

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



APRIL 2021

Hi Everyone,



Happy Easter to all!

Keep your fingers crossed that the Covid lockdown will not be extended, and that we can all enjoy the Easter break with family and friends, even though it has disrupted many travel plans.

Just goes to show how quickly things can change, which reinforces the importance of following the guidelines to be Covid-safe, even though it may seem like a pain.



Happy Bridging



Robina Cooper

*Life Happens
Coffee helps*

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- The **mould treatment** in the clubhouse was satisfactorily completed in late February, and two dehumidifiers are running constantly to reduce the humidity.
- The clubhouse has been re-configured for **24 tables**, so now members do not have to register for most sessions. However registrations for Thursday sessions are still required. If there are less than eight pairs registered by 8 pm on the Wednesday night, the session the next day will be cancelled.
- In March the committee resolved to increase the frequency of **hand sanitizing** at the playing tables so that there would be no need to sanitize the toilets at the end of a session, and also no need to wipe the table tops after every round. Thanks to all those who sanitized the toilets over many months. Just when we thought that things were getting back to normal, we are now faced with another lock-down. Keep watching the club's website to see when sessions will resume.
- Thanks to **John Florence** for patching and painting the toilet walls following replacement of the cisterns. The committee is looking at doing a major refurbishment of the toilets.
- Thanks also to **Ros Putland** for cleaning the kitchen cupboards and drawers and the fridges. If you would be willing to go onto a roster to keep these items clean and tidy please contact Ros.
- Our club has donated twelve surplus Bridgemates to **Wynnum-Many Bridge Club** as they progress to automated scoring. They are very grateful.
- A re-print of the club **constitution** and by-laws is now available at the front desk. Only one per household please.

The *Annual General Meeting* of the Club was held on Saturday 6 March.



Thank you to those members who attended and to those members who volunteered to be on the committee of management. At the meeting some discrepancies were identified in the financial statements. These were referred to the auditor for correction and the auditor then re-issued its report.

The revised financial statements and the new auditor's report were approved at a *Special General Meeting* which was held on Monday 29 March. All our documentation has now been lodged with the Office of Fair Trading.

We express our appreciation to Daniel Chua who spent a lot of time checking the financial statements to quantify these discrepancies and to Treasurer Max Latimer who had to chase the auditor to re-issue its report in time to meet our deadlines.

The Special General Meeting also approved two other motions on procedural matters. The other issues raised by members at the AGM will be actioned by the committee and will be reported on as they are actioned.

Doug Sands – Club President

The **Management Committee Members** for 2021 are:

President:	Doug Sands
Vice President:	Ros Putland
Treasurer:	Max Latimer
Secretary:	Deborah Thomas
Committee Members:	Robina Cooper
	Jan Deaville
	Glynis Hendricks
	Donna Noble
	Sebastian Raciti
	Ben Whitehouse

Following the Annual General Meeting, the new President made a small presentation to the outgoing committee members and thanked them for their contribution over many years of service.



(L to R) Gill Ross (1 year), Glenda Lock (2 years), Michael Souter (5 years) and Molly O'Donohue (6 years)

PRESIDENTS PAIRS COMPETITION

The Presidents Pairs Competition was held over two weeks in March. There was some strong competition with a total of 36 pairs competing.



Congratulations to the winners **Deirdre Giles** and **Pat Back**. Well done ladies!



Second placegetters were **Pam Rupp** and **Glenda Lock** with **Daniel Chua** and **Dan Maher** in third place.

Congratulations to all.

Bridge Topic of the Month

SYSTEM CARDS

System details are to be recorded on approved ABF System Cards. They must be legible to anybody, and show the names of the relevant pair and an indication of the classification of the system.

For ordinary weekly Club events, each pair must have at least one relevant system card on the table during a session.

For Club Championships, Red point events and Congresses, each participating pair must have two identical cards on the table throughout the event.

Players who fail to meet these obligations may be required, by the Chief Director, to follow a very simple bidding system, specified by the Chief Director/Director, for the remainder of the session.

From ABF Rules and Ethics

WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



**Don Benson
June Benson
Bob Whyte**

**AND HOPE THAT YOU HAVE A LONG AND
ENJOYABLE ASSOCIATION WITH THE
CLUB**



IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

by Patricia Back



Opening Leads

When defending, the choice of opening lead may make all the difference between allowing a contract to make or be defeated. It is also one of the most difficult decisions that the defender must make. With many hands it is important not to **give a trick away**. For instance, say you have bid a suit, partner has raised it, and you hold AQ10987 in this suit. Do not lead this suit, because there is no guarantee that partner has the King. If declarer has the King, you have given a trick away. Declarer can never make the King, unless you lead this suit. Sometimes it is better to make a completely negative lead, for instance from 3 small cards, hoping to find an entry in your partner's hand.

A point to remember also, is when declarer has shown a very strong hand; do not lead away from any Honour in your hand. Again, make a negative lead.

Recently I was playing in 3NT and received the opening lead of the 7♥ from AQ7. The suit had not been bid by the partner. This was never going to work for the defence. Actually, the partner held 5 Hearts, headed by the King, so that the opening lead blocked the suit. This was a case for making a negative lead, which gave nothing away.

I am continually surprised at the reluctance of some players to open 1NT with 15-18 points, if they had a small doubleton in one suit. You do not need honours in every suit, in fact a 1NT opening bid only **promises 4 tricks**. (eg, 4 Aces).

Patricia Back



Our condolences go out to Daniel Chau whose partner passed away recently.

As well as to Colin and Jenny Gorton whose daughter has passed away after a long illness.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Sunday 11 April, 9.30 am

Redland Novice-Restricted Teams

**(Important Note: BYO Lunch)
(No food will be available)
(Tea and Coffee only)**

**Registrations are still open – have you thought about entering a team?
Entries at front desk or online.**



70%ers for February



**Robina Cooper & Irene Mullan - 73.9%
Thomas France & Warren Moore - 70.2%**

BEHIND THE SCENES

by Donna Noble

As ordinary members, many of us are not fully aware of the many tasks that are undertaken by volunteers at the club to ensure its smooth running. In an endeavour to make our members better informed, each month a task or two undertaken by volunteers will be featured for your information. It may just spur you on to put your hand up for a job!

President

The role of the Club President is vital to the overall running of the club. The President seeks to lead and encourage all members in promoting the success of the club both at the card table and in its operation. The President chairs all general meetings and committee meetings and as chairperson, has the casting vote in all matters. In the absence of the President the Vice President takes on the President's role. We welcome our new President Doug Sands and Vice President, Ros Putland to these positions, and look forward to your leadership throughout the next year.

We thank our former President Michael Souter and Vice President Molly O'Donohue respectively for their great dedication in these roles over the last couple of years.

Compscore/Bridgemates Organiser

Compscore is the software program developed to work with Bridgemates to score bridge games. It has in built standard movements and can manage masterpointing requirements. It integrates with our Altosoft-managed club website and allows us to analyse results and makeable contracts for each hand. Directors of each session set up movements and activate the Bridgemate sessions using this software. We thank Chris Mayfield and Daniel Chua for maintaining and managing this technical aspect of our club.

Supervised Play continues each **Wednesday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm**. Members who wish to refresh their knowledge in bidding and playing are invited to attend. Players are encouraged to advance to a competitive playing session as soon as they are able to do so.

QBA

ZOOM BASIC DIRECTOR TRAINING

This course is particularly suitable for new directors and those seeking accreditation as a QBA Club Director or as a refresher for those already accredited.

Saturdays 9 am to 10 am
6 weeks: 17th April to 5th June
Excluding 1st & 15th May.

Fee: \$10 (for whole course)

Payment options will be provided after registration.

Registration and Enquiries:

Jan Peach
QBA Director Accreditation
3352 6929
janpeach8@bigpond.com



60th GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2022

will be held

Friday 18th February to
Saturday 26th February 2022

Entry forms will be available from the QBA in due course.

Interesting Brain Stuff . . . From Cambridge University

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How did you do?

Business Close Downs

It is with great sadness that I have to mention the loss of a few local businesses as a result of COVID-19. A local bra manufacturer has gone bust, a submarine company has gone under, a manufacturer of food blenders has gone into liquidation, a dog kennel has had to call in the retrievers and a company supplying paper for origami enthusiasts has folded. The local strip club has gone tits up, Interflora is pruning its business and Dyno-rod has gone down the drain. The saddest one though is the ice cream van man found dead covered in nuts and raspberry sauce. He couldn't take it anymore and topped himself.



Important Bridge Rules

Rule of Eleven:

The inevitable trick total whenever you bid a slam.

Eight Ever, Nine Never:

The status quo whenever you raise 2NT to 3NT.

Second Hand Low:

The easiest way to lose your aces on defence.

Leading Through Strength:

A sure-fire way to make your queens disappear.

What "Richard Says":

Tips that work on lesson deals, but never in real life.