



# GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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### *President's Message*

April has been a very busy month for our club. We held multiple events:

- An Honour Board event over two weeks
- Two rounds of the GNOT
- Two-week competition for under 35mps players
- Two-week competition for Thursday evening players
- All Day Teams event on Easter Monday.

The All-Day Easter Monday Teams event was sponsored by Bernie Nightingale who has been a long-time member of our club. Bernie now lives in Sydney with his family and wishes to continue to sponsor this event on an annual basis. Thank you to all our sponsors. Your support is very much appreciated by all members.

### **Covid-19 Update**

The Queensland Government has recently relaxed a number of Covid-19 restrictions. As the average age of Australian bridge players is over 70, and therefore in a high risk of infection category, both the ABF and QBA have made the decision that only vaccinated members can play in their events and sessions on their premises. The QBA Management Committee met last week. This Covid-19 policy had the tick of approval from their Legal Counsel.

The GCBC Board had an emergency vote last week and it was decided that GCBC adopts this same policy, meaning only vaccinated members will be permitted to play at our club, at least until the end of the year.

I trust you had a safe and enjoyable Easter.

**Warmest regards, Odette.**

### *Events/Congress winners in April*

- **Winners of GNOT 2**

Christie team: Angeline Christie, Ed Hahn, Yvonne Kilvert, Neven Burica, Jeff Conroy

- **Winners of GCBC Cup**

Kathy Johnson and Lois Steinwedel

- **Winners of Easter Rose and Bernie Nightingale Red Point Teams**

Berger team: Eva Berger, Tony Berger, Robyn Fletcher, Pat Beattie

### *May Events*

Monday Pairs, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Thursday Teams, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May

GNOT 3, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> June at SPBC

Australia Wide Novice Pairs, 31<sup>st</sup> May

### *Education*

Information regarding our Beginners Courses and Improvers and Intermediate Lessons can be found on our webpage at [www.goldcoastbridgeclub.com](http://www.goldcoastbridgeclub.com).

### **Rule of 7**

When playing No Trump contracts and having only one stopper in the suit led headed by the Ace, one may use the Rule of 7 to decide how many times to hold up.

Rule: Subtract the total number of cards you and dummy hold in the suit from seven. This is the number of times you should hold up when the opponents lead the suit. This rule is also used with suit contracts.

### **A Message from QBA**

“Winter Holiday Bridge Lessons”. **Free lessons for ages 10-25.**

When: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 09.30 to 11.45 each day

Where: Queensland Contract Bridge Club, 67 Ipswich Road, Woolloongabba

Register your interest with Michael Gearing. Tel: 0419 733 930. Email: [Michael.gearing@gmail.com](mailto:Michael.gearing@gmail.com)

### **Welcome New Members**

Karin Nay, Thuy Trinh, Brian Pearson, Teresa Kurth, Suzanne Davis, Lydia Astill, Susan Donovan, Judy Stephens

### **Promotions**

Gold Life - Ed Hahn, John Sear

Bronze National - Eduardo Besprosvan, Pamela Jessep

National - Jack Luke-Paredi, Lesley Sutherland

Bronze State - Lindell Day, Shi Zeng

State - Lisa Basile, Juliet Rogers, Carolyn Waters

Bronze Regional - Patricia Adam

Bronze Local - Alan Kestenberg, John Lemarchand, David Lewis

Local - Angela Nicholls, Beverly Jarvis

Club - Anne Zuscak, Jenny Dimond, Debbie Adams

Graduate - Adam Marks

### **May Birthdays**

1<sup>st</sup> - Sue Herse, Peter Lloyd; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jan Kinkead; 3<sup>rd</sup> - June Pulford; 5<sup>th</sup> - Caroline Barton, Adele Butters;  
6<sup>th</sup> - Caroline Ausden; 7<sup>th</sup> - David Gillard, Grace Henry, Deb Roots; 8<sup>th</sup> - Peter Uldrich; 9<sup>th</sup> - Yvonne Kilvert,  
Wendy Lemon, Tom Ward; 10<sup>th</sup> - Julian Egerton-Vernon; 11<sup>th</sup> - Juliet Rogers, Jane Swanson; 12<sup>th</sup> - Alan Jones,  
John Lemarchand; 13<sup>th</sup> - Judy Shapiro, Debbie Usmar; 15<sup>th</sup> - Barbara Grant; 16<sup>th</sup> - Maggie Gibb;  
17<sup>th</sup> - Michael Aiken, Barry Coe, Paula Pettersson; 19<sup>th</sup> - Tony Berger; 20<sup>th</sup> - Ross Steinwedel;  
21<sup>st</sup> - Mary Ditton, Nadya Tuxworth; 23<sup>rd</sup> - Philip Kerr; 24<sup>th</sup> - Shayne Palfreyman; 25<sup>th</sup> - Dianne Morris,  
Lorraine Twyford; 27<sup>th</sup> - Margaret Day, Faye Ding; 28<sup>th</sup> - Drazel Pincus; 29<sup>th</sup> - Rae Bocher;  
30<sup>th</sup> - Netta Davies, Sheryl Gardner; 31<sup>st</sup> - Tony Roberts

### **Happy Bridging, Julie Wicks**

**PS. A note from the Editor. Jeff and I are on an extended road trip and, all going well, we plan to drive around Australia. We will be away from the Coast for around three months but I intend to continue to publish the newsletter remotely.**

**Please come with a smile and leave with a smile and treat your partner and opponents with respect and dignity.**

**Use your Pianola account if you are looking for partner (you can also see who is looking for a partner)**

**Players who require a partner please contact**

**Mon - Sat. Jim & Shelley Moodie . . . . . 5591 2135 or 0402 634 013**

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

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

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