



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

What interesting times we live in.

COVID has changed the world in so many ways over the last 12 months and it's here to stay for some time yet. Conforming to COVID rules, we went from single tables to large tables and now back to single tables. Currently using 25 tables as compared with 36 pre COVID.

It was a very sad and unanimous decision to close the kitchen. I'd like to share with you and for you to understand the reason why. The Club and it's Board members are registered with ASIC and it's our responsibility to keep the club viable. With the decrease in income it necessitated that we make the change. Also COVID restrictions have limited our kitchen viability. Please join us in farewelling and thanking both Chris and Carole and wishing them well in the future.

Our Monday afternoon session is really picking up. It's great to see six tables of Rookies and five in the Open section (15th February) and last Monday seven tables of Rookies and ten in the Open section. Thank you to those who are supporting this event.

When the Diary was set late last year (due to COVID) we didn't have a Monday afternoon Open section, thus very few competitions were allotted to Monday's. We are making amendments we listened to your feedback alterations to the diary are happening!! Watch out for the updated Competitions via the GCBC web site

We, the Board and myself are here for you, if you have a problem please let us know. Either send us an email gcbridgeclub@gmail.com or ring for a chat. Enjoy this great game of bridge.

Warm regards **Odette**

Education Corner

Player numbers for new players in restricted sessions are continuing to grow. The Monday Duplicate for under 25 Masterpoints is one such popular session ably directed by Mary Ditton. Players start in this section as soon as they have been instructed in the essential basics of bridge itself. Now its time to learn the essential basics of playing a bridge session.

Beginner Lessons ... Next set of lessons with Dot for 2021 commences on Wednesday April 21st.

Valentine's Day Luncheon

A great day was had by all with 20 members attending and enjoying the gathering and fellowship at D'arcy Arms. Thanks once again folks for your support in attending and enjoying this special day.

St Patrick's Day Luncheon

A St Patrick's Day luncheon will be held at the D'arcy Arms on **Thursday 11 March**. A flyer has been placed on the main notice board so please place your names on the list if you would like to attend.

March Events

- Ken Nicholson Memorial Pairs Tuesday 2 & 9 March - **sponsor June Pulford** (prizes for under life and <50mps)

- **GCBC Cup Wednesday 3, 10 & 17 March**
- **Friday 5 & 12 March red point pairs – sponsor club member**
- Monday afternoon <25mps eclectic best 3 of 5 scores - **sponsor D'arcy Arms**
- **GNOT Heat 2** at GCBC Wednesday 31 March, 7 & 14 April – no walk in bridge
- **Monday 5 April All Day Red Point Teams** – Sponsor Bernie Nightingale Memorial Trust

March Birthdays

2nd - Robyn Fletcher, Julie Hudson, David Kronenberg, Robyn Kronenberg, 5th - Margaret Bills, 8th Pamela Collins, 10th – Carole Ossher, 13th - Julie Wicks, Faye Atkinson, Kerry Watson, Carolyn Lloyd, 14th - Bob Hunt, Mark Treeble, 15th Val Gibney, 16th - Kathy Johnson, 17th - Merle Bogatie, 18th - Margaret Mellick, Anne Marie Sherring, 19th - Carole McGregor, 22nd – Delma Roberts, 23rd - Darryl Hennig, 27th - Norma Cameron, 28th - Maggie Reynolds, 29th - Rhonda Peachey, 30th - John Glennie

Promotions

Club – Leigh Lethbridge, **Graduate** – Alan Kestenberg, John Lemarchand, Jenny Williams

New Members

Please welcome the following new members:- Owen Kenny, John Brady, Bev Brady, Darren Brake and Sandi Fueleop

Club Web Site

Our club web site has undergone some major changes thanks to Paul Brake and from listening to many members there is a lack of awareness of its capabilities. Recently Pianola results were not forwarded to members and many said they were unaware of their results. **Solution:-** open up GCBC web site and on the left hand side is a list of different web sites, open up **Results** and **Altosoft** will appear, open session and complete results can be viewed. I publish frequent bulletins outlining my ongoing cancer battle and these can be viewed together with other new documents by referring to **News** on the right hand side of the web site opening page. Check out all the sites for yourself.

Medical Update

After 4 months on a cancer clinical trial in Brisbane I had PET/CT scans on my neck cancer after which my chemo oncologist gave me the following report, “Neil we are travelling in the right direction”. Who can question that?

Welcome Back Danny

Owing to health issues Danny Hatcher moved to Sydney for a couple of months, it is lovely to be able to welcome back Danny to our club once again.

Reminder

As from Monday 1 March members are to provide their own coffee cups and wine glasses.

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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Education Corner for March Newsletter

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As teacher, I personally regard this session as a no fear learning forum - a very initial stepping stone for all our newer players who are coming through our Beginner classes in numbers. Our excellent retention rate with Beginners is dependent on continuing to provide a happy and enjoyable experience for them. Bridge is for all to enjoy!
Old Chinese proverb .. "Make happy those who are near and those who are far will come!"
Have fun Play the Game

Lynley

ONGOING LESSONS

Improvers lessons are held Wednesdays 9.00am -11.15 am.

Designed for newer players or those who have learned in the past and would like to brush up on bidding and playing skills. No partner required. Visitors welcome!

Please Note There will be a short **break** for improver lessons from **Wednesday March 24th**, until new set begins **Wednesday April 12th**

Intermediate Lessons Mondays 9.00am -11.15 am

Popular with partnerships wishing to improve Bidding techniques, partnership defence, and Declarer Play skills. You do not need a partner to attend. Visitors welcome.

Current lessons will continue each Monday til **Monday March 29**. Lessons include all aspects of raising partner's major. eg **Jacoby 2NT GF, Splinters, Raises in Competition, and Bergen Raises.**

New set of lessons will begin in mid to late April . Date and topics to be confirmed.

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