

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



DECEMBER 2022

Hi Everyone,

Another year has almost gone, and Christmas is almost here. Come and celebrate at our Christmas Party. This is a good chance for your partners to meet and enjoy the company of your bridge friends.

Thank you to everyone who helps organise this function, in particular Molly & Gill, who always make sure it is a very enjoyable evening.



Thanks also to everyone who has contributed articles and photos for Trumpit over the last year. I am always looking for items to ensure our newsletter remains interesting and newsy, and of course a little bit of fun.

I wish you and your families a very joyous and safe festive season.

Happy bridging and keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

Follow your dreams, they know the way

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- As you are all aware the bathrooms are finally finished, and they are fantastic. Also, the outside of the building has been painted and looks much neater. Thank you, Deborah, for overseeing the bathroom renovation and Sebastian for taking care of the painting.
- The Melbourne Cup went off well and almost everyone enjoyed the food from the new caterer. Thanks to all who helped to make it a great day. See pages 5 & 6 for Barbara's report.
- The **Christmas Party** will be held next **Saturday, 10 December**. Bookings will **CLOSE on Friday, 2nd December**, please sign up before that date. Full details are on page 3.
- At the Special General Meeting held on 16 November, the members voted to install new solar panels. Currently the system we have does not meet our power needs and the new system should greatly reduce our electricity bills. Hopefully within four years it will pay for itself. Colin had submitted a grant proposal to the council requesting \$15,000. We were fortunate enough to be awarded \$7,500. Colin's updated report is on page 4. A Special Thank you to Colin and Sebastian for all their hard work, which I expect was very time consuming.
- Since this is the last *Trumpit* for 2022, let me take this opportunity to wish all our members a great Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.
- Have a great month.

BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

CONDUCT AND ETIQUETTE

Violations of Procedure

The following are examples of violations of procedure:

- Using different designations for the same call.
- Indicating approval or disapproval of a call or play.
- Indicating the expectation or intention of winning or losing a trick that has not been completed.
- Commenting or acting during the auction or play so as to call attention to a significant occurrence, or to the number of tricks still required for success.
- Looking intently at any other player during the auction and play, or at another player's hand as for the purpose of seeing his cards or of observing the place from which he draws a card.
- Showing an obvious lack of further interest in a deal (as by folding one's cards).
- Varying the normal tempo of bidding or play for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent.
- Leaving the table needlessly before the round is called.

From ABF Rules and Ethics

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Sunday, 4 November – Redland Open Teams – **Red Points**

Saturday, 10 December – Christmas Party
(See details p.3)



70%ers for November



Carmel Denaro & Daniel Chua - 70.2%

BRIDGE TIPS - DEFENCE



When making the *opening lead* you have to first decide *which suit* to lead, and having done that, *which card* of the suit. In general, don't lead suits that the other side has bid.

Follow recommended leads ie. top of a sequence of 3 touching, or near touching in No Trumps, or top of two touching in a suit contract, low card from an honour, top of a doubleton etc.

The defenders use the same techniques for developing tricks as declarer does, ie. *Promotion, length, finesse, cross-trumping, and discarding losers on winners*. The difference is they can't see each other's cards, so it's harder to work out what is going on.

The crucial cards are the first one, and the first discard, so work out your favourite signalling method (high to encourage, or low to encourage), and stick to it. Your role is to make the cards you play mean something to partner. *Don't give up* until the last card is played.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Summer Teams

Congratulations to the winners of the Summer Teams Competition which was held over two weeks. The winning team comprised of Ron Khaled, Diane Elliott, Loren Leader and Michael Souter. Well done team!



L-R Loren Leader, Ron Khaled, Diane Elliott & Michael Souter

Second were Brian Gamble, Carmel Denaro, Barbara Mackay & Barry Koster; with Bill Morgan, Daniel Chua, James Williamson and Janelle Williamson in third place.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2022



Saturday, 10 December

Doors open at 1.00 pm

Bridge at 1.30 pm

(finishes around 4.30 - 5.00 pm)

Dinner served 6.00 pm

Spouses arrive around 4.30 - 5 pm

*\$20 for members (& \$20 for
spouse/partner)*

\$35 for non-members

Bookings close Friday, 2 December

Please enter your name on the list posted
on the notice board and *please pay Molly.*

BYO Drinks

Club will supply Juices/soft drinks

Note: The caterers have requested that
once they get to the club and start setting
up, that our members *do not enter the
kitchen area*. So, if you have anything in
the refrigerators or in the kitchen, please
get it out before they arrive at the club.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Kym Bates

Kate Case

Ali Fernandez

Chris Neimand

Neil Neimand

Ross Pollock

Sherry Sawarde

Allan Tuttiett

Marianne Tuttiett

Sue Wallace

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

The next *Beginners' Class* is commencing
on Wednesday, 1st March 2023 from 2pm to 4pm 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 continues on Wednesday
afternoons from 2pm to 4pm with the final session for
this year to be held on 14th December. It will then take
a break until the new lessons have finished early in
April. 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.

SPECIAL 80th BIRTHDAY



*Congratulations to
Gabriel Rhuland – 7th November*

Solar System Upgrade – Progress Report

By Colin Gorton

Since approval was given at the Special General Meeting to upgrade our solar system to a more powerful one (that will significantly reduce our power bill), we have had to move quickly as the State Government rebate will be reduced at the end of December.

The Redlands City Council requested that we employ a Structural Engineer to check that our roof could safely support the large number of solar panels required for our 36Kw system. The inspection has been completed, and the engineer's report confirmed that the roof is suitable.

We thank RCC for their contribution of \$7,500 towards the project. This is good news as it allows us to use the best design and equipment available, with the added bonus of finishing well below the approved budget of \$40,000.

Nicolaas Beyleveld, Director of Amplus Energy, our chosen supplier, attended our SGM to answer members' questions. Further to the on-site visit Nicolaas has been able to improve the design of the system which has resulted in a better quality solution with more build-in redundancy, and a lower price than we budgeted for.

In everything keeps going to plan, installation of the new system will start on the 21 December.



Summer Bridge Lessons

If you like brainy challenges and games, you'll love bridge!
Come and learn the basics of the world's best mind sport.

Free lessons for ages 10-25



 Monday 12 - Thursday 15 December
9:30am - 11:45am each day

 Queensland Contract Bridge Club
67 Ipswich Road, Woolloongabba

Register your interest with Michael Gearing
m: 0419 733 930 e: michael.l.gearing@gmail.com

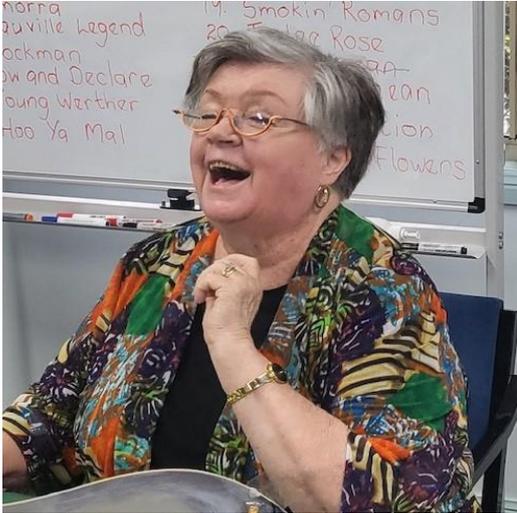
The father of this little girl says he brought her a cat to forget about the phone, but this is what happened.



MELBOURNE CUP ROUNDUP

By Barbara Mackay

The atmosphere was tense as you would expect from a room of dedicated card players out to "WIN" - only the stakes were higher this time as it was on horses, not cards.



Carradine our \$5 bet bookie delighted as all tickets were sold



RBBC \$2 bookies hit a sales slump. The "Don" was not impressed.

Bookies finally sold out their \$5, \$2, and \$1 bets. The Don waited anxiously for his percentage. The atmosphere was electric as the gamblers waited impatiently for the auction to start. The Auctioneer advised the eagerly waiting crowd to sort out their syndicates and bidding strategies.



The "Don" Paul Ellington watching over the bookies, safeguarding his %.



Then our organiser Molly yelled "Wait, there is more!"

"Time to judge the best hat for men and best hat and best fascinator for the women."

The groan from the impatient bidders was clearly audible to all as this was another delay. After a quick parade of the fashions on the field, (sadly the recorder was having bubbles and missed taking photos of those who won). Winners of best dressed: the delightful Judi Hutchinson wearing a lovely black and white ensemble with black hat, and the debonair Iain Ross won best dressed male (can't remember his outfit - had refilled my bubbles).

The Auctioneer then took control of the mic and the podium. Our "Peddler" proceeded to introduce every one of the 22 horses as "This one has a good chance", or "very promising for this horse", or "I would like to put money on this one". In his words all 22 horses had a chance *very dubious*. As one can imagine, the bidding was very robust from this competitive crowd between syndicates and solo bidders. Some were canny and had their eye on the bigger picture by bidding on horses they didn't want - to encourage the opposition to bid above their limit so as to run out of money before the true contenders came up for auction (*good strategy*). Eric Geise was one of the wily bidders and kept his \$\$\$s until the final horse, Gold Trip, and scored the winner for himself - congratulations Eric.



Our dubious Auctioneer & his "bag lady"

At our table our syndicate raised \$160 and elected Mr Gamble as our bidder - perfectly named as *Mr Gamble* went for quantity and not quality - rumour has it our horses were still running long after the completion of the event - *Oh well there's always next year!*

This year we had new caterers and there was resounding congratulations as the food was awesome and they invited the members to take the leftovers home. A big *Thank You* from those at the event to the numerous volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure a great day for all.

Hope to see you all at the Christmas party on the 10th - hurry up and book in if you haven't already! **Barbara**



The Lone Ranger and Tonto went camping in the desert. After they got their tent all set up, both men fell sound asleep. Some hours later, Tonto wakes the Lone Ranger and says, "Kemo Sabe, look towards sky, what you see?"

The Lone Ranger replies, "I see millions of stars." "What that tell you?" asked Tonto.

The Lone Ranger ponders for a minute then says, "Astronomically speaking, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three in the morning. Theologically, the Lord is all-powerful, and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you, Tonto?"

"You're dumber than buffalo s***. *It means someone stole the tent!*"

The smarter you play, the luckier you will be



A man called his doctor's surgery for an appointment. Receptionist: "I'm sorry but we are very busy, and you will have to wait at least two weeks".

Man: "But I could be dead by then!"

Receptionist: "No problem. If your wife lets us know, we'll cancel the appointment".

A guy at the Pub last night asked me to name three Qatar players. Easy. I said Eric Clapton, George Harrison, and Jimi Hendrix.

Recently, I bought a cartridge for my printer. It came in a box mounted on a card and wrapped in plastic. When I took it apart, I found that the printer cartridge itself was actually quite small, but they made the packaging unnecessarily large to make it harder to steal and to make the customer feel better about the high price.

I pointed this out to my wife and mentioned how my weight gain over the years of our marriage should have the same effect: It made me seem more valuable and also made me harder for other women to steal. She's still laughing.

Getting Older

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so" the doctor told her.

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO

REFILLS'...."

Random thoughts

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

Laughingstock: Cattle with a sense of humour.

Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?

Wear short sleeves! Support your right to bare arms!

To err is human, to moo bovine.