



# GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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### President's Message

I hope you all enjoyed the festive season and spent some time with family and friends.

Our January Congress was extremely successful with 26 teams competing.

Many thanks to our Convenor - Dot Piddington, Caddy - Margaret Bills and Jan Palm and helpers for the catering.

The President's Cup was held over the last three Fridays. Thanks to Frank Hymus - Director, who had a busy time organising replacement pairs due to Covid disruption and to those that filled in at short notice to make up numbers. Your efforts were much appreciated.

Australia Day celebration at the Club was marvellous. No doubt you noticed the decorations, thanks to Liz Linderman, Kerry Wood and Carolyn Waters. Thank you again Jan Palm and helpers for organising the magnificent luncheon. There was no shortage of food or drink, all enjoyed outside under umbrellas.

Little did we envisage two years ago how Covid-19 would impact our lives. I guess we're lucky that the club is still open. We are now able to remove our masks for breaks as the Gold Coast has reached its peak and hospital admissions start to decline.

Thank you to the person who left a generous anonymous donation to the Club. It will be used for the benefit of the members.

Best wishes, Odette

### Events/Congress winners in January

Congratulations to the winners of the President's Cup. - Barry Coe and Patricia Powis

### February Events

Daytime Restricted Pairs <50mps, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> February. Sponsor a club member

Evening Pairs, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> February. Sponsor Rob Slobom (Trust)

GNOT Heat 1 Day 3 held at SPBC Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February

ABF Gold Coast International Congress during week of 18<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February

### Social Media

For those of you on Facebook please be sure to visit our FB page and "like" it. Here you will see details re upcoming events and some history and/or photos of past events. Liz Linderman is our FB Administrator so please send any interesting content you wish to share to Liz at lizdowner@yahoo.com.

## ***Your Bridge New Year Resolution?***

***Excerpt from a BBO article by Tihana Brkljacic (with minor modifications by Editor)***

Did you take stock of your bridge accomplishments from the previous year and make plans for the new one? What do you expect your bridge 2022 to be like? Did you make a bridge wish list or New Year resolution? Studies show that various forms of self-improvement are the most common New Year resolution and bridge definitely offers a wide spectrum of improvement possibilities. These may include mastery, personality virtues and social skills. Do you want to improve your declarer or bidding skills or maybe your priority is to increase your current partnership understanding or find a new partnership? Perhaps you want to enter some specific tournament or to earn more master points. Do you want to reduce stress, build discipline and focus, improve your table presence, or just have more fun at the table. For most of us reading this newsletter, bridge is our favourite leisure activity, so it's only natural we want to make it as satisfying as possible. Give it a try, it doesn't cost anything and it can help you clear out what you really want from the game.

**WE NEED YOU!**



This sounds like a cry for help and it actually is. Put simply, your club needs Directors. Before you cry "I couldn't do that", you actually could. You've already shown you have the intelligence and tenacity for the role by the very fact you are a bridge player. Our current hard working and dedicated Directors are willing to teach you everything you need to know and will guide you every step of the way with on the job training. You do not need to sit for any exam and you will not have to face any disgruntled members until you are good and ready. Everything seems hard when we start from a base of zero. Please consider this request from your club and speak to Mary Ditton if you would like to give it a go.

## ***Welcome New Members***

Beverley Aird, Camille Galvin, Xiao Liu and Shi Zeng.

## ***Promotions***

Saftica Popa - Silver National; Julie Wicks - Bronze Regional; Charles Rees - Bronze Local; Zeng Shi - Local; Louise Hartnell - Club; Peter Hartnell - Club.

## ***February Birthdays***

1<sup>st</sup> - Lol Garnett, Catherine Turner; 2<sup>nd</sup> - James Moodie; 4<sup>th</sup> - Tom Borsky; 5<sup>th</sup> - Valerie Fairlie; 7<sup>th</sup> - Inez Pinto; 9<sup>th</sup> - Connie Isaacs, Margaret Watson, Dale Wells; 10<sup>th</sup> - Connie Cassar, Marilyn Giddings; 11<sup>th</sup> - Beverley Aird; 12<sup>th</sup> - Vernia Bullivant, Mary Dooley, Richard Misor; 14<sup>th</sup> - Valerie Reuter-Buck, Kevin Steffensen; 15<sup>th</sup> - Nanette Hinsch, Janice Palm, Tim Runting; 17<sup>th</sup> - Gayle O'Neill; 18<sup>th</sup> - Sandra Fueloep, Raj Limaye; 19<sup>th</sup> - Eduardo Besprosvan, Ian Sandeman; 20<sup>th</sup> - Viv Gillard, Lydia Lowit, Diana McAuliffe, David Shapiro; 21<sup>st</sup> - Eric Thurin; 22<sup>nd</sup> - Cheryl Millar; 24<sup>th</sup> - Gaynor Kearney, Lance Workman; 25<sup>th</sup> - Lindell Day, Di Hodges, Janet Wallis; 26<sup>th</sup> - Deb Carroll, Daina Davidson, Elizabeth Naumczyk.

## ***Happy Bridging,***

***Julie Wicks***

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

***Use your Pianola account if you are looking for partner (you can also see who is looking for a partner)***

**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**

**Welfare Officer: Cheryl Millar . . . . . 0409 879 081**

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