



# GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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## Gold Coast Bridge Club AGM 17 September 2022

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Good morning,

Thank you for attending the 58th AGM of our club.

Attendance this past year has been down on pre Covid years, but we've made big leaps and bounds in attempting to reverse the trend and get the club in a good position. This in part has been due to the wonderful education team we have. A special thanks is extended to our bridge teachers, mentors and supervisors. The Joan Butts lessons that the club subsidised proved to be a popular event.

As I've mentioned on numerous occasions, green points are attained by more attendance. Red points are calculated based on number of green points for the year. We made a concerted effort to increase the number of competitions held during the year to have that domino effect. In fact, we have held almost 50 competitions. We also tried different events, such as a teams event on Tuesday, to increase attendance. The free sausage sizzle on Monday is very popular.

Our Monday Rookies session is proving extremely successful. We now have a regular core group attending. Past President Julie Wicks initiated this idea during the Covid period. Julie has also updated our Manuals of Procedure and is the editor of our monthly newsletter. Thank you, Julie.

A very special thank you to our hard-working Board. To those members retiring this year, thank you. We appreciate your contribution to the Club to make it successful!

I am honoured to have Chaired this Board in the past year. Allow me to share with you a few of our achievements during the last 12 months.

- We have moved from a paper trail to an electronic system
- We meet our legal obligations to the ATO
- Our ASIC register is up to date
- We increased the number of events for our club
- Our social events, held during and after competitions, are popular
- We installed security gates in the Entry and Exit driveways
- We have set in place selection criteria for Life Membership nominations
- Whilst the Board is looking after the present, we are very conscious of ensuring the future of the Club, primarily the Telstra land. The club of course would like to purchase the Telstra land and the Board is in

constant contact with Telstra so that we have the first opportunity to do so.

Many thanks to all the Board members for your hard work. I would like to thank members who have put their name forward for the new Board.

You are aware that our club is maintained totally by volunteers except for Peter. He looks after the sausage sizzle, cleaning, the beautiful garden and is the "go to" person. This isn't just a job for Peter. He cares so much. Thanks Peter.

Thank you to all the volunteers, in so many areas: Dealers, Masterpoint Secretary, Membership Secretary, IT, Personnel, Accounting, Partnership Arrangers, the Grants team, our website master, legal advisors and our club decorating team. The Team involved in correlating next year's diary. The members who assist with selling of table tickets and let's not forget those who launder our table covers. The Directors, non-playing and especially playing Directors. It's so hard to play and direct at the same time. They sacrifice their own game while directing.

Our Club could not run efficiently without your assistance.... thank you all.

There are two people within the Club who need special mention.

- Eva Berger for her knowledge of the game and conducting competitions,
- Paul Brake for his law related advice.

Also, a big thank you to all our sponsors. Our club appreciates your donations.

Our members, who raise money for the Orange Sky Christmas Appeal are to be commended.

Lastly, I want to thank all the members who support our club through your attendance. GCBC is an AMAZING CLUB.

Odette Hall

### ***By-Law of the Gold Coast Bridge Club***

**Competitions:** If an event has an entry/nomination form on the club's competition notice board or online, a player must submit the entry form before the announced cut-off date, if any, to ensure a place in such event. A player so entering/nominating, but failing to attend, may be required to show cause why they should not be disciplined.

### ***Bobby Richman***

Who was Bobby Richman? Although born an American, Bobby first came to bridge prominence in the 1970s in Melbourne and became a bridge professional before that line of work was fashionable. His style was to bid a lot, then in the card play he had the ability to visualise the only card to make or break a contract. Bobby attained 10,000 masterpoints in 2009, a world record. He died in 2013 having acquired a total of 11,422.36 mps,

Australia's first Emerald Master. Most of his masterpoints come from the ABF's main events. It thinks Bobby is the only person to have won every major Open event in Australia at least once.

### ***A Short History of Australians and Bridge***

A member recently asked if an article could be included about the history of bridge. After a quick Google search, this article about the history of bridge in Australia was located on the ABF website. Although purported to be a "short" history, this document is 49 pages long. However, well worth a read. It can be found at this link:

<https://www.abf.com.au/about-abf/abf-history/australians-and-bridge/>

### ***October Events***

- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Anniversary All Day Red Point Teams. Sponsored by The Yvonne Wain Trust Fund.**
- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October. Masters Pairs Open. Three sections: >50mps, >300mps and Open.** This is the last Honour Board event of the year and offers a chance for members in the lesser masterpoint categories an opportunity to have their names added to the Honour Board.
- **Thursdays 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October. The Platypus Pairs, >35mps and Open. Sponsored by club member.**

### ***Events/Congress winners in September. Congratulations.***

- **Australia Wide Open Pairs.** 1<sup>st</sup> at GCBC and 29<sup>th</sup> overall in Australia - Jane Swanson and Bob Hunt.
- **Neil Raward Interclub Teams, Ballina vs GCBC.**  
**Open. Ballina** - Paul Smith, Winston Guymer, Anne Jackson, Marueen Baker.  
**Intermediate. Ballina** - Deborah McLay, Ian Michelson, Mark Miller, Lorraine Miller  
**Restricted. Ballina** - Rebecca Rogers, Lorraine Bryant, Ray Ghioni, Robert Sheahan.
- **Stan Pogacic Memorial Pairs.**  
**Open** - Tony Berger, Kerry Wood  
**Restricted** - Judy Stephens, Shane Whiting

### ***New Members***

Jeff Conroy, Pauline Baker, Dimity Burke, Carole McDonald, Mark Trussell, Vivien Henesey-Smith, Diane Perry, Miryana Djilas, Sandra Martin, Merridy Alfieri, Trisha Bonnet, Liz Labuc-Spoors, Rose Hillier, Janelle Burton, Denise Roganovic, Irene Hayward

Our total membership now numbers 406. There are still members who have not renewed their membership. If you are intending to renew, please do so as soon as possible so that your membership will continue uninterrupted.

**Promotions**

**Silver Local** - John Lemarchand, Alan Kestenberg

**Graduate** - Caroline Barton, Patricia Geal

**October Birthdays**

1<sup>st</sup> - Jan Jennings; 3<sup>rd</sup> - Rose Hillier; 4<sup>th</sup> - Elaine Commelin, Suinee Wong;  
6<sup>th</sup> - Janelle Burton, Carol Vogel; 7<sup>th</sup> - Caroline Gillmer;  
10<sup>th</sup> - David Browne, Wendy Christie, Russell Parry, Sue Small;  
11<sup>th</sup> - Darren Brake; 12<sup>th</sup> - John Hiscock; 15<sup>th</sup> - William Dyson;  
16<sup>th</sup> - Brett Hughes, Shirley Wanz; 17<sup>th</sup> - Lisa Basile, Bernadette Fulton,  
Frank Hymus, Sandra Middleton, Marie Orme; 18<sup>th</sup> - Mary Jojkity;  
19<sup>th</sup> - John Henderson, George Powis, Shane Whiting; 20<sup>th</sup> - Kadie Cheney;  
21<sup>st</sup> - Teresa Kurth, Wendy Wilson; 25<sup>th</sup> - Birgitt Bingham,  
Jenny Simmons; 26<sup>th</sup> - Jill Dowling, Michael Hogan;  
27<sup>th</sup> - Tom Lyons; 28<sup>th</sup> - Ethne Huddleston; 30<sup>th</sup> - Odette Hall.

**Happy Bridging,**  
**Julie Wicks**

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