

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



DECEMBER 2023

Hi Everyone,

As it always does, the year has flown by and here we are looking forward to celebrating the Festive Season.

Our **Annual Christmas Party** will be held on **Saturday, 9th December**. **Note: Payment must be paid to Di or Ros by Friday, 1 December** to enable us to confirm numbers for catering purposes. Bridge will commence at 12.30 pm and finish around 4.30 – 5.00 pm, when your spouses and friends should arrive. Dinner will be served at 6.00 pm.

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 Any foodstuffs (no perishables or out of date items please), toiletries, toys, or school supplies will be gratefully received by the Centre for distribution to those less fortunate in our local community. Please place your donations under the tree at the southern end of the clubhouse.



Have a safe and happy Festive Season!

Robina Cooper

We have two ears and one mouth for a reason, so that we can listen twice as we speak.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Have you noticed that the frenetic pace of Christmas is upon us? The stores are full of decorations, trees and toys. Shopping centre parking is becoming more difficult, and the bridge club Christmas party is just around the corner. The year has almost disappeared already. Before you know it, we'll have hot cross buns available.

The Summer Teams were something of a non-event. Between some people signing up and then not showing up, and some problems with the computer setup, the whole event had to be cancelled. Please remember that if you put your name down to enter a special event, then you're making a commitment to appear on the day. There's a lot that goes in to setting these things up, especially by the dealers creating extra boxes of identical boards, and the organiser getting all the names into the computer for the initial seating arrangement.

The Open Teams Congress is taking shape for Sunday 3rd of December. At the time of writing, we have 24 teams entered. We're providing snacks and coffee/tea all day as well as some drinks in the afternoon. The thing that would really help would be some assistance in the kitchen and as a caddy to locate boards for the players. If you're not playing, can you spare a few hours to help out please? We're hoping to enhance our reputation as a really great place to go. This means a combination of a well-run event with nice food and a pleasant atmosphere.

The Melbourne Cup Day was an excellent event. The organisers and people who helped to run it are greatly commended. Everyone seemed to be having a very good

time, and enjoyed the food and drink. Congratulations to the winners of prizes, and if you missed out then better luck next year.

Supervised play is continuing. We will have people to help the beginners for another few weeks. The last session for this year will be on Wednesday 13th of December. There will then be a three-week break over Christmas before resuming on 10th of January.

We are planning to get the next club membership book printed much earlier this year. The calendar of club events has been settled. If any of your phone numbers have changed, could you please provide updated information to Carradine or Robina.

I wish all of you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. If you're travelling or having family gatherings, then make the most of these occasions. Come and play bridge when you can - and may all of your finesses work at least half the time.

Nigel Cleminson – Club President

BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

MOVEMENTS (in play)

1. The movement to be applied in any session of an event shall be set by the appointed Director who shall aim to achieve equity for all players at all times.
2. In any session, the Director is to ensure that at least 24 boards are IN PLAY otherwise Masterpoints cannot be awarded. Additionally, the movement should ensure that each player plays at least 75% of the total boards in play. As an example, in a 6½ Table Mitchell movement playing seven (7) 4-board rounds, the non-sit-out side would play 28 boards while the sit-out side would play 24 boards, which is 86% of the total boards in play. This meets the ABF requirements for Masterpoints to be awarded.
3. Final qualifiers are to be either the top 14 pairs in a Howell movement, or the top 7-NS and 7-EW in a Mitchell. For Consolations, the remainder of the field is to be divided equally.

From ABF Rules and Ethics

RULES FOR OVERCALLS

Gary Brown



A one-level overcall (1♣ on your right – 1♥ by you) promises:

1. A good 5-card or longer suit; and 8-16+ points. You can overcall 1♥ with as little as ♠762 ♥AJ1087 ♦K96 ♣43. 1♥ is feisty – but good lead director.
2. A non-jump two-level overcall (1♠ on your right – 2♣, 2♦ or 2♥ by you) promises a stronger hand and a 6-card suit - or a very good 5-card suit. The stronger your suit, the fewer points you need. If your right-hand-opponent opens 1♠, a 2♥ overcall would show a hand with as little as: ♠K6 ♥AQ10843 ♦1096 ♣3.
3. A jump overcall (1♥ on your right: 2♠, 3♣ or 3♦ by you) is a weak bid. It shows a long suit and 6-10 points.
Over the opponent's 1♥ opening bid - I would bid 2♠ with ♠KQ10943 ♥5 ♦643 ♣Q75.
4. A 1NT overcall shows the same strength as an opening 1NT (a balanced 15-17 points) but with the additional requirement you promise a stopper(s). Example: RHO opens 1♥ and you overcall 1NT. You promise 15-18, a balanced hand and a heart stopper:
♥K10x; ♥Q9xx; ♥AJx; ♥K4; ♥J1094 etc...
If you're vulnerable make sure you have a 'chunky' suit. The penalties for going down are greater!

Responding to Partner's Major-Suit Overcall

Raise partner's major suit if you have fair strength and 3+ card support:

1. Raise one level with 8-11 pts.
 2. Jump-raise with 12-14 pts.
 3. Bid game with 15+ pts.
 4. With no clear direction and 10+ points cue-bid the opponent's suit. *
- *Advanced players play that a cue-bid of the opponent's suit shows a good fit for partner's overcalled suit.

Bid No Trump if you haven't got a fit for partner's suit - but you do have stoppers in the opponent's suit:

1. 1NT with 8-11 points
 2. 2NT with 12-14 points
 3. 3NT with 15+ points
- Bid a good 5-card suit of your own if you don't have a fit for partner's suit. Shows 8+ points.
Pass if you have none of the above.

COMPETITION RESULTS

The **Summer Teams Competition** suffered an unexpected computer glitch with the scoring, and unfortunately had to be cancelled.

Brisbane Inter-Club Teams

Three teams from Redlands competed in the recent Brisbane Interclub Teams event held at the QCBC.

The overall winning teams were QCBC - first, Toowong - second, Kenmore - third, with Redlands finishing in fourth place.

Our **C Grade Team** comprising **Ada Krawczyk, Adele Munro, Chris Niemand** and **Neil Niemand** did us proud by coming second in their section. Well done, and congratulations to you all!



Chris Niemand, Ada Krawczyk, Neil Niemand & Adele Munro

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Sunday, 3 December – Redland Open Teams Congress - Red Points

Saturday, 9 December – Club Christmas Party

Subscription Renewal 2024 Update

Subscription Renewal for 2024 has started. Thank you for all members who have responded to my email and paid their subscriptions so promptly. Subscriptions are due by the 31st December 2023. A friendly reminder email will be sent out at the end of the first week of December to all members who still need to pay their fees.

Payment methods available are list below:

1. **Direct Debit** into the club's bank account. Your payment will be processed by the Treasurer within 3-5 working days of your payment, and a receipt will be emailed back to you.

Note: please follow payment instruction as outlined. Your **Reference** for payment is your **club number**, which everyone should know as you use it every time you play bridge.

Alert: if you do not receive a receipt, please email Treasurer, address is below. Thank you to the over 80 members who have so far provided reference details. BUT one member who paid on 16th November has not, and I do not know who you are! Was it you ?????

2. **EFTPOS** - please follow the Director's instructions, who will have you sign a book and give you an EFTPOS receipt.
3. **Cash** – put it in an envelope, with your renewal notice inside (hopefully money as well) and your name and club number on the outside. This is to be placed in the locked box behind the director's table. Greg will give you a paper receipt when the money has been counted.

If you have any questions please contact the Treasurer, Anne Ormerod, at treasurer.bridge@outlook.com

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



**Theresa Fabian
Liz Lovering**

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

Melbourne Cup celebrations





70%ers for November



Ros Putland & Bill Morgan – 73.8%

Bits and Pieces

Supervised Play is held on Wednesdays from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. for new players and members who wish to refresh their knowledge of bidding.

The last Supervised Play session for 2023 will be held on Wednesday, 13 December, and will recommence on Wednesday, 10 January 2024.

If you need any further information, please contact Nigel Cleminson on 0419 642 498.



Son: 'Mum, when I was on the bus with Dad this morning, he told me to give up my seat to a lady.'

Mum: 'Well, you have done the right thing.'

Son: 'But mum, I was sitting on Daddy's lap.'

Wife: "What are you doing?"

Husband: Nothing.

Wife: "Nothing . . . ? You've been reading our marriage certificate for an hour."

Husband: "I was looking for the expiration date."

More Disorder in the Court:

(Quotes of what Attorneys and Witnesses said in court word for word. Can you imagine how difficult it was for the court stenographers to keep a straight face?)

A: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

W: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

A: What is your date of birth?

W: July 18th.

A: What year?

W: Every year.

A: How old is your son, the one living with you?

W: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

A: How long has he lived with you?

W: Forty-five years.

A: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

W: He's 20. Very close to your IQ.

A: She had three children, right?

W: Yes.

A: How many were boys?

W: None.

A: Were there any girls?

W: Your Honour, I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

A: How was your first marriage terminated?

W: By death.

A: And by whose death was it terminated?

W: Take a guess.

A: Can you describe the individual?

W: He was about medium height and had a beard.

A: Was this a male or a female?

W: Unless the circus was in town, I'm going with male.

*Chess is better than
Bridge in one sense –
you've only got
yourself to blame.*



George Phillips, an elderly man from Walled Lake, Michigan, was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window.

George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things. He phoned the police, who asked: "Is someone in your house?" He said "No, but some people are breaking into my garden shed and stealing from me."

Then the police dispatcher said, "All patrols are busy, you should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available." George said, "Okay." He hung up the phone and counted to 30. Then he phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot them both." and he hung up.

Within five minutes, six Police Cars, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic and an Ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

You know you are living in modern times when...

1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your mobile phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
7. Every commercial on television has a website at the bottom of the screen.
8. Leaving the house without your mobile phone, which you didn't even have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.

10. You get up in the morning and go on-line before getting your coffee.
11. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. 😊
12. You're reading this and nodding and laughing.
13. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to forward this message.
14. You are too busy to notice there was no #9 on this list.
15. You actually scrolled back up to check that there wasn't a #9 on this list.

A PESSIMIST sees a dark tunnel

An OPTOMIST sees light at the end of the tunnel

A REALIST sees a freight train

The TRAIN drives sees 3 idiots standing on the tracks

Brenda, pregnant with her first child, was paying a visit to her obstetrician's office.

When the exam was over, she shyly began, "My husband wants me to ask you..."

"I know, I know." the doctor said, placing a reassuring hand on her shoulder, "I get asked that all the time. Sex is fine until late in the pregnancy."

"No, that's not it at all." Brenda confessed. "He wants to know if I can still mow the lawn."



Three animals were having a drink in a cafe, when the owner asked for the money.

"I'm not paying," said the duck. "I've only got one bill and I'm not breaking it."

"I've spent my last buck," said the deer.

"Then the duck'll have to pay," said the skunk.

"Getting here cost me my last scent."