



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Report

All Board members, past and present, have always worked towards providing the best bridge experience at our Club. We meet once a month and a lot of matters are discussed and usually resolved, always with the members' best interests at heart. However, the old maxim, "you can't please all of the people all of the time" is so true.

I know some members were disappointed that we did not play bridge on Good Friday. When compiling the 2023 diary, we took into consideration the support to play in 2022 when only three pairs turned up. Therefore, the decision was made to close the club on that day.

Since Covid-19, our member numbers attending sessions is well down. We ask that you support your Board and your club while we trial different initiatives. Your comments, suggestions and constructive criticism is always welcome via the Suggestions Box in the entrance.

On a more positive note, I would like to thank Liz Linderman for her initiatives organising this month's social get-togethers, and for her decorating of the Club to fit in with each event.

Warm regards, Odette

GCBC Newsletter

We have reached 200 editions of our monthly newsletter. Started by Neil Raward in September 2006, it is very timely to reach this milestone coinciding with a celebration of Neil's life, being held at the club on Saturday 29th April. The current editor took over the reins in June 2021. The newsletter aims to provide members with information re upcoming events in the club, acknowledging winners in events and congresses and some other important and/or interesting tidbits of information. The Editor is always keen for members' contributions.

National Volunteer Week – 15th - 21st May

This is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering with the 2023 theme of **The Change Makers**. It is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers in bridge clubs, state bridge organisations and bridge congresses.

Bridge clubs and congresses are suffering from reduced attendances and volunteers are essential to make our club operate efficiently as well as being welcoming and friendly for returning and future players. In Australia we have about 330 playing clubs and the vast majority are volunteer run by over 3,000 volunteers. They need our support and recognition for a job well done.

Pianola

For our newest members, you would have received a welcome letter or email containing some important information including how to join Pianola. This is an online program that allows members to track their progress, check club results, seek a partner and receive this newsletter. You may feel, as a beginner, it is not relevant to you, but it will become a very useful tool as time goes on. If you have not joined and need some assistance, please contact Charlie Dacey at cdacey@gmail.com or speak to any of the Board members.

Thursday Director

We have had a change of guard on Thursday mornings. We thank our previous Director, Frank Hymus, and wish him well in his one-year sabbatical. We welcome our new Director, Ludwik Tomalik who is settling in well with some guidance from Frank.

April Events Winners – Congratulations

- **GNOT Round 2**
Johnson Team: Linda Norman, Kathy Johnson, Eva Berger, Tony Berger, Kevin Steffenson.
- **Easter Red Point Teams:**
Hymus Team: Frank Hymus, Krystyna Homik, Eva Berger, Tony Berger, Kathy Johnson
- **Lorraine Twyford Pairs** – Sandra Hendry, Michael Rootes
- **Rob Slobam Pairs** – Sonya Palfreyman, Shane Palreyman
- **GCBC Cup** – Eva Berger, Tony Berger

May Events

- **Tuesday 2nd & 9th May. Red Point Pairs, Open and <100mps. Sponsor Connie Cassar.**
- **Saturday 6th May – King Charles Coronation celebration**
- **Monday 15th & 22nd May, Monday Pairs for <50mps. Sponsor Zeppelin Travel**
- **Thursday 18th & 25th May. Thursday Teams. Sponsor Shiraz Persian Restaurant**
- **Friday 19th & 26th May – GNOT Heat 3. Held at SPBC.**
- **Tuesday 30th May – Australia Wide Novice Pairs**

New Members – Welcome

Linda Norman, Gregory Parry, Leonie Daniels, Michelle Craig, Deidre Clark, Lynne Sawyers, Catherine Hegarty, Glen Potter

Promotions

National – Lindell Day, Tom Lyons

Bronze Regional – Jeff Wicks

Regional – Robyn Kroneberg

Silver Local – Anne Moase

Bronze Local – Greg Tosh

Local – John Bunker

Graduate – Russell Parry, Mark Henesey-Smith, Lynne Rau.

May Birthdays

1st - Sue Herse, Christine Lane, Peter Lloyd; 2nd - Jan Kinkead; 5th - Caroline Barton, Adele Butters; 6th - Caroline Ausden; 7th - Grace Henry, Deb Roots; 8th - Peter Uldrich; 9th - Yvonne Kilvert, Wendy Lemon, Tom Ward; 10th - Julian Egerton-Vernon; 11th - Juliet Rogers, Jane Swanson; 12th - Alan Jones, John Lemarchand; 13th - Debbie Usmar; 14th - Wayne Mitchell; 15th - Barbara Grant; 16th - Maggie Gibbs; 17th - Michael Aikin, Barry Coe, Paula Pettersson; 18th - Wendy Drysdale; 19th - Tony Berger; 20th - Ross Steinwedel; 21st - Mary Ditton, Nadya Tuxworth; 23rd - Philip Kerr; 24th - Shayne Palfreyman; 25th - Lorraine Twyford; 27th - Margaret Day, Faye Ding; 28th - Drazel Pincus.

In The Beginning.....by Joanna Reid

In 2017, I became a third-generation member of the Gold Coast Bridge Club. My grandmother, Nancy McKinlay, joined in 1967 and my mother, Heather Reid, in 1983. Both formidable players and great club members.

My first memories of bridge were as a child, when women wore pant suits and maxi dresses. In Grandma's smoke-filled living room on a Saturday afternoon, you could hear a pin drop as four taloned and bouffant haired competitors sat around a small table playing cards. I knew instinctively not to make a sound!

Nancy loved her club, the excitement of swanky bridge congresses at The Chevron and bridge cruises to exotic destinations. I thought she was fabulous.

My mother started playing club bridge in her 40s, when night bridge was still very popular. After retiring she became deeply involved in the running of the Club, acting as President and Diary

Manager. The colourful characters that played and the administrative machinations of the Club have been a huge part of her life.

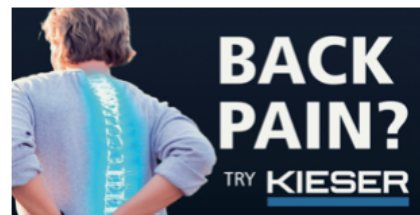
No one at home wanted to hear too much about it all but she shared it with us anyway. Consequently, I've felt connected to this Club and bridge in general for decades longer than I've actually been playing. I've finally been sucked into the competitive club bridge vortex, with no hope of escape. Like my grandmother and mother before me, I'm well and truly hooked.

Happy Bridging
Julie Wicks

Need a Partner: Use your Pianola account to request or find a partner or contact:
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Thursday Night. Tom Strong.....0421 106 986

Welfare Officer: Cheryl Millar 0409 879 081

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