



## NOVICE NEWS #3 OCTOBER 2018

I have a new title of Novice Coordinator but, more importantly, what does this mean for you? It means if you have any suggestions, complaints, questions, please feel free to tell me or ask me and I will do my best to address the issue.

The Australian Bridge Federation is, as the name suggests, the governing body of bridge in Australia. In my last newsletter I told you how to look up your master-points at [www.abfmasterpoints.com.au](http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au). At [www.abf.com.au](http://www.abf.com.au), there is a great resource for all bridge players and especially for Novices. The website contains a lot of information about upcoming events, news, feedback, education and member services. It is well worth familiarizing yourself with this site.

Speaking of a great resource, don't forget about our own well-stocked Library where you can borrow or purchase books from our wonderful Librarian, Lesley Sutherland.

Below is the list of coming events for novice players during November and December.

- Nov 1 and 8 GCBC Red point event for under 300mps and under 50mps
- Nov 10 Townsville Novice Teams
- Nov 11 Sunshine Coast Novice Pairs
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- Graded events
- Nov 6 GCBC Melbourne Cup Party (may not be graded but good fun anyway)
- Nov 25 Toowong Graded Teams
- Dec 2 Redland Teams
- Dec 8 GCBC Christmas Party. May not be graded but always a great day.
- Dec 9 QBA Teams of 3 - Northern Suburbs

Details on how to enter events at our club can be found on the noticeboard at the club or on the GCBC website at [www.goldcoastbridgeclub.com](http://www.goldcoastbridgeclub.com). Details for events around the region can be found on the QBA website at [www.qldbridge.com.au](http://www.qldbridge.com.au). From the Home page go to Events and then Coming Events. If you cannot access this information online, email me at [gcgc@winshop.com.au](mailto:gcgc@winshop.com.au) and I can print an entry form for you.

Now is the time to start thinking about the **2019 Gold Coast Congress**. This international event is held each year at the Gold Coast Convention Centre in Broadbeach. The dates are 15-23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 and there are several events suitable for Novices and Rookies.

**Rule (Eva Berger) Questions During the Auction.**

During the auction, at your turn to bid, you may ask questions about any part of the opponents' auction. It is unwise to ask about a specific point of the auction as this may convey unauthorised information to your partner. It is prudent not to ask questions unless the answer affects your bid.

**Tip (Lynley Jenkins)**

With no FIT underbid! With a good FIT overbid!

**GCBC ByLaws**

The Tournament Committee may designate some sessions as "Handicap Sessions". Handicaps are determined by the scoring system. Overall winners retain master-points. Net winners receive any prize ticket issued.

**Bridge Etiquette.**

It is considered unacceptable behaviour at the bridge table to criticise your opponents (or their bidding or play) or to criticise your partner (or his/her bidding or play).

***"If you focus on playing good bridge then good results will come. If you focus on trying to get good results then you won't play good bridge."***

— Robert S. Todd

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