



President's Report



The biggest change in the month of October is the larger tabletops which are 900mm square, giving us an enhanced playing area. We are currently investigating what type of table cover we will use, if any.

A big thank you to volunteer Lorraine Twyford and her helpers for diligently washing the tablecloths. Great job and much appreciated.

Our **Melbourne Cup function** was the most popular event last year. There are still some tickets available for this year. \$30 pp includes lunch, champagne and a game of bridge. Come and join the fun. Please be at the club by 9am and bridge will commence at 9.30am.

The **Christmas luncheon** will be held at the club house on Saturday 3rd December. Get in early. \$35 pp includes lunch and drink, a game of bridge and the presentation of Honor Board event winners.

GCBC prides itself in giving back to our members. The above events are subsidised by the club.

Warm regards, Odette

Constitution, Levies and Volunteers

Some of our members may not be aware that our club is a limited company by guarantee and is governed by a constitution. This document can be viewed on the club website at goldcoastbridgeclub.com under the tab for Documents.

We are also an affiliated club with the national Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) and Queensland Bridge Association (QBA). Part of our annual membership fees include levies paid to these bodies and both the members and the club are subject to many regulations.

This brings us to the need for volunteers to ensure that the club can carry out a long list of duties that are needed to satisfy our corporate and legal obligations. We are not just a little club that opens its doors, puts out the tea and coffee and boxes of cards and we can then play some boards.

Our volunteers need to be acknowledged and respected. All members of the Board are volunteers. While some directing is paid, much is unpaid. All directors have completed a comprehensive and difficult course which has a notoriously high failure rate for the final exam. Our directors are very competent and give up a lot of time to comply with the regulations required for us to earn those elusive masterpoints. Other volunteer roles are Treasurer, Chair of Tournament Committee, Chief Scorer, Membership Secretary, Masterpoint Secretary, Dealers, Webmaster, Zone Committee representatives, Recorders, Congress Convenor, IT Manager, to name a few. While we have 394 members playing bridge, this is made possible by our active volunteers who only number 36. Therefore, 10% of our members are making this

club operate for the benefit of the entire membership base. Some volunteers have taken on more than one role.

If you feel you could contribute in any way, please speak to a member of the Board. You may think you don't have any relevant skills. You may be surprised to learn that you are just the person we are looking for.

Education

PASS: Often a good Option - An important tip for Improvers.

Once you've opened the bidding 1 of a suit and partner has responded with 1 of a suit, try to show both your strength and your shape with your next bid. Tell partner if you are balanced or unbalanced, if you are minimum, medium or maximum hand. Perhaps you opened 1 Club and partner bids 1 Spade, a forcing bid which you cannot pass. With a minimum balanced hand and no support for partner's spades your response will be 1NT, keeping the bidding at a safe low level.

BUT, If the auction starts the same way and your righthand opponent interferes with 2♦ or 2♥ before you have a chance to describe your hand, you are no longer obliged to bid with a minimum hand. *Partner's 1♠ bid is no longer forcing.*

Don't worry, partner has another bid thanks to the interference of your opponent. Use the opponent's bidding to help describe your hand. You now have a perfect opportunity to PASS showing a minimum hand without spade support for partner. eg a hand that would rebid 1NT if there was no interference.

Remember these crucial points.

- Responder may have as few as 6 points and a bid by you now could be taking the partnership too high
- A new suit by you now will need to be at the 3 level and shows extra High Card strength or great shape and is forcing!
- 2NT by you now is a hand too strong to open 1NT, showing 18-19 pts.

PASS will tell partner quite a lot and is often the best option. If partner has an opening hand or an invitational hand they will bid. Trust partner. Don't bid the same hand twice. Partner heard you the first time 😊

Have fun. Play the game well

Lynley

Library

Our members are privileged to have access to a well-stocked library. As with all libraries, books are available to borrow, meaning they are to be returned, please. Our volunteer Librarian, Lisa Basile, asks each year, before the annual stocktake, that members please check their shelves at home and return library books that are past their return date. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

What is the origin of the idiom "in spades"?

To have something "in spades" means to have it in abundance or to a large degree. The idiom apparently originated in the USA in the 1920s and is said to be derived from the card game Bridge, which was popular during that time. Spades are the highest ranked suit in that card game, so the more spades you had, the more likely you were to win.

Rule of 11

The Rule of 11 is used for placing the outstanding higher cards when partner makes a fourth best lead. One subtracts the spot card led from eleven to determine the number of higher cards in the remaining three hands. Since the high cards in the dummy and your hand can be seen, the remaining cards are with declarer. This information is quite useful in deciding which card to play on the trick and how to play the suit if you take the trick. If the answer does not make sense, the card led may not be fourth best.

Events/Congress winners in October. Congratulations.



TBIB Qld Open Teams 8th October 2022

1st in B Group - Fletcher team:

Trevor Fletcher, Dot Piddington, Ed Hahn, Jeff Conroy.

- **Anniversary All Day Teams**
Miller Team: Carolyn Miller, Kevin Steffensen, Eva Berger, Tony Berger
- **Master Pairs:**
Open: Ed Hahn, Trevor Fletcher
<300mps: Melanie Mills, Connie Cassar
<50mps: Jo-anne Martin, Shane Whiting

November Events

- **Saturday 5th and 12th November. Open and <35mps Pairs**
Sponsored by Di Hodges.
- **Monday 7th and 14th November. <50mps Pairs**
Sponsored by Fran Taylor.
- **Tuesday 8th and 15th November. Open and <50mps Pairs**
Sponsored by Odette Hall.
- **Sunday 20th November. All Day GCBC Teams Congress**
Sponsor Heritage Brothers Funeral Service.
- **Wednesday 23rd November. Queensland Wide Pairs**

New Members

Wayne Mitchell

Promotions

Gold Life: Judith Woodward

Bronze Regional: Cheryl Millar

Silver Local: Carolyn Jordan, Maggie Reynolds

Graduate: Shane Whiting

November Birthdays

1st - Patricia Kaye; 2nd - Gwenda Brennan; 4th - Pat Gaudet; 5th - Greg Tosh;
6th - Lorraine de Nett, Charles Rees; 7th - Kim MacMaster; 8th - Joseph Aarons;
9th - Susan Aarons; 11th - Cheryl Hensel, Lyn Keogh, Carole Stone; 12th - Noni Affleck;
13th - Diane Perry; 15th - Colin Lewis; 20th - Libby Roberts; 21st - Ray Bailey;
22nd - Eva Berger; 24th - Eric Lomas; 25th - Catherine Beatty; 26th - Peter Lyons;
28th - Merridy Alfieri, Sue Howard; 29th - Bev Payne; 30th - Carolyn Sargeant, Robin Winter.

**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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