



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

We recently played in the President's Cup, an honour board red point event played over three weeks. We entered primarily because, as President, I felt an obligation. However, we thoroughly enjoyed the experience and finished higher than expected. Those A grade players and grand masters are not so scary after all!

The Board held its first meeting of the year on 11th February. One item that was discussed at some length, and which continues to cause us concern, is that we are regularly hearing comments and complaints about poor etiquette by club members. Etiquette does not only relate to how you treat your partner or your opponents. It encompasses all manner of bridge play and we ask that you be mindful of the following points. Please do not

- .touch your bidding box until you have decided on your bid
- .put your bidding cards away before the first card has been led
- .enter information in the bridgemate and your personal scorer before making your first lead
- .give unintended information to your partner
- .play cards out of turn
- .allow dummy to select cards for you when declarer. Please nominate the card you wish played
- .discuss boards just played which in turn passes on information to nearby tables

New laminated signs were recently placed around the club highlighting expected etiquette.

We were recently instructed by a Telstra employee that we **MUST NOT** park at the eastern end of the Telstra car park where the road swings around to the right (on either side). We also have to keep clear the section of driveway immediately on the right as you enter the gates as Telstra require clear access to the tower situated on our property. I have put a diagram on the notice board to clarify this. We ask that you adhere to these instructions or we will lose this parking facility altogether. On our busiest days, ie Thursdays and Saturdays please consider car pooling, traveling on public transport or, if you are able bodied enough, walking. In the worst case, we may need to double park.

On a more positive note, the Board also discussed improvements to our club rooms so watch this space. We are aiming to freshen up the club, make some décor changes and incorporate a new public address system.

Happy Bridging. **Julie**

Education

Dot Piddington's beginner lessons finished on Wednesday 26 February. Thirteen potential new members started the lessons and 13 finished them. Great track record Dot. Dot was very well received by all and she even hosted a couple of the beginners to the congress for a look. Next lessons commence on Wednesday 1 April.

Sponsorship Coordinator

After many years I have handed over my role as sponsorship coordinator to Odette Hall. Thanks very much Odette for taking on this very important club role, your offer is much appreciated.

Medical Update

I have been playing in the congress, gets me out and about and enjoying the company of my great team mates. Regular updates of My Journey are available on the home page of our website.

Valentine's Day Luncheon

A great day was had by all with 40 members attending and enjoying the gathering and fellowship at D'arcy Arms. Thanks once again folks for your support in attending and enjoying this special day.

St Patrick's Day Luncheon

A St Patrick's Day luncheon will be held at the D'arcy Arms on **Thursday 12 March**. A flyer has been placed on the main notice board so please place your names on the list if you would like to attend.

Youth Bridge Night

During the Gold Coast Bridge Congress our club held the 5th Annual Youth Bridge Fun Night. A full report will appear in the quarterly newsletter

March Events

- Ken Nicholson Memorial Pairs Tuesday 5 & 12 March - sponsor June Pulford (prizes for under life and <50mps)
- **GCBC Cup Wednesday 4, 11 & 18 March**
- **Friday 6 & 13 March red point pairs – sponsor club member**
- Thursday evening eclectic best 3 of 5 scores - **sponsor Benowa Tavern**
- Monday evening eclectic best 3 of 4 scores - **sponsor D'arcy Arms**
- Handicap winners for all Wednesday sessions receive free tickets

March Birthdays

1st - Joan Tucker, 2nd - Robyn Fletcher, David Kronenberg, Robyn Kronenberg, 5th - Margaret Bills, 6th - Anna Clampa, 8th - Pamela Collins, 10th - Trevor Haight, 13th - Julie Wicks, Kerry Watson, 14th - Bob Hunt, 15th - Val Gibney, 16th - Kathy Johnson, 17th - Merle Bogatie, 18th - Margaret Mellick, 19th - Carole McGregor, 22nd - Delma Roberts, 23rd - Darryl Hennig, 27th - Norma Cameron, 28th - Maggie Reynolds, 29th - Rhonda Peachey, 30th - John Glennie.

Promotions

Grand Master – Raj Limaye, **Gold Life** – Ralph Slick. Congratulations Raj

New Members

Please welcome the following new members:- Estelle Fluxman, Diana McAuliffe, Shawna Trebble

Welfare Officer

Cheryl Millar will be away during March/April and Penny Grace will take over the role. Thanks Penny.

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 Penny Grace 0418 946 247

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