions

Silver Grand - Lois Steinwedel, ***Local** - Raj Limaye, Di Larcombe, **Club** - Barbara Grant, Lynne Allan, **Graduate** - Dorothy Meier, Lyn Thompson.

Vale

With sadness that Alan Jones's lovely wife Gillian recently passed away after battling health problems over the past few years. Gillian was a member for many years being very active in the running of the club and was a former master point secretary.

Former long time member Lea Verdickt recently passed away after a long battle with breast cancer.

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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