

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



JUNE 2021

Hi Everyone,

*It was good to see so many novice players taking part in the **Marie Currell Novice** competition last month. Congratulations to all the twenty-eight pairs who competed and especially to several new players who also played in their first competition.*

The ultimate winners were Leslie Apolloni and Neal Healy – well done gentlemen! Second and third place getters were Doug Sands/Peter Flanagan and Vivienne Miskelly/Merit Morgan.

The competitors were also treated to a wonderful morning tea organised by Glynis Hendricks, which was much appreciated. Thank you to Glynis and her helpers.

There is plenty more action this month with a Teams and a Pairs event. See page 3 for all the details. Enjoy!

Happy Bridging



Robina Cooper

*He who laughs last
thinks slowest*

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- The club owns the clubhouse but the land it is on is owned by Council. The **twenty year lease** that we have for the land expires on 30 June 2022. The adjacent clubs are currently going through the lease renewal process and they report that Council has been very supportive and helpful. We have had preliminary discussions with Council about renewing our lease but nothing can be formally progressed at this stage
- The committee is getting **quotes to clean** the clubhouse windows internally and externally and is reviewing the general cleaning options.
- The **dealing machines** have not been performing well lately. The committee sought to buy a new one, but none with matching technology is available. The new dealing machines require completely new cards! However, we have sourced a second hand machine that is surplus at Northern Suburbs and we are checking this out. Ray White Victoria Point has offered to sponsor the club in the purchase of this machine. Thank you to them.
- One of the less well known tasks of the club secretary is to pass relevant information from external sources on to members. Deborah places registration forms for other clubs' congresses, Bridge magazines and Bridge Travel deals on the **round display stand** at the southern end of the clubhouse. Don't forget to check out this material.
- The club also has an extensive **library**. Part of this incorporates Bridge education books. Check out the titles and improve your Bridge knowledge. If you hear of a good Bridge book that is not in our library, please tell Cathy Mathieson who will look into acquiring it. A reminder that if you have a book or two at home that you are finished with, please return it!

- 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** 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.

Doug Sands – Club President

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

by Patricia Back



Trust Your Partner 2

There is a useful rule that occurs quite regularly, but is broken quite regularly. This is “DON’T BID YOUR HAND TWICE”. Particularly if you have pre-empted, in which case you have described your hand, do not bid your suit again when there is interference from the opponents. Leave it to your partner. He may wish to double for penalties, and it can be quite annoying if the original bidder repeats their suit. Always leave it to your partner to make the crucial decision whether to continue.

Of course, if the original is merely an overcall, it is not quite so easy. If you raise their suit, and the auction continues, do not keep bidding. You may end up being doubled yourself.



Congratulations to the winners of the Marie Currell Novice Competition Leslie Apolloni and Neal Healy.

BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

CONDUCT AND ETIQUETTE

Proper Attitude

- A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.
- A player should carefully avoid any remark or extraneous action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.
- Every player should follow uniform and correct procedure in calling and playing.

Etiquette

As a matter of courtesy a player should refrain from:

- Paying insufficient attention to the game.
- Making gratuitous comments during the auction and play.
- Detaching a card before it is his turn to play.
- Prolonging play unnecessarily (as in playing on although he knows that all the tricks are surely his) for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent.
- Summoning and addressing the Director in a manner discourteous to him or to other contestants.

From ABF Rules and Ethics

If the shoe fits



get another just like it.

Retirement
is when
you stop living
at work and
begin working
at living.



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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Tuesday, 1 June – Winter Eclectic – **Red Points**
Wed. 2 June – Winter Eclectic AM – **Red Points**
Wed. 2 June – Winter Eclectic PM – **Red Points**
Thursday, 3 June – Winter Eclectic – **Red Points**
Friday, 4 June – Winter Eclectic – **Red Points**
Saturday, 5 June – Winter Eclectic – **Red Points**

Friday, 11 June – Winter Teams 1/2 – **Red Points**
Friday, 18 June – Winter Teams 2/2 – **Red Points**

Friday, 23 June – Doris Kerr Trophy 1/2 – **Red Points**
Friday, 30 June – Doris Kerr Trophy 1/2 – **Red Points**

A little Club history.....

Doris (Dorrie) Ella Kerr who was a very keen bridge player came from Townsville to live with family in the Redlands. In 1991 she was the driving force behind the day session which was played at the Uniting Church in Victoria Point. This session probably would not have survived without her support.

Dorrie was a little old lady with irons on both legs and walked with double walking sticks. She welcomed any guest with a big smile and was willingly to partner anyone. She had a great sense of humour and was noted for pushing the opposition, enjoying a chuckle when they went 'off' four and they were vulnerable.

She died within two years of the commencement of daytime bridge and a week before her 90th birthday. Her family donated \$500 to the Club for a perpetual trophy in her honour, which was the first Honour Board Trophy for day sessions. Her family stated that the club had made an old lady very happy towards the end of her life.



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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!

Fire Safety Co-Ordinator

The role of the Fire Safety Co-ordinator is one of a silent achiever. This role involves ensuring our club meets the Community Fire Safety standards. This includes organising 6 monthly inspections of our fire safety installations by a qualified contractor, arranging annual reviews of our Fire and Evacuation Plan, fire safety training, emergency evacuation training and practice evacuations. The co-ordinator also ensures the directors are adequately trained and that an annual Occupiers Statement is lodged with the QLD Fire Services. All this is recorded and available for inspection at the clubhouse. Reports on these tasks are made to the management committee. Doug Sands is currently responsible for this role.



Tuesday Bridge

As those new to bridge complete their lessons, they move into a supervised play session. From here new players are encouraged to play in our Tuesday morning session. This environment allows for further learning in a safe, comfortable, and relaxed environment under the gentle guidance of Bruce Johnman and his helpers, Michael Souter and Max Latimer. These men are not only the directors for the session but they also explain aspects of the game's etiquette and how the session movements work. Our Thursday morning session is also a great place for new players to enjoy a friendly game.

WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



**Ricardo Bocanegra
Karen Budge
Judy Coultie
Suzanne Kelly
Christine (Chris) McLaughlin
Carol Rylance
Margaret Watters**

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

The next ***Beginners' Class*** will commence on **Wednesday, 16 June from 2pm to 4pm** and runs for six weeks. If any members have friends who are interested in learning they should contact Deirdre Giles on 0412 131 172 or Doug Sands on 0427 351 409.

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 June and July.

Mentors wanted to assist and encourage new members to play in our regular sessions. If you are able to assist, please contact Doug, Molly or Robina.

PROMOTIONS

Gabriel Ruhland	Graduate
Pete Flanagan	Club
Ada Krawczyk	Local
Max Latimer	Bronze Local
Vivienne Miskelly	Bronze Local

SPECIAL 80th BIRTHDAYS



Congratulations to
Lois Mawter – 9th May
Joy Edwards – 26th May

Free on-line mini lessons on the different uses of Doubles

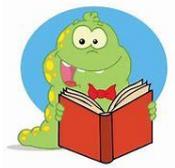
Jack Stocken of Yorkshire Bridge has been teaching bridge in England for the last 20 years. He has teamed up with Bajir at LearnBridgeOnline.com for the last year, alongside Graham Tufnell, Joan Butts, Tina McVeigh and Pam Livingston to present bridge lessons on line.

He has just finished recording four short videos on “doubles” where he covers the take-out double, double for penalties, further use of double and the protective double.

He is inviting club members to access the free videos and the accompanying worksheets. To register free, click [here](#)

BRIDGE BOOK REVIEW

by Cathy Matheson



Principles of Card Play by Paul Marston

Once your partnership has arrived at the best contract, the next challenge is to fulfil that contract or to prevent the opponents from fulfilling their contract. Paul Marston's 'The Principles of Card Play', is excellent at covering the essential elements of card play one step at a time. This book shows you how to play well on the straightforward ninety-five percent of hands that you will encounter. It includes play in No Trumps, suit contracts as well as defence tactics.

Topics covered include finessing from the correct side, promoting tricks in long suits, using hold-up play, preserving entries and setting up side suits to name but a few. Each chapter includes an exercise page to reinforce the lesson, plus several practice hands.

This book is ideal for the novice or intermediate players to develop the essential skills to play well.

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 2 copies of this book.



Our sincere condolences go out to Brenda Wilson whose husband Graham passed away recently.

QBF NEWS

Over the next couple of months **MyABF** <https://www.myabf.com.au/dashboard/help> will be used to promote Queensland congresses and take entries etc. Next year the facility for taking entries on the QBA Website will not be available, and this will be the only way clubs can do so.

The QBF encourage all members to register and have a look at what **MyABF** offers.

[For Clubs, State bodies & Tournament Organisers](#)

Manage a bridge event and accept online entries and payments:

- Generate a webpage listing for your event
- Manage online entries from players
- Manage payments (online and offline) from players.
- Online payments are made via the ABF "Bridge credits" system which removes the need to set up your own facility to accept online payments. Entry fees are credited to the club's own "Bridge Credits" account, which are then reimbursed to the club from the ABF (less a charge for transaction fees).

[Where can I get more information?](#)

The **MyABF** resources webpage contains assorted background materials, "How to" guides and links:

[My ABF resources play arrow](#)

Assorted videos on: [this YouTube channel](#)

These currently cover:

- signing up
- an overview of the system
- functions for players when entering and paying for congresses
- functions for tournament organisers

The ABF technology strategy can be found here:

[abf technology strategy](#)

Note: The Gold Coast Congress 2022 and Barrier Reef 2022 will be taking entries and advertising the event via this portal so everyone who plays in these events will need to be registered.

Just Bid What You've Got

A competitor was called away on an emergency from a bridge tournament, with still the last board to play. So the players asked a kibitzer to take his place although he knew nothing about the game. They told him "Just bid what you've got and follow suit." He sat South and the following bidding sequence ensued:

Dealer South, Both Vulnerable

	♠A9		
	♥AKQ65		
	♦AK		
	♣Q1054		
♠KQ108		♠76542	
♥J1097		♥8	
♦Q10		♦J9	
♣KJ8		♣97632	
	♠J3		
	♥432		
	♦8765432		
	♣A		

Bidding went:

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1C
P	2H	P	2S
P	3C	P	3H
P	4NT	P	7D
Dbl	P	P	P

South took the lead of the king of spades with the ace, cashed the ace and king of trumps, came to hand with the ace of clubs and played all his diamonds.

On the last one, West was hopelessly squeezed in hearts and spades, and ultimately discarded a heart, whereupon South made the last four tricks in hearts.

When the opposition saw South's hand, they called the director, who asked for an explanation of the bidding, and got the following reply...

"I was told to bid what I've got, and I have one club, 2 spades, 3 hearts and 7 diamonds!"

A man goes to his psychiatrist and says, "Every time I drink my coffee, I get a stabbing pain in my right eye," The psychiatrist says, "Well, have you tried taking the spoon out?"

Man: 'Doctor, my girlfriend is pregnant but we always use protection and the rubber never broke. How is it possible?'

Doctor: 'Let me tell you a story. There was once a hunter who always carried a gun wherever he went. One day he took his umbrella instead of his gun and went out. A lion suddenly jumped in front of him. In order to scare the lion, the hunter used the umbrella like a gun, and shot the lion, and it died.'

Man: 'Nonsense!! Someone else must have shot the lion.'

Doctor: 'My point exactly!.....Next patient please.'

Q. How do you keep your car from being stolen?

A. Buy one with a manual gearbox.

Q. How do you send a message in code?

A. Handwrite it in cursive.

Q. What's the difference between a lawyer and a lab rat?

A. There just some things that a rat won't do.

Q. What do you call 2 men hanging from a window?

A. Curt and Rod!

Q. Why was the boy sitting on his watch?

A. Because he wanted to be on time.

Q. What do you give a pony with a cold?

A. Cough Stirrup.

Q. What is a horse's favourite sport?

A. Stable tennis.

Q: Did you hear about the comedian owl?

A: He was a real hoot.

Q: What is the difference between a mosquito and a fly?

A: Try sewing buttons on a mosquito!

Q: What do you call a row or 50 rabbits walking backwards?

A: A receding hare line.
