

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

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Hi Everyone,

I am the new editor for our monthly bulletin and although I don't really have any expertise in this area, I hope to do a good job and keep you all informed of what is happening in this great Club of ours.

Having recently attended the first meeting as a committee member, I have to say that I was surprised at the number of tasks that have to be done in the Club. It is a credit to all the members who have volunteered, past and present that everything runs so smoothly.

Thank you to those people who have helped me with writing this newsletter and if anyone would like to contribute or has any suggestions as to what should be included, I would be more than happy to hear from you either in person or via my email which is at the bottom of this page. Happy Bridging



Pauline Curtis

One of the reasons bridge continues to fascinate players all over the world is that in order to become even sort of good at it, you have to be willing to be bad at it for a long time."

Now does that make us all feel better?

FROM THE PRESIDENT

My few words this month have nothing to do with Bridge or the Club.

On Good Friday my wife and I were out visiting family about midday when we received a phone call from one of our neighbours who said that our solar panels were on fire! We got home about ten minutes later to find a fire truck in our driveway and fire officers on our roof putting out the fire! Fortunately the neighbours saw the fire and called Triple Zero. The fire did not get into the roof cavity, so the only damage we suffered was one solar panel with a hole in it and there was a large lump of melted glass, metal and plastic on our tile roof.

The fire officer explained that they have attended a number of similar fires. Apparently some panels de-laminate, moisture gets in and sparks start to arc across the gap. The resultant fire burnt through the fire resistant backing of the panel and burnt the plastic wiring underneath.

I tell you my personal story only to alert you to this potential danger. I suggest that you keep an eye on your solar panels and get them inspected from time to time. Our panels were less than six years old.

Doug Sands



UPCOMING EVENTS – APRIL/MAY

Sunday 10 th April	9.30 a.m.
<u>REDLAND NOVICE TEAMS CONGRESS</u>	
Thursday 28 th April	9.30 a.m.
<u>PRESIDENT'S PAIRS 1 of 2 - Red Points</u>	
Thursday 5 th May	9.30 a.m.
<u>PRESIDENT'S PAIRS 2 of 2 - Red Points</u>	
Friday 6 th May	9.30 a.m.
<u>BRIDGE FOR BRAINS</u>	
Monday 9 th May	12 noon
<u>MARIE CURRELL TROPHY 1 of 2</u> Red Points + walk-ins	
Monday 16 th May	12 noon
<u>MARIE CURRELL TROPHY 2 of 2</u> Red Points + walk-ins	
Friday 27 th May	9.30 a.m.
<u>MIXED TEAMS ALL DAY - Red Points</u> (High/Low Ranked)	

AND NOT FORGETTINGYOUTH BRIDGE

Queensland will be entering a Youth Bridge Team for the Australian National Championships to be held in Brisbane between Saturday 26th June and Friday 1st July. The team is likely to have a wide range of abilities and it is anticipated that the players in the team will range in age from 13 to 25. Any one who may be interested in seeking selection can contact Paul Brake, the QBA Youth Co-ordinator, who can provide details of other youth players whom they may wish to contact.

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IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGEOpening Leads

When defending, the choice of opening lead may make all the difference between allowing a contract to make or to be defeated. It is also one of the most difficult decisions that the defender must make. With many hands it is important not to **give a trick away**. For instance, say you have bid a suit, partner has raised it, and you hold AQ10987 in this suit. Do not lead this suit, because there is no guarantee that partner has the King. If declarer has the King, you have given a trick away. Declarer can never make the King, unless you lead this suit. Sometimes it is better to make a completely negative lead, for instance from 3 small cards, hoping to find an entry in your partner's hand.

A point to remember also, is when declarer has shown a very strong hand; do not lead away from any Honour in your hand. Again, make a negative lead.

I am continually surprised at the reluctance of some players to open 1NT with 15-18 points, if they have a small doubleton in one suit. You do not need honours in every suit, in fact a 1NT opening bid only **promises 4 tricks**. (E.g., 4 Aces)

Patricia Back



It would be most helpful to the people who collect the table fees and the person who does the banking, if members could please try and pay with notes or gold coins rather than raiding their piggy banks - i.e. nothing lower than \$1 coins if possible.



EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

Several people have mentioned to me that they have friends who would like to learn bridge, and asked me about a date for lessons. Well, now is their chance to start. New Beginner lessons start on Wednesday 11 May at 2pm 'til 4pm. Please ask your friends to give me a call if they're interested. My mobile number is: 0412 131172

People who recently completed lessons and supervised play will be coming along to Tuesday mornings and other regular sessions as they gain experience. As usual, I would ask that you try to make them feel welcome, and not confuse them with lots of new bidding conventions until they're ready. It's quite intimidating to play with the "big kids" for the first time so if you can help them along it would be appreciated.

For the newer players, there is a Mentoring system in place on Tuesdays, where you can ask a more experienced player to play with you up to three times. A list of these players is available from Molly O'Donohue, Bruce Johnman or myself.

Deirdre



THANKS to Di Elliott for organizing the latest Social Dinner at The French Table. About 30 people attended and enjoyed lovely food and the company of bridge friends.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Andrew Wilmot	Peter Marlborough
David Young	Rozana Uhlmann
Lenore Lawson	Michael Kalokerinos
Christine Barron	



HAVE A LAUGH

A married couple are not speaking to each other after a horrible game of bridge and are driving home from a distant tournament. They pass by a field where there are lots of donkeys and the husband breaks the silence by asking his wife: "Relations of yours?"

"Yes" she says, "In-laws".

On a recent Tuesday bridge session the Director, Bruce informed everyone that a plumber would be coming to fix a problem and that unfortunately the water would have to be turned off. He went on to say "we shall have a short break for people to use the toilets but we may have to curtail the movement!"

"ONE ADVANTAGE OF BAD BIDDING IS THAT YOU GET PRACTICE AT PLAYING ATROCIOUS CONTRACTS."