



### *President's Report*

Compared to all the excitement in December with the Christmas Party and then in January with the President's Cup and Australia Day, February is a short and relatively quiet month. The internationally supported Gold Coast Congress was held at the Broadbeach Convention Centre, attracting thousands of top bridge players from around the world. This is a prestigious annual event, and our members are always encouraged to enter. See winners in the Congress section below.

Our Rookies section on Monday afternoon goes from strength to strength. This relaxed and friendly session welcomes players with less than 35 master points and is a great way to develop your game following the excellent teachings in Dot and Lynley's classes. A great way to advance your recently acquired knowledge is through real but relaxed practice.

Lynley is happy for you to continue with her improver's lessons on Monday and Friday mornings. You are welcome to return to her classes as often as you wish and discuss hands you have encountered in competition play.

The Monday sessions are now exclusive to Rookies, the open section no longer meets on Mondays.  
Warm Regards, **Odette and Brian**

### *Learn to Play Bridge with Dot Piddington*

Dot is conducting three more of her outstanding Beginner's courses during 2023. Every Wednesday at the club from 9am to 11am on the following dates:

1. 19<sup>th</sup> April to 24<sup>th</sup> May
2. 12<sup>th</sup> July to 16<sup>th</sup> August
3. 27<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> November

The six-week course costs \$85 including the textbook. Please contact Dot on 0418 887 806 or email her at [dot.piddington@bigpond.com](mailto:dot.piddington@bigpond.com) to register or for any further information.

### *ABF Gold Coast Congress 2023 Winners*

This Congress has just wrapped up for another year. Well done and congratulations to all our members who participated. The winners in various events are listed below:

- **Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs Open:** E/W - David Smith (GCBC member) and Neil Ewart (Canberra Bridge club member).  
\*\*This pair were awarded the Ivy Dahler Trophy\*\*. Great result, gentlemen.
- **Saturday pm Walk-In pairs:**  
Lindell Day and Lynley Jenkins
- **Monday am Walk-In pairs:**  
N/S - Kathy Johnson, Lois Steinwedel  
E/W - Erin Waterhouse, Ross Steinwedel
- **Wednesday am Walk-In pairs:**  
E/W - Erin Waterhouse, Ross Steinwedel
- **Saturday am Walk-In Pairs:**  
Darren Brake, Fraser Rew

### *February Events Winners - Congratulations*

**Restricted <50mps Pairs:** Jenny L Williams, Robyn Kronenberg

**Rob Slobom (Trust) Evening Pairs:** Pat Beattie, Margaret Pisko

**Kieser Red Point Pairs:**

- Open: Edda Strong, Tom Strong.
- Under 300mps: Carolyn Waters, Juliet Rogers

### **Peter Leden Birthday Handicap Pairs:**

- **Section A** N/S: Usher Zeng, James Yang; E/W: Jane Swanson, Bob Hunt
- **Section B** N/S: David Lewis, Anne Zuscak,; E/W: Alan Kestenberg, John Lemarchand

### ***March Events***

- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> March, Ken Nicholson Memorial Pairs: Open and <100mps. Sponsor June Pulford**
- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> March, Red Point Pairs: Sponsor Odette Hall**
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> March, Cecily Critchley Memorial Novice Teams <100mps. Sponsor Lynley Jenkins**
- **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March, Red Point Pairs: Sponsor Grace Henry**
- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, GNOT Heat 2 Day 1 at GCBC**
- **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, GNOT Heat 2 Day 2 at GCBC**

### ***Saturday Bridge - We are Back***

As well as enjoying a high standard of competitive bridge each Saturday, many members used to stay at the club for a post celebration (or commiseration) drink and some nibbles. This ceased with the arrival of Covid-19, and it has taken 3 years for this popular post-session gathering to return. We hope you will use this opportunity to share a light moment with your partner, your friends and those you haven't met yet.



### ***Promotions***

Silver Local - Deb Carroll

Bronze Local - Jenny L Williams

Club - Wayne Mitchell, Meredith Evans

### ***March Birthdays***

2<sup>nd</sup> - Robyn Fletcher, David Kronenberg, Robyn Kronenberg; 4<sup>th</sup> - Dimity Burke;  
5<sup>th</sup> - Margaret Bills; 7<sup>th</sup> - Sharon Shapiro; 8<sup>th</sup> - Pamela Collins; 12<sup>th</sup> - Patricia Geale;  
13<sup>th</sup> - Faye Atkinson, Carolyn Lloyd, Kerry Watson, Julie Wicks; 14<sup>th</sup> - Lorraine Fell-Smith,  
Bob Hunt; 16<sup>th</sup> - Kathy Johnson; 17<sup>th</sup> - Merle Bogatie; 18<sup>th</sup> - Margaret Mellick;  
19<sup>th</sup> - Carole McGregor; 24<sup>th</sup> - Denise Roganovic; 26<sup>th</sup> - Jeff Conroy; 27<sup>th</sup> - Norma Cameron,  
Yida Zhou; 28<sup>th</sup> - Setsuko Horsfield, Maggie Reynolds; 29<sup>th</sup> - Mark Henesey-Smith,  
Rhonda Peachey; 30<sup>th</sup> - John Glennie

### ***In The Beginning.....by Margaret Day***

Joining the Gold Coast Bridge Club 12 years ago has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. How I wish I had learned to play Bridge when I was younger. I was nearing 80 years of

age when I moved to the Gold Coast from Brisbane. My daughter in law, Lindell and Kerry Hiscocks encouraged me to start lessons. With trepidation, four of us, unknown to each other (but still friends to this day) started the 6-week beginner's course with teacher Kathy Johnson. Then came the trauma of playing in a real session which was nerve wracking. However, with tolerant experienced players, wonderful Directors, and helpful Presidents we learned how to play, although improvement was slow.

It has been a wonderful experience to be a member of this great Club. In addition to learning and playing bridge, meeting new friends, and attending various social occasions throughout the year, the members have been encouraged to contribute to various charitable causes. We have knitted and sold hundreds of poppies for the RSL and beanies for preemie babies. We've raised money for those affected by flood, fire, domestic violence, homelessness, to name a few. We now have a committed band of fund-raising workers.

The Gold Coast Bridge Club has provided wonderful opportunities for so many. I'm proud to be a member.

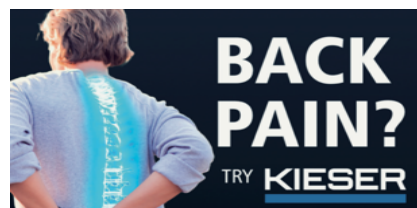
Margaret Day. OAM  
(could now be Old Aging Margaret. 😊)

**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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