



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

Youth Bridge -As we are all aware, the under 25 (youth bridge) sector is one of the major well springs of the future of our beautiful game.

On the Wednesday night of the Congress which, for the last 3 years we have hosted as many of the under 25s who can make it, for free pizza and soft drink plus an unorthodox bridge comp, from 7 pm to 9:30 pm. So, on Wednesday the 21st, Paul Brake and I played host to about 30 players, ranging in age from 6 (years!) to around 29. The 'older' ones really have no other compatible sector with whom they can hang.

One player David attended with his wife and 4 young children (see above) and I discovered that he had graduated to grand master at age 23. His wife told me they started teaching their children as soon as they could hold a hand of cards. He now supports his family from bridge. Jess Riche and her family also earn a living from bridge, along with other young players.

Philip Roberts - President

Education

Help with Play Sessions continue weekly on both Saturdays (9.00am-11.30am) and Wednesdays (9.15am-11.30am). There are **two groups both days** - one for our newest players (players who have recently completed lessons) and a second one for Improving and Intermediate players. Table fees for Help with Play Sessions are \$7 or ticket for members and \$10 for Visitors. See you there! Lynley & Cecily

Director's Course

John Glennie and Paul Brake will be conducting a Director's Course commencing on Monday 19 March. The course is free to all club members and the syllabus has been circulated via Pianola and is displayed in the club. Please add your name to the list on the main notice board. Whilst you may not want to become a director, by attending the course you will gain a more intimate knowledge of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge and Regulations will can be of great assistance to your game when you have decisions to make as a result of your opponents infractions. The course includes Movements and Scoring and Compscore2 sessions.

Valentine's Day Luncheon

A great day was had by all with 30 members attending and enjoying the gathering and fellowship at D'arcy Arms.

St Patrick's Day Luncheon

A St Patrick's Day luncheon will be held at the D'arcy Arms (an Irish pub and restaurant) on **Thursday 15 March**. A flyer has been placed on the main notice board so please place your names on the list to attend. The D'arcy Arms is an outstanding venue with a great atmosphere that also has off street parking and is just down the road from our club. The last social occasion with our major sponsor was well attended and the meals were first class and all who attended thoroughly enjoyed their day.

Origin of Playing Cards (provided by member Barbara Grant)

As you sit at the Bridge table, have you ever looked at the cards you are holding and wondered about their origin? It has become the stuff of legend.

One has it that playing cards had their origin in China in 1120 AD to provide amusement for the harem of the Emperor Hui Tsung, who kept one Empress, three Consorts, nine Spouses, twenty-seven Beauties or Concubines, and eighty-one Attendant Nymphs or Assistant Concubines. Time was often quite wearisome for the ladies of the inner chamber of the Imperial Palace, and so playing cards were conceived by some of them as a pastime for relieving their perpetual boredom.

Another from India attributes the creation of playing cards to the irritable wife of a fidgety Maharajah, whose trick of constantly pulling hair from his beard frayed her nerves beyond endurance. To counter her husband's distressing habit, the Maharani devised the idea of an indoor game that would not only occupy his mind but keep his hands otherwise engaged.

Legends aside, it is uncertain when and where playing cards originated and, as cards do not withstand the passage of time, there can be no archaeological evidence to prove or disprove theories of their origin. However, it seems likely they had their birthplace in Asia.

Bridge during the Gold Coast Congress

It was pleasing to see a good attendance at our club on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the congress. Members really appreciated that bridge and lunch was available during this time.

International Invitational Pairs at GCBC on Tuesday 13 February

What a wonderful night this was! The idea was to welcome visiting players to our shores on the eve of the 2018 Commonwealth Bridge Games, for the locals to meet some stars, and for visiting players to enjoy some Aussie hospitality. On 13th February, festooned with flags, the Gold Coast Bridge Club has never looked better. The room was full to capacity with players from all over the world. We played twenty-four boards (cross-imp scoring), and then enjoyed the all Australian spread! The evening was the brainchild of Phillip Roberts, Club President, and his committee and the menu was conceived and produced by Di Hodges with Cheryl Hensel, Melanie Mills, and Lesley Sutherland assisting in the kitchen. As reported by Joan Butts in the Gold Coast Congress Bulletin No4.

March Events

Please consider entering the GCBC Cup which is an Honour Board Event for Club Members only and limited to thirty pairs. The Novice Pairs Congress is an excellent chance for players under 100 Master Points to gain Red Points. Also, try to make up a team for the GNOT - which has Gold Points.

- Thursday evening Eclectic best 3 of 5 scores - **sponsored by Modern Goddess**
- Saturday Eclectic - **sponsored by a club member**
- Monday evening Eclectic best 3 of 4 scores - **sponsored by D'arcy Arms**
- **March Red Point Pairs Friday 2 & 9 March - sponsored by AMP Advice**
- **Ken Nicholson Memorial Pairs Tue 6 & 13 March (prizes for under life + restricted) - sponsored by June Pulford**
- **GCBC Cup Wednesday 7, 14 & 21 March. Honour Board event for Club Members only**
- **GNOT Heat 1 at GCBC Monday 12, 19 & 26 March - GOLD Points**
- **Novice Pairs Congress (under 100mps) Sunday 18 March - sponsored by TBIB - ABF Insurance**
- **Open and Restricted Pairs Thursday 22 & 29 March - sponsored by Moving with Ease Physiotherapy [MWE]**

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Benowa Tavern Players/Members Achievement Award - The two \$20 vouchers are awarded to Di Morris our resident pianist and for company at the lunch her lovely bridge partner Lysette Woodman will join her.

March Birthdays

1st - Joan Tucker, 2nd - Julie Hudson, 4th - Anthony Donkersloot, 9th - Thelma Meekin, 10th - Trevor Haight, 12th Vernia Bullivant, 13th - Faye Atkinson, Julie Wicks, 14th - Bob Hunt, 15th - Val Gibney, 16th - Kathy Johnson, 17th - Merle Bogatie, 18th - Margaret Mellick, 19th - Carole McGregor, Jan Ralph, 23rd - Michael Jefferies, 26th - Axel Van Drongelen, 27th - Norma Cameron, 28th - Maggie Reynolds, Setsuko Horsfield, 29th - Rhonda Peachey, 30th - John Glennie, 31st - Cecily Fury.

Promotions

Silver Life - Danny Hatcher, ***Local** - Robyn Spooner, Elinor McCloskey, **Club** - Kim McMaster, Wilma Crisford.

New Members

Please welcome the following new members:

Betty Kariovic, James Pisko, Barbara Marker, Violet Grady and Daphne Williams.

Sponsor's Corner

- Paul from **Moving with Ease Physiotherapists** will be attending the club and talking with club members during the MWE Thursday event
- John Lomas from **AMP Advice Gold Coast** will talk with members during the Friday event

Enjoy Your Bridge

Neil Raward

Editor/Sponsorship Coordinator

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

Nights - Mon & Thurs. Tom Strong 5593 3416

Use your Pianola account 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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