



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

Our AGM was held on 19th September with 57 members in attendance. Nine of the eleven members from the previous board were re-elected and three new members joined the Board. We are sorry to see Tony Berger and Colin Lewis leaving the Board and we thank them for their contribution. We welcome our new Secretary, Viv Gillard, Di McAuliffe and Greg Tosh.

This month we saw the introduction of the Rookies session (under 15 master points) on Monday afternoons. To date the response has been very positive. We have also introduced a new Novice section (under 100 master points) that runs in conjunction with the Friday Open section. It is too early to say how well this will be attended.

Our club has become very active. We have Beginners' lessons and regular lessons on both Monday and Wednesday mornings. We have sessions six days a week and one evening session. Charlie Howard is conducting his Q&A sessions after play on Tuesdays and Thursdays and he and Kerry Wood are hosting a mentoring session on Wednesday afternoons. David Smith who is one of our newer members and the club's only Gold Grand Master is also assisting with the program. We recently increased our table numbers to 15 so there is something for everyone and room to accommodate you.

Neil has been busily approaching sponsors to confirm commitments for next year. It is a difficult time for everyone. However, if you would like to sponsor an event please speak to Neil. There are many ways you can sponsor – a regular session for one day, a multi session over two or three weeks, a congress or an honor board event. It is a great way to support your club.

We will soon be printing invitations for our annual Christmas party. Due to restricted table and people numbers at the club, we are holding the party at the Northcliffe Surf Club on 5th December. It promises to be a great day. Stay well **Julie Wicks**

Education

I'm pleased to announce we have lots of keen new beginners coming through. Beginner, Improver and Intermediate lessons are conducted by Dot and myself on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

We have also introduced a new session on Monday afternoons for Rookies under 15mps, with Mary Ditton directing. Some of those playing have just recently completed Beginner lessons. Proving it's never too soon to get amongst it! The session is proving to be a great success, and attracting good table numbers. You will need to book for this session.

Don't forget our wonderful library. Margaret Bills, Lindell Day and Lisa Basile have kindly volunteered to help our Librarian Lesley. It will now be open and accessible to members at most sessions. Thanks girls. Have Fun! Play the game **Lynley**

Events for September/October

- **Anniversary All Day Red Point Teams** - Monday 5 October - Sponsor - **Yvonne Wain Trust**
- Tuesday Eclectic open and restricted - Sponsor - **Shoetique**
- **Friday Red Point Pairs** - Friday 2 & 9 October - Sponsor – **Local Newsletters**
- **Club Pairs Championship (all day red point event)** – Friday 23 October

If you would like to be a new sponsor for an event in 2021 please contact me. Thanks Neil

Birthdays October

1st - Jan Jennings, 10th - David Browne, Wendy Parsonage, 11th – Darren Brake, 12th - John Hiscocks, Madeline Sutcliffe, 15th - William Dyson, 16th - Shirley Wanz, 17th - Sandra Middleton, Marie Orme, Lisa Basile, Julie Heib, Frank Hymus, 18th - Mary Jojkity, 19th - George Powis, Margaret Taylor, John Henderson, 20th – Kadie Cheney, 23rd - Lysette Woodman, 25th - Birgitt Bingham, 26th - Michael Hogan, Jill Dowling, 27th – Tom Lyons, 28th - Ethne Huddleston, 30th - Odette Hall.

September Luncheon

On Thursday 17 September, 20 members wine and dined at the D'arcy Arms for this annual lunch after the conclusion of bridge. As usual a great day of friendship, fine food and drink was shared by all in attendance.

New Members

Pamela Beaton, Marilyn Giddings and Mark Treble have recently joined our club.

Promotions

Silver Life - Dot Piddington, **Graduate** - Duncan Fraser

My Journey Bulletin

Bulletin No 8 is now available on home page of GCBC website. Hopefully I will know shortly what my future treatment program will be.

Enjoy Your Bridge

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

Nights 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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