

# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

# TRUMPIT



APRIL 2022

Hi Everyone,

Congratulations and thanks to the new Committee. It is always great to have new people who put up their hands and volunteer to assist in the running of our club.



Hard to believe that Easter is almost here already, (although I must admit that I have been enjoying hot cross buns for a while now).

Our first social event of the year is the Quiz Night which will be held on Friday, 22 April. See the notice board or page 5 for full details. Thanks again to Molly and Gill who are organising this fun event. Come along and test your skills.

Happy bridging and keep smiling!



**Robina Cooper**

## **FROM YOUR COMMITTEE**

- I would like to thank everyone who has wished me well on becoming the President. We have been lucky with our past presidents, and I just hope I can follow in their footsteps.
- The application for the bathroom renovation has been sent to the Council for their approval and if all goes well, work should start around the 26th April. The bathrooms will be done one at a time so the other will be available for our use. I understand work will take about eight weeks.
- The committee has agreed to sign a 10-year lease with the Redlands City Council. It now must be approved at the May Council meeting, and we will be signing the lease after that authorization is granted. Thanks to everyone, especially Ben, who have put so much time and effort into settling this matter.
- At this point I would like to remind everyone that this club is mainly run by volunteers. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with the many tasks that are necessary for the smooth running of the club, please contact one of the committee members. And a big thank you to our many volunteers who have generously donated their time and effort.

**Molly O'Donohue – Club President**

*The grass isn't always greener on the other side. The grass is greener where you water it.*



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on 5 March 2022



(L to R) Deborah Thomas, Ros Putland, Colin Gorton

The President Ros Putland welcomed and thanked all Club members for their time in attending the meeting. She reported on the difficulties of implementing the mandatory COVID vaccination requirements in 2021, which had seen the resignation of Doug Sands as President. She paid tribute to Doug and thanked him for his contributions to the club while he was in office as well as his contribution to teaching beginners.

Ros also expressed appreciation to Daniel Chua for his huge contribution in performing a time-consuming internal financial audit before Colin Gorton took over as Treasurer following the resignation of Max Latimer.

The President thanked all the committee members for their time and efforts in the running of the club over a very difficult period, and paid tribute to the outgoing committee members, Robina Cooper (3 years) and Donna Noble (2 years). A small presentation was made to Robina.

Following an election for committee positions, the new Management Committee for the 2022-2023 year are:



(L to R front row) Molly O'Donohue (President), Colin Gorton (Treasurer), Sebastian Raciti (Vice President), Deborah Thomas (Secretary).

(L to R back row) Ben Whitehouse, Nigel Cleminson, Ros Putland (Past President), Jan Deaville, Michael Souter, Jenny Boxer.

## IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

by Patricia Back



### Overcalls

The simple overcall of an opponent's bid is one of the most common competitive devices. The object may be:

- Show a good suit
- Indicate a good lead if your side defends
- Help reach your optimum contract when the hand belongs to your side
- Prepare for a possible sacrifice
- Take up valuable bidding space

With support for partner's suit, there are several options:

- A simple raise shows at least 3-card support with 6-9 points
- A jump raise is pre-emptive, with at least 4-card support, a weak hand
- Raise to game
- The Cue raise, which cues the opponent's suit, with at least 3-card support for partner, and 10+ points. Partner describes his strength by re-bidding the suit at minimum level with nothing extra, a jump re-bid usually shows a 6-card suit, NT shows a good holding in Opponent's suit.

Without support, but some values, a new suit is nonforcing.

- A simple NT bid shows 8-11, with stopper in the opponent's suit
- A jump in NT shows stoppers, 13+ points and good prospects for game

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*The sum of all technical knowledge cannot make a master bridge player*



## BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

### DUMMY

- Dummy can attempt to stop Declarer committing an infraction but cannot be the first to call attention to an infraction once committed.
- For example, if Declarer plays from the wrong hand by either calling a card from Dummy or playing incorrectly from their own hand, Dummy must not draw attention to this as the infraction has occurred.
- Dummy should not play a card until Declarer has called for it. This applies even when the card to play is obvious, for example, when Dummy has a singleton in the suit led.
- Dummy should only touch the cards when playing a card nominated by Declarer, or to reorganise them. Dummy should not move the cards to fill a space created by a suit void, as this is disruptive to Declarer and Defenders.

*From ABF Rules and Ethics*

### WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Sunday, 3 April 9.30 am  
**Redland Novice Teams & Teams under 500 MP**  
(Important Note: BYO Lunch)

Friday, 22 April – Quiz Night  
(see full details on page 5)

**Supervised Play** recommences on Wednesday, 13 April from 2pm to 4pm. Members who wish to refresh their knowledge in bidding and playing are invited to attend. New members are encouraged to advance to a competitive playing session as soon as they are able to do so. If you are interested in helping at these sessions, please contact Deirdre Giles.

## COMPETITION RESULTS

**The Championship Teams Competition** was held over two weeks in January and February with 10 teams competing.



Congratulations to the happy winning team comprising of **Philip Thompson, Bill Morgan, Janelle Williamson, and James Williamson**.



They were hotly pursued by second place getters Brian Gamble, Carmel Denaro, Barbara Mackay, and Barry Koster. Jan Argent, Deirdre Giles, Ian Argent, and Dan Maher came third.

**The President's Pairs Competition** was also held last month and attracted 28 pairs.



The winners again were the happy duo Bill Morgan and Philip Thompson who have certainly started the year off in a winning style. Second placegetters were Jan Argent and Deirdre Giles, with Ross Laybutt and Diane Laybutt in third place.

Congratulations to all members who participated in these competitions.

## **21 Rules of Being a Good Partner**

**by Marty Bergen**

"I have always believed that your attitude toward your partner is as important as your technical skill at the game" - Rixi Markus, one of the all-time great players.

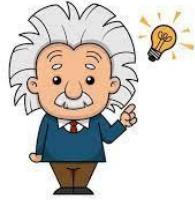
Before you sit down to discuss what you are playing, you should start your partnership off on the right note. Half the battle of winning is being a good partner.

Always observe the following:

1. Do not give lessons unless you are being paid to do so. "According to an evening paper, there are only five real authorities on bridge in this country. Odd how often one gets one of them as a partner." Punch (British magazine).
2. Never say anything to your partner unless you would want him to say the same to you. If you are unsure whether your partner would want you to say something, don't.
3. Never 'result' (criticize your partner for a normal action just because it did not work this time).
4. Unless your intent is to clear up a misunderstanding, avoid discussing the hand just played. If you cannot resist, be discreet.
5. Remember -- you and your partner are on the same side.
6. Do not forget that your partner wants to win as much as you do.
7. If you feel the urge to be nasty, sarcastic, critical, or loud, excuse yourself and take a walk.
8. When there is time between hands, do not discuss bridge.
9. When you want to consult another player about a disaster, ask about your hand, not your partner's.
10. Do not ever criticize or embarrass your partner in front of others.
11. Have a good time, and make sure that your partner does also. "Bridge is for fun. You should play the game for no other reason. You should not play bridge to make money, to show how smart you are, or show how stupid your partner is, or to prove any of the several hundred other things bridge players are so often trying to prove." Bridge legend Charles Goren.
12. Remember that bridge is only a card game.
13. Trust your partner; do not assume he has made a mistake.
14. Although it may be unfashionable, it really is okay to be pleasant to a partner with whom you also happen to live.
15. Remember: "The worst analysts and the biggest talkers are often one and the same." Bridge columnist Frank Stewart. Think twice before verbally analysing a hand. Do not embarrass yourself with a hasty, inaccurate comment.
16. When you voluntarily choose to play bridge with someone, it is not fair to get upset when partner does not play any better than usual.
17. Never side with an opponent against your partner. If you cannot support your partner, say nothing.
18. If you think you are too good for a partner, and do not enjoy playing bridge with him, do everyone a favour and play with someone else. That is clearly much better than being a martyr. However, be careful before burning bridges -- another player's grass may not be greener.
19. Learn your partner's style, regardless of how you feel about it. Do not expect your partner to bid exactly as you would. When partner makes a bid, consider what he will have, not what you would have.
20. Try to picture problems from partner's point of view. Seek the bid or play that will make his life easiest.
21. Sympathize with partner if he makes a mistake. Let your partner know that you like him, and always root for him 100%.



# QUIZ NIGHT

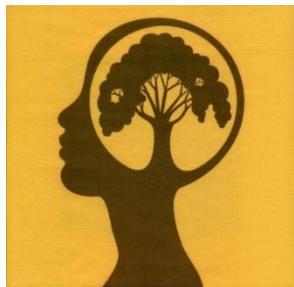


FRIDAY 22  
APRIL 2022

\$10 – includes dinner -  
Spaghetti Bolognese  
Green Salad, Garlic Bread,  
Dessert

BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES  
Doors open at 5:30pm  
Dinner at 6.00pm  
Quiz at 7.00pm

Maximum 8 per table  
Closes Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April



Register your  
names on the  
list on the  
notice board



## CLUB LIBRARY - Reminder



It is good to see that members are making good use of our reference library. However, it is disappointing that many books are not being returned in a timely manner.

If you would like to borrow a book from the locked glass cabinet, you will need to see the Director of the day who will give you access. Please remember you need to sign the register when you borrow a book and date the register when you have returned it.

*Please return any bridge books that you have finished reading as soon as possible, as there may be others who are waiting.*

Note: This only applies to bridge books – not the fiction novels.

## Good Housekeeping -

**Dishwasher** – When putting your dirty cups in the dishwasher, please check to see that you are not putting them in with clean ones that may not have been taken out yet. This results in the wasteful exercise of the whole load having to be washed.

**Mobile Phones** – Please turn your phone off or put it on silent while playing. This is very distracting to players sitting nearby. Don't forget you (and therefore your partner) can be penalised for flouting this rule.

Paddy took 2 stuffed dogs to the Antiques Roadshow....

"Ooh!" Said the presenter, "This is a very rare breed, do you have any idea what they would fetch if they were in good condition?"

"Sticks." replied Paddy.

Vladimir Putin, wanting to get on the good side of voters, goes to visit a school in Moscow to have a chat with the kids. He talks to them about how Russia is a powerful nation and how he wants the best for the people. At the end of the talk, there is some time for questions.

Little Sasha puts her hand up and says:

"I have two questions. My questions are ...

Why did the Russians take Crimea?

And why are we sending troops to Ukraine?"

Putin says:

"Hmmm? Yes. Thank you. They're two good questions".

But just as he is about to answer, the bell goes, and all the kids go for lunch. When they come back, they sit back down and there is room for some more questions so another girl, Misha, puts her hand up and says:

"I have four questions. My Questions are ....

Why did the Russians invade Crimea?

Why are we sending troops to Ukraine?

Why did the bell go 20 minutes early for lunch?

And where the f..... is Sasha?!"

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A guy wants a divorce. He tells the judge, "I just can't take it anymore.

Every night she's out until way after midnight, just going from bar to bar."

Judge asks, "Why is she doing that?"

The guy answers, "She's looking for me."

### Conflicting Proverbs:

Actions speak louder than words.

The pen is mightier than the sword.

Look before you leap.

He who hesitates is lost.

Many hands make light work.

Too many cooks spoil the broth.

Beware of Greeks bearing gifts.

Don't look a gift horse in the mouth.

Clothes make the man.

Don't judge a book by its cover.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Better safe than sorry.

What will be, will be.

Life is what you make it.

What's good for the goose is good for the gander.

One man's meat is another man's poison.

The more, the merrier.

Two's company; three's a crowd

*It's no wonder we're all confused!*

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A teenager brings her new boyfriend home to meet her parents. They are appalled by his haircut, his tattoos, his piercings. Later, the girl's mom says, "Dear, he doesn't seem to be a very nice boy."

"Oh, please, Mom!" says the daughter. "If he wasn't nice, would he be doing 500 hours of community service?"

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"Guess what I heard today?" a man says to his wife.

"What, hon?" she asks.

"The mailman has seduced every woman on our block but one."

"Huh," his wife says, "I bet it's that stuck-up Marjorie next-door."