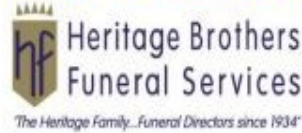




GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

Despite the club closure for four months, our Education program has gone from strength to strength. Lynley, as Education Coordinator and a Grand Master, has continued with her Improvers' classes and Intermediate classes (held on different days) with valued assistance from Mary Ditton. Dot didn't let something like a pandemic get in the way of her conducting three Beginners' courses throughout the year. Most of her graduates joined the club and most are now attending lessons and/or playing in sessions. Mary has also been directing the Rookies session on a Monday afternoon which is well attended and enjoyed by all. We also have Charlie and Kerry, both Grand Masters, conducting a mentoring session on a Wednesday evening and Charlie also gives up his time to do a Q&A session after bridge on Tuesdays. With so much bridge brain power helping us master this game, we should all be Grand Masters one day!!

I have to give a big shout out to Liz Downer. From the day Liz entered our club she has constantly raised her hand to undertake jobs, big and small. Her natural ability is in creating beautiful scenes and decorations for our many events in the past. This year she has overseen the collection and wrapping of items for the Christmas raffle. She extends this creativity to our Facebook page. She also volunteered to manage registrations for sessions three days a week. This has turned into a mammoth job and even though it has now moved online, it still demands a lot of Liz's time. Thank you, Liz. I'd also like to acknowledge Sue Herse's contribution as Membership Secretary over the past ten years. Thank you, Sue. With excellent training from Sue, Penny Grace has taken on the role with her usual quiet confidence and is doing an excellent job. We have other very dedicated hardworking volunteers and we thank them also. The workload in some areas is not always evenly shared and we are always looking for more people to step up and help. The club is a community run by its volunteers. We would love more of you to get involved and share the workload.

Last month we switched websites. As with all things digital, it is a forever changing world and it was decided the website needed to be freshened up and offer a few more topics and information. Paul Brake has coordinated this switch with the full support and approval of Peter Busch, the QBA IT guru whose Compscore scoring program we continue to use. The new website site is still linked to the previous site for results so members can still access their results in the old format.

We've all had a trying year, some more so than others. Please don't get complacent. We've dodged a bullet here in Queensland with this virus but the gun is still loaded! Happy bridging. **Julie**

Education Report

Lessons are winding down for the year. Not sure where this year went, despite the fact that for many of us it was one of the longest years in living memory. Wonderful to see that things are now looking up for the Club .

Beginners Lessons have just been completed Monday and Wednesday and those students are now in Help With Play for several weeks. We have just welcomed 16 new members from this latest group which is excellent news.

Beginners Lessons for 2021

Commence Wednesday 27 January and the 6 week course ends Wednesday 3 March 2021.

My Monday and Wednesday Improver and Intermediate lessons will end by December 9th, and restart next year on Wednesday 6 January. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Party . Something novel this year and should be fun! Happy Christmas all - **Lynley**

Sue Herse

President Julie has already recognised the outstanding commitment given by Sue in the important role as membership secretary. I would also like to thank Sue for her wonderful assistance I have received with regard to the birthday and new member list being forwarded to me each month without fail for the past 10 years. Thanks a lot Sue you are truly a legend of the club.

2021 Diary

As we know the diary has been thrown into disarray this year through the closure of the club for three months and Dianne Hillman our diary coordinator has been working under very difficult circumstances to put together the 2021 diary, by not knowing when the club will get back to normal and if QBA congresses are to recommence in the New Year. One thing Di does know is that the club has once again been awarded 36 red point sessions for 2021. The diaries will be distributed at the Christmas Party.

Sponsorship

New board member Dee McAuliffe will be taking over my role as sponsorship coordinator, a role I have enjoyed for the past six years. Unfortunately we have lost a couple of commercial sponsors, however members of the club must be congratulated for opting to become new sponsors. Thank you for your contributions which I know will be greatly appreciated by our members.

December Events

There are no events in December.

Birthdays for December

4th - Shelley Moodie, 5th - Jackson Cook, David Keys, 6th - Edda Strong, 7th – Peter Bloomfield, 8th - Laura Ryan, 9th - Carole Millar, 10th - Charlie Howard, 12th - Heather Reid, Dulcie Miller, 14th - Barbara Huddy, Ruth Tracey, Lee Lethbridge, 16th – Kayla Silverman, 19th - Nola Saunders, 20th - Lesley Sutherland, 21st - Ruth Young, Ralph Spinks, Robin Frost, 22nd - Judy Fitzgerald, 23rd - Ann Burstow, 26th - Saftica Poppa, 28th - Lynley Jenkins, Margaret Williamson, 31st – Duncan Fraser, Dan Sebbens

New Members

Susan Aarons, Joseph Aarons, Xiaohong Zhou, Karla Silverman, Anne Zuscak, Sharon Reid, Elizabeth Naumczyk, David Keys, Lindsey La Castra, Maree Wray, Kay Alexander, Robin Frost, Alan Kestenberg, John Lemarchand, Peter Bloomfield, Marie Bloomfield, Lynne Rau, Louise Hartnell, Peter Hartnell, Sue Graham, Helen Geschke. These 21 new members have recently graduated from Dot Pittington's classes. Wonderful achievement Dot you certainly have got the magic retention formula.

Promotions

State – Elinor McCloskey, ****Local** – Robyn Spooner, **Local** – Noni Affleck, **Club** – Kevin Hall, **Graduate** - Thomas Ward

Enjoy Your Bridge & Merry Christmas

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

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