

# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

# TRUMPIT



FEBRUARY 2023

*Hi Everyone,*

*At last, it is back to school and child minding for the grandkids is over for another term, so welcome back to the bridge table!*

*We haven't had too much hot weather this summer, but certainly appreciate the effectiveness of the new air conditioning which was purchased last year. Money well spent.*

*We all enjoy playing bridge in a happy and friendly environment, and members are reminded that to do this we need to adhere to basic bridge rules and behaviour. Molly is conducting lessons to remind members of certain expectations that we all need to follow. Let's keep our club great!*

*The Annual Gold Coast Congress is being held later this month with several of our members competing in this event. We wish you all good luck and an enjoyable time.*

*Good bridging and keep smiling!*



**Robina Cooper**

*Mistakes are proof you are trying.*

## FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- The new solar panels are certainly proving their worth. We are already saving money with a decrease in our latest electricity bill - and that is with the solar panels only having been installed for part of the billing cycle.
- The AGM is approaching quickly. *See details on p2.* Ours is a great club, mainly due to the hard work of our volunteers. Please think about running for the 2023 committee. You would be most welcome as we can always use new and fresh ideas.
- On that vein, I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work this past year. I have been on several committees and must say that this is one of the best groups of people I have ever worked with. And of course, kudos to Robina for her work on the Trumpit each month.
- The first of our weekly lessons for all members will be held on Saturday, 4 February at 11:00. The first session will be on bridge etiquette and alerting. At the end of the hour, I will be asking those present to give me some idea of what information they would like to go over in future lessons.
- Many thanks to Glynis Hendricks who provided a very welcome and delicious morning tea on Australia Day which was appreciated by all who attended.

Notice is hereby given that the *Annual General Meeting* of the Club is planned for **Saturday 4th March 2023** commencing at **10:30 am**.

Nominations for positions on the Management Committee will open on **Friday 3rd February and close at 12 noon on Friday 17th February**. If nominations exceed the positions available an election will take place. In addition to the four office bearers, the committee must have a minimum of three and up to a maximum of six general members. Elected committee members are expected to attend monthly committee meetings and be ready to volunteer for roles required for the smooth running of the Club. Committee meetings will be held at 1.30 pm on the second Tuesday every month until the following AGM in 2024.

Absentee voting will be possible for any elections required. Forms will be available soon after 17th February from the Secretary, Deborah Thomas. These will need to be signed for in person. 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 for the AGM, or wish to table a motion at the meeting, you must provide the relevant details to the Club Secretary by 12 noon Friday 17th February.

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

**Deborah Thomas – Club Secretary**

The next *Beginners' Class* is commencing on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:redlandsbridgeclub@bigpond.com)

*Supervised Play* will take a break for the six weeks while the new lessons are being held.

## BRIDGE TIPS – BIDDING

Ron Klinger



If partner opens 1NT, and second player intervenes with natural bid suit bid, be prepared to bid 3NT with enough points for game and a no-trump type hand, even though you may not have a stopper in their suit.

Suppose partner, North, opens 1NT and next player bids 2♠. What should you call with?

♠ 4 3 2 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ A Q J ♣ K J 9 ?

Best is 3NT, trusting partner for at least one stopper in spades.

This tip, used only if partner opened 1NT (not a suit opening), follows logically from normal bidding strategy:

1. East's overcall will not be based on a solid suit such as AKQxxx, since with such a holding East would not bid 2♠, but should pass and defend (or double and defend). A suit overcall over 1NT is normally based on a suit like AQxxxx, KQ109xx, KJ10xxx and the like.
2. Since East will not have a solid suit for the overcall and you have no stopper in their suit, where will the missing cards in their suit be? Almost invariably partner will have them, given that you hold enough values to try for game.

Common agreements after an intervening bid over 1NT are:

- Change of suit is non-forcing e.g. 1NT : (2♦) : 2♠ or 1NT : (2♠) : 3♣.
- Jump-bids below game are forcing e.g. 1NT : (2♦) : 3♠.
- Bidding their suit is equivalent to Stayman eg. 1NT : (2♠) : 2♠.

*A woman went to a lingerie store to buy a new bra.*

*"What bust?" asked an assistant.*

*"One of the straps!" she replied.*

## BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

### DECEPTION

- You cannot attempt to deceive an opponent except in your bids and cards played.
- This includes things like deliberating for a few seconds before playing a singleton to make an opponent think you have a choice of cards to play or hesitating when an opponent is finessing through you in order to make them think you have the missing honour.
- Bridge is not poker – bluffing is not allowed!

### WHEN IS A CARD PLAYED?

- For a Defender, a card is played when it could have been seen by their partner. It doesn't matter whether or not partner did see it, nor does it matter if Declarer saw it.
- For Declarer, a card is played when it is placed on or near the table in the played position. It doesn't matter whether or not a Defender has seen it.

*From ABF Rules and Ethics*

## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Friday, 3 February – Club Championship Teams 2/2,  
**Red Points**

Tuesday, 7 February – Red Point Tuesday – **Red Points**

**Note:** Congress Competition coming up:  
Sunday, 2 April – Redland Under 500 Graded Teams

## COMPETITION RESULTS

### New Year Graded Pairs

Our first competition for the year was held over two weeks with 14 pairs in each of the two Sections.

Competition in both sections was very fierce with the end results very close.

In **Section A** the final winners were **Daniel Chua & Greg Nolan**, closely followed by Stephen Gillard & Wendy Tollemache, and Di Rigano & Bill Morgan.



Daniel Chua and Greg Nolan

Final **Section B** winners were **Neil Casey & Frances Bourke**, who were also closely followed by Robina Cooper & Derek Morris, and Deborah Thomas & Gill Ross.



Frances Bourke and Neil Casey

Congratulations to all who competed.

## DECEMBER PROMOTIONS

Lisa Alcott	Graduate
Caroline Attard	Graduate
Paula Cleary	Graduate
Greg Lewis	Graduate
Su O'Mahony	Club
Gabriel Ruhland	Club
Colin Gorton	Local
Glynis Hendricks	Bronze Local
Brenda Wilson	Bronze Local
Helen Zerphey	Silver Local
Frances Bourke	Bronze State
Thomas France	Bronze State
Sandra Berns	Bronze National
Michael Souter	Silver National

## Bits & Pieces

### Punctuality

- Please remember that all players should be seated no later than 15 minutes before the start of play.
- If you do not have a partner (Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings), then you should arrive 30 minutes before play.
- If you are running late please phone the club to advise the Director that you have been delayed.

### Call the Director

A successful bridge session is based on collaboration between the Director and the players. The Director is responsible for setting up the movement and the Bridgemates, distributing the boards and that the results are recorded accurately.

Players are responsible for making sure the cards are returned to the correct pockets, recording the results, movement of the boards to the next table and especially playing to time.

Sessions allow six minutes for each board with the timer alerting that 3 minutes are left for the round. If the first card is not faced by the 3-minute warning, the Director should be called, and the hand will then be averaged.

No one likes to be averaged, but it is part of the game of bridge. At no time should this be cause for rudeness to other players and especially towards the Director.



### 70%ers for January



**Barbara Mackay & Leigh Dominikovich – 70.3%**  
**Turgut Manli & Thomas France – 71.5%**



*Our sincere condolences go to  
the family of Dennis Kennedy  
who passed away recently*



***Duplicate bridge –  
a game in which  
agreeable partners  
can disagree***







### *Happy Valentine's Day*

A woman walks into a post office one day to see a middle-aged, balding man standing at the counter systematically pasting 'Love' stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them.

He then takes out a perfume bottle and starts spraying scent all over them. The woman's curiosity gets the better of her and she walks up to the balding man and asks him what he is doing.

The man says: "I'm sending out one thousand Valentine's Day cards signed, 'Guess who?'"

"But why?" asks the woman.

The man replies: "I'm a divorce lawyer."

A deacon was in the hospital and his good friend, a preacher, went to visit him. The preacher noticed all the medical equipment attached to the deacon. He knelt by the bed.

The deacon motioned to a pad and pen on the nightstand. The preacher handed his friend the pad and pen, and the deacon began to write. Suddenly, the deacon died.

At his funeral, the preacher delivered the service. "I was with him when he died, and as a matter of fact, I have his last thoughts in my coat pocket here."

The preacher pulled out the paper and read, "Please, get up, you are kneeling on my oxygen hose."

A doctor and his wife are having a big argument at breakfast. "You aren't so good in bed either" he shouts and storms off to work.

By mid-morning he decides he had better make amends and phones home. After many rings his wife picks up the phone.

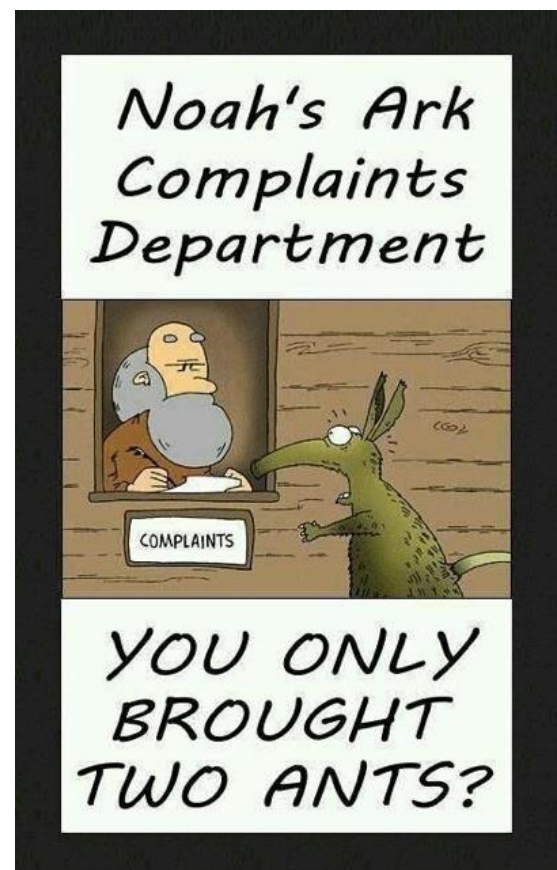
"What took you so long to answer?" he asks.

"I was in bed."

"What were you doing in bed this late?"

"Getting a second opinion."

### *Noah's Whiners*



I found that I have been happier since I changed from coffee in the morning to orange juice. My doctor explained that it's the vitamin C and natural sugars, but I really think it the Vodka.