

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



APRIL 2023

Hi Everyone,

Please note that the Redland Under 500 Graded Teams Congress which was to be held on Sunday 2 April, has been cancelled.

With the Marie Currell Novice Trophy being held early next month, it is a good time to reflect on the hard work of the inaugural members who worked together to produce our club house. Let's put egos aside, and all pull together to keep our club great!



*Wishing you &
your families a
safe and
Happy Easter*

Good bridging and keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

*Always remember you're unique, just
like everyone else.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CLUB

- A **Special General Meeting** was held on **Saturday, 18 March 2023** which was attended by 102 members. The following motions were put to the meeting:
 1. That all current nominations for office bearers and committee members be declared vacated.
 2. That the **Annual General Meeting be postponed to 10.30 am on Saturday, 15 April 2023.**
 3. **New nominations for all office bearers and committee members** be called for, they **will close at 1.00 pm on Saturday, 1 April 2023.**

All motions were Carried.

Unfortunately, no Minutes of the Meeting have been produced. Members who were not at the meeting or who have not played in the club since then have not been advised of the outcome of the meeting. They have also not been advised that new nominations have been called for all office bearers and committee members.

- **Charity Support:**

A charity morning tea was held recently to raise money for the people of Turkey and Syria following the devastation caused by a massive earthquake. Many thanks to members who dug deep into their pockets and donated \$803. The club rounded the donation up to \$900 which has been sent to the Red Cross.

Many thanks also to members who contributed to the blanket appeal in support of the people of Ukraine.

Annual General Meeting

(which was postponed), will be now held on

Saturday 15TH April 2023

commencing at **10:30 am**.

Nominations for the positions on the Management Committee closed **Saturday, 1 April 2023 at 1.00 pm**.

Two (2) nominations for each of the positions of President and Vice President have been received. One nomination each for the Secretary and the Treasurer along with six (6) nominations for the positions of general committee members have also been received.

Accordingly, an election will take place for the positions of President and Vice President.

Nominees are as follows:

President: Bill Morgan and Nigel Cleminson

Vice President: Ros Putland and Michael Souter

If you are unable to attend the AGM, you may lodge an absentee vote. Absentee Voting Forms will be available from the club which will need to be signed for in person in the book provided. The completed absentee voting forms must be returned prior to the AGM. No proxy voting will be allowed for the elections.

The Apology Book is available at the front desk to sign if you cannot attend the meeting.

The agenda for the AGM will be available prior to the meeting for the perusal of members.

The current ***Beginners' Class*** will finish on Wednesday, 5th April 2023.

Supervised Play will commence on **Wednesday, 12th April**. Sessions are normally held from 2pm to 4pm for new players and members who wish to refresh their knowledge of bidding. New members are encouraged to advance to a competitive playing session as soon as they can.

Please contact Nigel Cleminson on 0419 642 498 if you need any further information.

BRIDGE TIPS – RESPONSES TO WEAK TWO BIDS

Gary Brown



When partner opens a Weak Two it is important to agree on your response structure. I want to suggest that a new suit is *not forcing*. You can get back in your chair now! A

new suit has traditionally always been forcing in response to a Weak 2. Partner opens 2♥ and you hold:

Hand #1	Hand #2	Hand #3
♠ QJ10983	♠ A873	♠ 43
♥ 7	♥ —	♥ 5
♦ Q109	♦ QJ109872	♦ Q52
♣ A63	♣ K2	♣ AKQ8762

If a new suit is forcing, you are handcuffed. You want to bid your own suit, but you don't want to force the auction. (Partner is likely to re-bid 3♥). Hence, you have to pass and let partner languish in 2♥. However, if a new suit is **not-forcing**, then you are sitting well. I believe your style regarding this should be based on the *frequency factor*. After Partner's opening of a Weak Two, you are more likely want to play in your own suit without forcing partner to bid again, than wanting to bid a new suit as forcing.

Other responses:

2NT: Asks for a feature (an Ace or a King) outside opener's suit. Opener simply bids the suit where she has the feature or returns to her first suit - I use 2NT for all forcing auctions. Having gone through 2NT first, if I then bid a new suit, then that is forcing! Hence, 2NT is the only forcing bid. Keeps it clean and simple.

Raise: Increase the pre-empt - 2♥ - 3♥. Opener must pass the 3♥. 3♥ is not inviting, it is just upping the ante.

Game Raise: Shows a weak or strong hand. If weak, you must have four trumps!

An Aside: I like to keep my system simple, but the following responses (taught to me by a good friend) are helpful and can get you into some games and slams.

2♠ — 3♣* asks opener for a singleton (changes your bid on hand #3 above!)

3♦ — Singleton diamond

3♥ — Singleton heart

3NT — Singleton club

3♠ — No singleton

BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

HESITATION

1. Hesitation is not an infraction in itself. An infraction occurs when their partner is influenced by the hesitation in the action they take.
2. Hesitation generally reduces the options available to partner. They may not take any action that is suggested by the hesitation where other logical alternatives to that action exist.

INSUFFICIENT BIDS

1. It is never in a player's 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.
2. Many insufficient bids can be corrected without further redress once the Director has assessed the situation.

From RBC Bridge Play By-Laws

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER



Estelle Laming

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

COMPETITION RESULTS

Presidents Pairs

A lot of interest was generated in the President's Pairs Competition, with 30 pairs competing for the honour. Congratulations to **Shirley Burgess & David Earnshaw** who were the outright winners. Second place went to Leigh Dominikovich and Barbara Mackay with Molly O'Donohue and Deborah Thomas coming third.

There was some very stiff competition throughout the two weeks of the competition, with eight pairs gaining a result of over 70% in the various matches. Well done to all those who competed.



Shirley Burgess & David Earnshaw



70%ers for March



Merit Morgan & Daniel Chua – 77.9%
Shirley Burgess & David Earnshaw – 77.2%
Loren Leader & Michael Souter – 75.4%
Glenda Lock & Darryl Lock – 74.6%
Lynda Wealleans & John Florence – 72.8%
Su O'Mahony & Roy Martin – 72.3%
Carmel Denaro & Janelle Williamson – 71.9%
Leigh Dominikovich & Barbara Mackay – 71.9%

*Bridge players do it
with finesse.*



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Sunday, 2 April – Redland Under 500 Graded Teams-

Red points – Note: Cancelled

Saturday, 15 April at 10.30 am – Annual General Meeting, followed by bridge

Coming Up: Tuesday, 9 May – Marie Currell Trophy (for Novices only) – Red points

SPECIAL 80th BIRTHDAY



*Congratulations to
Pat Carroll – 5th March*

Thanks to Glynis Hendricks who provided morning tea for Pat's birthday as well as the charity morning tea.

Bits & Pieces

- Don't forget, our website has changed to:
<https://redlands.bridgeaustralia.org/> (no www).

Members' Pet Hates:

- Players who don't count their cards face-down before playing.
- Players who don't shuffle their cards before replacing them in the board after a hand has been passed in. This gives valuable information to next person who plays the hand.
- Players who slam their cards down on the table either during play or at the end of play.
- Players who leave their mobile phones turned on during a play session.
- Players who continue to discuss their previous hand during the next round, or after the next players have come to their table.
- People who load their cups in the front of the dishwasher rather than starting from the back.
- Drivers who leave large spaces (*almost a car width*) between their car and the next one when parking.



April Fools Day has been cancelled this year because no made up prank could match the unbelievable stuff going on in the world right now



Paddy buys an Automatic BMW X5 sport. He drives the car perfectly well during the day, but at night it just won't go. He tries driving the car at night for a week, but no joy.

Really angry, he calls the BMW dealers, and they send out a technician to him. The technician asks, "Paddy, are you sure you are using the right gears?"

Angrily Paddy replies, "Of course, I'm not that feckin stupid, I use D for the Day and N for the Night.."

A man was driving down the road with a tiger in the passenger seat of his car. A policeman pulled him over and said "It's illegal to have a tiger. Take him to the zoo."

The man said, "Ok Officer" and drove off.

Next day the same man in the same car drove down the same road with the same tiger in the car. This time the tiger was wearing sunglasses and a sun hat.

The same policeman pulled him over and said, "I told you to take that tiger to the zoo."

The man replies "I did Officer, we had a great day. We're going to the beach today."



The plumber said to Joe "Why haven't you paid the bill for the work I did last Friday?"

Joe replied: "Well it was not what you quoted."

The plumber said, "I didn't give you a quote?"

Joe replied, "Yes you did! When I asked what day you could come, you said you were free on Friday!"

- A young husband goes on a First Aid course so he could learn what to do in a medical emergency. The instructor asks, "What would you do if your child swallowed the front door key?" The young husband promptly says, "Climb through the window!!"
- Two young carpenters were hammering floorboards down in a house. Tony picks up a nail, realizes it is upside down and throws it away. He carries on doing this until Murphy says, "Why are you throwing them away?" "Because they're upside down!" "You daft idiot" replies Murphy, "Save them for the ceiling!"
- The teacher says to little Johnny, "The essay you wrote about your dog is word for word the same as your brothers." Johnny says, "Of course it is. It's the same dog!"
- Mick was at the bus stop when his friend pulls up in his car... "Want a lift Mick?" "No, I'd better not thanks, in case I miss my bus."
- A man was driving down the street when he saw a flash in his rear-view mirror. He realised he'd just passed a speed camera but was sure he was well within the limit. So, to check the accuracy of the camera he drove past again, well under the speed limit. The camera flashed but now he was satisfied it was faulty and feeling very smug. Next week he received two infringement notices for not wearing a seat belt!



Quotes on Ageing:

- The older I get, the better I used to be.
- To get back to my youth I would do anything in the world, except exercise, get up early, or be respectable.
- Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened.
- At age 20, we worry about what others think of us... at age 40, we don't care what they think of us... at age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all.
- It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone.
- I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a lot more as they get older, and then it dawned on me — they're cramming for their final exam.
- The years between 50 and 70 are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things, and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down.
- The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.
- Old people shouldn't eat healthy foods. They need all the preservatives they can get.
- When I was young, I was called a rugged individualist. When I was in my fifties, I was considered eccentric. Here I am doing and saying the same things I did then, and I'm labeled senile.
- You know you are getting old when you barely do anything all day, but still need a nap to continue to do barely anything.

