

# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

# TRUMPIT



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*Hi Everyone,*

*Welcome to another year. Twelve months ago, we were happy to see the end of 2020 – nothing's changed – we are well and truly happy to see the end of 2021 too!*

*We can only hope that the safeguards we have in place regarding vaccinations, good hygiene and mask wearing when in crowded places will carry us through this year to a much better position. We can only try.*

*Happy New Year, happy bridging and keep smiling!*



**Robina Cooper**

*Arguing with a fool proves there are two.*

## FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- Unfortunately, 6th December saw the formal resignation of Doug Sands as President of the club. As you all would know the committee at its previous meeting in November passed a proposal that all members were required to have had their first covid vaccine by 26th November and their second by the 1st of January 2022. This was endorsed by the QBA and ABF. Doug was unable to comply with this. His resignation has left some positions to fill namely - Workplace Health & Safety Officer and Fire Safety Officer. If any member feels they could fill these positions, please speak to myself or Deborah Thomas (Secretary).
- There has also been a change of Treasurer due to the resignation of Max Latimer. Colin Gorton was endorsed as Treasurer at our December 6th meeting. Daniel Chua was appointed a consultant to audit all financials in the hand-over to Colin Gorton. Sebastian Raciti was also voted to the position of Vice President.
- On a very happy note, I can report that everyone had a great day at the Christmas party. Even though I was only present for a very short time as I was involved in singing with the Redland City Choir on the same day, it was apparent that this was a very enjoyable function to end the year on a good note. The committee wholeheartedly thanks those involved with making it a great day. Thanks especially to Molly O'Donohue and Gill Ross for organising the catering and entertainment, and Mick Souter and Chris Mayfield for directing. Many thanks to Bill Morgan for all the drinks provided not only for this event, but also Melbourne Cup. It was my pleasure to present Max Latimer with the Neville Langford Trophy for the most improved novice based on master points for 2021.

- From January committee meetings will be held at 1.30pm on the second Tuesday of the month. We are currently in negotiations with Redland City Council regarding renewal of our lease. Ben is a retired solicitor and is currently the contact person with the council. As Ben has other commitments on Mondays, the committee felt it expedient for him to be able to remain as a committee member to continue with these negotiations.

I wish all members a Happy New Year and great bridging in 2022.

**Ros Putland – Club President**

**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 Committee of Management, will open on Friday 4 February and close at 12 noon on Friday 18 February. If there are more nominations for any position in excess of the number of positions available, an election will take place. 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. 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 of each month in 2022.

If an election is held, 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 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 18 February.

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

**Deborah Thomas – Club Secretary**

## **IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE**

*by Patricia Back*



### **Unusual Scores**

Some time ago I played in a contract of 1♥ re-doubled (1♥XX) and was vulnerable. I made 8 tricks which meant I scored Game (as if it was played in 4♥), plus 400 for the overtrick. This was a huge score for making only 8 tricks. Do not let your opponent's play in a redoubled contract in case they make it! A less dramatic example is a more common contract of 2♠ doubled, making 8 tricks or more. This also scores game, as if it is a contact of 4♠.

The bidding sequence of 1♥ re-doubled was: 1♥ from South, Double from West, Re-double from North. In Standard American bidding, the XX from North merely shows 10 or more points (therefore NS have the balance of power). Either East or West **must bid something.**

*Editor's Note: I have reproduced one of Pat's previous articles to continue her advice whilst she recovers. Pat is finally being discharged from hospital on Tuesday, 4 January. However, her mobility is very limited and needs 24-hour personal care. Welcome home Pat.*

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### **Membership Subscriptions / Booklets**

The cut-off for the Membership Booklet will be early in January. Please make sure that your subscriptions are paid before then, and that your details have been updated. Don't forget to advise if you have changed your address, phone number or emergency contact details.

## **BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH**

### **ALERTABLE BIDS**

The general principle is to alert agreements that opponents may not fully understand or may reasonably misinterpret. All apparently natural bids at the three or lower level, but including conventional opening bids at the 4-level such as Namyats and other 4-level Transfer Pre-empts, that convey a meaning that opponents may not expect, must be alerted. This includes strong bids that sound weak, weak bids that sound strong, and all other calls that convey meanings different from, or additional to, their normal meanings.

*From ABF Rules and Ethics*

## **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!

### **Club Competition Organiser**

This has been part of the job for the Head Director. Competitions are held according to the club calendar which is prepared in conjunction with the Chief Dealer during October of the previous year. About one month before the upcoming competition a sign-up sheet is prepared, promotion announcements are made, and directors are organised (sometimes this may entail employing an outside director). Sometimes the preparation involves limiting the entries or persuading further entries to comply with Compscore and other requirements of the competition. When the competition is complete, winners are announced, and red points allotted ready for the Masterpoint Secretary.

Ros Putland has been performing this challenging role for some time now. Although not easy, particularly through COVID, Ros gets the job done with little fuss. All your efforts are appreciated Ros!

## **COMPETITION RESULTS**

The **Redlands Open Teams Competition** was held early in December with a total of 22 teams competing.

Congratulations to Daniel Chua and Dan Maher (along with Barry Koster & Sheila Wills), who came second place in the B Section and sixth overall.

Other notables were Philip Thompson, Bill Morgan, Jim Williamson and Janelle Williamson who were placed seventh overall; and Michael Clibbon, Ada Krawczyk, Ann Shotter and Cathy Mathieson who came tenth overall.

### **The Neville Langford Trophy**



Congratulations to Max Latimer who was presented with the Neville Langford Trophy by Club President, Ros Putland at the Christmas Party. Max won this award for the most improved Novice player for 2021. Well done, Max!

## **WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH**

**Thursday, 6 January – Red Point Thursday**  
**Wednesday & Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> January – 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm - Workshops with Andy Hung**  
**Monday, 10 January – New Year Graded Pairs 1/2, Red Points**  
**Monday, 17 January – New Year Graded Pairs 2/2, Red Points**  
**Wednesday, 26 January – Australia Day, Green Points**  
**Friday, 28 January - Club Championship Teams 1/2, Red Points**

**WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER**



**Janet Buckton**

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

## **PROMOTION**

**November**

Brenda Wilson

Local



**70%ers for December**



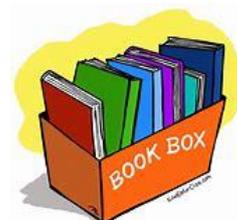
**Michael Clibbon & Turgut Manli – 74.4%**

**Supervised Play** recommences on Wednesday 12 January 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.

**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.

## **BRIDGE BOOK REVIEW**

*by Cathy Mathieson*



### **Introduction to Bridge by Paul Marston**

If you are a novice bridge player and want to reinforce the concepts that have been learned in your beginner's class, this is the book for you.

Paul Marston takes you through the points required for you to open, how many points your partner needs to respond and whether you have enough points for game. It covers very basic concepts such as when to open in No Trump, how to respond when the opposition interferes and the correct time to double.

Every chapter ends with a little quiz to test yourself and some suggestions for advanced play. Paul Marston books are generally well written and easy to follow. The library has several copies.

Paul Marston is a very successful bridge player with more than 50 national and international titles to his credit. He runs the Grand Slam Bridge Centre in Sydney, and also has many useful YouTube videos online.

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### **Christmas Party**

It was extremely fortunate that we were able to hold our Christmas Party in December. This was just what we all needed after a very long year with Covid restrictions. Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to Molly O'Donohue and Gill Ross for planning and organising this excellent event. Who can forget Molly's Christmas Quiz and Gill's quirky 'pass the parcel', which was a lot of fun, not to mention the dancing afterwards? Many thanks also to Bill Morgan who very generously provided the drinks for the evening. Thanks to all who helped in any way, and especially those who helped to clean up at the end of the evening.

## WORKSHOPS WITH ANDY HUNG



We have been fortunate to obtain the services of Andy Hung for two workshops. Andy is a professional bridge player. He is a frequent member of the Australian Open Team. His most recent success includes winning a National and placing third in the Reisinger Board-A-Match Teams event in the States.

Andy is an ABF accredited bridge teacher. He has been teaching at a wide range of bridge clubs around Australia since 2010 and took over Peter Smith's role at the WA Bridge Club in 2019. Andy has held successful bridge holidays around Australia. His next Qld event is a Noosa holiday in May 2022.

### Competitive bidding and effective play topics: -

- \* **Doubles – how to bid them effectively and when.**
- \* **Defending multi 2s**

*Don't miss out ..... it isn't often we can tap into expert ideas and get tips on how to improve our competitive bidding judgement and defence against different bidding systems.*

**When: Thursday 6 January 2022, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm**  
**Friday, 7 January 2022, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm**

**Cost: \$20 per person**

### Bookings are required

**Please write your name on the attendance sheet on the competition display board**

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*One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts.*



A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, 'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

With even greater emphasis he said, 'And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he Said, 'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it in to the river.'

Sermon complete, he sat down.

The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing, 'For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365, 'Shall We Gather at the River.'

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A married couple in their early 60s was celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary in a quiet, romantic little restaurant.

Suddenly, a tiny yet beautiful fairy appeared on their table. She said, 'For being such an exemplary married couple and for being loving to each other for all this time, I will grant you each a wish.' The wife answered, 'Oh, I want to travel around the world with my darling husband.'

The fairy waved her magic wand and - poof! - two tickets for the Queen Mary II appeared in her hands.

The husband thought for a moment: 'Well, this is all very romantic, but an opportunity like this will never come again. I'm sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me.'

The wife, and the fairy, were deeply disappointed, but a wish is a wish.

So, the fairy waved her magic wand and poof!... the husband became 92 years old.

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I called the local newspaper's classified section to complain about an ad I'd placed.  
 It was obvious the person who took my information had never spent any time on a farm.  
 "I said 'ewes,'" I argued.  
 "Pardon?" replied the operator.  
 "Ewes. It makes a difference to some people."  
 The ad that was placed read: "Sheep for sale - USED."

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Everyone knows I'm a stickler for good spelling. So, when an associate e-mailed technical documents asking me to "decifer" them, I had to set him straight.  
 I wrote, "Decipher is spelled with a ph, not an f. In case you've forgotten, spell checker comes free with your software."  
 A minute later, I got this reply, "Mine must be dephective."

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A guy was sitting quietly reading his paper when his wife walked up behind him and whacked him on the head with a magazine.  
 'What was that for?' he asked.  
 'That was for the piece of paper in your pants pocket with the name Laura Lou written on it,' she replied.  
 'Two weeks ago, when I went to the races, Laura Lou was the name of one of the horses I bet on,' he explained.  
 'Oh honey, I'm sorry,' she said. 'I should have known there was a good explanation.'  
 Three days later he was watching the football on TV when she walked up and hit him in the head again, this time with the iron skillet, which knocked him out cold.  
 When he came to, he asked, 'What the hell was that for?'  
 She replied.....'Your horse just phoned'.



- Sometimes, by holding on too tight, you end up losing what you were trying so hard to save .... Soap, for example.
- I read this article that said the typical symptoms of stress are eating too much, impulse buying, and driving too fast. Are they kidding? That's my idea of a perfect day.
- My friend has a business growing Bonsai trees. It's going so well that he is looking for smaller premises.
- It was nice to see so many new faces at the annual plastic surgery convention.
- When I went for my second jab the nurse said, "I see you have an iron deficiency."  
 I said, "how can you tell?" She said, "Your shirt is really creased."

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- What do you call a Spaniard who has lost his car? Carlos.
- What do you call a Norwegian in a tree? Leif.
- One for the older ones amongst us: What do you call a guy sitting in your letterbox? Bill.
- What do you call a guy walking through autumn leaves? Russell.
- What do you call a guy hanging on the wall? Art.
- What do you call a guy standing at the seashore holding back the waves? Cliff.
- What do you call a woman with one leg shorter than the other? Eileen.
- What do you call a guy sitting outside your door? Mat.

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### A Good Housekeeping Tip

**Always keep several get-well cards on the mantelpiece so if unexpected guests arrive, they will think you've been sick and unable to clean**

