

## Hi All

Lots been happening. The Gold Coast Congress is over for another year and it was great seeing so many players from our bridge club. And even though we didn't win we held our own in the various events, but if there had been a prize for best partying we would have definitely won. A good time was had by all.

The AGM was recently held and the old committee has stepped down with a new one taking over. I want to everyone who served on the committee last year, good job, and welcome the new people. Being on the committee can be a rewarding time, but it can also be extremely difficult, especially when people start to criticize. So if you are ready to criticize, you are ready to join the committee next year.

Molly

## Upcoming Events

### **Red Point Wednesday**

**March 9**

9:30 am and 7:00 pm

### **Redlands Novice Teams**

#### **Congress**

**Sunday, April 10**

9:30 am

### **President's Pairs**

**Thursday, April 10 and 28**

9:30 am

## From The President

You may have heard a ripple of concern about initial absentee voting for the AGM. When our Secretary Barb was asked for a voting paper she found what appeared to be the correct form in the office and issued them in accordance with the club rules. However the voting paper was incorrect. This goes to show that we should not keep things that are incorrect or out-of-date. Equally important is recording of information that may be required in the future. Things such as warranty information on purchased goods or equipment, the name and phone number of a supplier, tradesman or contractor, updated or revised forms and position descriptions or even committee decisions that may be binding in the future. Anne came up with a great initiative last year when she was club president and started to record such important information in a central file. I have endeavoured to continue and enhance this central record keeping. So if you have any information that the club needs to retain, please pass it on to me or one of the committee.

I'd like to thank all our retiring, continuing and new committee members, for their efforts in the past and/or their desire to serve the club in the future. Let's give them our full support as a team and in the individual tasks which they undertake.

Doug Sands



**Bill Morgan and  
Jean Smith**  
New Year's Graded  
Pairs (A Grade)

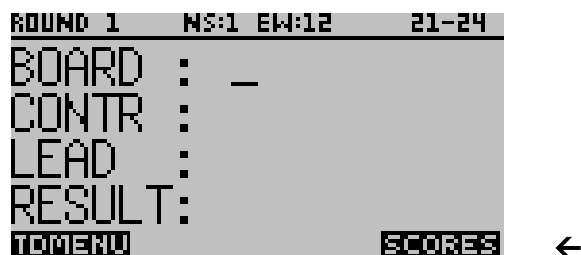
## Did you Know?

The Bridgemates have a function which allows you to correct scores if you make a mistake.

In the current round only, and while all four players are at the table, you can correct a score which you all agree is incorrect. **After the Bridgemate shows the next round, it is too late and you must call the director who will access the device with a PIN number.**

To correct a score within the current round:

Press button under '**Scores**' (bottom right hand side of screen) *All scores played so far will appear*



### Press Correct' key



Enter the board number to be corrected, say, 21 shown here.

Board number 21 is erased and awaits re-input.

**Re-enter the correct score and have E/W player check as per usual**

**Chris Mayfield**

### What is a Negative Double

A negative double is a double of an *overcall*. It says you have something to say but that the overcall has stopped you from saying it. It tells your partner you have values in the unbid suits. At the one level you need at least 6 HCP; at the two level you would want to be a bit stronger.

### **Lois Mawter Val Watkins**

New Year's Graded  
Pairs  
Winners (B Grade)



### **2016-17 Committee Redlands Bridge Club**

Doug Sands, President  
Michael Souter, Vice President  
Greg Nolan, Treasurer  
Liz Engeman, Secretary

Committee:  
Pauline Curtis  
Ben Engeman  
Peter Neville  
Molly O'Donohue  
Gill Ross



### **Gary Jenkins and Warren Moore**

New Year's Graded Pairs  
Winners (C Grade)

### Take Out Double

A double that asks partner to bid.



## **IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE**

*Patricia Back*

### **When not to finesse**

One of the first types of card play we all learned was the finesse, a very common way of handling card combinations. I have noticed that inexperienced players often use the finesse when it is not appropriate. Sometimes it is preferable to give up a trick deliberately instead of taking the option of a 50% finesse. An example turned up in a club duplicate last week, and not everyone found the correct line.

Playing in NT, declarer was faced with this combination of Clubs.

North  
♣QJ1098763

South  
♣A5

North was dummy, and there was 1 entry to the hand, the spade King. Because there exists a

finessing situation in Clubs, some players felt obliged to enter dummy and lead the Club Queen, which lost to the King in the West hand. Now the Club suit was **blocked** and there was no entry to the established tricks. It was essential to play the Ace first, to get it out of the way. An additional factor was that with 10 Clubs between the 2 hands, the King could be singleton. As well, if East holds the Club King, they should not cover the Queen if it is led, as the suit will still be blocked if South plays the 5.

### **Congratulations to the 2016 Club Championship Team**

held on February 5 and 12

**Janelle Williamson  
Jim Williamson  
Molly O'Donohue  
Philip Thompson**

To All Novice Players  
(less than 100 masterpoints)

## **Redland Bridge Club NOVICE SWISS TEAMS CONGRESS**

**9:30am \* SUNDAY \* 10 APRIL 2016**



**\$100 per team BYO LUNCH IS ESSENTIAL**  
**Tea/Coffee/Light Refreshments/Drinks and Savouries after play**



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