



# GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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### President's Message

I played today (Thursday) for the first time since reverting back to single tables. What a strange experience, at least for the first half of the session. Familiarity returned after a while. I heard mixed reactions throughout the room with some people happy not to have any more back issues and others complaining at the lack of space. One or two more sessions and the large tables will quickly be forgotten.

I wasn't able to attend the Australia Day celebration. However, the feedback has been very positive and having ten extra tables allowed for many more members to enjoy the day.

This will be my last newsletter since, for personal reasons, I am stepping down from the role of President and from the Board with immediate effect. I believe the Club is in good shape with a long-serving Vice President who is very capable of stepping into the breach until she, or another member, is confirmed as President.

Thank you for your support over the last 16 months. Stay well and safe. Best wishes. **Julie**

### Education Corner

It is pleasing that Dot introduced two + tables of new keen beginners on Wednesday 27 January.

My Improvers on Wednesdays continue to hone their skills, learning the basics like Stayman, pre-empts and competitive bidding along with slam bidding etc. As soon as they have been introduced to a few of these basics these improvers are very keen to take their chances in our under 25 masterpoint sessions conducted by Mary Ditton each Monday afternoon starting 12.20 This friendly no fear session is a great introduction for the new players and grows in numbers.

### My Intermediate lessons recommence on Monday 1 Feb from 9am- 11.15

This 10 week course is ideal for partners to attend, but you don't need a partner to attend. Each lesson offers partnerships an opportunity to develop systemic agreements, It is not based on fancy conventions, but sound basic natural bridge principles. It covers as always bidding, play and defence.

This particular course covers in depth **RAISING PARTNER'S MAJOR ....** Simple you may. But we will be uncovering some of the complexities that lie within. **Come along and find out how to read your partner's mind! To view an outline of the Course visit our website or check the Notice Board at the club! Lynley**

### Return of Monday Afternoon Bridge >25mps

After 10 months, Monday afternoon bridge is returning for >25mps players The club is generously sponsoring a monthly eclectic event. Please help to make Monday great again, hope to see you there.

### Australia Day Celebrations

Absolutely fantastic day was enjoyed by the 88 attendees, champagne on arrival, with Australiana snacks, sausage sizzle for lunch then more bridge. There were numerous players who stayed on to enjoy the company of their fellow members after bridge.

### Valentine's Day Luncheon

You are invited to attend the Valentine's Day luncheon which will be held at **D'arcy Arms** (a major sponsor), Gold Coast Highway on **Thursday 11 February** at 1 pm (after Thursday bridge). Members and guests are

most welcome to attend and order from the extensive menu. Please place your name as an attendee on the large notice board. Thank you and I hope that we have a really good roll up for this luncheon, which is the first social occasion of 2021.

### St Patrick's Day Luncheon

Arrangements are in hand to hold a **St Patrick's Day luncheon** at **D'arcy Arms on Thursday 13 March**. A list for names will be placed on large notice board after Valentine's Day luncheon.

### Richard's Return

Our very good friend and lovely member Richard Misior returned to bridge after many months in the GCUH being treated for COVID 19 which Richard caught on the Ruby Princess in early March together with his wife (who sadly passed away recently). Richard received a hero's welcome along with bridge therapy to lift his spirits.

### February Events

- Monday Eclectic >25mps (best 3 of 4 scores) – sponsor GCBC
- Tuesday Restricted Eclectic (best 3 of 4 scores) - **sponsor D'Arcy Arms**
- **President's Cup** - Wednesday 3 & 10 February, Day 2 & 3
- **Thursday Pairs** 4 & 11 February <50mps – sponsored by a **Club Member**
- **Thursday Evening Pairs** 4 & 11 February– sponsor **Rob Slobom Memorial Trust**
- **GNOT Heat 1** at SPBC Friday 5 & 12 February
- **Peter Leden Birthday Handicap Pairs** - Saturday 27 February - **sponsor Peter Leden Family**

### February Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> - Lol Garnett, Catherine Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jim Moodie, 5<sup>th</sup> - Valerie Fairlie, 9<sup>th</sup> - Connie Isaacs, Margaret Watson, Dale Wells, 10<sup>th</sup> - Connie Cassar, Marilyn Giddings, 12<sup>th</sup> - Mary Dooley, Richard Misior, 14<sup>th</sup> - Valerie Reuter - Buck, Kevin Steffensen, 15<sup>th</sup> - Jan Palm, Bill Reynolds, 18<sup>th</sup> - Raj Limaye, 19<sup>th</sup> - Eduardo Besprosvan, 20<sup>th</sup> Viv Gillard, Lindia Lowitt, Dee McAuliffe, 21<sup>st</sup> - Eric Thurin, 22<sup>nd</sup> - Cheryl Millar, 23<sup>rd</sup> - Rita Morris, 24 Gaynor Kearney, 25<sup>th</sup> - Di Hodges, Janet Wallis, Lindell Day, 26<sup>th</sup> - Daina Davidson, Elizabeth Naumczyk

### Promotions

**National** – Colin Lewis, **Bronze Local** – Carolyn Jordan

# As from 1 January the \* and \*\* rankings have been renamed bronze and silver, hence the Bronze Local which was formally \*Local

### 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**

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

**Night Thurs. Tom Strong . . . . . 0421 106 986**

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**Welfare Officer Cheryl Millar . . . . . 0409 879 081**

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