

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After being elected to the management committee in March 2014, I soon became aware of the large number of volunteers whose efforts make our club function so well. After becoming President in March of this year my awareness was extensively broadened. There are so many people doing so many jobs that it is impossible to list them all.

To all our volunteers I want to say thank you and well done. All club members should wholeheartedly support the efforts of our volunteers as they give of their time and energy to help the club function properly.

We still have several vacant positions so if you are willing and able to contribute to the running of the club, please contact me.

The 2015 membership books are now available. Thanks to Barb McGorman for her persistence in compiling all the content and arranging the printing.

On a lighter note! Most of us have made a bidding error at some time. Two exceptionally embarrassing examples I have heard of recently. In one case, a bidder alerted his own bid! In another example, the bidding went: opener 1♠, pass, responder 2♠, pass and 4.....The responder expected 4♠ and promptly passed. Then the responder noticed that the bid had been 4♣, ace asking. There was a stony silence for a while!

*Doug Sands*

## Welcome to New Members

Kiku Mukai, Mary Moffat,  
Gil Holmes . . . .

**Which brings us to 300  
members!!**

## And From the Dealing Team:

Correct procedure in handling cards now that winter is coming—please cough/sneeze away from the cards and not into the hand that then touches the cards. Also, eating while playing can and does make the cards sticky and let me tell you the dealing machine doesn't like sticky cards.



**Stephen Gillard and Wendy Tollemache**  
winners 2015 President's Pairs

Thank you to  
Howe Ford and Boxer, Accountants  
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book



## IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

### Unassuming Cue-bids

During the bidding auction, a player sometimes bids a suit that has been bid by an opponent; this is known as a **cue-bid**. There are more than one sequences where a cue-bid is useful, one of them being designated the “unassuming cue” or a “cue-raise”.

This bid is used after partner overcalls, usually at the one level, and you have **support for their suit**, at least 3 cards. Because an overcall is a wide-ranging bid, from 7-15 points at the one level, you may wish to discover the strength of partner’s hand when you hold opening points. E.g., your left-hand opponent opens 1 Diamond, and partner overcalls 1 Heart. You hold:

♠ A2  
♥ KQ10  
♦ Q42  
♣ K10987

If partner’s hand is in the range of an opening bid, you should make game in hearts. Assuming the next hand passes, you now **cue-bid** by bidding 2 diamonds (partner should not alert).

If there is no further interference, the overcaller has several options:

- Rebid their own suit at the lowest level with fewer than 12 points.
- With 13-15: Bid No Trump with stoppers in opponent’s suit; Bid a second suit; or Jump in their own suit

Partner then is able to set the contract. If the overcaller does anything except rebid their suit at the minimum level, the partner should be interested in bidding game.

On the other hand, if you have 10+ points and a stopper in opponent’s suit, but no support for partner’s suit, you should bid No Trumps.

*Patricia Back*

Carradine Lucas/Lynda Wealleans  
Winners Marie Currell Trophy 2015



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Winter Eclectics**  
week of June 15-20

**Redlands Novice Pairs  
Congress**  
Sunday, 12 July

**Doris Kerr Trophy**  
Wednesday, 22 & 29 July

**Teams of Three**  
Tuesday, 11 August  
(change from calendar)



**Trevor Topher, Francis Bourke,  
Dov Berns, Sandra Berns**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Redlands Novice Team Congress