

# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

# TRUMPIT



JULY 2022

Hi Everyone,

Middle of the year already – how time flies! Looks like the cool nights are set to continue, as well as more rain – I am so over it. Roll on spring!



There is still time to register for our Congress on Sunday, 10 July. We particularly encourage more of our novice members (less than 100 mps) to register for this event, as you will benefit from the experience.

Please remember that all players should have a System Card which is to be available at all sessions. This is required especially at red or gold point sessions. Because someone at your home club may know how you play, is not an appropriate reason not to have one. Please see Bridge Topic of the Month on page 2.

Happy bridging and keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

*Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.*

## FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- A huge **Thank You** to everyone who rolled up their sleeves and wielded cleaning gear ruthlessly at the recent Working Bee. Without your help we'd never have achieved such a great result.
- To further reduce the potential for another flare up, we have scheduled the carpet cleaning for Sunday 17 July. Help will be needed to clear all tables, chairs etc off the carpet beforehand and back again after the carpet is dry.
- The renovation of the men's toilets took much longer than expected due to the tiler's restricted availability. Accordingly, the disabled and ladies' toilets will not be touched until after the Congress.
- To gauge value for money, quotes are being sought from two additional painters. Both the interior and exterior will benefit from a new lease on life.
- With our current high electricity costs and the expected increase from 1 July, we are asking suppliers for an EOFY special deal to replace our inadequate solar system with a more appropriate 36 KWh system.
- Two new microphone/receiver setups have been installed.
- A special morning tea will be held on Monday 4 July to belatedly celebrate the birthdays of our nonagenarians Maureen Kelso and Dawn Lepinath. COVID-19 delayed a more timely acknowledgment of their achieving this impressive milestone.

## BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

### SYSTEM CARDS

System details are to be recorded on approved ABF System Cards. They must be legible to anybody and show the names of the relevant pair and an indication of the classification of the system.

For ordinary weekly Club events, each pair must have at least one relevant system card on the table during a session.

For Club Championships, Red point events and Congresses, each participating pair must have two identical cards on the table throughout the event.

Players who fail to meet these obligations may be required, by the Chief Director, to follow a very simple bidding system, specified by the Chief Director/Director, for the remainder of the session.

### 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.

*From ABF Rules and Ethics*

## IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

by Patricia Back



### Opening Leads

When defending, the choice of the opening lead may make all the difference between allowing a contract to make or be defeated. It is also one of the most difficult decisions that the defender must make. With many hands it is important **not to give a trick away**.

For instance, say you have bid a suit, partner has raised it, and you hold AQ10987 in this suit. Do not lead this suit, because there is no guarantee that partner has the King. If declarer has the King, you have given a trick away. Declarer can never make the King unless you lead this suit. Sometimes it is better to make a completely negative lead, for instance from 3 small cards, hoping to find an entry in your partner's hand.

A point to remember also, is when declarer has shown a very strong hand. Do not lead away from any Honour in your hand. Again, make a negative lead.

During a game of 3NT a defender opened with the lead of 7♥ from ♥AQ7. The suit had not been bid by his partner and was never going to work for the defence. His partner held 5 Hearts, headed by the King, so that the opening lead blocked the suit. This was a case for making a negative lead, which gave nothing away.

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Do not be reluctant to open 1NT with 15-18 points if you have a small doubleton in one suit.

You do not need honours in every suit, in fact a 1NT opening bid only **promises 4 tricks**. (eg. 4 Aces).

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## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

**Sunday, 10 July – Redland Novice & Under 500 Pairs Congress – Red Points**  
**Note: BYO Lunch**  
**(Tea & coffee will be available)**

**Friday, 22 July – Winter Teams – Red Points**  
**Friday, 29 July – Winter Teams – Red Points**

# COMPETITION RESULTS

## Doris Kerr Trophy

This annual competition was held over two weeks and twenty-four pairs competed for the honour. It was a keenly fought competition with positions changing regularly.

The final winners were **David Earnshaw** and **Kiku Mukai** who are pictured below. Congratulations gentlemen!



**Bill Morgan** and **James Williamson** were second with **Ros Putland** and **Ron Khaled** in third place. Well done to everyone.

## GNOT Qualifying Rounds

Two qualifying rounds were held recently to ascertain who would represent our club at the GNOT Brisbane Zone Finals on 27 August.

The three teams will be:

1. Bill Morgan, Deirdre Giles, Jan Argent, Daniel Chua, Leigh Dominikovich.
2. Philip Thompson, Molly O'Donohue, Ada Krawczyk, Gill Ross, Glenda Lock, Darryl Lock.
3. David Earnshaw, Kiku Mukai, Dan Maher, Ian Argent.

 **70%ers for June** 

**Carmel Denaro & Daniel Chua – 78.1%**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER**



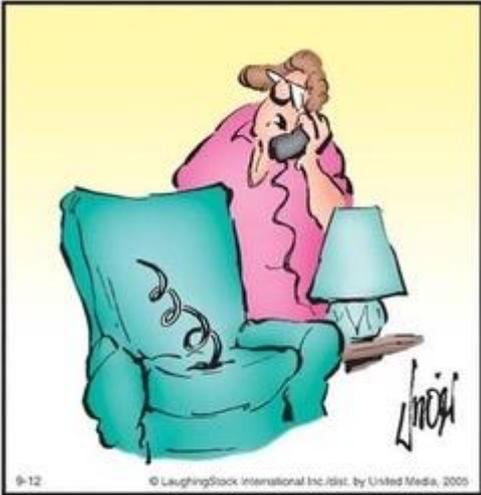
**Jane Whelan**

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

The next *Beginners' Class* is planned for September (date to be advised) and will run from 2pm to 4pm for six weeks. The cost is \$50 which includes reference books. If you know of anyone who may be considering learning to play our much-loved game, please contact Deirdre Giles or Nigel Cleminson.

*Supervised Play* continues on Wednesdays from 2pm to 4pm. 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 can. If you are interested in helping at these sessions, please contact Deirdre Giles.

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"I'll explain later. He had to go to the hospital."

## Bits & Pieces:

Our **Membership Book for 2022** is now available at the front desk. Please only take 1 copy per family.

*Please note amendments to phone numbers:*

**Di McKenzie 0435 073 071**

**Kiku Mukai 0483 832 227**

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Members are welcome to bring their own cups or mugs to the club for their own personal use.

We ask that others respect this, and not to use them. Please use the white cups provided.

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Just a reminder that if you would like to borrow a bridge book from the locked glass cabinet, please see the Director of the day who will give you access. Please remember to sign the register when you borrow a book and date the register when you have returned it.

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### **True Story**

Joan Smurthwaite is a 106-year-old bridge player who learned how to play eight decades ago and played twice a week at the Melbourne Bridge Club in Kew for about 30 years. She has finally decided to put down her cards for good as she finds it hard to get around.

She said bridge had always been a big part of her life but is adamant she will not play another game again, even privately.

A voracious reader, she's looking forward to having more time to tuck into a novel. "I've got no problem filling in my day. When the sun is shining through the large windows, and I'm looking out at my garden with a good book, that's about as close to heaven as you can get."

*It's not whether you win or lose that counts, it's whether I win or lose.*



Q: What's the difference between a well-dressed man and a tired dog?

A: The man wears a suit and the dog just pants.

Q: What did the sign in the Egyptian funeral home say?

A: Satisfaction guaranteed or double your mummy back.

Q: What do you call cattle with a sense of humour?

A: Laughing stock.

*For the past 20 years, my wife has been complaining about me not putting the cap back on the toothpaste. This anniversary I decided to change this bad habit to make my wife happy.*

*For a week I was diligent, always capping the toothpaste after brushing my teeth.*

*I was expecting my wife to at least notice and maybe even thank me, but she never did.*

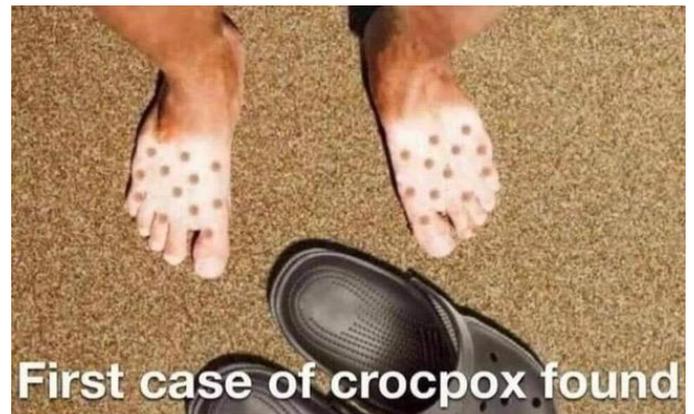
*Finally, last night, she turned to me in bed and said... "Why have you stopped brushing your teeth?"*

Ron was a single guy living at home with his father and working in the family business. When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided he needed a wife with whom to share his fortune.

One evening at an investment meeting he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away. "I may look like just an ordinary man," he said to her, but in just a few years, my father will die, and I'll inherit \$200 million."

Impressed, the woman obtained his business card and three days later, she became his stepmother.

*Women are so much better at financial planning than men....*



**First case of crocpos found**



- I said to my mate “Have you put a bit of weight on?” He said “Yeah, I’ve had a lot on my plate recently.”
- I took my suit to the cleaners, who wanted to charge me \$15. Instead, I gave my suit to the charity shop next door. They cleaned and pressed it and put it in the window. I bought it for \$4.50!
- When I was in school, I was always successful at spelling bees. Other words I found much harder.
- I went to the bakery and asked for shortbread, they said they don't make it any longer.
- I find it ironic that the colours red, white, and blue stand for freedom, until they're flashing behind you.
- Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water.

*A customer was hassling an airline agent at the ticket counter, yelling, and using foul language. However, the agent was polite, pleasant, and smiled while the customer continued to abuse her.*

*When the customer finally left, the next person in line said to the agent, "Does that happen often? I can't believe how nice you were to him".*

*The agent smiled and said, "No problem, I took care of it. He's going to Sydney. His bags are going to Bangkok."*

Two men crash into each other with their shopping trolleys. The older man says “Sorry about that. I’m looking for my wife and I wasn’t paying attention to where I was going”.

The other replied “What a coincidence. I’m looking for my wife too”.

“Maybe we can help each other. What does yours look like?”

“She’s 24, tall, blond hair, green eyes, long legs, big boobs, and she’s wearing tight white shorts, a low-cut top and no bra. What does your wife look like?”

The older man frowned, “Doesn’t matter, let’s look for yours.”

**Food for Thought on the Economy:**

*Sanjay Thakrar, CEO at Euro Exim Bank Ltd got economists thinking when he said:*

A cyclist is a disaster for a country's economy. He does not buy a car and does not take a car loan.

Does not buy car insurance. Does not buy fuel. Does not send the car for servicing and repairs. Does not use paid parking.

Does not become obese. Yes, and well, damn it!! Healthy people are not needed for an economy. They do not buy drugs. They do not go to hospitals and doctors. They add nothing to a country's GDP.

On the contrary, every new McDonalds outlet creates at least 30 jobs: 10 cardiologists, 10 dentists and 10 weight-loss experts, quite apart from all the people working in McDonald’s outlets.

Choose wisely: A cycle or a McDonalds? Worth thinking. Walking is even worse. Those people do not even buy a bicycle.

