



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

On Sunday 21st November we held our Teams Congress which was a huge success thanks to Congress Convenors Lauren Somers and Dot Piddington, Director Alan Gibson and caddy Dale Wells. Thanks also to the kitchen crew, headed by Jan Palm, and the many helpers who cooked and served the wonderful food. John and Alan greeted everyone as they arrived, received their entry money, offered assistance and made everyone feel special. We had a full house of 28 tables. Thank you all for making it a very enjoyable day. Let's support our next congress on **Sunday 2nd January 2022**. Entries are now open.

Our Christmas Party is on **Saturday 4th December at 11.30am** at **Shiraz Restaurant** (in Wings building next door to the club). Parking is available at our club but there will be no bridge play that day. Please also note there will be no bridge on Christmas Day. However, our club will open for the usual bridge session on New Year's Day.

Our club would not run as smoothly as it does if not for all the volunteers who assist in many areas of the club. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have worked many hours in meeting goals and deadlines. You make us what we are today. Thank you to our Board, Directors and members for your wonderful support throughout the year. Wishing you all, a safe and enjoyable Christmas break.

Warmest regards, Odette.

Orange Sky Fundraiser

From Juliet's comment, let's do something different this year, the idea of the Christmas stall evolved and became a major fundraiser for Orange Sky Laundry. We headed for the kitchen and, with funds generously donated by members of the bridge club, started buying supplies, cooking and creating. The ideas grew and we held craft workshops enlisting the special skills of various members to stock our stall. The Men's Shed built a roller for wrapping, Marina Mirage Market donated produce & goods, Liz Linderman hand wrote every label and Alan created personalised Christmas baubles. Too many members to list became involved and thank you one and all. Juliet and I agreed that the best thing of all was the camaraderie which developed, the feeling of working with everyone for a good cause. The stall was open for one hectic week and yes, we will do it again. Feedback is welcome.

Mask wearing, separation from loved ones and all types of ever-changing restrictions made it sometimes easy to forget that we are a club of privileged members. Luckily our demographic has a fine history of fund raising and we have far exceeded the funds raised last year with over \$6,000 donated. The exact amount will be announced at the Christmas party to a representative from Orange Sky Laundry.

Many thanks again to everyone in the club for their wonderful support. Carolyn Waters and Juliet Rogers

Events/Congress winners in November

GCBC Teams Congress (sponsored by Heritage Brothers Funeral Service).

A Grade - Gray team. Lynne Gray, James Wallis, James Evans, Pamela Evans.

B Grade - Jenkins team. Lynley Jenkins, Lindell Day, Lesley Sutherland, Philip Roberts

C Grade - Evans team. Fiona Evans, Charles Rees, Alan Kestenberg, John Lemarchand.

Well done Kerry Wood and Charlie Howard (along with non-playing captain, David Smith) who recently competed on behalf of Queensland in the Australian National Championships Seniors team, coming 4th. The event was held online using RealBridge, however most of the team played on computers at the QCBC in Brisbane.

GCBC Diary

As many will have observed, quite a few events and competitions were either changed or cancelled throughout the year. Some that had been noted in the diary as red point events had to be downgraded to green points. Just another example of how Covid-19 interfered with our bridge play. However, a team of members has been working very hard to compile the diary for the coming year. This is no mean feat as dates for all events, master point allocation and sponsors have to be agreed and ratified by November. The diary then goes to print and returned in time for it to be handed out at the members' Christmas party. Hopefully all dates, master points etc. will be observed for 2022 but your understanding is requested if last minute changes are made.

December Events

No events during December other than eclectics for each session on each day.

Free Games for Handicap Winners

For those of you who have won a free game for coming first on handicap, this trial will finish at the end of December. Please use up your free games before then or you will lose them.

Education

Please see attached another interesting Hand of the Month analysis by Lynley Jenkins.

Welcome New Members

Caroline Barton, Nanette Hinsch, Desley Quedsted, Ean Quedsted, Andrea Sage, Nicola Sleeman.

Promotions

Bob Hunt - Silver Life; Peter Lyons - State; Robyn Kronenberg - Local; David Lewis - Local; Viv Gillard - Club; Jane McIntyre - Club; Xiaohong (Lily) Zhou - Club; Catherine Turner - Graduate; Meredith Evans - Graduate; Anne Zusack - Graduate; Debbie Usmar - Graduate.

Milestone Birthdays

Although not a traditional milestone birthday, Ruth Tracey is turning 92 this month. Ruth joined our club in 2005 and has been an active volunteer for 13 or so years. She has only just recently relinquished (almost) all of her volunteering duties. A huge thank you Ruth for your contribution and wishing you a very happy birthday on the 14th.

November Birthdays

3rd - Shelley Moodie; 4th - Owen Kenny; 5th - Jackson Cook, David Keys; 6th - Edda Strong; 7th - Peter Bloomfield, John Brady; 8th - Laura Ryan; 9th - Carole Millar, David Ward; 10th - Charles Howard; 12th - Dulcie Millar, Heather Reid; 14th - Barbara Huddy, Lee Lethbridge, Ruth Tracey; 15th - Haklan Morton; 16th - Kayla Silverman; 19th - Nola Saunders; 20th - Lesley Sutherland; 21st - Robin Frost, Ralph Spinks, Ruth Young; 22nd - Judy Fitzgerald; 23rd - Keith Arcos, Maida Beale, Ann Burstow; 25th - David Lewis; 26th - Saftica Popa; 27th - Brian Hall; 28th - Louise Hartnell, Lynley Jenkins, Margaret Williamson; 31st - Duncan Fraser, Dan Sebbens.

Happy Bridging, Julie Wicks

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

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