

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



AUGUST 2023

Hi Everyone,

The latest health directive is that players and officials are asked not to attend any club event if they are infectious, or if they are supposed to be isolating or quarantining. Those who come to play and, feeling unwell, self-diagnose that they may be infectious, should inform the director and leave the venue.

Have you ever thought what you would do in the case of an emergency evacuation? Anne Ormerod recently attended the Redland Disaster Recovery Convention on behalf of the club. See Anne's report on p.4, and feel free to ask her any questions you may have. Thank you, Anne.

*Have you noticed Janelle Williamson asking strange questions at the club lately? It's all in the lead-up to a **Fun Trivia Night** to be held on **Friday, 8th September from 5.00 pm**. Details on p.5. Come along for a good laugh, test your skills, and win some prizes.*

Good bridging and keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

Borrow money from pessimists – they don't expect it back.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The year seems to be racing past. We're already into August, and the rigours of winter are almost gone; not that it's been much of a winter, with warmer than usual days. Our playing numbers are holding up on Mondays and Tuesdays, but other days are still struggling for decent numbers.

With the year this advanced, the next set of beginner lessons are just on the horizon. It's great to see some more of the beginners from previous classes actually getting to the normal playing sessions. I'm planning the next classes to start on 30th August and running for six weeks each Wednesday from 2-4 pm. If you have any friends or family who might be interested in giving bridge a go, then have them get in touch – either with me directly or through the club email. We've been in touch with the local free paper and hope to have a notice in their Senior's section for What's On. That seems to be the only advertising opportunity that's available to us.

We've recently completed a major event in the club calendar with the Pairs Congress for Under 500 master points and under 100 Novices. We ended up with 16 pairs in the under 500 section and 12 pairs in the Novice. It's not as many as we hoped, but it was enough to operate a reasonable Congress. Our thanks go to Chris Snook for directing a smooth competition. We had a lot of compliments from the visitors for the quality and quantity of the snacks that were provided during the day.

Now that the Covid restrictions on catering have been abandoned, we're able to do a much better job for our visitors.

Thank you everyone who helped by bringing food. Jane Whelan and Judith Corney did sterling service in helping to run the whole day.

There's another Pairs Congress in our calendar for September. The flyer for this has been prepared. It now has to be checked off by both the ABF and the director before we can distribute it. We hope the good feedback that we got from the last Congress will translate into plenty of entries for the next one.

The Winter Teams competition has now been completed. We had an unexpected glitch in the Bridgemate scoring system, and the directors had to enter some of the round results by hand. If this sort of problem occurs, it really highlights how good the computer scoring system is. See p.3 for results.

The next significant event for club members is the Eddie Santagiulana Trophy which is taking place later this month. This is held on Saturdays, so get your partner organised and put your names down. The monthly Sunday bridge day is proving reasonably popular. I know that all of our sessions are social events, but this one is more social than others.

Please be especially nice to your partner. It may be a bit hard to understand their actions occasionally, but they're doing their best. They are on your side, really.

Nigel Cleminson – Club President

BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

ALERTABLE BIDS

The general principle is to alert agreements that opponents may not fully understand or may reasonably misinterpret. All apparently natural bids at the three or lower level but including conventional opening bids at the 4-level such as Namyats and other 4-level Transfer Pre-empts, that convey a meaning that opponents may not expect, must be alerted. This includes strong bids that sound weak, weak bids that sound strong, and all other calls that convey meanings different from, or additional to, their normal meanings.

From ABF Rules and Ethics

HELP SUIT GAME TRY

Gary Brown



You have all heard the Mama - Papa auction 1♥ - 2♥ - 3♥ - 4♥. The 3♥ bid is meant to convey interest in game if responder has a maximum hand (8-9) and to pass if only

a minimum (6-7). The problem with the 3♥ bid being invitational is that is so general in its intent. Say you hold this hand:

You	Responder (1)	Responder (2)
♠ AQ10987	♠ K52	♠ 642
♥ 7	♥ 8654	♥ KQ102
♦ AQ65	♦ K3	♦ 843
♣ 76	♣ 9843	♣ KJ5

You open 1♠ and responder, holding either hand (1) or hand (2), responds 2♠. You have quite a nice hand and game may be in the offing. It all depends on where responder's 6-9 points are. So, you bid 3♠, inviting responder to bid 4♠. With the first hand (holding 6 HCP) responder would decline your invitation and pass. With the second hand (holding a solid 9 count), responder would accept your invitation and bid 4♠. The problem is 4♠ makes easily with the first hand but has little chance with the second hand! So, what went wrong? The reason 4♠ is a walk in the park with the first hand is the ♦K, which 'fits nicely' into your hand, while the HCP in the second hand are not 'working'. They don't fit. The value of cards fitting together is such that if responder held only 4HCP opposite the above opening hand, such as: ♠J52 ♥854 ♦K1092 ♣84

4♠ makes if the spade finesse works! This clearly illustrates the power of values 'fitting' together. Here we have only 16 HCP, yet 4♠ is only a finesse away from chalking up +620. Admittedly, you might not reach this game, but what a steal if you did!

Holding opener's hand above: ♠AQ10987 ♥7 ♦AQ65 ♣76 you are interested in game, after getting a simple raise from responder. The question is, where are responder's values? Do responder's values compliment opener's hand? After a simple major suit raise, if opener is interested in game, she can make a 'Help Suit Game Try'. 1♠ - 2♠ - 3♦! The 3♦ bid says, "Partner, I know you have 6-9 over there, but if you have help in the diamond suit, we could have a game here."

Responder will bid 4♠ on the first hand above and sign off in 3♠ with the second.

COMPETITION RESULTS

The Under 500 Pairs and Redland Novice Congress was a great day with 16 Under 500 Pairs and 12 Novice Pairs competing.

Winners in the Under 500 Pairs were Michael Macrossan & Paula Lennon pictured below with Nigel Cleminson who presented the awards. Best for our club were Dov and Sandra Berns who came fourth.



Michael Macrossan, Neil Cleminson & Paula Lennon

The winning pair in the Novice competition were Stephen and Louise Bennett.



Louise Bennett, Nigel Cleminson & Stephen Bennett

A special mention goes to John Bullion and Graham Craven who were the only Novice contenders from Redlands but represented us well.

A big thank you to all those who contributed to make the day a huge success, by donating food, cleaning up later, and to Judith Corney who manned the kitchen all day. We had lots of positive feedback from our visitors who appreciated all the refreshments.

Winter Teams 2023 Competition

Despite a little computer hiccup which had to be overcome, this annual competition was held over two weeks with 12 teams competing. We appreciate the efforts of Ros Putland and Nigel Cleminson who had to manually enter some of the results after the first week, which was a time-consuming job.



Congratulations to the winning team of Barbara McKay, Leigh Dominikovich, Derek Richards and Brian Gamble.

Second place went to the team of Bev Brecknell, Stephen Gillard, Jenny Boxer & Peter Neville, and in third place were James Williamson, Janelle Williamson, Bill Morgan and Deirdre Giles.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

**** Sunday, 6 August – Sunday Bridge**

Saturday, 12 August – Eddie Santagiuliana Trophy
1/2 – Red Points

Saturday, 19 August – Eddie Santagiuliana Trophy
2/2 – Red Points

Coming up: Trivia Night, Friday 8 September
See notice p.5

**** Don't forget to write your name on the booking list or contact Avra Bowler. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.**

JUNE PROMOTIONS

Chris Niemand	Graduate
Neil Niemand	Graduate
Lisa Alcott	Club
Su O'Mahony	Local
Lisa Miller	Bronze Local
Patricia France	Regional
Adele Munro	Regional
Helen Zerphey	Regional

When your bridge ability speaks for itself, don't interrupt



SPECIAL 80th BIRTHDAY



*Congratulations to
Margaret Hunt*

Report on Redland Disaster Recovery Convention held 30/6/23 at RPAC

by RBC representative Anne Ormerod

The Redland Bridge Club was invited to participate as our club house is part of the evacuation centres coordinated by the Redland City Council for use in an emergency. This relates to **Get Ready Queensland**, an initiative by the Qld Government to help communities prepare and deal with severe weather events.

Though much of the discussion was on recovery, a couple of points were relevant, particularly as many areas in the Redlands could be prone to bushfires or flooding.

Steps that remained with me were:

1. Opt in for emergency alerts by registering with **disaster.redlands.qld.gov.au** to receive the alerts appropriate for you – coastal, fire, flood etc as you *Never Know* - that is why there are disasters!
2. Have a thought-out **home evacuation plan** – all important documents assembled in a sealed bag, on USB or in the cloud. NOTE: all updated when appropriate, so family and/or neighbours know your expected procedures; more details are available in the booklet **Senior and Safer** from Dept of Community Safety.
3. We were all given a Solar Crank Radio – absolutely new and old age as it can be cranked if no electricity (Keith was most impressed but too breathless to crank), it has solar panel, cable to connect mobile phone and really importantly, a radio so you can get the accurate, updated information from 612FM rather than national media - which is often not the best according to the experts when you are in the middle of the actual crisis, AND it would fit into your pocket.

If you need more details, please ask as I was given the most informative bag of tricks. More information is on the website: <https://www.getready.qld.gov.au/>

"Please prepared appropriately" was the message.

Anne Ormerod



Date: Friday, 8th September 2023
Arrive 5.00 pm, Dinner 5.45 pm, Trivia 6.30 pm

\$10.00 p/head
for members, friends & family and includes:

PIZZA
GARLIC BREAD
HOME-MADE DESSERTS

BYO DRINKS,
PLATE OF NIBBLES (to share at your table)
(Tea & Coffee provided)

TABLES of 6-8
(Enter your details on list on notice board)



Lots of Fun Questions
Prizes Galore

Come and have a night of fun!



70%ers for July



Ros Putland & Bill Morgan– 71.4%
Daniel Chua & Carmel Denaro– 70.6%

The next *Beginners' Class* is commencing on Wednesday, 30 August 2023 from 2 pm to 4 pm for six weeks. The cost is \$50 which includes reference books.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in learning to play our much-loved game, please contact Nigel Cleminson by phone or text on 0419 642 498, or email the club: redlandsbridgeclub@bigpond.com

Supervised Play will continue with sessions held from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm on Wednesdays for new players and members who wish to refresh their knowledge of bidding. Last day will be Wednesday, 23 August, after which there will be a break of six weeks while the new lessons are being conducted.

A series of *Intermediate Lessons* covering Defence will be presented by Di Rigano approx. every second or third week. These sessions will be held from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm on Tuesdays. The next lesson will be held on **Tuesday 15th August**. Please enter your name on the list on the notice board.

You had one job... ONE!



RECIPE CORNER

Many thanks to Sandra Berns who has shared her favourite recipe for Hummus. Those of you who competed in the recent Congress would have sampled this delicious dip.

Hummus

by Sandra Berns

250 gm dried chickpeas
250 mls tahini
1 tsp baking soda
4 cloves garlic (peeled and crushed)
90 ml ice water
½ cup (125ml) water

Method:

1. Soak chickpeas overnight. Use a large bowl and ensure chickpeas are covered by 5 cm of water.
2. Drain well.
3. Place drained and soaked chickpeas in a large heavy bottomed saucepan with the baking soda and cook over moderate heat for about 3 minutes, stirring constantly.
4. Add water to saucepan to cover chickpeas by at least 2.5 cm and bring to full boil, skimming off scum and any skins that float to the top.
5. Simmer briskly uncovered for between 20 and about 40 minutes. The precise time will depend upon the freshness of the chickpeas and their variety. They are done with an individual pea is easily crushed between thumb and forefinger.
6. Drain thoroughly and place in food processor. Pulse until chickpeas form a heavy and grainy paste.
7. Add tahini and garlic cloves to the chickpea paste and process for 5 minutes, drizzling in the ice water through the feed tube while the machine is running.
8. Rest the hummus covered with cling film to 30 min before serving.

Note:

Large grade light colour chickpeas are easiest to work with. Tinned chickpeas will not produce a satisfactory result. This makes a large quantity. The hummus freezes extremely well and can be thawed in the refrigerator as required before bringing to room temperature for serving.

I look forward to receiving a copy of your favourite recipe to share with everyone. Please email me at robina21@bigpond.com (with photo if possible).

It was a cold winter day. An old man walked out onto a frozen lake for fishing, cut a hole in the ice, dropped in his fishing line, and waited patiently for a bite. He was there for almost an hour, without even a nibble, when a young boy walked out onto the ice, cut a hole in the ice next to him.

The young boy dropped his fishing line and minutes later he hooked a Largemouth Bass. The old man couldn't believe his eyes but chalked it up to plain luck. Shortly thereafter, the young boy pulled in another large catch. The young boy kept catching fish after fish.



Finally, the old man couldn't take it any longer. "Son," he said, "I've been here for over an hour without even a nibble. You've been here only a few minutes and have caught a half dozen fish! How do you do it?"

The boy responded, "Roo raf roo reep ra rums rrarm."
"What was that?" the old man asked. Again, the boy responded, "Roo raf roo reep ra rums rrarm."
"Look," said the old man, "I can't understand a word you're saying."
The boy spat the bait into his hand and said... "You have to keep the worms warm!"

A cleaning woman was applying for a new position. When asked why she left her last employment, she replied, yes sir, they paid good wages, but it was the most ridiculous place I ever worked.

They played a game called Bridge, and last night lots of folks were there. As I was about to bring in the refreshments, I heard a man say, "Lay down and let me see what you've got." Another man said, "I've got strength but no length." Another man said to a lady, "Take your hand off my trick."

I very nearly dropped dead just then, when the lady answered, "You jumped me twice when you didn't have the strength for one raise."

Another lady was talking about her protecting her honour. Two other ladies said, "Now it's time for me to play with your husband and you can play with mine."

Well, I just got my hat and coat and as I was leaving, I hope to die if I didn't hear someone say, "Well, I guess we'll go home now, that was the last rubber."