



President's Message

The recent two-week teams' event was the first ever held on a Tuesday. It was extremely successful. Members have requested that we include it in next year's Diary, and we will.

Thank you to Jennifer Martin and Alan Kestenberg who have been Directors for the last two Mondays. The Club appreciates you stepping up to the task. Also, a big thank you to Directors John Glennie, Mary Ditton and Frank Hymus for giving up their time for months to train new Directors.

I need to remind everyone that the club is run by a small number of volunteers who give up their time and receive no remuneration. It's distressing when I hear gossip about a volunteer. This is not helpful to the volunteer or the Club and is totally destructive. Stop the criticism and put up your hand to do the job if you think that you can do it better. This is the first time in my tenure as President that I have felt the need to address a negative issue. Volunteers need your encouragement and assistance not negativity. Also, if you feel so strongly please contact me. I have answered every call, text or email sent to me directly or forwarded to the Board.

Warmest regards, Odette

A Brief Bio – John Glennie

My family name belongs to Clan Mackintosh. Born in Launceston Tasmania.

Employed first by Tasmania Dept of Agriculture. An Agricultural Science degree led me to research into growing pineapples at Nambour and travelling for overseas consultancies. I moved to Elders IXL in 1985 and travelled to their pineapple plantations in South Africa, China and Brazil and followed up installing PC networks in the Elders malting company. I moved to the Gold Coast in 2000 and worked in a school doubling their PC network.

My introduction to bridge was at high school and later at University. I moved to the Sunshine Coast in 1971 and was a founding member of the Sunshine Coast Bridge Club and early club champion at pairs. I played at the VBA club in the early 90's but not otherwise until retiring and joining GCBC in 2010. Over these past 12 years I have been a Director, Chair of Tournament Committee, Chief Dealer and involved in the club's IT matters.

Events/Congress winners in August. Congratulations.

- GNOT Round 4 Final: Tony Berger, Eva Berger, Kerry Wood, Charlie Howard, Louise Garnett, Lol Garnett
- Tuesday Red Point Teams: Trevor Fletcher, Dot Piddington, Ashok Chotai, Barry Williams.

- Club Pairs Championship: Neven Burica, Edward Hahn
- GCBC Pairs Congress Novice: David Ward, Liz Ward
- GCBC Pairs Congress Restricted <500: Lyn Tracey, Winny Chan
- Thursday Red Point Pairs: Section A: Lauren Somers, Dot Piddington. Section B: Carolyn Waters, John Henderson.
- Grace Henry Saturday Pairs: Section A - Jeff Conroy, Edward Hahn. Section B - Cheryl Millar, Margaret Mellick.

September Events

- Tuesdays 6th and 13th September. Pairs Open and <100. Sponsored by Just Jewellery.
- GNOT Final, Saturday, 10th September, 9.20am at SPBC
- Mondays 12th, 19th and 26th September. Red Point Pairs. Sponsored by Stan Pogacic Memorial.
- AGM, Saturday 17th September at 11am.
- Thursdays Evening 22nd and 29th September. Joan Lecke Memorial Pairs. Sponsored Margaret Williamson.
- Sunday 25th September. Interclub Teams vs Ballina BC. Red Point. At GCBC

Education

A reminder that on **Friday September 9** from 9.30-11.30am, GCBC Members and visitors look forward to a 2-hour workshop conducted by **Joan Butts**, our very popular National Teacher. At the club's request, the workshop is about Defence. To my delight Joan has chosen as a topic The Logic of Defence, and I know she will have many valuable hints for you all and will be armed with interesting hands for play.

We are all aware that partnership agreements on leads and signals are important. However, being a good defender is also an individual skill, regardless of who you are playing with. Hence, reasoning and applying logic are incredibly valuable ingredients if we are to enjoy the great game of Bridge, whether it be bidding, declaring or defending.

I am constantly reminding my students of the importance of defence. After all, we spend half of our working bridge lives in defence. A quarter of the time you are declarer and a quarter of the time you are dummy and the rest of the time you defend. It stands to reason that if you defend well you will achieve well!

That's just logic! 😊

- **Beginner and Improver LESSONS**

On Friday 2nd September, leading up to Joan's lesson, during our regular Friday morning lesson we will play hands focused on Opening Leads. Also, while our minds are on the subject of defence, for the remaining Fridays in September, (16th 23rd and 30th) I, too, shall focus on 'The logic of Defence'. My Friday lesson always aims to play approximately 8 hands on a chosen topic and is suitable for keen Improvers and Intermediates. You don't need a partner.

Dot will commence a new set of Beginners' Classes on **Wednesday September 28th**. My Improver lessons continue each Wednesday from 9 – 11am. This coming Wednesday we will practice Strong hand and Slam bidding that we've been covering over the last two lessons.

- **Hand Analysis of the Month - A single handed defence**

♠62
♥AQJ
♦KQ1098
♣1043

♠QJ1083
♥973
♦75
♣A52

♠754
♥652
♦A62
♣KJ97

♠AK9
♥K1084
♦J43
♣Q86

Here is an example of a hand where a thinking defender can ensure that South's 3NT contract is defeated. You are sitting East and partner leads the ♠Queen. Declarer wins with the Ace and immediately knocks out your ♦A, establishing 4 diamond tricks in dummy. You know the double heart finesse is working for declarer, so 3 heart tricks are assured. Add the Ace and King of spades and that makes 9.

Aware of dummy's weakness, you now switch to a club. But not just any club will do. It must be the Club Jack, a club higher than Dummy's best club. See how this traps the Queen? For this to work your partner must hold the Ace of clubs or nothing will defeat the contract. Declarer can do nothing against this play. If he plays the Queen, the Ace pounces. If not, your Jack holds the trick and you lead another. The defence now takes 4 club tricks as well as the ♦A.

This manoeuvre is referred to as a *surround play*. Leading the ♣9 or the ♣7 won't work. Declarer will simply play low, and West's Ace will be forced to win or the 10 takes the trick. Great defence East!

Have Fun Play the game Lynley

New Members

Sue Small, Bernadette Fulton

Promotions

Silver Life – Anne Zeng; Usher Liu
Bronze life – Daria Williams
Bronze State – Peter Lyons
Regional – Wendy Dawn Clark
Silver Local – David Lewis

Bronze Local – Deb Carroll
Local – Sandra Fueloep
Club – Carolyn Lloyd; Debbie Usmar
Graduate – Cathy Beatty

September Birthdays

1st - Sandra Feingold, Trish Miller; 2nd - Patricia Anagnostou;
5th - Brenda Keogh, Elma Watson; 6th - Thuy Trinh;
7th - Mary Denison (**milestone 90th birthday**), David McLeish, Judy Stephens;
9th - Kevin Dean; 10th - Sonja Bailey, Debbie Foot;
11th - John Bunker, Jennifer Sawyer; 12th - Jennifer Martin;
13th - Kevin Hall; 14th - Xiaohong Zhou; 15th - Richard Metcalfe,
Carolyn Waters; 16th - Jane Parry; 18th - Pamela Jessep;
20th - Frances Taylor; 21st - Allanah Aitken; 22nd - Marie Mills,
Joan Phillips; 23rd - Diana Board; 25th - David Grout, John Sear;
27th - Maxima Fogelgar, Dot O'Hara; 29th - Susan Brown.

**Happy Bridging,
Julie Wicks**

Need a Partner: Use your Pianola account to request or find a partner or contact:

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Welfare Officer: Cheryl Millar 0409 879 081

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