

## Issue No 180 - September 2021

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### President's Message

- Thanks all for your understanding over the last month due to Covid changes. From being in lockdown, then opening with restricted numbers requiring registration on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday to (for the moment) back to regular sessions wearing masks. Thank you Liz Downer for once again offering to do the registrations.
  - Finally, our car park has been resurfaced and line marking in place. Thanks to Trever Fletcher for organising the grant and to Tony Berger for overseeing the job.
  - The two-week, Thursday night Red Point Zone Teams event was very successful. 12 teams participated and enjoyed by all. We are the **only club** on the Gold Coast that has a **night bridge** session. Very relaxed and enjoyable. All are welcome.
  - We have arranged for our two cleaners, Peter and Des, to make sure that our tea and coffee trays are cleaned and re-stocked and milk jugs washed out as part of their daily clean. Our club room is cleaned daily and sanitised in line with Covid protocols. *Thank you to those who have been helping in this area.*
- Warm regards, Odette

### Education

Everything continues to run smoothly in the lessons department. We have many new enthusiastic beginners coming fast through the ranks each Wednesday with our wonderful Dot. At GCBC we are so lucky that lessons (and sessions) are able to proceed (albeit wearing masks), while our companions in other Australian States wonder if things will ever return to some normality. Improver lessons on Wednesdays are currently attracting around 4 tables. It's much the same for Intermediates on Mondays - this session largely focuses on partnership agreements, which of course is the essence of the bridge game. I do so enjoy watching my students increasingly achieving excellent results in our sessions and enjoy hearing of their daily bidding adventures! Keep up the excellent work all of you. Stay safe all and remember Kindness matters  
Lynley ☺

### Annual General Meeting

To be held at 11am on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September at GCBC. All members are welcome. Please enter your intention to attend on the list on the noticeboard.

### Membership Renewal Reminder

Your annual membership renewal was due at the end of August. If you have not already renewed, please do so as soon as possible or your ABF affiliation may become inactive. Many thanks to Penny Grace in her volunteer role as Membership Secretary. This is a demanding role and Penny's name says it all – she handles it all with grace.

### Events for September

- **Stan Pogacic Memorial Pairs Red Point, Wednesdays 1, 8 & 15 September**
- Thursday Restricted Eclectic, best 3 out of 5 scores. **Sponsor D'Arcy Arms**
- Thursday Evening 2 and 9 September. **Sponsor Rob Slobom (Trust)**
- **GNOT Zone Final on Saturday 11 September at SPBC at 0920.**
- **Interclub Teams vs Ballina on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September online.** \*\*\* Due to the NSW border restrictions our annual interclub teams match against Ballina is now proposed to be held on-line. Enjoy the friendly competition, Red Points, and the opportunity to represent the GCBC from the comfort of your own home! Players interested in competing in the Under 200 MPs, Under 600 MPs and Open Divisions can find details on the club's calendar (or can contact Paul Brake - Mobile 0490 117 482).

## Averaging a Board

At our club, we usually play between 27 and 36 boards each bridge session, which all run for 3hrs 40 mins. The time available to play a board is limited. Depending on the number of boards and the experience level of the players in that session, the Director decides the time available to play each board. For a restricted section this is usually 7 minutes per board. For an Open section this may be only 6 minutes per board. Obviously, the experience level and playing styles can vary wildly in sections and some players may need more time than others. While this is perfectly natural, boards need to keep circulating around the room and players need to move after each round in the time allocated. If a table still has a board to play when time has run out, a score needs to be given irrespective of the potential result that could have been achieved on the board. While it is possible that the director may award something different (e.g. if they consider one pair is wholly responsible for the inability to complete the board), the Director usually “averages” the board. If so, this should not be seen as a penalty and each pair will be given a 50% score for that board.

## Rule of 11

Rule of 11 is used for placing the outstanding high cards when partner makes a fourth best lead. Subtract the spot of the card led from eleven (11) to determine the number of higher cards in the remaining three hands. Since the higher cards in dummy and in your hand can be seen, the remaining cards are with declarer. This information is quite useful in deciding which card to play on the trick and how to play the suit if you take the trick. If the answer does not make sense, the card led may not be the fourth best.

## September Birthday Luncheon

For many years the club has celebrated those who have their birthdays in September. At last count, 31 members will celebrate a birthday this month. A great reason to come and join the lunch **at the D'arcy Arms on Thursday 23 September after bridge at 1.00 pm**. *These celebrations are open for all members to enjoy.* Please place your name on the flyer on the large noticeboard if you will be attending.

## Birthdays for September

1<sup>st</sup> - Trish Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Trish Anagnostou, 5<sup>th</sup> – Brenda Keogh, Elma Watson, 6<sup>th</sup> – Royala Rooney, 7<sup>th</sup> – Mary Denison, David Mcleish, Neil Raward, 9<sup>th</sup> - Kevin Dean, 10<sup>th</sup> - Sonja Bailey, Debbie Foot, Philip Long, 11<sup>th</sup>- Jennifer Sawyer, John Bunker, 12<sup>th</sup> – Jennifer Martin, 13<sup>th</sup>- Kevin Hall, 14<sup>th</sup> – Xiaohong Zhou, 15<sup>th</sup> - Carolyn Waters, Richard Metcalfe, 16<sup>th</sup> – Jane Parry, 18<sup>th</sup> - Pamela Jessep, 19<sup>th</sup> – Helen Ross-Johnson, 20<sup>th</sup> – Francis Taylor, 21<sup>st</sup> - Allanah Aitken, 22<sup>nd</sup> – Maree Wray, 23<sup>rd</sup> - Diana Board, 25<sup>th</sup> - John Sear, 27<sup>th</sup> - Maxima Fogelgarn, Dot O’Hara, 29<sup>th</sup> – Susan Brown, 30<sup>th</sup> – Shawna Trebble

## New Members

There were no new members during August. Current total membership stands at 425.

## Promotions

Di Brown – Silver Local; Margaret Bills – Silver Local; Lois Mee – Bronze Local; Richard Metcalfe – Bronze Local; Fran Taylor – Bronze Local; Graham Male – Local; Elizabeth Ward – Club; David Ward – Club; Jenny L Williams – Club; Fiona Evans – Club; Zhou Xiaohung – 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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