

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



JULY 2021

Hi Everyone,

Hopefully the 3-day Covid lockdown is not extended and will be back to normal on Saturday. Don't forget to register online to play on Monday & Wednesday.



Reminder: Mask wearing is compulsory whilst in the club until at least 13 July at which time the Covid situation will be reassessed.

Important: All members must use the QR Code QLD to check into the club. This becomes mandatory from 9th July.



The QR Code is displayed on the left hand glass entry door, on the pillar to the left of reception and on the notice board on the eastern wall.

Most of our members would have had their first Covid vaccination by now. We urge and encourage everyone to be fully vaccinated as soon as possible.

Happy bridging, keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- The committee has accepted a quote to get the clubhouse **windows cleaned** internally and externally, and also to get the vertical blinds cleaned. These will be coordinated to be carried out at the same time.
- In 2018 the club bought a **defibrillator**, with the help of a government grant. The unit is mounted on the western wall of the clubhouse. If you would personally NOT wish to be resuscitated in the event of a cardiac attack at the clubhouse, please obtain an orange form at the front desk, fill it in and return it to me or a committee member. The club will comply with your wishes.
- The club is planning to run a **training course** on the use of the defibrillator. This will be held **at 9:30 am on Monday 19 July** at the clubhouse. It will take one hour. All members are invited to attend. If you do attend, there will be NO obligation for you to use the defibrillator in the event of an emergency. Using the unit would be solely your choice.
- The club is also keen for members to have **CPR training**, and will reimburse members the cost of a training course. One suitable course is run by Australia Wide First Aid at the Eureka Centre, Unit 4, 29-37 Moreton Bay Road, Capalaba. The course costs \$45 and runs for 2 hours most days of the week, morning or afternoon, as well as Saturday morning. Make your own bookings on 3437 7500. Again, if you do the course and get reimbursed by the club, there will be no obligation for you to carry out CPR at the club should such a situation arise.
- The clubhouse **air conditioning** is set at 23 degrees for the whole year. This is commonly accepted as the temperature suitable to most people.

*Never regret anything that
made you smile*

- If you would like to **mentor** a new player for an extended time to pass on your Bridge knowledge, please volunteer to Molly, Robina or me.
- Another reminder please for you to ensure that you **sanitise your hands** when you arrive, at the end of each round and whenever you leave and return to the playing table. Complacency could lead to catastrophe. If you see another member forget to do this, please give them a gentle reminder. If you forget and someone reminds you, please accept it in good grace for the wellbeing of all club members. Please do not visit the clubhouse if you have a cold or cough.
- Your committee encourages members to receive a COVID **vaccination** as soon as you are able. For the wellbeing of fellow club members, we would like all club members to be vaccinated by 30 November 2021.
- A **face mask** is required to be worn while at the clubhouse and while playing until further notice. Sessions will be restricted to 16 tables until further notice.

Doug Sands – Club President

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

by Patricia Back



The Wrong Lead

Recently I observed a case of the opening lead giving away the contract, allowing the hand to make 10 tricks in 4 Spades.

North
♠AQJ732
♥10962
♦3
♣K9
South
♠K104
♥A7
♦K107
♣108543

The opening lead was the 2♣ from ♣A62. This allows the ♣K to win the trick.

That ♣K should never make a trick, as the West hand held ♣QJ7. Therefore the lead of the ♣Q by West prevents the ♣K from making a trick. This is a case of mistakenly under-leading an Ace, which is rarely a good opening lead. With the holding of an unsupported Ace, it is better to lead another suit.

QBF POSITIONS VACANT

**DIRECTOR ACCREDITATION CHAIR
TOURNAMENT CHAIR**

Both of these positions become vacant early July. Expressions of interest should be made in writing. A full outline of the positions and responsibilities can be obtained by contacting the QBA Manager, Kim Ellaway at manager@qldbridge.com.au.

BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

CONDUCT AND ETIQUETTE

Violations of Procedure

The following are examples of violations of procedure:

- Using different designations for the same call.
- Indicating approval or disapproval of a call or play.
- Indicating the expectation or intention of winning or losing a trick that has not been completed.
- Commenting or acting during the auction or play so as to call attention to a significant occurrence, or to the number of tricks still required for success.
- Looking intently at any other player during the auction and play, or at another player's hand as for the purpose of seeing his cards or of observing the place from which he draws a card.
- Showing an obvious lack of further interest in a deal (as by folding ones cards).
- Varying the normal tempo of bidding or play for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent.
- Leaving the table needlessly before the round is called.

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!

Special Events Catering Co-ordinator

From time to time, it is necessary for in house catering to be organised for special events such as milestone birthdays, memorial days, etc. This can involve organising members to bring along a plate to be shared, organising an outside caterer or just provide home-baked goodies to provide refreshments. Glynis Hendricks is currently giving her time to this role. Thank you, Glynis!

Social Co-ordinator

Although we all enjoy the interaction with each other across the bridge table, the opportunity to socialise in a more relaxed environment by sharing food or and drink is enjoyed by many members. COVID put a hold on many of our social activities last year. Government permitting, we are hopeful that we can re-introduce the Melbourne Cup and Christmas parties this year. Molly O'Donohue organises these functions assisted by a large group of club members. Thanks to you all.

WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER



Rhonda King

(Apologies to Rhonda who should have been included in the June Trumpit)

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

PROMOTIONS

Jill Christensen	Graduate
Frank Killbey	Local
Wilma Ziada	Local
Dell Elkington	Regional
Pat Carroll	Bronze State
Nigel Cleminson	Silver National

SPECIAL 80th BIRTHDAY



**Congratulations to
Ben Engeman – 19th June**



Our sincere condolences go out to Eric Geise whose wife Betty passed away, and to Bev & Cec Tucker on the passing of Bev's brother Trevor Topfer.

Supervised Play continues each **Wednesday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm**. Members who wish to refresh their knowledge in bidding and playing are invited to attend. Players are encouraged to advance to a competitive playing session as soon as they are able to do so. Supervised play will continue while the Beginners Class runs through July.

MIXED PAIRS COMPETITION

The Winter Mixed Teams Competition was held over two weeks in June, with 10 teams competing.



Congratulations to the winning team comprising of **Barbara Mackay, Leigh Dominikovich, Diane Elliott and Pam Rupin.** Well done ladies!

Second were Philip Thompson, Bill Morgan, James Williamson and Janelle Williamson, with Neil Casey, Shirley Burgess, Nigel Cleminson and Judith Corney in third place.

DORIS KERR TROPHY

Please note this competition has been deferred until the Covid restrictions have been lifted. Members will be notified when the second session is able to be held.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Sunday, 18 July - Redland Novice & Restricted Pairs Congress – Red Points
Friday, 16 July – GNOT Qualifying Round 1 - Gold
Friday, 23 July – GNOT Qualifying Round 2 - Gold
Friday, 30 July – GNOT Qualifying Round 3 - Gold

Registration forms for the Congress are available at the front desk or you can register on-line. Details are on the home page of our website. Please note that it is necessary to BYO lunch and snacks.

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BRIDGE BOOK REVIEW

by Cathy Mathieson



Introduction to Bridge by Paul Marston

The challenge of bridge is to communicate with your partner in a way that is unambiguous. A bid is an undertaking on behalf of the partnership to make a certain number of tricks. A bid is also the only way to communicate to your partner the strength and shape of your hand. Your bid and your partner's responses must have very set and well understood point ranges for the auction to be successful. Paul Marston's Introduction to Bridge teaches those exact point ranges.

This book covers such important topics:

- Exact point ranges for every level of bidding
- Responding at the correct point level
- The difference between high card points and total or distributional points.
- Reassessing your hand once you have a fit
- What to bid when you don't have a fit
- The basics of when to double
- Tips on card play

The fastest way forward in mastering this challenging game is for BOTH you and your partner to understand each other. It is unproductive for only one partner to know and understand the valuable information in this book. Study it together.

Paul Marsden 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 on line.

The Redland Bridge Club has several copies of this book. Some are old but new ones are being ordered.

People who wonder whether the glass is half empty or half full are missing the point. The glass is refillable.



Warning about Vaccination side effects

A gentleman had his second dose of the Covid vaccine at the vaccination centre after which he began to have blurred vision on his way home. When he got home, he called the vaccination centre for advice and to ask if he should go see a doctor, or be hospitalized.

He was told NOT to go to a doctor or to a hospital or drive a vehicle, but return by taxi to the vaccination centre immediately and pick up his glasses.

I have been in many places in my life but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognises you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends and family. I live close so it's a short drive.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

And, sometimes I think I am in Vincible but life shows me I am not. People keep telling me I'm in Denial but I'm positive I've never been there before!

So far, I haven't been in Continent, but my travel agent says it is on the list.

An old Italian man is dying. He calls his grandson to his bedside. "Guido, I wan' you lissina me. I wan' you to take-a my chrome plated 38 revolver so you will always remember me."

"But grandpa, I really don't like guns. How about you leave me your Rolex watch instead?"

"You lissina me, boy. Somma day you gonna be runna da business, you gonna have a beautiful wife, lotsa money, a big-a home and maybe a couple-a bambinos."

"Somma day you gonna come-a home and maybe finda you wife inna bed with anudder man. Whatta you gonna do then? Pointa to you watch and say, 'time's up'!?"

Some of our new members saw the funny side of this scene - a disabled sign next to a pathway with a pole placed in the middle! Who said bridge isn't fun? Thanks for the photo Kerry.



Pole dancing for the disabled?

10 Things a Bridge Player would never say

1. This playing area is always at the right temperature - never too hot or too cold.
2. Free coffee? No thanks.
3. Cool! A four board sit-out.
4. No. I don't think tournament fees are too high.
5. I can always count on my partner to remember every convention on our card.
6. No gossip, please. I'm not interested.
7. Great. More new alerts! More new Alerts!
8. One thing I can say about bridge players - they sure know how to dress.
9. No matter which direction we sit, the cards always go our way.
10. I don't feel like bridge today. I'd rather jog and work out.

Joshua is out shopping in the shopping centre when he bumps into his friend Sam outside the jewellers. Sam has a small gift-wrapped box in his hand. "Hi Sam," says Joshua, "what have you been buying, may I ask?" "Well, to tell you the truth," replies Sam, "it's my wife's birthday tomorrow and when I asked her what she wanted for her birthday, she said, 'Oh, I'll leave it up to you, darling, but how about something with lots of diamonds in it.'" "So what did you purchase for her?" asks Joshua. "I bought her two packs of Bridge cards," replies Sam.

People with small minds, talk about other people. People with ordinary minds, talk about events. People with great minds, talk about ideas. People with warped minds, talk about bridge hands.

To conclude a heated auction, an expert player makes a forceful bid of 3 Spades whereupon his LHO doubles, followed by three passes.

The expert looks at his LHO and says: "Do you know who I am?"

The LHO says: "Yes, I know who you are!"

The expert then says: "Do you know how many Master Points I have?"

The LHO says: "No, but do you know how many Spades I have?"

A man went into the confessional box after many years of being away from the Catholic Church. Inside he found a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On one wall, there was a row of decanters with fine Irish whiskey and Waterford crystal glasses. On the other wall was a dazzling array of the finest cigars and chocolates.

When the priest came in, he said to him, "Father, forgive me, for it's been a very long time since I've been to confession, but I must first admit that the confessional box is much more inviting than it used to be."

The priest replied, "Patrick, you moron, you're on my side!"



A man with two buckets of fish was leaving a beach well known for its fishing and was stopped by a game warden. The warden asked the man, "Do you have a license to catch those fish?"

The man replied to the game warden, "No, sir. These are my pet fish."

"Pet fish?!" the warden replied.

"Yes, sir. Every night I take these fish down to this beach and let them swim around for about a half-hour, When I whistle, they all come back, jump back into my buckets, and I take 'em home. We do this every night."

"That's a bunch of hooley," said the warden. "Fish can't do that!"

"No, really! says the man. "Here, I'll show you." And he releases the fish in the ocean.

"Well, I've GOT to see this!" the game warden replied. The man and the warden stood and waited. After several minutes, the game warden turned to the man and said, "Well?"

"Well, what?" the man asked.

"When are you going to call them back?" the game warden huffs.

"Call who back?" the man asked.

"The FISH."

"What fish?"


