

Hi All

Well another year. Yes, 2015, seems like only yesterday we were getting ready for the computer world to come to an end with Y2K or actually it seems like only yesterday we were small children playing without a care in the world. Hope everyone has started the New Year with a bang. I made a new year's resolution, be nice to Philip at the bridge table—so far hasn't gone too well, but I will keep trying even though sometimes he really deserves what he gets.

The bridge world keeps turning—had the red point Thursday and the New Year's Graded Pairs (where I failed miserably on my NY resolution). Your membership fees for 2015 were due on December 31, 2014. If you haven't paid them by now you are no longer a financial member of the Redlands Bridge Club. Which means if you are playing bridge you should be paying non-member table fees. The committee has given the tardy members a month grace period, so please renew by February 1 or it will cost ya. If you aren't renewing or know someone who isn't renewing please let a committee member know.

Canberra is hosting the Summer Festival of Bridge and the annual Gold Coast Congress starts on February 21st in which several of our members will participate. Philip and I are going to the Gold Coast, be interesting to see if we are talking to each other by the time we get back—but then I must remember my New Year's Resolution.



Upcoming Lessons with Joan Butts

Starting in March, Joan Butts, who is the teacher for the ABF, will be giving a series of lessons at the club. The workshop/lessons will start on Tuesday, March 3 and continue on alternate Tuesdays for five sessions. On the Tuesday after the Joan Butts' lesson the club will offer a mini follow-up session on what was covered the previous week with Joan.

Topics to be covered:

- March 3: Signalling strategy (March 10 mini lesson)
- March 17: Slam Bidding (March 24 mini lesson)
- March 31: Major Suit Raises (April 7 mini lesson)
- April 14: Card Play Technique (April 21 mini lesson)
- April 28: Doubles (May 5 mini lesson)

All lessons will run from 2:00-4:00 pm. Workshop lessons with Joan Butts will be \$15 and mini-lessons are \$5.

Sign-up sheets will be going up soon. Please sign your name under the topic(s) you would like to attend and also the mini lesson you will be coming to. You can come to all the lessons/mini-lessons—one, two, three, etc., depending on your schedule and interest.

Any questions, please contact Molly: 3806-5245, 0433 797 968 or yankmolly@gmail.com.

Well done

Deirdre Giles and Jan Argent
winners of the New Year's Graded Pairs

Our Annual General Meeting

is fast approaching. All positions are open and nomination forms will be out soon. This is your club and it needs your help and input. Please think about standing for the committee.



Saturday, 7th of March, 10:00 am

Upcoming Events

Club Championship Teams

Friday, February 6th and 13th

GNOT Qualifying Rounds

Friday, March 6th, 13th and 20th
(gold point event)

AGM

Saturday, March 7 10:00 am

Red Point Wednesday

Wednesday, March 11
Both sessions, am and pm

There have been some queries about the

Neville Langford Trophy

Criteria:

1. This trophy is awarded annually to the player who receives the most red points in Club events excluding Congresses from 01 October of one year to 30 September of the next year (according to ABF records)
2. The eligible player must be under 100 ABF Masterpoints as of 01 October and
3. must be a Redland Bridge Club home member

Implementation:

1. In October the Masterpoint Secretary is to determine the winner for approval by the Management Committee
2. The eligible player is to receive this trophy at the RBC Christmas Party in the current year
3. The awarded player is permitted to take trophy home for the following year or leave it at the Club

Congratulations to Jim Williamson the 2014 winner

Welcome New Members

Graham Craven, Ineke Masterbrock, John Schacht, Beth Stick, Iain Ross

Rejoined: Dianne Osborne

Mentoring Program

The mentoring program is moving to Tuesday. The mentors are targeting the new players who have been in supervised play on Wednesday afternoon and are ready to play in a regular bridge session. The mentor's aim will be to reiterate what the player learned in lessons and supervised play. Any player who wishes to play on Tuesday with a mentor please see the list on the bulletin board. Give the person a call, not every mentor will be able to play every Tuesday.

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From the President

Please find below information on two changes that I have implemented this week that involves directors;

1. **Notification book**
2. **Borrowing of new library books**

Notification Book--A significant portion of this article will be directed to a small number of club members but is required. The club has no manager which to me is not a problem, but it does mean that communication within the club's organisation is important. No one plays every day so the sharing of facts, to relevant members is important. Therefore I have created the **notification book** which will be kept on the daily announcement folder. As highlighted in the examples from this past week there appears a need for its implementation, but consistent usage by all members is needed for it to work successfully.

Please use Notification book to record any of the following that may occur:

Phone calls detail

Call received at the club that has relevant information; example – last week family member rang to notify the club of a death of a club member- this information needs to be recorded so it goes to the relevant person

to change ABF and club records and so that cards can be sent.

Calls made with follow up consequences that others at the club need to be aware of; example - photocopier service/repair man called out (by whom don't know) without anyone who would have been at the club that day being told; if he was delayed he couldn't have got in and no one knew to stay; (they should have told the committee person in charge of maintenance) but if written in this book the director of the day would have been aware of his impending visit.

Visiting people/tradesperson: State who has come, when and any relevant comments they made

NOTE: WPH&S needs us to have record of people who are on club premises

Problems at the club during play. Others may need to be aware of the actions that were taken; example we were notified that the water was to be turned off Thursday night by Redlands council – thus the toilets needed to be flushed when club opened Friday morning and care taken on turning on urns next day

Other

Example People wanting information about membership, play times, lessons –their names and possible contact details need to be recorded

The usage of notification book will be mainly by those who are in the office or in control, thus directors and scorers, but it could be relevant to others as well. As I stated before, consistency in its usage is important. Please spread to all relevant members.

Location of the book can be discussed, but I have opted for daily announcements folder because it will be looked at by the director of the day. Please don't alter unless it is told to everyone.

Borrowing New Library Books

The single library door has been locked. If any member wants to borrow any of the new books they will need to see the director. A key has been placed on the safe key ring. The signing out sheet has been placed in the back of the notification book (as above). Any return of a book signed out from director must be returned to the director to be signed as returned by the director. A summary of current new books is pasted on the library door.

NOTE other books in the library are not locked with borrowing & returning remaining the same. At this stage a borrower will continue to use the sign out sheet which is in green folder in the library cupboard? I am hoping this is a temporary measure and the missing book returns. It is pictured here.



Thanks, Anne