

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



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Hi Everyone,

Although it has been a difficult year full of challenges for everyone, how quickly 2021 has gone. I wish you all a very happy festive season, and that travel restrictions do not keep you from your loved ones.

But first, let's celebrate with our bridge friends at the club Christmas Party which is being held on Saturday 11th December. (See full details on page 4).

Our thanks in advance to Molly and Gill who put in an extraordinary effort to make this a fun and entertaining occasion.



A big 'thank you' to all my regular contributors who provide articles for Trumpit. Your articles are greatly appreciated and help to keep our newsletter interesting, informative, and fun.

Happy bridging, keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

No matter how long you have travelled in the wrong direction, you can always turn around.

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- As previously advised, your committee requires all club members to receive their first COVID **vaccination** by 26 November and to be fully vaccinated by 17 December. Please show your personal proof of vaccination to a committee member for record purposes so that you may enter the clubhouse.
- Please ensure that you observe all the other **COVID regulations** set by Qld Health and the QBA.
- The committee is obtaining **quotes** for the renovation of the toilets. This will be a big task, and we will endeavour that disruption to playing sessions will be kept to a minimum.
- Committee representatives have met with Redland City Council to review the **master plan** for the development of the Pinklands Reserve. At this stage it looks that our Bridge Club will not be adversely affected.
- **Max Latimer** resigned as Club Treasurer on 16 November. Max did this job for over two and a half years and the committee recognizes Max's efforts in this role. Neil Casey has offered to fill this position until the AGM.
- Don't forget to contribute to the **Empty Christmas Tree Appeal** for the Redland Community Centre. Any foodstuffs (no perishables or out of date items please), toiletries, toys, or school supplies will be gratefully received by the Centre for distribution to those less fortunate in our community. Please place your donations under the tree at the southern end of the clubhouse.
- The committee recognises that it is a big step for **new players** to take from supervised play to a competitive session. The committee is reviewing possible ways to make this transition easier.

One option is to place a masterpoint cap on Tuesday sessions to reduce the number of more advanced players. Another option would be to split Tuesdays into two groups, one for starters and one for others. Please give your suggestions to Bruce Johnman, Max Latimer, or any member of the committee.

- Another reminder to not offer **unsolicited playing advice** to new players, especially when they are partnered by a mentor. Too many tips to new players can be confusing and could go against what the mentor is trying to teach. Thanks!
- **Thank you** to the members who have already paid their **2020 subscriptions** (due by 31 December 2021). Early payment is greatly appreciated. Please don't forget to update your contact details.
- Club President **Doug Sands** has resigned from the club due to the new Covid vaccination requirements that came into effect on 26 November. Doug has been a very active member of the club and was instrumental in setting up our COVID Safety Plan and ensuring that Covid protocol was fully adhered to in the club. Doug also had many roles in the club which included:
QBA Rep, Publicity Officer, Position Description Coordinator, Key Controller, Fire Safety Coordinator, Work Health & Safety Coordinator, and well as assisting in teaching beginners, mentoring and supervised play. We thank him for his contribution, and he will be greatly missed. We hope that once restrictions ease, he will re-join us.

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

by Patricia Back



Dealing with Aces

There is a well-known saying from the early days of bridge, which says "Aces were meant to capture Kings." One way to interpret this piece of enduring wisdom when making the opening lead to the opponent's contract is "Do not lead an Ace unless you also hold the King of that suit." You will often find that declarer holds the King, which cannot make, unless the Ace has been led. Wait for your partner to lead that suit, so that you capture the King. On the other hand, an even worse decision is to **underlead an Ace** against a Suit contract. This can lead to the unfortunate, but rare, situation when dummy hits the table with the singleton King in your led suit. When leading against a NT contract, however, it is quite OK to underlead an Ace.

When holding an Ace, 'hold your horses' and keep it to capture someone else's King. This also applies when your partner has bid that suit. They may have a holding such as QJ1098.

Editor's Note: I have reproduced one of Pat's previous articles to continue her advice whilst she recovers. I have been advised by her daughter that she has just moved into rehabilitation where she will be for another couple of weeks. Our thoughts and best wishes are with you Pat.

Remember you and your partner are on the same side.



BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

ALERTING STAYMAN BIDS

1. A response of 2C after a 1NT opening bid is not alertable in an uncontested auction, no matter what the meaning.
2. However, normal alerting rules do apply if (a) the opponents have entered the auction, or (b) Stayman or similar is used in any other sequence e.g. following a 2NT opening or a 1NT response.
3. Normal alerting rules also apply to all responses to Stayman and other asking bids.

From ABF Rules and Ethics

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!

Membership Secretary

The role of the Membership Secretary on the Committee is to respond to all new member enquiries in a timely and efficient manner, ensuring that potential members are directed to the website and given all the information required to satisfy their requests. If potential new members have never played bridge before, they are encouraged to attend lessons, and once completed, to fill out an application for membership.

The Membership Secretary ensures that the application is fully completed and that the relevant fee has been received and receipted, and a club number allocated. Applications are then listed on the agenda of the next Committee meeting for approval. Once approved, details are passed to the Masterpoints Secretary who advises the ABF so new members can receive an ABF Number.

A welcome letter is then sent to new members with a receipt, their club number, a copy of the Membership Book and details of the session times. Names of new members are then published in Trumpit newsletter. The role also involves activities toward membership retention. New members who have attended lessons are encouraged to attend weekly supervised play sessions, to gain enough confidence to participate in regular playing sessions without feeling intimidated. A list of members who turn 80 or 90 in the calendar year is compiled so that a celebratory morning tea can be arranged.

The Membership Secretary works closely with the Masterpoints Secretary to maintain an up-to-date club database of members. They complete the Annual Cancellation Report for the ABF and produce the list of members with telephone numbers for the annual membership booklet.

This role has expertly been performed by Robina Cooper for the last 4 years. Our sincere thanks for all the hours of work Robina puts into this task.

COMPETITION RESULTS

The Summer Teams Competition was held over two weeks with 12 teams competing.

Congratulations to the **Argent Team** comprising of Jan Argent, Deirdre Giles, Ian Argent and Gene Jones who were the outright winners.



L to R Jene Jones, Ian Argent, Jan Argent & Deirdre Giles.

The Morgan Team (Bill Morgan, Philip Thompson, James & Janelle Williamson) came second, with the Putland Team (Ros Putland, Ron Khaled, Michael Souter, and Loren Leader) in third place.

Congratulations to all.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

**Sunday 5 December – Redland Open Teams
(Please register online)**

**Saturday, 11 December – Christmas Party
(see details below)**





CHRISTMAS PARTY 2021

We are looking forward to this year's Christmas Party and wanted to let everyone know how the day will go.

Bridge starts at 1:30 pm and we are asking everyone to be seated by 1:15 pm. All are welcome to play bridge on this Saturday even if you aren't staying for the party afterwards, but you must have your own partner. If you have a non-playing spouse/partner coming to the party, they should arrive at 4:30 pm.

Chips and nuts will be passed out, but if your table would like more nibbles, you are more than welcome to bring them. Dinner will be served around 6:00 pm. As with Melbourne Cup each table will be provided with a bottle of red and white wine and a bottle of champagne. If your table wants more wine, you are of course welcome to bring your own, but we will be taking car keys away if anyone has over indulged (this is club policy). Non-alcoholic drinks will also be provided.

In accordance with the bridge club's policy on Covid restrictions and vaccination requirements everyone attending the party must have received at least one jab.

Looking forward to a great party.

Molly and Gill



WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER



Dianne Rigano

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

PROMOTIONS

October

Ada Krawczyk

Bronze Local

Ann Shotter

State



70%ers for November



Stephen Cheshire & Merit Morgan – 76.1%



*Our sincere condolences go to
the family of Jan Jones
who passed away recently*



SPECIAL 80th BIRTHDAYs



Congratulations to

Sammy Ziada – 1st November
Carol Ludlow – 22nd November
Marianne Ross – 26th November



Sammy Ziada



Marianne Ross

Congratulations to our members celebrating their milestone birthdays. Many thanks to Glynis Hendricks and her helper Janet Aldridge for arranging special morning teas to mark these great occasions.

BRIDGE BOOK REVIEW

by Cathy Mathieson



Principles of Card Play by Paul Marston

Once your partnership has arrived at the best contract, the next challenge is to fulfil that contract or to prevent the opponents from fulfilling their contract. Paul Marston's 'The Principles of Card Play', is excellent at covering the essential elements of card play one step at a time. This book shows you how to play well on the straightforward ninety-five percent of hands that you will encounter. It includes play in No Trumps, suit contacts as well as defence tactics.

Topics covered include finessing from the correct side, promoting tricks in long suits, using hold-up play, preserving entries, and setting up side suits to name but a few. Each chapter includes an exercise page to reinforce the lesson, plus several practice hands.

This book is ideal for the novice or intermediate players to develop the essential skills to play well.

Paul Marsden is a very successful bridge player with more than 50 national and international titles to his credit. He runs the Grand Slam Bridge Centre in Sydney and has many useful YouTube videos online.

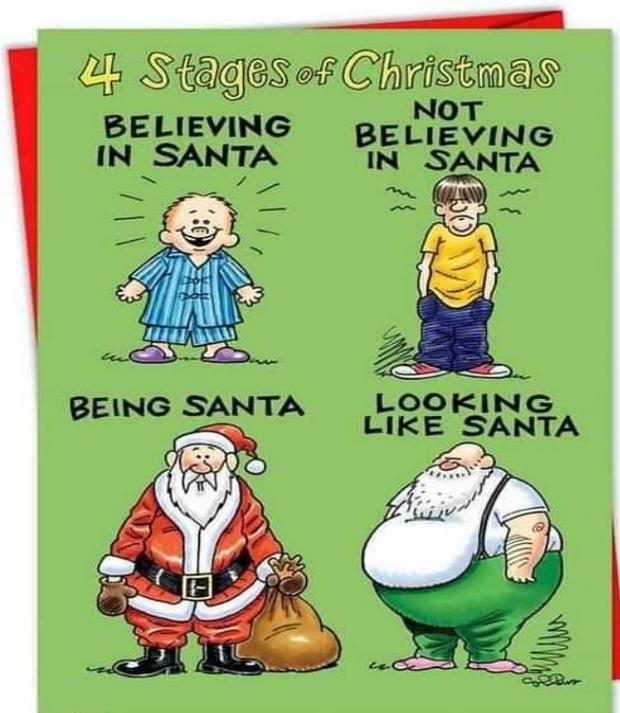
The Redland Bridge Club has 2 copies of this book.

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. **Supervised play will break for Christmas on 15 December.**

BITS & PIECES

Lots a fun was had on the **Melbourne Cup Day** thanks to the organisational efforts of Molly and Gill, along with the bidding for horses expertly handled by Philip. We appreciate the amount of effort and time taken to present this popular function and extend our thanks to all involved. To add to the fun of the day, the following awards were made:

Best Fascinator: Leigh Dominikovich
Best Hat: Val Watkins
Best Dressed Lady: Dawn Lepinath
Best Dressed Man: Paul Elkingon



It was two o'clock in the morning and a husband and wife were asleep, when suddenly the phone rang. The husband picked up the phone and said, "Hello? How the heck do I know? What am I, the Weatherman?" and promptly slammed the phone down. His wife rolls over and asks, "Who was that?" The husband replies, I don't know. Some guy who wanted to know if the coast was clear.

Did you hear about John Travolta's covid scare over the weekend? He's ok, turned out it was just Saturday night fever.

Four older women are sitting around playing Bridge. The first lady says, "You know girls, I have known you all for a long time and there is something I must get off my chest. I am a kleptomaniac. But don't worry, I have never stolen from you, and I never will; we have been friends for too long."

The second lady says, "Well, since we are having true confessions here, I must get something off my chest too. I am a nymphomaniac. But don't worry, I have never made a play for your husbands. They don't interest me and never will; we have been friends for too long."

"Well," says the third lady, "I, too, must confess something. I am a lesbian. But do not worry, I will not bother you. You are not my type. We have been friends too long for me to ruin our friendship."

The fourth lady stands up, says, "I have a confession to make also. I am an uncontrollable gossip, and I have some phone calls to make!"

A man phones an ambulance because his mate has just been hit by a car.

Man: Get an ambulance here quick, he's bleeding from his nose and ears, and I think both his legs are broken.

Operator: What is your location sir?

Man: On Eucalyptus Street.

Operator: How do you spell that sir?

Silence (heavy beathing) and after a minute.....

Operator: Sir, can you hear me?

This goes on for another few minutes until.....

Operator: Sir, please answer me. Can you still hear me?

Man: Yes, sorry about that, I couldn't spell eucalyptus, so I just dragged him around to Oak Street.

My husband and I had several stressful months of financial difficulties. So, one evening I was touched to see him gazing at the diamond wedding ring that symbolized our marriage. "With this ring..." I began romantically.

"We could pay off Visa," he responded.