



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

I'd like to welcome our newest Board member John Lemarchand. We are grateful to have twelve skilled and hard working members on the Board who are integral to the running of our club. Thank you all.

2883# This is the code for the new entry gate. Many thanks to Tony Berger (club maintenance manager) for organizing the installation of the gates. If the gate doesn't open press the # key, allow 30 seconds to reset and re-enter the code. Shortly we will have a keypad installed for pedestrians to exit, at the entry gate. The code will be the same.

On Friday 18th March we had a farewell party for Neville DeMestre. He has been a member of our club since 1990 and was the Editor for the Quarterly Newsletter for the past 17 years. Neville also created the handicap system that is now used Australia wide!! He and his wife, Margaret, who was also a long-term member, are relocating to the Central Coast of NSW to be with their daughters. You will be missed around the club Neville.

Most of you would be aware that we have been without internet and phones recently, due to storms. A small issue in comparison to the many people left without homes, however very disruptive to the running of the club. A big thank you to Charlie Dacey (IT Manager) who got us out of a dilemma and loaned us his home modem so that we could use the Bridge Mates rather than manually scoring. Charlie has worked endless hours to get us up and running again.

A big thank you to John Glennie, Mary Ditton and Frank Hymus for running the Director's course, currently underway. Also, thank you to the staff at Jean-Paul Langbroek's office who assisted John with a large printing job in preparation for this course.

Finally, a message of thanks to our club. *"On behalf of the Murwillumbah Bridge Club I would like to thank the Gold Coast Bridge Club for your generosity in giving us cards, boards, bidding boxes etc. We lost almost everything we own in the recent floods and your assistance will really help get us back on our feet. We are very touched by your support, and the equipment you gave us will be very much used and enjoyed. Thank you again, Warmest regards, Jay Faranda and Murwillumbah Bridge Club"*.

Regards, Odette.

Events/Congress winners in March

Cecily Critchley Memorial Novice Teams.

- **Under 50mps** 1st - Fran Taylor, Angela Nicholls, David Lewis, Lily Zhou.
2nd - Jenny Dimond, Jane McIntyre, Lee Lethbridge, Nicola Sleeman
- **Under 100mps** 1st - Robyn Kronenberg, Deb Carroll, Jenny L Williams, Viv Gillard, Liz Ward
2nd - Penny Grace, Cheryl Millar, Carolyn Waters, Juliet Rogers, Kerrie Goldston

April Events

Gold Coast Bridge Club Cup, Tuesday 5th and 12th April.

GNOT Heat 2, Day 2 at GCBC. Wednesday 6th April

Thursday Pairs <35 mps, 7th and 14th April. Sponsor Lorraine Twyford.

Thursday Evening Pairs, 7th and 14th April. Sponsor Rob Slobom (Trust).

GNOT Heat 2, Day 3 at GCBC. Wednesday 13th April

Easter All Day Red Point Teams. Monday 18th April. Sponsor Rose and Bernie Nightingale Memorial Trust.

Education

Dot's next Beginners' course starts on Wednesday 20th April, 9am to 11am and then each Wednesday up to 1st June. \$85 for the six-week course including a textbook. Please tell your friends so that they too can experience the magical game of bridge.

GCBC Volunteers

Last month we talked about the roles of our Board members. This month we acknowledge our amazing volunteers.

- Lisa Basile - Library
- Eva Berger - Chief Scorer
- Margaret Bills - Dealing, printing and stationery, updating Director's diary
- Paul Brake - Webmaster
- Charlie Dacey - IT Manager
- Mary Ditton – Chair of the Tournament Committee
- David Gillard- Masterpoint Secretary
- Penny Grace - Membership Secretary
- Darryl Hennig - Dealing
- Michael Hogan - Dealing
- Liz Linderman - Social Media, Advertising and Marketing, Decorations
- Cheryl Millar - Welfare
- Melanie Mills - Dealing
- Jim & Shelley Moodie - Partner Arrangers
- Jane Parry - Dealing
- Lesley Sutherland - Library
- Lorraine Twyford - Cleaning tablecloths
- Julie Wicks - Newsletter, Key Register, Manuals of Procedure

Welcome New Members

Michael Rootes

Promotions

Ashok Chotai - Bronze Life; Ian Jarvis - Graduate.

April Birthdays

2nd - Marlene Millar; 4th - Anna Dapergolas, Lionel Nicol; 5th - Maria Cremona, Rita Kahn; 7th - Leonie Harris; 8th - Margaret Pisko, Nimal Weerasinghe; 11th - Nicola Sleeman; 12th - Val Holbrook; 13th - Sue Smith; 14th - Meredith Evans; 18th - Angeline Christie; 20th - Nikolas Moore; 21st - Carol Harris, Lou Tillotson; 22nd - Doby Stepanek, Yong White, Shi Zeng; 24th - Diana O'Ferrall, Anita Thompson; 25th - Sue Deaves; 26th - Debbie Adams, Michael Hall; 27th - Jeff Wicks; 29th - Lynne Rau, Lauren Somers.

**Happy Bridging,
Julie Wicks**

Please come with a smile and leave with a smile and treat your partner and opponents with respect and dignity.

Use your Pianola account if you are looking for partner (you can also see who is looking for a partner)

Players who require a partner please contact

Mon - Sat. Jim & Shelley Moodie 5591 2135 or 0402 634 013

Thursday Night. Tom Strong 0421 106 986

Welfare Officer: Cheryl Millar 0409 879 081

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