



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

A couple of weeks ago we heard the wonderful news that Richard Misior has finally been able to leave hospital after seven months during which he spent 77 days in ICU. Richard and his wife contracted Covid-19 while on the cruise ship Ruby Princess. His wife recovered after a few weeks. Richard fought a long hard battle and definitely beat the odds. Welcome home Richard.

So far, we have received three grants since the outbreak of Covid-19 thanks to the efforts of Trevor Fletcher and Margaret Bills. The grant money has been used for various items such as:

- A new security system has been installed. We are regularly seeing evidence of people and cars having been on our property who don't belong there, and recently the garden shed was broken into. Fortunately, nothing of any value was taken.
- Our front door has finally been repaired.
- We are also in the process of sourcing a suitable PA system.

We are still taking bookings for the Christmas lunch. Please see Marlene or call her (0408 768 919) to secure your ticket. Liz Downer, Carolyn Waters and Juliet Rogers have set up tables at the club to display raffle items and tickets are selling well. More donations of alcohol and chocolates for the raffle would be greatly appreciated. All of the proceeds will go to the charity Orange Sky Australia. This organization was set up by two enterprising young men with the aim of positively connecting people experiencing homelessness through laundry, showers and conversation. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas lunch on 5th December. Don't forget donations of non-perishable items for the Salvation Army Christmas appeal. Please place items in baskets inside the front door.

As I am writing this before the Queensland election, I do not know the result. I believe whoever wins will soon open our border and Queensland will see an influx of visitors. While we have no new cases of Covid-19 in the community in Queensland and indeed the whole country seems to be managing the virus well, we still cannot afford to be complacent. The health of our members is still our number one priority so measures will remain in place such as temperature checks, practicing good hand hygiene, sanitizing the tables, resting the bidding boxes, maintaining physical distancing of 1.5m and, most importantly, staying at home if you are unwell.

Stay well Julie

Education Report

Things are going really well at GCBC regarding Beginner, Improver and Intermediate Lessons. Dot's regular Beginner classes are attracting good numbers of new members. Well done Dot. I must also congratulate Mary Ditton, who directs a new Monday under 25 MP session. The new players really need and are enjoying this.

I too am enjoying my task in Improver lessons of fast tracking these players on subjects like Overcalls, Takeout doubles, Stayman, Strong 2 openings etc in preparation for these sessions. It's a lot for them to take on quickly, but they all seem to really enjoy the challenge. So Congratulations and Welcome to our very new members! It's so easy for experienced players to forget just how challenging it can be to take on this wonderful game of Bridge!

On Mondays at Intermediate lessons, we continue to focus on defence. A very important part of the game, and arguably, the most difficult to master.

Have fun! Play the game! Lynley

November Events

- **Thursday Red Points Pairs <100mps** (5 & 12 November) - Sponsor - Odette Hall
- **Monday Red Points Pairs <25** (9 & 16 November) - Sponsor - Odette Hall
- **All Day Red Point Teams** - Sunday 22 November (Sponsor The Rose & Bernie Nightingale Memorial Trust)
- All other events for November cancelled

November Birthdays

3rd - Zacharia Davidson (100 year old*), 4th - Pat Gaudet, 6th - Lorraine de Nett, Charles Rees, Greg Tosh, 7th - Kim MacMaster, 8th - Joy Gilmer, 9th - Errol Holmes, 11th - Carole Stone, Lyn Keogh, Cheryl Hensel, 12th - Noni Affleck, 15th - Colin Lewis, James Pisko, 17th - Barbara Marker, 21st - Ray Bailey, 22nd - Eva Berger, 23rd - Georgina Moore, Jessica Moore, 27th - Naomi Ryan, David Flintoff, 29th - Beverley Payne, Violet Grady, 30th - Carolyn Sargeant.

* congratulation Zach you are amazing for your age – what a pity that COVID – 19 has spoilt your time with us this year. Look forward to catching up with you and Daina in the near future.

New Members

Margaret Cummins, Val Holbrook, Rachel Langdon, Nikolas Moore, Shayne Palfreyman, Lesley- Anne Parry, Robin Simpson and Kathy Toth have recently joined our club.

Promotions

Gold Life – Angeline Christie, **National** – Eduardo Besprovan, *State – Lesley Sutherland, Trevor Shaw, *Local – Margaret Bills, **Club** – Beverly Jarvis

My Journey Bulletin

Bulletin No 9 & 10 are now available on home page of GCBC website. I commence my trial program on Monday 2 November.

Enjoy Your Bridge

Neil Raward – Editor

Please come with a smile and leave with a smile and treat your partner and opponents with respect and dignity

Players who require a partner please contact

Mon, Wed, Fri. Neil Raward 0402 417 584

Tue, Thu, Sat. Jim & Shelley Moodie 5591 2135 or 0402 634 013

Night Thurs. Tom Strong 0421 106 986

Use Pianola if you are looking for partner (you can also see who is looking for a partner)

Welfare Officer Cheryl Millar 0409 879 081

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