



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

I read an article recently by author Arundhati Roy writing about the Coronavirus. He writes “historically pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This one is no different. It is a portal, a gateway between one world and the next.” I have spoken to several members who have expressed a hope that this pandemic would change the world, make us better people, realign our priorities and other such sentiments. I certainly agree it has given us time to reflect on our lives. Along with all that time and reflection I still think about our club and longing for the day we can reopen.

We have 70 shelves within 15 bookcases within our modest apartment. I thought it was a good time to remove all the books and clean both them and the shelves. Jeff has taken it a step further and has gone through his exhaustive collection of magazines and books and radically reduced them while also shredding years' worth of documents no longer required. Not quite as challenging for the mind as playing bridge but it still gives one a sense of achievement.

Our Board came together for a meeting via email. Tony has been putting in many hours overseeing projects to freshen up the club room and we now have a fantastic new ceiling, to name one. It gives the club room a more modern look, no more rusty fans and better air conditioning. Liz is planning to take over from Sue Herse in the role of Membership Secretary. Eva has stepped up to take over from Margaret Pisko as Chief Scorer. Marlene just keeps on going like the Eveready battery doing accounting now from home. Many thanks to all of you.

Paul Brake has done a wonderful job in setting up our virtual online GCBC through Bridge Base Online. Thank you Paul. Quite a few members have been playing in the online tournaments but we would like to see an increase in those numbers. Paul has provided some great instructional videos. Other members have been very active on Facebook and email passing on puzzles, quizzes, jokes, photos and a lot of laughter. I look forward to seeing you all soon and please stay well. **President Julie**

Education

Beginners lessons are scheduled to commence on Wednesday 1 July. Further updates will be provided in the future.

June Congresses

The graded pairs and teams congresses to be held on 20 & 21 June have been cancelled

May Events

- Tuesday Open Eclectic (sponsor Darcy Arms) – cancelled
- Friday Eclectic – sponsored by Benowa Tavern – cancelled
- Graded Moerland Pairs (<35mps) – cancelled
- **Saul Isaacs Memorial Pairs** – postponed
- **Zeppelin All Day Red Point Teams** – Wednesday 5 June - postponed
- Australia Wide Novice Pairs (<100mp – Thursday 28 May - cancelled
- **Gold Coast Zone Novice Pairs (<100 mps) All Day Red Point Event (SPBC)** - cancelled

May Birthdays

1st - Sue Herse, Peter Lloyd, Cathie Parkes, 3rd – June Pulford, 5th – Adele Butters, 6th – Caroline Ausden, 7th - Grace Henry, David Gillard, Erin Waterhouse, 8th – Peter Uldrich, 9th – Yvonne Kilvert, Wendy Lemon, Tom Ward, 10th –

Julian Egerton -Vernon, 11th – Jane Swanson, Juliet Rogers, 12th - Alan Jones, Ann Haight, 13th - Judy Shapiro, Debbie Usmar, 15th – Barbara Grant, Maggie Gibbs, 17th – Michael Aikin, Barry Coe, Paula Pettersson, Wendy Gillard, 19th – Tony Berger, 20th – Ross Steinwedel, 21st - Nadya Tuxworth, Mary Ditton, 22nd - Margaret Liversage, Ellen Poynton, 25th – Dianne Morris, Lorraine Twyford, 27th – Margaret Day, 28th – Drazel Pincus, 30th Sheryl Gardner, 31st – Sue Spurway.

If we are still in social isolation why not give yours friends a ring and wish them a Happy Birthday.

Promotions

Silver Grand – Carolyn Millar, ***Local** – Bev Payne, **Local** – William Han, Charles McClaren, Marion Ridge, Darryl Hennig, **Club** – Greg Tosh, **Graduate** – Daphne Williams, Debbie Adams

Vale

Former member Bill Dalla – Vecchia recently passed away.

My Journey Updates

I have added two more My Journey bulletins in April which are available on the Home Page.

2020 – Oh What a Year

2020 started off like any other year, little did we know what lay ahead. Resolutions are in disarray, plans have been shattered, bridge has been decimated, Anzac Day celebrations cancelled and the list goes on. In 1919 (101 years ago) the world faced a similar dilemma with the Spanish flu, our first major pandemic. I am fearful of 2121 (101 years on) and what our coming generations may face, hopefully medical science will have overcome the fear of pandemics, Maybe the world will be confronted by a collision with a large and devastating meteor, who knows.

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 Mon & Thurs. 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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To see my friends and laugh with glee
All in lock down, nowhere to go
Lots of cooking and kneading dough
Then out of the blue, no need to whine
I discovered Bridgeonline
Able to play my favourite game
Better players put me to shame
But practice, practice more each day
Gradually I'm on my way
Looking forward to meeting again
I'm able to keep myself busy 'til then

Poem by Lorraine Twyford