



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

I'm sure that you've heard that wearing masks is mandatory till the end of July. It is a small inconvenience, and by comparison, we are still able to go about our life without too many restrictions. Give a thought to our fellow Australians that were in lock-down for most of last year and are once again.

It's good to hear that a lot of our members have had their first Covid-19 vaccination. Some have had their second shot! Good on you ... let's make the GCBC a healthy and safe zone for all those who play.

One of the highlights of the month was the visit from John-Paul Langbroek on Tuesday 20th July. GCBC was successful in obtaining a \$35K grant to resurface our car park. This will be done on **Friday 6th August** and **Monday 9th August**. Therefore, the club will be **CLOSED** on those two days. Our club will be open on **Saturday 7th August** and will **re-open** for all normal sessions from and including **Tuesday 10th August**.

Keep enjoying this great game of bridge.
Warm regards,
Odette

Education

After a mid-winter break from lessons, it's just a couple of weeks before I resume Intermediate and Improver classes on Mondays and Wednesdays ... **CLASSES start Wednesday August 11 (Improvers) and Monday August 16 (Intermediates)** - delayed one week due to club closure as mentioned above. **Both sessions 9am - 11am**. Hope you are all rested and ready to take on some new and exciting bridge challenges. Topics for continuing lessons are outlined on the GCBC Website. Look forward to seeing you then. Beginner Classes on Wednesdays with Dot continue as scheduled. Thank you to Dot for her tireless efforts there. Take care and stay safe.
Cheers Lynley.

Events for August

- **Monday 2nd August. GNOT – GCBC – Heat 4 – Day 3**
- Tuesday Open and Restricted Eclectic, best 3 out of 5 scores.
- **Moreland Pairs for under 35mps – Thursdays 5th and 12th August. Sponsor Club Member.**
- Thursday Open Eclectic, best 3 out of 4 scores.
- Friday Open Eclectic, best 3 out of 4 scores. **Sponsor D'Arcy Arms.**
- **Saturday Pairs, July 31 and August 7.**
- Saturday Open and Restricted Eclectic, best 3 out of 3 scores.
- **Red Point Restricted/Novice Matchpoint Pairs, Sunday 15. Sponsor Stuart Reeder Harcourt Coastal.**
- **Club Teams Championships (all day event), Friday 27 August.** This is an **Honour Board event for Members only**. Table numbers are limited so get your team together and enter online or on the noticeboard.

The club diary for 2022 is being compiled now. If you would like to be a new sponsor for an event in 2022 please contact Di Hodges.

Winners

**Congratulations to Angeline Christie and Krystyna Homik on winning the Queensland Women's Pairs for 2021.

**Congratulations to winners of the Gold Coast Zone Teams of 3, held at SPBC on 25th July:

- A Group, 1st place Pat Beattie as Captain and team members Margaret Bills, Jennifer Martin and Ethne Huddleston.
- A Group, 2nd place Dot Piddington as Captain and team members Carolyn Waters and Julie and Jeff Wicks.
- B Group, 1st place Jenny Simmons as Captain and team members Greg Tosh, Jenny L Williams and Fiona Evans.
- B Group, 2nd place Tom Strong as Captain and team members Ian Murphy, Ian Sandeman and Elizabeth Foster.

Membership Renewal - Annual membership payments are due by 31st August. Prompt payment would be appreciated. Payment can be made by direct deposit to - Gold Coast Bridge Club (Suncorp Bank) BSB: 484 799 Account Number: 354 187 431. Please include your SURNAME and CLUB NUMBER as reference with payment. Alternatively (cash, eftpos and cheque) payment can be made at the Club or by post to - Gold Coast Bridge Club, PO Box 7009 GCMC 9726 (Cheques payable to Gold Coast Bridge Club)

Communicating with You

Our most valuable tool for communicating with our members is email sent through Pianola. We encourage you to remain connected to us, especially during these uncertain times of Covid-19. We have noticed that a number of members have opted out of receiving any communication from Pianola. This means you are missing out on vital information relating to the club's operation, particularly in relation to Covid-19. If you are not receiving the club's emails or you have forgotten your username and/or password, please contact Penny Grace. If you need to unblock Pianola messages, please send an email to - support@pianola.com and request that your account be unblocked.

Some Bidding Rules

Here are two rules that are used to communicate information to your partner.

- **Rule of 15.** You can open the bidding in fourth seat if the number of high card points and the number of spades equals fifteen. This assumes that spades are likely to be evenly divided between the two partnerships and that a fit in spades may exist.
- **Rule of 20.** In either first or second seat, add the number of high card points to the number of cards in your two longest suits. If this adds up to twenty and you have two quick tricks, open the hand in your best suit.

Birthdays for August,

1st - Lexie Yeates, 4th - John Leach, 6th - Wendy Clark, 8th - Kerry Hiscocks, 9th - Marilyn Bidey, Fiona Evans, 12th - Melanie Mills, 13th - Ron Borland, Bill Guthrie, Dorothy Meier, 14th - Patricia Hobson, 15th - Laura Dummett, Bob Still, 16th - Paula McLeish, Derick Coppack, 17th - Di Court, Elizabeth Downer, 19th - Ken Moschner, 20th - Neven Burica, Jack Luke-Paredi, Robin Simpson, 22nd - Charlie Dacey, Anthony Tuxworth, Joanna Reid, 23rd Patricia Adam, 24th - Kay Alexander, Darryl Briskey, 25th - Kay Simpson, 30th Margaret Cummins, 31st - Peter Hartnell, Alan Kestenberg.

New Members

Suzanne Lees, Anna Dapergolas, Elaine Crommelin. Total number of members is 426.

Promotions

Trish Anagnostou - Grand; Sue Robinson - Silver Life; Sue Herse - National; Marlene Dwyer - State; Lisa Basile - Bronze Regional; John Henderson - Local; Lynne Allan - Local; Sonja Bailey - Local; Robyn Kronenberg - Club; John Bunker - Club; Carolyn Lloyd - Graduate; Gwenda Brennan - Graduate.

Happy bridging

Julie Wicks - 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 - Sat. Jim & Shelley Moodie 5591 2135 or 0402 634 013

Thursday Night. Tom Strong 0421 106 986

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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