

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

Trumpit



Hi Everyone,

Where has the first half of the year gone? I thought life was supposed to slow down once you retired but it just seems to get faster. We must be having too much fun!

Early in June we had the "Biggest Morning Tea" for Cancer which was very well attended and very successful but more on that from the President and Molly later in the newsletter.

We also had a week of games (Winter Eclectic) in June, earning Red Points for the winners on the day.

The Mixed Teams was held on the last Friday of the month and after a long day of fierce competition and fun, the Argent Team came up victorious. Thankyou to all the patient higher-ranked players who gave us all some good advice. It is a good day for novices to get to know some players that they have not met before and vice versa.

Happy Bridging!

Pauline Curtis



CONGRATULATIONS

Winners of the Mixed Teams



Ian Argent, Jan Argent, Allan Bessell and Joy Welsford

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

We started the month with a fund raiser on Monday 6 June for cancer research. A total of \$1000 was given by the club to the Queensland Cancer Council, made up of the raffle proceeds, members' donations and a club gift. A big thank you to Janelle Williamson for decorating the clubhouse and organising the Biggest Afternoon Tea, her efforts were greatly appreciated. This day was also Queensland Day and our local State Member for Redlands Matt McEachan visited the club and presented us with a Queensland flag.

The re-scheduled Mixed Teams Competition was held on Friday 24 June. Congratulations to the winners Jan & Ian Argent, Joy Welsford and Alan Bessell. This event was postponed from May due to a number of registrants not showing up. This caused a major loss of time to everyone and a big headache for organizing director Ros Putland. The committee reminds members that they must attend and be present at least 15 minutes before the start of play if they nominate for an event. Failure to do so may result in a ban from playing in future red point events for possibly six months.

I'd like to give a general thank you to all our directors for the sterling job they do to direct play and manage the scoring and accounting at each session. Please be considerate of them in their efforts and support them in every possible way.

Tuesday players will be pleased to hear that Tuesday session masterpoints will no longer be discounted by 0.5. A check of the rule book resulted in this being clarified. Thanks to Molly for spotting this anomaly.

As Fire Safety Co-ordinator, I have been conducting fire safety briefings at various sessions over the last week in June. Thanks to everyone who attended these and for your polite attention. If anyone missed the briefing and would like to know the details, please contact me. Be prepared for an evacuation practice in the near future .



*Matt McEachan MP presenting President Doug Sands
with our new Queensland Flag*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JULY?

Sunday 10th July

REDLAND NOVICE PAIRS CONGRESS 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 20th July

DORIS KERR TROPHY 1/2 - Red Points 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 27th July

DORIS KERR TROPHY 2/2 - Red Points 9.30 a.m.

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE



Loser Count

I am continually surprised that many of our players like to use 'loser count' when opening the bidding. This means they count the number of losers in their hand, before they have any clue about their partner's

hand. **This is entirely meaningless.** A hand was recently opened with 2 Clubs, a completely balanced 19 points, and this player later announced it had '4 losers.' This hand had 4 **tricks** in Aces and Kings, which looks rather like 9 losers. An opening bid with 4 losers should be something like: ♠AKQJ10987♥A♦954♣3, for which you do not need partner to support your suit.

On the other hand, once you start bidding in the normal way, and you and your partner agree on a suit, then it is time to count losers, to estimate whether game or slam is likely. If you are interested in this process, it is advisable to read up on how experts use it.

Patricia Back

THE OPENING LEAD IS OUR PRIMARY ADVANTAGE AS A DEFENDER - DO NOT WASTE IT!

NOVICE PAIRS CONGRESS

For players with less than 100 Masterpoints

Sunday 10th July 9.30 a.m.

Organizer Molly O'Donohue

(Ph. 0433797968)

Email – yankmolly@gmail.com

Entry Forms available at the front desk

\$50.00 per pair

(Closing date 6/7/2016)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

*When entering a competition, you and your partner are guaranteeing attendance. If you fail to attend without informing a Director or Committee member you could be **banned** from playing in any Club Competition for six (6) months.*

♠♦ **BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH** ♣♥

INSUFFICIENT BIDS

It is never in a player's best interest to:

- a) *alter an insufficient bid before the Director has advised them of their options*
- b) *announce to the table what they meant to write Many insufficient bids can be corrected without further redress once the Director has assessed the situation.*

From ABF Rules and Ethics



Newer players can take advantage of the mentoring system in place on Tuesdays. You can have a more experienced player for up to three times. A list of Mentors is available from myself, Molly Donohue.

SUPERVISED PLAY CONTINUES ON WEDNESDAYS 2P.M. - 4P.M.

Education Co-ordinator

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Social and Fund Raising Report

What a great group we have! In April, while I was in England, Gill, Pauline and Liz handled our ANZAC Day celebration. From all reports they did a wonderful job, with lots of food and fun. Thank you to these three women for their efforts.

The month of May started with our fund raiser for Bridge for Brains, which Anne organized. The club raised \$700 for Alzheimer's research for Neuroscience Research Australia. Thanks to everyone for their food contributions for this annual event and a big thanks to those who opened their wallets to help to continue the important research against this devastating condition.



On June 6 was our Biggest Morning Tea sponsored by the Cancer Council. Janelle Williamson spearheaded this event, and wow what a terrific job she did. So much food, which was a good thing since had 26 tables playing bridge. We are sending \$1,000 to the Cancer Council, twice as much as last year.

Molly



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Upcoming Lessons

Andy Hung will be holding four bridge lessons starting July 19, Tuesday, 2:00-4:00 pm.

The topics are:

19 th July	Bidding, Doubles: Takeout or Penalty?
26 th July	Overcalls
2 nd August	Planning
9 th August	Review Day to go over the previous three weeks (by Molly)
16 th August	Defence

All sessions are \$15 except the Review day which is free. Flyer on front desk. Sign up is on the sliding doors in the club. For more information, contact Molly at 0433797968 and see notice on the back page.



USEFUL BRIDGE BOOKS FOR SALE BY THE CLUB

For a long time now, the Club has had Joan Butt's Bridge Books and Bidding Guides for sale at cost, mainly as a service to beginning and improving players, who want to do their "homework".

In effect, the Joan Butt's Book on Bidding, and her Bidding Guide, flesh out the details of what is our simple "Club" system.

We all know that if we don't master these simple building blocks in all their aspects, it is very hard to play good bridge.

The other Joan Butt's book answers many of the basic questions that arise in the planning and play of the hand.

We also have had a few other books for sale from time to time, mainly arising out of lessons. Audrey Grant's simple book on the "modern" use of Doubles, as used by Joan Butts, is the only one available at present but we also plan to have a constant supply of Paul Marston's book "The Language of Bidding" available for purchase.

This modern Australian classic, which must have been used by tens of thousands of Australian players in recent times, is constantly updated for modern bidding developments. Its beauty is that it is very easy to read and follow, and when a question arises it generally provides a very good and simple answer. It mostly covers basic and intermediate issues, but gives you a feel for more advanced play.

True, you can borrow all these from our Bridge Library, but you cannot "sit" on a copy and there is nothing like having your own copy to consult when you want to.

All these books are kept in a “plastic box” in the dealing room under the desk, and a Committee member or a member of the teaching group, or a Director will access them on request. Payment money is added to the daily takings, with a reconciliation/note on the form.

Library Co-ordinator

Bruce Johnman

OUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS NOW 305

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



**TURGUT ALLAHMANLI
WILMY ZIADA**

**CAROL CARSON
SAMMY ZIADA**

We hope your time with us will be long and happy.