

Hi All

Here I sit on a wet Sunday afternoon. Philip is listening to music playing bridge on his iPad. I thought I could clean the house or start on this month's Trumpit—guess which choice won—to me it's a no brainer.

Life at the bridge club seem to be turning over nicely. Doug has been giving talks on fire safety. I know many of you found this boring, but it is Queensland law. I commend Doug on having to repeat the same thing over and over again for a week—think how boring that was for him, but the law is the law.

Margaret Hunt who has been doing our congress catering for several years is hanging up her apron. Many thanks to Margaret, but this leaves a void which needs to be filled. I understand that you don't have to know how to cook, just be organized and willing to pitch on four Sundays a year for our congresses. If we got four volunteers, it would only have to be one Sunday a year. So step up folks, we need your help.

The lessons with Joan Butts are finished and I need feedback: what you liked and didn't like, suggestions for future lessons, etc. Email me at yankmolly@gmail.com. And talking about lessons, Deirdre will be having beginner lessons again in the next couple of months. If you know anyone interested have them contact her at gilesoddysey@gmail.com.

Molly

Do not underlead aces against suit contracts—it is far too dangerous!!

UPCOMING EVENTS--

THE REDLANDS NOVICE PAIRS CONGRESS

is right around the corner, 12 July. This is a great opportunity for novice players (less than 100 masterpoints) to compete in a congress at their home club (which isn't nearly as scary as going to unfamiliar territory) and earn red points. Sign up forms on the front desk. Help is needed for event, see Margaret H.

DORIS KERR TROPHY



will run over two Wednesdays, 22 & 29 of July starting at 9:30 am. This is a red point event and the winners will get their names on the trophy honouring Doris Kerr.

TEAMS OF THREE

Tuesday, 11 August 9:30. This is a green point event which is geared towards mentoring. Each team member will play two rounds with an assigned mentor/captain. You can sign up as a team of three, a pair, or a single. Hopefully we will be finished at 2-2:30 pm. Please sign up by 4 Aug.

MORNING TEA

On Friday, 26 June, the club hosted a Morning Tea to help fight breast cancer. Members brought sumptuous goodies to eat and the *Redlands Bulletin* came along to take pics and hopefully write an article about our efforts. We had 15 1/2 tables and collected \$200 in gold coin donations. With the \$300 the club will donate we will be sending a cheque for \$500 to the Cancer Council Queensland. Thanks to all members who participated and Di Eliot for organizing the morning tea.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

So what do you do on Wednesday night, sit around and watch television. Why not come along to Wednesday night bridge for a great evening of relaxed play in a warm and friendly atmosphere. The game commences by 7.00 pm, but please come along a little earlier to allow time to grab a wine and have a friendly chat. We are usually finished by 10pm.

Everyone is welcome. If you don't have a partner that's ok, just arrive by 6.30 pm, allowing us time to call in someone. Everyone is guaranteed a game.

If you have any enquiries about Wednesday evening bridge, please contact Avra Bowler on 3207 7328.



TALKING TO YOUR PARTNER

Pat Back

One of the most vital bids made during the auction is the first re-bid by the opener. A good question to ask oneself at this stage is: "Have I got more than I might have had"? One way to answer the question with a good hand is to make a jump bid. A second way to show a better than minimum hand is to **reverse** the suits. This means to re-bid a higher-ranking suit than your first bid.

West (dealer)	East
♠ J2	♠ AQ63
♥ AQJ10	♥ 54
♦ AKQ102	♦ J53
♣ 109	♣ 8753

Here the West hand opens the bidding with 1 diamond. East responds 1 spade. It is now correct for West to bid 2 hearts, reversing the suits, and showing 17+ points. With a minimum hand, East prefers the first suit by bidding 3 diamonds, showing nothing extra. West should pass.

Now change the West hand:

West (dealer)	East
♠ J2	♠ AQ63
♥ AJ106	♥ 54
♦ AK1054	♦ J32
♣ 96	♣ 10873

Again West opens 1 diamond, and East responds 1 spade. West has a minimum hand, (12-16) and the correct re-bid is 2 diamonds, or possibly 1 NT. East passes and the contract is at a sensible level.

If West had re-bid 2 hearts, East would be forced to raise diamonds to the 3 level, which is too high and the contract would fail.

When your partner reverses the suits, you should be confident they have a 17+ hand, and you should bid accordingly.

SUNDAY BRIDGE

Recently Philip and I went along to Sunday bridge, thought we would give it a go. What a delightful afternoon of friendly, social bridge. There were seven tables with a food, drink and lots of talk afterwards. We even had two visitors from Sunnybank. Sunday bridge is held the first Sunday of the month so the next one is scheduled for 5 July starting at 1:00 pm. Jean Smith is in charge with able help from Di Eliot, who ran it in June while Jean was on sick leave.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Do you appreciate the wonderful building and facilities this club enjoys? Recently I was reading about the history of the clubhouse as written by Geoff and Renate Smythe. Thanks to them for doing a written record of this part of our club's history. The cost of the initial building and services in 2002 was about \$420,000 and was largely met by loans from 39 club members. These were all paid back by 2009. Of course there was also a lot of volunteer labour donated as well. Thanks to the committee and the many others back then who have enabled us to now enjoy this great clubhouse.

I would also like to thank all our directors who so capably organise our playing sessions week by week. Without them our club could not function. Thanks to Keith Ormerod who has been directing for over 30 years. What a great contribution! He has now pulled back to only one session per week. Thanks to Lynne Layton who has joined the directing ranks and Warren Moore who is well underway with his training. Is there anyone else willing to take up the directing challenge?

Also I would like to record the contribution made by Anne Ormerod as club president last year. Apart from leading the club in all its regular activities, Anne put a lot of time into developing checklists and written records that have been invaluable to me this year. There are a lot of procedures and protocols in the club and not all of them are recorded. I will endeavour to build on Anne's work. Thanks also to her for her help with my many questions. *Doug Sands*