

# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

# TRUMPIT



AUGUST 2021

Hi Everyone,

Life is full of surprises, just when you think all is OK - it throws you another curveball. Let's hope that the snap 3-day lockdown ends on Tuesday evening! Thank you for your patience and understanding during these difficult times.

When the club reopens, remember to wear your mask and to check in with the QR Code. This is your responsibility, as you could incur a hefty fine if you don't.



The Covid restrictions caused a disruption to our recent Congress, which was still held but with a much smaller number of competitors. See results on page 4.

These restrictions also disrupted the running of the Doris Kerr Trophy. As the second week of competition could not be held, the results of the first week had to be scrapped. It will now be re-run this month as well as the Eddie Santagiuliana Trophy – Covid permitting.

Happy bridging, keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

*Age doesn't always bring wisdom. Sometimes it comes alone.*

## FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- The demonstration and training which the committee had organised for the use of the **defibrillator** that had been planned for July was postponed. It is now planned for 9:30 am on Monday 16 August at the clubhouse. It will take about one hour. All members are invited to attend. If you do attend, there will be NO obligation for you to use the defibrillator in the event of an emergency. Using the unit would be solely your choice.
- Another reminder, please ensure that you **sanitise your hands** when you arrive, at the end of each round and whenever you leave and return to the playing table. If you see another member forget to do this, please give them a gentle reminder. If you forget and someone reminds you, please accept it in good grace for the wellbeing of all club members. Tables and chairs still need to be sanitized at the end of each session.
- A **face mask** is required to be worn while at the clubhouse and while playing until further notice. Advice from the QBA is that a plastic face shield is NOT acceptable in lieu of a face mask.
- Please be **seated** when enjoying your morning or afternoon tea at the clubhouse
- Please do not visit the clubhouse if you have a **cold or cough**.
- Please remember to check in to the club using the **QR code** whenever you visit the clubhouse.
- Your committee encourages members to receive a COVID **vaccination** as soon as you are able. For the wellbeing of fellow club members, we would like all club members to be vaccinated by 30 November 2021.

- The committee is reviewing the **cleaning** of the clubhouse. If any member knows of someone who would be willing to commercially clean the clubhouse, would you please advise Deborah Thomas.
- The club **donated** \$300 to NeurA for mental health research.
- New **computers** have been purchased for the club to replace the ageing and under-performing ones.
- All the clubhouse **lights** are now LEDs.
- New Bridge books have been purchased. Thanks Cathy. Remember to check out the club **library** and peruse the available new titles.

*Doug Sands – Club President*

## **IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE**

*by Patricia Back*



### **Correct Play**

There is a tendency in our Club recently for some members to play a hand in a sloppy fashion. Namely, when you are playing a trick from your own hand, waving at the dummy instead of naming the card in dummy is not acceptable. Apart from being simply wrong, this habit may lead to confusion about which card to play.

It is correct to name the card precisely.

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Another irritating habit is when the East or West player, on seeing the result of the hand just played, tends to gloat about their good result. This can be quite distressing for the other pair, who know they made a mistake in the play. It is more polite to wait until you leave the table, to congratulate yourselves.

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Our Club members should be congratulated on obeying the rules that are in place at the present time. No-one likes the masks, but we should be grateful that none of our members has tested positive to the virus, in which case we would all be locked out of the Club for some time.

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*Count your winners and count your losers. If the total doesn't come to 13, count your cards.*



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## **BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH**

### **ENTRY TO CLUB EVENTS**

1. Entry to ordinary weekly single session events shall be unrestricted unless otherwise specified by the Committee.
2. Entry to declared special events may be restricted to RBC members.
3. Entry to Honour Board Events will be open to all Home Club Members of RBC and to any non-Home Club Members of RBC who have played at RBC at least six (6) times in the twelve months prior to the event.
4. It is emphasized that in entering a Club tournament, a player agrees to participate in all sessions of that event, or to arrange a substitute, in accordance with the provisions of Clauses 26 and 27 of these By-laws.
5. Any Pair or Team that is unable to participate in all session of a Championship event may use a substitute for a single (for Pairs) or a pair (for Teams) event but substitutes cannot be used across different Pairs or Teams as the case may be. Where substitutes are used, this disqualifies the Pair/Team from Honour Board recognition but all players are eligible for Masterpoints that are awarded for their play.
6. Entry to any Club Congress will be open to any players holding a current ABF registration.

*From RBC Bridge Play By-Laws*

## **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!

### **Cleaning and Gardening Co-ordinator**

As part of the general ongoing maintenance of the clubhouse and grounds, regular cleaning is undertaken by contractors. Currently our clubhouse is cleaned three times per week and lawns are mown and general garden work is done monthly. The coordination and monitoring of both these jobs is currently done by Michael Souter.

If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding the contractors work please let Michael know. Thank you, Michael.

### **Education Co-ordinator – New Players**

To ensure the survival of our club into the future, it's important that we continue to find new players wishing to join. As we all know, bridge is not an easy game to learn unaided and hence lessons are offered to those wishing to learn our game in the hope that they will become long term members.

Leading these lessons for new players is Deirdre Giles. Deirdre has given her time freely to conduct lessons twice a year for the last 11 years on Wednesday afternoons. She then held supervised play sessions so that new players develop the skills and confidence necessary to play in regular sessions. Over this time several members have assisted with supervised play, particularly Carmel Denaro who has also been involved for the last 11 years.

Doug Sands has eased the pressure for Deirdre in the last couple of years, as he is also conducting lessons and supervised play. This is an enormous contribution to the game of bridge and we applaud your efforts Deirdre and Doug.

Thanks to all members who have assisted in supervised play over the years and in particular to the current team of Carmel, Robina, Pauline and Nigel. Thanks everyone.

**WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER**



**Cliff Burstall**

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

## **PROMOTIONS**

*Amendment for May*

Jill Christensen	Club
Frank Killbey	Bronze Local
Wilma Ziada	Bronze Local
Dell Elkington	State
Pat Carroll	National
Nigel Cleminson	Life

## **PROMOTIONS**

*June*

Sebastian Raciti	Graduate
Mimma Fazio	Local
Cecilia Hains	Local
Janet Wilkie	Local
Max Latimer	Silver Local
Stephen Cheshire	Bronze State

*Supervised Play* continues each Wednesday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm, COVID permitting. 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.

## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Wed, 4 August – Doris Kerr Trophy 1/2 – **Red Points**

Wed 11 August – Doris Kerr Trophy 2/2 – **Red Points**

Saturday 14 August – Eddie Santagiuliana Trophy

**Red Points**

Saturday 21 August – Eddie Santagiuliana Trophy

**Red Points**

*Covid restrictions permitting*

### A little Club history.....

**Eddie Santagiuliana** was a Councillor for the Redland Shire from 1982 which was the Cleveland/Thornlands area (including what is now known as Pinklands). In 1994 he became the first Mayor of the Redlands after the restructure of the Local Government of Queensland. He was re-elected in 1997 and again in 2000.

Eddie loved the Redlands and became known as a "Man of the People". With this in mind in the late 1990's, the Committee at the time began seeking a Council Grant for Land. Our purpose and hope was to replace the second story facility, which we had purchased after renting it for a couple of years, with a disabled-friendly, free-standing building which we could eventually call home.

In February 2001, after many visits to the Council's monthly meetings and much negotiation, Eddie persuaded the Council to grant us a 20-year lease of some land at Pinklands (named after a Mr. Pink who had willed the land to the Council).

Sadly, Eddie died suddenly from a heart attack in April 2001.

The Clubhouse, as it stands today, was officially opened by Eddie's successor Don Seacombe. Present on the day of the opening was Eddie's wife Caroline. It was suggested by the Committee that we should hold an annual event in Eddie's memory, and Caroline kindly donated the trophy.

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## COMPETITION RESULTS

### Novice & Restricted Pairs Congress

The Novice and Restricted Pairs Congress were held recently with a greatly reduced number of participants due to Covid restrictions. Eighteen pairs competed in the Novice Pairs with 10 pairs in the Restricted Pairs.

Many thanks are extended to Molly O'Donohue and Sebastian Raciti for all their hard work behind the scenes to ensure that this event was a success.

Congratulations to **Jenny Boxer** and **Robyn Green** who won the **Novice Pairs**, as well as **Lynda Weallens** and **Ada Krawczyk** who came third.



Robyn (left) and Jenny



Lynda (left) and Ada

Congratulations also to **Gill Ross** and **Shirley Burgess** who came third in the **Restricted Pairs**. Well done to you all!

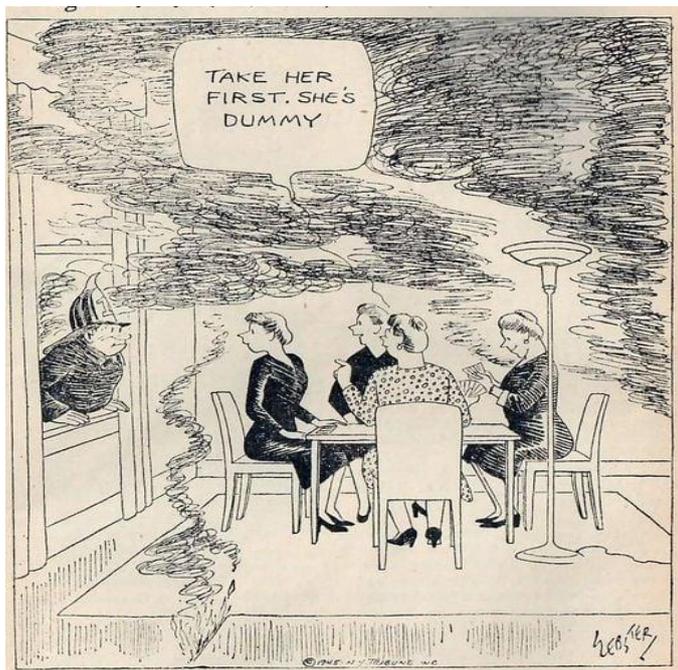
## GNOT Results

Over the last three weeks 10 club teams have competed in the GNOT competition for a chance to play in the national finals.

The winners were the **Giles** team comprising of **Deirdre Giles, Jan Argent, Daniel Chua, Greg Nolan, Ann Ormerod** and **Ian Argent**.

**Second** place went to the **Williamson** team (James & Janelle Williamson, Bill Morgan, Philip Thompson, Gill Ross and Molly O'Donohue), and in **third** place the **Mackay** team (Barbara Mackay, Pat Back, Brian Gamble, Carmel Denaro and Leigh Dominikovich).

The **Giles** team, **Williamson** team and **Corney** team (Judith Corney, Neil Casey, Nigel Cleminson, Shirley Burgess and Loren Leader) will compete in the GNOT Brisbane Zone Finals at the QCBC on 28/29<sup>th</sup> August.



## BRIDGE BOOK REVIEW

by Cathy Mathieson



### How To Read Your Opponents Cards.

### The Bridge Experts' Way to Locate Missing High Cards

by Mike Lawrence

With this excellent book, World champion Mike Lawrence teaches you the critical skill of card location in contract bridge: how to determine which cards your opponents are holding based on what they did or didn't bid and what they've led or haven't led. Applying Mike's expert logic, you will be pointed to the likely location of the remaining un-played cards. Mike Lawrence teaches this essential skill by teaching you beneficial habits and patterns of thought:

#### Habits:

Don't play too fast at trick one

Analyse the Opening Lead

Count your winners

Count your losers

Review the auction

#### Patterns:

The player with a nondescript opening lead won't have A-K, or K-Q

The opener, leading a small card, doesn't have the ace

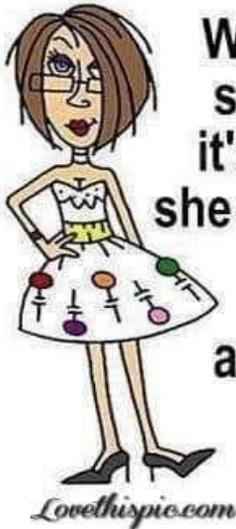
An over-caller will have 5 cards in that suit

A pre-emptor has less than 10 high card points

Remembering the point ranges of the opponents bids

Each chapter explains a principle and gives examples. All chapters but the last, which is about reading subtle tells and signs from your opponents, have a quiz section to help you practice techniques. If you follow his tips and concentrate on counting, distribution and applying deductive reasoning, your bridge game will greatly improve. A quote from a happy customer, "After reading this book (repeatedly, gaining added benefit each time), my opponents began to think we were playing bridge with glass cards". Mike Lawrence became a World Bridge Champion at the age of 30. This was his first book. He has since written over 83 bridge books. This book is one of his most popular.

Redlands Library has only one copy but more will be ordered soon.



**When a woman says "What?", it's not because she didn't hear you. She's giving you a chance to change what you said.**

*LoveThisPic.com*

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I went to the cinema the other day and in the front row was an old man and with him was his dog. It was a sad funny kind of film, you know the type. In the sad part, the dog cried his eyes out, and in the funny part, the dog laughed its head off. This happened all the way through the film. After the film had ended, I decided to go and speak to the man.

"That's the most amazing thing I've seen," I said. "That dog really seemed to enjoy the film."

The man turned to me and said, "Yeah, it is. He hated the book."

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A defending attorney was cross examining a coroner. The attorney asked, "Before you signed the death certificate had you taken the man's pulse?"

The coroner said, "No."

The attorney then asked, "Did you listen for a heartbeat?" Again the coroner said, "No."

Then the attorney asked, "Did you check for breathing?" Again the coroner said, "No."

"So when you signed the death certificate you had not taken any steps to make sure the man was dead, had you?"

The coroner, now tired of the brow beating said, "Well, let me put it this way. The man's brain was sitting in a jar on my desk, but for all I know he could be out there practicing law somewhere."

*There are labels that make perfect sense and then there are other labels...*

On a child's Superman costume:  
*Wearing of this garment does not enable you to fly.*

On a hotel hairdryer:  
*Do not use while sleeping.*

On a frozen meal:  
*Serving suggestion: Defrost.*

On packaging for an iron:  
*Do not iron clothes on body.*

On a bottle of children's cough medicine:  
*Do not drive car or operate machinery.*

On a packet of salted peanuts:  
*Warning: Contains nuts.*

On a chainsaw:  
*Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands or genitals.*

On a packet of sleeping tablets:  
*This product may cause drowsiness.*

On a string of Christmas lights:  
*For indoor or outdoor use only.*

A promotion on a packet of potato chips:  
*You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside.*

On a blow-torch gas bottle:  
*Contents may catch fire.*

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"Doctor, I'd like you to evaluate my 13 year-old son."

"OK: He's most likely suffering from a transient psychosis with an intermittent rage disorder, punctuated by episodic radical mood swings, but his prognosis is good for full recovery."

"How can you say all that without even meeting him?"

"I thought you said he's 13?"

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A man walks into a dentist's surgery and says, "Excuse me, can you help me. I think I'm a moth."

Dentist: "You don't need a dentist".

Man: "Yes, I know."

Dentist: "So why did you come in here?"

Man: "The light was on..."