

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

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Hi Everyone,



The sign of the Rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace, and prosperity in Chinese culture. 2023 Year of the Rabbit is predicted to be a year of hope. That prediction is very welcome after the turmoil the whole world has suffered in the last few years

Good luck and good health to you all.

Good bridging and keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

Every day is a fresh start

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- The Christmas Party was a fun evening, and many thanks to those who helped to make it a success. *See page 4 for Barbara's report.*
- Copies of the Calendar of Events for 2023 are available at the front desk. Please pick up a copy, so you know what is planned in the near future.
- The first events for the year will be the New Year Graded Pairs being held on 9th & 16th of January, and Club Championship Teams on 27th January and 3rd February. *See full details page 3.*
- Membership Fees were due on 31 December, so if you have not paid yet, *please do so immediately.* Don't forget to advise Carradine or Robina if any of your contact details have changed eg. phone, address, email, contact in case of emergency. This will ensure that details are correct before printing the Membership Book.
- The new Solar Panels were successfully installed late December.
- Due to the rising cost of living and the fact that table fees haven't been increased for almost two decades, the committee is discussing an increase in table fees.
- One-hour lessons will be held on Saturday mornings commencing on 4 February at 11.00am. The first lesson will cover bridge etiquette, alerting, when to call the director etc. Everyone welcome.
- Monthly Sunday afternoon bridge sessions will resume on 5th February – no meal will be provided.
- Thanks to everyone who have given assistance to the club over the last year, and I look forward to working with you next year.

BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

CONDUCT AND ETIQUETTE

COUNT YOUR CARDS

Players should count their cards before looking at them. If missing or extra cards are discovered once play commences, affected players can be disadvantaged. For example, a missing card is deemed to be part of the hand at all times and a revoke may have occurred.

REMOVING AND REPLACING CARDS

- Cards should not be removed from the board until at least one player from each side is present.
- This also applies to the sit-out pair – they must not remove the cards from boards on the sit-out table.
- Cards must be shuffled before being returned to the board.

RECORDING RESULTS

- When you're on opening lead, your first priority after the auction is to make the opening lead.
- This should be done before entering the contract into the Bridgmate or writing on your personal scorer.
- The same applies to dummy – after the opening lead is faced, spread your hand before doing anything else.

From ABF Rules and Ethics

BRIDGE TIPS - BIDDING

Ron Klinger



When bidding it is necessary to give your partner certain information to ensure you reach the right contract.

However, when you become aware of the right contract bid it straight away. By doing so, you are not giving valuable information to the opponents.

♠ K 10 6 5 4	
♥ J 3	
♦ 8 6 3	
♣ Q 7 2	
♠ A Q 9 2	♠ J 7 3
♥ K Q 6 4	♥ A 9 5
♦ 7	♦ A Q J 10 5 2
♣ A 6 5 4	♣ 10
	♠ 8
	♥ 10 8 7 2
	♦ K 9 4
	♣ K J 9 8 3

Dealer (East) opens 1♦, P, 1♥, P; east rebids 2♦ and west knowing that east does not have a 4-card major, bids 3NT. North leads 5♠ (4th highest of longest suit), west wins with Q♠ and tries the diamond finesse which loses to south. The opposition switches to clubs, but now west can easily make 11 tricks.

If west responded to the 2♦ rebid with 2♠, east would now bid 3♥, and west would end up in 3NT which is the right contract. However, this time having been warned of west's strength in spades, north would lead 2♣. Even though west would duck the first couple of rounds, south still has winning clubs in hand when the diamond finesse is attempted. The contract would be defeated by one trick.

*Bridge players
know that good
habits are our best
friends*



70%ers for December



Ros Putland & Dianne Elliott – 71.3%

COMPETITION RESULTS

Redland Open Teams

Our Congress held early last month attracted twenty teams consisting of many very experienced players. Whilst no Redland Team finished in the top 10, one of our teams won the Consolation Section.

Congratulations to our team pictured below.



Deborah Thomas, Michael Clibbon, Ada Krawczyk & Philip Thompson

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



**Stanis Davey
Jean Florence
Paul Gill
Marianne Hitchen**

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

SPECIAL 80th BIRTHDAY



**Congratulations to
Brian Gamble – 5th December**

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Thursday, 5 January – Red Point Thursday – Red Points

Monday, 9 January – New Year Graded Pairs 1/2, Red Points

Monday, 16 January – New Year Graded Pairs 2/2, Red Points

Thursday, 26 January – Australia Day – Green Points

Friday, 27 January – Club Championship Teams 1/2, Red Points

CHRISTMAS PARTY ROUNDUP

By Barbara Mackay

Wow yet another successful event hosted by the RBC management committee and ably supported by its band of volunteers.

As is normal for our events it had its usual quirkiness. There was a large board with photos of the "rogue's gallery" in their teens - 20s, and you were supposed to see if you could identify who the rogue was. Members kept saying they didn't know everyone... it didn't matter as it was only the "rogues" on display. (I've been bribed not to name names; but you know who they are).



Carmel & Merit tied for identifying 8 of the 11. MC Molly said "One prize so we can't have a draw. What year was the Spanish Am" well, the

question didn't get completed before trivial quiz master Merit leapt to her feet and gave the answer while Carmel was waiting for the question.

Next was the quiz and Molly kept telling us it shouldn't take so long as many of the questions were the same as last year ... "hello, that's a few glasses of bubbles ago ... really; remember!!!"

Low and behold next item on choir master Molly's agenda was "12 nights of Christmas" and in that stern teacher's voice we are told not to just sing, but act out what we are singing 🤪 😊 🎭

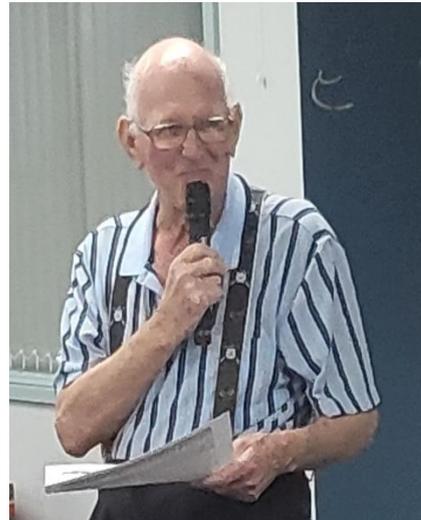


Well, there was an identity crisis at the "milking maids" table as there were a couple of men going through the motion of milking.

Our inability to perform to the choir master satisfaction was greeted with "There will be no dinner if you don't do it right".



Sufficiently chastened the members set about singing their hearts out, leaping up and down and generally being entertaining.



Finally came time for the Irish form of pass the parcel ably directed by RBC's very own statesman - Mr Keith Ormerod. The right / left no left / right - aahh, that's the trouble with Irish.

Wonderful see the child in all of us come out to squabble over a box of chocolates 🍫

Hey, I may have recorded things in the wrong order, but I was having fun washed down with "bubbles". Great night, great company served with good food.

Season's greetings everyone.

Barbara

Solar System Upgrade



Preparation for installation of panels



Job completed!

The next *Beginners' Class* is commencing on Wednesday, 1st 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

Supervised Play recommences on Wednesday, 11 January afternoons from 2pm to 4pm.

Please contact Nigel Cleminson on 0419 642 498 if you need any further information.

Bits & Pieces

The Redlands City Choir held their annual Christmas Concert on 17th December. In fine voice was our own polished group of singers who all looked fabulous!



L to R: Jan Deaville, Ros Putland, Ben Whitehouse, Pauline Curtis

Curlew Chicks

We were all amazed with the dedication of the curlews that sat on their eggs in the hot sun for the last month. They were successful in hatching



both of their eggs. The baby curlews are currently active around the vegetation at the back of the clubhouse. Let's hope they can reach adulthood. Thanks to Merit who chased a goanna away to keep them safe. Unfortunately, I cannot include that photo.



Please do not drink and drive during the Festive Season.

If you want to get home safely, my team can help for FREE !!

Please call me at least two days in advance to make a booking.

We will come around and drink for you so you can safely drive home.

Have a safe and happy New Year.



I woke up this morning, with a terrible hangover -to the sound of my neighbour mowing his lawn. I was going to get up. Then I

thought "Nah, he can mow around me!!"

Two Irishmen went into a pub in Dublin and asked for two pints of Guinness.

The Barman, cleaning the tables said...

"Sorry, we don't open for another hour."

One of the men asked, "Mind if we wait?"

"No" said the Barman, "Would you like a pint while you are waiting?"

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve

Surprise! Surprise!

It was an Apple

But with extremely limited memory

Just 1 byte

Then everything crashed!

A kangaroo kept getting out of his enclosure at the zoo. Knowing that he could hop high, the zoo officials put up a ten-metre fence. But the next morning he got out again and was found roaming around the zoo. A twenty-metre fence was put up. But again, he got out. When the fence was forty metres high, a camel in the next enclosure asked the kangaroo: "How high do you think they'll go?"

The kangaroo said: "Maybe more than a hundred metres unless somebody starts locking the gate at night!"

At school, little Johnny's classmate tells him that most adults are hiding at least one dark secret, so it's very easy to blackmail them by saying, "I know the whole truth." Little Johnny decides to go home and try it out.

Johnny's mother greets him when he gets home, and he tells her, "I know the whole truth." His mother quickly hands him \$20 and says, "Just don't tell your father." Quite pleased, the boy waits for his father to get home from work, and greets him with, "I know the whole truth." The father promptly hands him \$40 dollars and says, "Please don't say a word to your mother."

Very pleased, the boy is on his way to school the next day when he sees the mailman at his front door. The boy greets him by saying, "I know the whole truth."

The mailman immediately drops the mail, opens his arms, and says, "Then come and give your Daddy a great big hug!"

- The other day I held open the door for a clown. It was a nice jester.
- Will glass coffins be a success? *Remains to be seen.*
- I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.
- My new watch was so expensive I had to finance it. I'm living on borrowed time.
- Police were called to a day-care centre, when a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
- I can't afford an Ancestry DNA Kit to learn about my relatives. So instead, I just posted online that I had won the lottery.

A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas. After hearing about this extravagant gift, a friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty four-wheel-drive vehicles."

"She did," he replied. "But where was I going to find a fake Jeep?"