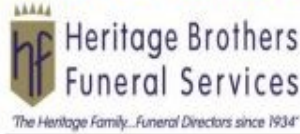




GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's message

Our Australia Day party has just passed and what an enjoyable day it was. We had 29 tables, prizes for best dressed, bubbly, a traditional Aussie sausage sizzle and lamingtons while singing iconic Aussie songs, accompanied as always by the wonderful Di Morris on piano. All surrounded by themed decorations and wild flowers transforming our club room once again. Thanks to everyone who made the day a success.

The club's bushfire appeal has now closed and I am pleased to announce that we raised \$6,170. This is made up of monies donated from our January 5 congress, members' donations since January 6 and a matching donation from a generous club member. We will donate through the Commonwealth Bank Red Cross Bushfire Appeal. We have been informed that ComBank will in turn match this donation. This will bring our total \$12,340. An outstanding effort and I thank everyone for his/her contribution to this national disaster.

On Tuesday 25th February our club will host a Youth Bridge night, a regular annual event organised by Paul Brake. It is aimed at giving young bridge players, who are here on the Coast for the annual Congress, a bit of fun in between competitive matches.

As you will all know by now our revered Neil Raward is fighting another battle with his health. Neil intends to carry on with his many roles in the club. However, if he feels a bit under the weather from time to time, I hope there are members who will be willing to step up and give him a hand. You have our 100% support Neil.

Finally, all our Directors have studied hard to become a Director. In the course of directing a session, they are required to carry out quite a range of duties, one of which is to make the Director's announcements before the start of play. Unfortunately, many members continue talking while the Director is speaking. Please show our Directors the respect they deserve. We appreciate you may have heard the announcements before but they only last a few minutes. Being quiet and showing Directors this courtesy would be much appreciated.

Julie Wicks

President

Education Report

Beginners' lessons started on Wednesday 22 February and Dot Piddington our newly accredited bridge teacher was very pleased to have 12 potential members start her lessons.

Neil's Health Update

As mentioned above, yes my throat cancer has returned after over 3 years in remission. In 2016 I posted 16 bulletins regarding my treatment and progress and I will be doing the same this time around. The first bulletin has been posted on the GCC under Breaking News. You can watch this space for further updates. Meanwhile business as usual as I undergo further treatment.

Congratulations Jessica Brake

Jessica not only are you the youngest member ever of our club to become a Grand Master, but also you were recently selected in the Australian Woman's Team to play in the World Bridge Games in Italy in August. Paul and your family must be very proud of your achievements.

Valentine's Day Luncheon

You are invited to attend the Valentine's Day luncheon which will be held at **D'arcy Arms** (a major sponsor), Gold Coast Highway on **Thursday 13 February** at 1 pm (after Thursday bridge). Members and guests are most welcome to attend and order from the extensive menu. Please place your name as an attendee on the small notice board. Thank you and I hope that we have a really good roll up for this luncheon, which is the first social occasion of 2020.

St Patrick's Day Luncheon

Arrangements are in hand to hold a **St Patrick's Day luncheon** at **D'arcy Arms on Thursday 13 March**. D'arcy Arms will be decorated for the event. A list for names will be placed on large notice board after Valentine's Day luncheon.

February Events

- Saturday Open Eclectic- (best 3 of 4 scores) - **sponsor Benowa Tavern**
- Tuesday Restricted Eclectic (best 3 of 4 scores) - **sponsor D'Arcy Arms**
- **Novice Teams (under 100mps)** - Thursday 6, 13 & 20 February
- **President's Cup** - Wednesday 5 & 12 February, Day 2 & 3
- **Peter Leden Birthday Handicap Pairs** - Saturday 29 February - **sponsor Peter Leden Family**
- **Gold Coast Congress** - 21 Feb to 29 Feb
- Handicap winners - all Tuesday session N/S and E/W will receive free tickets if there are at least 7 tables.

Normal bridge sessions during congress with the exception of bridge being cancelled for Monday night 24 February and Thursday night 27 February.

February Birthdays

1st - Lol Garnett, Catherine Turner, 2nd - Jim Moodie, 5th - Valerie Fairlie, 9th - Connie Isaacs, Margaret Watson, Dale Wells, 10th - Connie Cassar, 12th - Mary Dooley, Richard Misior, 14th - Valerie Reuter -Buck, Kevin Steffensen, 15th - Jan Palm, Bill Reynolds, 18th - Raj Limaye, 19th - Eduardo Besprosvan, 20th Viv Gillard, Lindia Lowitt, 21st - Eric Thurin, 22nd - Cheryl Millar, Louise White, 23rd - Rita Morris, 24 Gaynor Kearney, 25th - Di Hodges, Janet Wallis, Lindell Day, Bill Corcoran, Lenette Scheck, 26th - Daina Davidson, Larry Lakind.

Promotions

Grand - Jessica Brake, ***Regional** - Judy Fitzgerald, **Regional** - Diana Board, Doby Stepanek, ****Local** - Val Gibney, **Local** - Kim Macmaster, Lois Mee, **Club** - Lesley Riches, **Graduate** - Greg Day.

New Members

It is pleasing to welcome the following new members to our club:- Isabel Brunmayr, Anna Ciampa and Jenny Dimond.

Sponsor's Corner

Our sponsors are very important to our club and each month messages from them will be published. If we are to maintain our sponsors it is important to advise them that you are from the GCBC when you visit them.

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 0421 106 986

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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