

# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

# TRUMPIT



FEBRUARY 2022

Hi Everyone,

Well done to all members who have now completed their recommended Covid-19 vaccinations including their booster shots. Remember to update your immunisation records as you check in.

Fortunately, we have kept infections to a minimum, and thank you to everyone who follows the guidelines to keep themselves and fellow players safe.

At the request of many members, the committee has now been given approval to go ahead and have the toilet areas refurbished. This will be most welcome to those with any sort of physical disability to have toilets at a more appropriate height, etc.

If you have any questions or suggestions in relation to the renovations, please contact the Secretary, Deborah Thomas, or a committee member. Obviously, there will be a certain amount of disruption during this period, but the end result will be worth the inconvenience.

Happy bridging and keep smiling!



**Robina Cooper**

*Minds are like parachutes; they only work when they are open*

## FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- We are currently in negotiations with the Redland City Council for the renewal of our lease which is due in June this year. We are negotiating to have the term of our lease to be increased to 20 years from the 10 years which is currently being offered to all lease holder organisations in the Redlands by the council. We have asked for a meeting with the mayor and are awaiting an answer to our request. Ben Whitehouse is looking after all negotiations with the council. The Council's plan for the Pinklands precinct is available, so if interested please talk to a committee member.
- The Redland City Council inspectors were very pleased with our compliance status when they attended in December, and many thanks go to Doug Sands for his work in this direction.
- At the Special General Meeting held 26th January approval was received to proceed with the renovations to our toilet areas. A limit of \$85,000 was approved.
- Our thanks go to Bruce Johman who for many years has been the director who has looked after Tuesday mornings. A thank you morning tea and gift were presented to him. Bruce is taking a little break but will be back playing possibly in March. Mike Souter has volunteered to take his place.
- Derek Richards has indicated he will undertake the Workplace Health and Safety duties.
- Andy Hung held lessons on January 6th and 7th which were much appreciated by those who attended. Unfortunately, quite a few members who signed up for the Friday lesson did not attend. This resulted in the club picking up the short fall in costs.

- We continue to deal with Covid, and to this point only 2 members have tested positive and so we thank them for promptly informing the club. So please continue to do the necessary requirements put in place by the committee to mitigate the spread of Covid in our little world.

**Ros Putland – Club President**

## IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

by Patricia Back



### First Re-bid by Opener

One of the most vital bids made during the auction is the **first re-bid by the opener**. A good question to ask oneself at this stage is: "Have I got more than I might have had"? One way to answer the question with a good hand is to make a jump bid. A second way to show a better than minimum hand is to reverse the suits. This means to re-bid a higher-ranking suit than your first bid.

<u>West</u> (declarer)	<u>East</u>
♠J2	AQ63
♥AQ10	54
♦AKQ102	J53
♣109	8753

Here the West hand opens the bidding with 1♦ and East responds 1♠. It is now correct for West to bid 2♥ reversing the suits and showing 17+ points. With a minimum hand, East prefers the first suit by bidding 3♦ showing nothing extra. West should pass.

Now change the West hand:

♠J2	AQ63
♥AJ106	54
♦AK1054	J32
♣96	10873

Again, West opens 1 diamond, and East responds 1 spade. West has a minimum hand, (12-16) and the correct re-bid is 2 diamonds, or possibly 1NT. East passes, and the contract is at a sensible level.

If West had re-bid 2H, East would be forced to raise diamonds to the 3 level, which is too high, and the contract would fail.

When your partner reverses the suits, you should be confident they have a 17+points, and you should bid accordingly.

### Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting**

of the Club is planned for  
**Saturday, 5 March** commencing at **10:30 am**.

Nominations for positions on the Management Committee will open on **Friday 4 February** and close at **1.00 pm** on **Friday 18 February**.

If the nominations received exceed the number of positions available in any role an election will take place. In addition to the four (4) office bearers the committee must have a minimum of three (3) up to a maximum of six (6) general members. Elected committee members are expected to attend monthly committee meetings and be ready to volunteer for tasks required for the smooth running of the Club. Committee meetings will be held at 1.30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month in 2022.

If an election is required and you are unable to attend the AGM, you may lodge an absentee vote. Absentee voting forms will be available soon after 18 February from the Secretary, Deborah Thomas. These will need to be signed for in person in the book provided. The completed absentee voting forms must be returned to the Secretary prior to the AGM. No proxy voting will be allowed for the elections.

If you have any item of business, or wish to table a motion at the AGM, written submissions must be in the hands of the Club Secretary by **1.00 pm Friday 18 February**.

The agenda for the AGM will be available prior to the meeting for the perusal of members.

**Deborah Thomas – Club Secretary**

*Editor's Note: We will continue to reproduce some of Pat's previous articles as they contain some good tips which are very useful especially for newer players.*

*As Pat needs 24-hour personal care, she is now residing in the Bellevue Care Centre in Ferny Hills. Thank you Pat, for your wisdom over the years, and we wish you all the best. Your presence is missed at the club.*

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## **BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH**

### **SELF-ALERTING BIDS**

Certain calls that carry their own alert need not be alerted. These include:

- All Doubles and Redoubles,
- All Cue-bids of an opponent's bid suit,
- All bids at the four level or higher but excluding Namyats and other 4-level Transfer Pre-empt which must be alerted,
- Following an opening bid of 1NT, a response of 2C (Stayman) in an uncontested auction.

*From ABF Rules and Ethics*

## **BEHIND THE SCENES**

Our club is very thankful for the many volunteers who undertake the various tasks to ensure its smooth running.

New volunteers are always welcome. If you have been thinking of ways you can contribute, please give thought to joining the committee.

The Annual General Meeting will be held next month. Nominations forms will be available from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February, with nominations closing on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 1.00 pm.

The hard work and dedication of its volunteers over the last two very trying years has allowed the club to remain viable and follow the guidelines to remain a safe and happy environment.

## **COMPETITION RESULTS**

The Graded New Year Pairs Competition was held over two weeks with 10 teams competing in each of the three Sections. Congratulations to all, and especially the winners.

**Section A:** Bill Morgan and Deirdre Giles.



**Section B:** Ria Bijker and Deborah Thomas.



**Section C:** Bruce Johnman and Max Latimer.



## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Friday, 4 February - Club Championship Teams 2/2,  
**Red Points**  
Tuesday, 8 February – **Red Points Tuesday**



## 70%ers for January



**Philip Thompson & Bill Morgan – 71.7%**

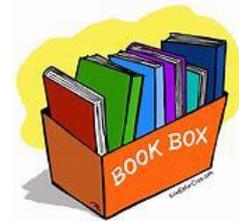
## WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



**John Bullion  
Betty Fountain  
Greg Lewis  
Cathy Obrholzer**

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

## CLUB LIBRARY



As you are aware, the club has a comprehensive library of books to help you improve your bridge game.

Whether you are a new or intermediate player, there are books covering many topics whether it may be on bidding, defending, finessing, playing in No Trumps, slam bidding, conventions, etc.

Well known bridge authors include Paul Martson, Mike Lawrence, Ron Klinger, Audrey Grant, Barbara Seagrim, David Bird and Marc Smith.

Please remember when borrowing reference books to write your name and date in the book. Please return books promptly and sign them in when you are finished as there may be others waiting to borrow a particular book.

Also, there are a large variety of novels which you are welcome to borrow at any time. These don't need to be signed out, but when returning, please place them in the box on the counter in the library. Additionally, there are many jigsaw puzzles for your relaxation and enjoyment.

Many thanks to Betty Bowdler to looks after the novels and puzzles.

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## PROMOTIONS

*December*

Jan Priest	Graduate
Sandra Devine	Club
Sebastian Raciti	Club
Janet Buckton	Local
Helen Zerphey	Local
Lisa Miller	Local
Adele Munro	Bronze Local
Patricia France	Silver Local
Ronda Pomeroy	Regional
Max Latimer	Regional
Marj Lower	Bronze Regional
Barbara Flynn	State
Jan Argent	Silver Life

*Supervised Play* continues Wednesdays from 2pm to 4pm, COVID permitting. Members who wish to refresh their knowledge in bidding and playing are invited to attend. New members are encouraged to advance to a competitive playing session as soon as they are able to do so. If you are interested in helping at these sessions, please contact Deirdre Giles.

*Beginners Class:* The next Beginners' class will start on Wednesday 2 March and will run 2pm to 4pm for six weeks. The cost is \$50. Please tell your friends who might be interested and ask them to contact Deirdre Giles on 0412 131 172 for details.

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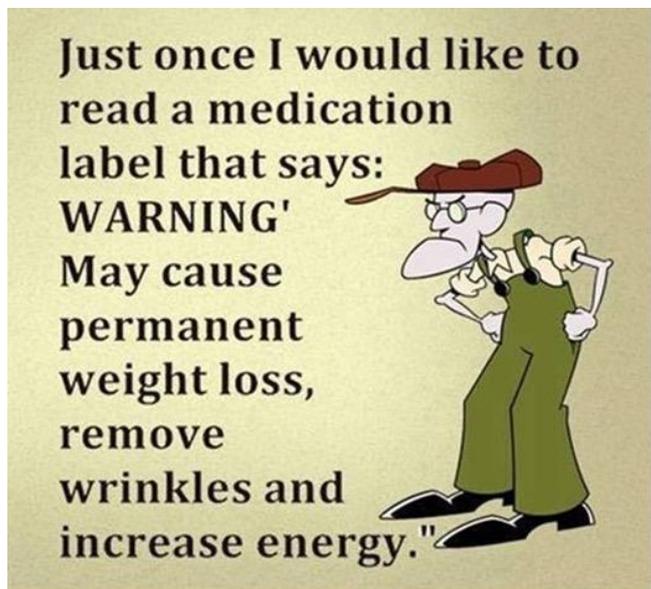
Sally read a job advertisement and decided to apply for one of the jobs that most Queenslanders are not willing to do. She submitted her application for a job as a lemon picker even though she was too qualified for the job. She had an arts degree from Griffith University and a master's degree from the University of Qld. She had worked as a social worker, and as a schoolteacher for several years.

The farmer studied her job application, frowned, and said "I see that you are well educated, and have an impressive resume. However, I have to ask you, have you had any actual experience in picking lemons?"

"Well, as a matter of fact, I have" she said. "I have been divorced three times, owned two used cars, voted twice for Kevin Rudd, and once for Willie Shorten".



The good news is she started picking yesterday.



For the cricket fans:

- What do you get if you cross the English cricket team with an OXO cube? A laughing stock.
- What is the height of optimism? English batsman putting on sunscreen.
- What is the difference between an English batsman and a Formula 1 car? Nothing! If you blink you will miss them both.
- What do English batsmen and drug addicts have in common? Both spend most of their time wondering where their next score will come from.
- What does an English batsman who is playing in The Ashes have in common with Michael Jackson? They both wore gloves for no apparent reason.
- What is the difference between Cinderella and the Pommies? Cinderella knew when to leave the ball.
- What's the difference between the Pommies and a funeral director? A funeral director isn't going to lose the ashes.

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*My therapist set half a glass of water in front of me. He asked if I was an optimist or a pessimist. I drank the water and told him I was a problem solver.*



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**Diet Day 1:**

I have removed all the bad food from the house.  
It was delicious.



My wife asked me why I spoke so softly in the house.  
I said I was afraid Mark Zuckerberg was listening!  
She laughed.  
Alexa laughed  
Siri laughed.

*One can never play too much bridge*



A boy comes home from school in the afternoon, hungry and complains to his mum that he's got tummy ache!

His mother gives him something to eat and says: "That's because your tummy is empty!"

Soon afterwards the father comes home and complains about headache!

The boy says: "It's probably because ..... "

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Things to ponder:

- Is it good if a vacuum really sucks?
- Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?
- If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
- Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
- Why do "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
- Why do "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
- Why do "tug" boats push their barges?
- Why do we sing "Take me out to the ball game" when we are already there?
- Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?
- Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?
- Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?

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Wife: There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor.

Husband: Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous.

Wife: I tell you the car has water in the carburetor.

Husband: You don't even know what a carburetor is.  
I'll check it out. Where's the car?

Wife: In the pool.

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Students at school were asked to write about the harmful environmental effects of oil on fish.

One 11-year-old wrote, "When my mom opened a tin of sardines last night, it was full of oil and all the sardines were dead."