

# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

# TRUMPIT



FEBRUARY 2021

Hi Everyone,

Well, it wasn't quite the beginning of the New Year as we had hoped. However, despite the temporary Covid-19 lockdown and the subsequent restrictions, we (finally) completed our first competition for 2021.

Congratulations to the winners of the **New Year Graded Pairs event**.

**Section A: Bill Morgan and Deidre Giles**

**Section B: Greg Nolan and Daniel Chua**

**Section C: Thomas France and Patricia France**

(Note: although Cathy Mathieson & Debra Thomas finished first in Section C, Debra was filling in for Ann Shotter who played the first week).

Thank you for all the positive feedback that I received on my first effort as editor of Trumpit. I also appreciated being made aware of the blooper I made (good old spell check), saving me the embarrassment of repeating it. Also thanks to those who have sent me some amusing items which I hope to use at some time. Please keep them coming!

Happy Bridging



**Robina Cooper**

*Lost time can never be found  
again.*

## FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- The committee is aware of **mould** in the clubhouse and is taking steps to eliminate it as quickly as possible.
- If you become aware that the club is out of stock of some **consumables**, eg dishwasher tablets, tissues, etc, please write the item on the whiteboard in the office and the relevant purchasing officer will arrange to re-stock it.
- The committee decided to support the **charity** Zephyr Education Inc. This organisation financially supports children preparing for school who have been adversely affected by domestic violence. The club donated \$500 plus \$110 donated by members.
- Due to ongoing problems with **air-con system**, the committee is looking at replacing the system which is 18 years old. The expenditure was approved by the members at the AGM in 2020.
- Please remember that if you are **self-serving tea/coffee** at the clubhouse, that you sanitize your hands immediately before you touch the coffee jar, the milk bottle and the hot water tap. Also sanitize your hands immediately before you touch the cold water tap and the fridge door handle. Thank you.
- Remember to **book online** your desire to play on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, to ensure that the table limit of 32 pairs is not exceeded. Also you need to book for Thursday sessions to ensure that sufficient members are available to make the session viable. If less than eight pairs have registered by 8pm on Wednesday, the session on the next day will be cancelled.

**Doug Sands – Club Secretary**

Notice is hereby given that the *Annual General Meeting* of the Club is planned for **Saturday, 6 March commencing at 10:30 am**. Nominations for committee members, including office bearers, will open on Friday 5 February and close at 12 noon on Friday 19 February.

In addition to the four office bearers, the committee must have a minimum of three and can have up to a maximum of six general members. The current committee is short by two members. Members are asked to consider allowing their name to be put forward for election to the committee.

In the Trumpit each month this year, Donna Noble has prepared articles describing some of the jobs required to be carried out at the club to enable members to play Bridge each week. Please consider how you can contribute.

If you have any item of business for the AGM or wish to put a motion at the meeting, items for the agenda must be in the hands of the Club Secretary by 12 noon Friday 19 February.

**Doug Sands – Club Secretary**

## IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

by Patricia Back



### Dealing with Pre-empts

One quite common situation when we bid our hands is when partner opens with a pre-empt, say 3 Spades. We trust him to hold a 7-card suit with an otherwise weak hand. With a “good” hand yourself, and a singleton in that suit, you may be tempted to bid 3NT. Have you 9 tricks in your own hand? It is unlikely there are entries to the preemptive hand; you may reach it once. You are unlikely to make 3NT. On the other hand, there is a strong probability that partner will make 4 Spades, because of having entries to his hand. He will certainly make more tricks.

Don't panic if you have a void in partner's suit when they open. Just pass and hope for the best.

## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

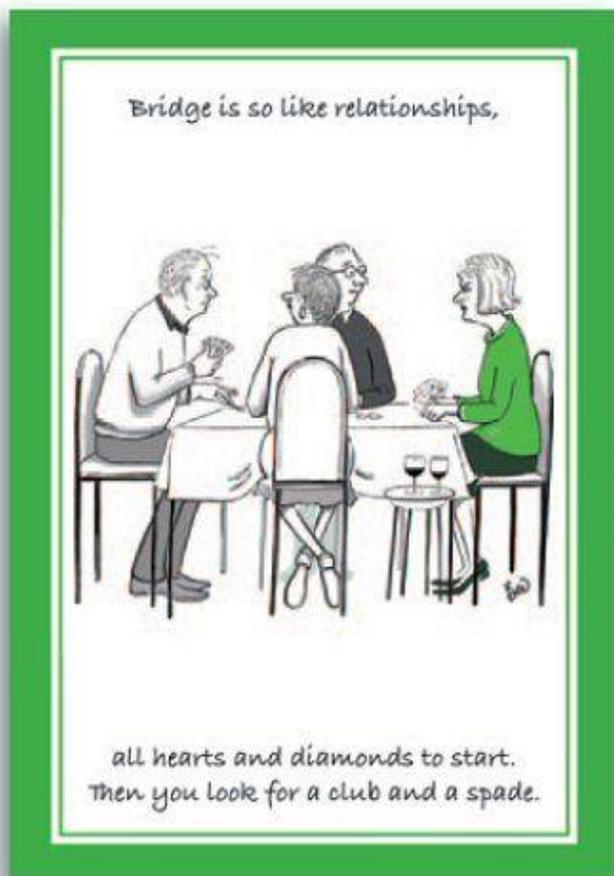
Friday 5 February – Club Teams Championship  
**RED POINTS 2/2**

Tuesday 9 February – **RED POINTS**

## SPECIAL 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY



Congratulations to  
**Annie Deacon – 15<sup>th</sup> January**



## Bridge Topic of the Month

### MOBILE PHONES & SIMILAR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Mobile phones (and similar electronic communication devices) must be switched off during session time, i.e. until the scheduled finishing time of the session. If, anywhere within the playing area, a player's mobile phone sounds during session time, or if a player consults a mobile phone during session time, that player's unit shall receive a warning for the first offence and shall be penalised 3 VP (9 IMPs) for each subsequent offence in teams events (including Butler pairs) and 50% of a top in pairs events. (Note that players and playing units are entitled to only one warning per unit).

Any player, for pressing professional or personal reasons, may request the Director to grant an exemption from the provisions of these Regulations. If the request is granted, the Director may make whatever arrangement he/she deems appropriate to allow the player to use the phone. In making such an arrangement, the Director must be cognizant of the amenity of other players.

Before the commencement of each match or stanza, the Director should instruct players to switch off their mobile phones.

However, players cannot rely upon such an instruction and failure of the Director to issue it in no way diminishes:

- (a) A player's obligation to observe all regulations that apply to mobile phones
- (b) The penalties that apply.

*From ABF Rules and Ethics*

***Don't worry if Plan A fails,  
there are 25 more letters in  
the alphabet.***

## 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!

### Yearly Member Book Organisers

Every year the club publishes a complimentary Membership Book. This book contains information regarding club contact details, committee members, subscribed members details, session information, fees, and bridge club etiquette. The task of putting together the current members' list is very onerous and we thank Carradine Lucas for doing this each year. Carradine and Ros Putland compile the calendar of club events. Doug Sands then bundles it together and sends it all to the printer. A new Membership Book will be out soon so don't forget to pick one up when they are available.

### Garden and Landscape Maintenance Co-ordinator

Although you may think the fairies live at the bottom of the garden, they don't maintain it! Someone has to engage a gardener, ensure the lawns are mowed, gardens are maintained and our environment outside the clubhouse is as safe as possible from potential falling branches and trees. Our current garden maintenance co-ordinator is Molly O'Donohue. Thanks Molly!



*Procrastination is the greatest labour  
saving invention of all time.*

**WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS**



**Dave Beck  
Carol Ludlow**

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

*Supervised Play* continues each **Wednesday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm**. Players are encouraged to advance to a competitive playing session as soon as they are able to do so.

The next *Beginners' Class* is planned to start on **Tuesday 9 March 2021** and runs for six weeks. Please invite your friends to consider learning to play our much loved game.



*Our condolences go out to Lynne Fisher whose husband passed away recently.*

**You know you're a bad driver when Siri says:  
"In 400 feet stop and let me out."**



## **Eclectic Competitions**

*by Gill Ross*

The Committee has decided to reinstate the "Monthly Eclectic" as advised by QBA and ABF. (Summer and Winter red point Eclectics are normally run over one week, as well.)

These events combine all the green masterpoint sessions for each day in a month that have not already counted toward a competition (red point event). If there are three available sessions then your best two (percentage) scores are counted. If there are four or five available sessions then your best three scores are counted. If there are fewer than three available sessions, an eclectic event cannot be calculated. The awarding of green masterpoints is calculated by the programme we use called COMPSCORE2. If you are interested in how it reaches the final calculation, there is a detailed explanation on the ABF website.

An example: TUESDAY APRIL ECLECTIC (3/4) Four green masterpoint sessions were played on a Tuesday in April, and your best three scores are counted. If you only played two of the four available sessions, you will not be eligible for Tuesday April Eclectic masterpoints.

Unlike normal sessions the monthly eclectics are calculated for the individual, therefore you may have had different partners.

These awards are displayed on the noticeboard. This is an effective way to celebrate the high performing players in each session and provide additional green masterpoints to those players who play regularly in club sessions.

### **PROMOTIONS**

Sandra Devine	Graduate
Colin Gorton	
Graham Craven	Local
Max Latimer	
Carol Ludlow	State



Don't let them take the temperature on your forehead as you enter the supermarket, its a government plot to erase your memory. I went for a bottle of milk and a loaf of bread and came home with a case of beer and 12 bottles of wine!

***I MIGHT HAVE A SLIGHT DRINKING PROBLEM.....***

***MY HUSBAND ASKED ME TO TOAST SOME BREAD FOR HIM.***



***I RAISED MY WINE GLASS AND SAID, 'HERE'S TO BREAD.'***

### Thoughts on Quarantine

- Why did the chicken cross the road? Because the chicken behind it didn't know how to socially distance properly.
- Two grandmothers were bragging about their precious darlings. One of them said to the other, "Mine are so good at social distancing, they won't even call me."
- Whose idea was it to sing 'Happy Birthday' while washing your hands? Now every time I go to the bathroom, my kids expect me to walk out with a cake.
- My husband purchased a world map and then gave me a dart and said, "Throw this and wherever it lands is where I'm taking you when this pandemic ends." Turns out we are spending two weeks behind the fridge.

### Thoughts on Coronavirus

- Why do they call it the novel coronavirus? It's a long story.....
- What's the best way to avoid touching your face? A glass of wine in each hand.
- If coronavirus isn't about beer, why do I keep seeing cases of it?
- What did the man say to the bartender? "I'll have a corona, hold the virus."
- You know what they say: feed a cold, starve a fever, drink a corona.
- What's the difference between COVID-19 and Romeo and Juliet? One's the coronavirus and the other is a Verona crisis.
- What do you call panic-buying of sausage and cheese in Germany? The wurst-kase scenario.

### Some Rules for Life

- When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
- Age 60 might be the new 40, but 8:00 pm is the new midnight.
- I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
- If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
- When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.