

# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

# TRUMPIT



MARCH 2021

Hi Everyone,



*How good is this!*

*We can now enjoy our freshly cleaned clubhouse with our table numbers back to normal capacity, Wednesday night play and no more having to make a booking to play (except for Thursdays).*

*How wonderful to have some sort of normalcy at last, and with the Covid vaccinations beginning to be rolled out, we can hopefully look forward to other restrictions being eased.....maybe even being able to have biscuits with our coffee!*

*We are also looking forward to again welcoming visitors and holding events such as the Redland Novice-Restricted Teams Congress in April.*

*But let's not become too complacent; keep up the good work of hand sanitation and social distancing.*

*Most of all just enjoy our club – we are very lucky!*

*Happy Bridging*



**Robina Cooper**

*The best view comes after the  
hardest climb*

## FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- The committee obtained quotes from four contractors to treat the **mould** in the clubhouse. The treatment was done last Friday and involved the cleaning of all hard surfaces, such as walls and windows, cleaning of all furniture and the carpet, misting of the air to eradicate mould spores, and treatment of the air-con system to prevent re-contamination. The committee is also arranging the installation of a dehumidifier to constantly lower the humidity of the air in the clubhouse.
- The committee plans to resume sessions with **28 tables** this week. With the additional tables, members will no longer have to register for sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. However, until numbers are sufficiently high for Thursday sessions, members should book for Thursdays. If there are less than eight pairs registered by 8 pm on the Wednesday night, the session the next day will be cancelled.
- Thanks to Cathy Mathieson and Ann Shotter and others for organising and running the resumed **Wednesday night** sessions. Members wishing to play on Wednesday nights should arrange their own partner for now. While things are almost back to where they were twelve months ago, members are requested to continue to observe our club rules for social distancing and hand sanitising.
- Minor repairs to the **toilets** last Wednesday escalated to a major job. The taps and fittings broke while being adjusted, due to their age. All the cisterns had to be replaced and the opportunity was taken at this time to replace the discoloured seats and lids as well.

- The **2021 membership booklet** is now available at the front desk. Only one per household please.

**Doug Sands – Club Secretary**

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The **Annual General Meeting** of the Club is planned for this **Saturday, 6 March commencing at 10:30 am.** Agendas and annual reports are available at the front desk as well as the Apology Book to sign if you cannot attend the meeting.

No elections are necessary as the number of nominations is less than the number of committee positions.

There is currently no nomination for Club Secretary. This is a mandatory position and must be filled. If you would like to know more about this position and might be interested in filling it, please talk to me.

The club will provide a free light lunch after the meeting. This will be sandwiches and cold drinks similar to what was enjoyed so much at Christmas time.

**Doug Sands – Club Secretary**

## **IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE**

*by Patricia Back*



### **Preempts**

One of Britain's leading bridge columnists and players, Andrew Robson, is featured twice a week in The Australian. Some of his columns are too expert to be reproduced here, but others are worth recording for our members.

A recent column gave a useful summary of preemptive openings, with a Spade suit.

With ♠KQJ98732 and no other points, open 4♠. This is a classic hand for a 4-level opening, with an 8-card suit and nothing else.

♠QJ109642, with an outside King, open 3♠.

♠K876432, with an outside King, the suit is too weak to preempt. Prefer to open 2♠.

Preemptive openings are a bit tricky, so be careful when vulnerable.

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### **SPECIAL 80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY**



*Congratulations to  
**Joan Jerrard – 18<sup>th</sup> February***

### **PROMOTIONS**

Jan Deaville                      State

Greg Nolan                        Bronze State

**\* Members of 1,000 Masterpoints Club \***

Keith Ormerod  
Philip Thompson

## Bridge Topic of the Month

### SESSION TIMES

#### SESSION START

Players should be present at the Club House at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of a session. They should be **READY TO COMMENCE PLAY** at the scheduled starting time. This stipulation is to ensure that all preparations for play such as determination of the movement, distribution of the boards and any other equipment and the activation of the BRIDGEMATE scorer are complete.

#### LATE-COMERS

Players who arrive late without prior warning or sufficient reason may be penalized by the Director. In particular:

Players who arrive after the start of play may be refused inclusion in the session. At the discretion of the Director, a late comer may be allowed to play but if this results in some boards not able to be played in the round, the late comer pair will be given an adjusted minus score for each board that could not be played.

Players who arrive after the close of the first round will not be admitted to the movement in any circumstances.

#### TIME LIMITS

The count-down timer normally will be set to allow a cumulative interval of six minutes per board to be played in each round with an additional one minute for boards, and East/West players, to move for the next round, unless special circumstances require another interval. A warning signal will be sounded three minutes before the scheduled end of each round.

*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!

### Supervised Play

After new players have completed lessons, their next step is to move to supervised play. This is a weekly session where players can ask questions and learn more about general play and etiquette in a relaxed environment. This setting allows new players to build confidence in their play so that they can then move into other play sessions. Club volunteers who supervise these sessions are Deirdre Giles, Doug Sands and Carmel Denaro. Robina Cooper and Pauline Curtis have also joined the supervising team. Our thanks to you all!

### Library Co-ordinator

Managing the bridge resources we have in our library involves purchasing and maintaining the many bridge books available to our members. For those wishing to learn more, these books are available to borrow. If you know of bridge books that would be a worthy addition to our library please talk to our co-ordinator, Cathy Mathieson. Thanks for taking on this job Cathy!

Betty Bowdler also maintains the non-Bridge books and jigsaws in the library. These provide additional pastimes for club members when not playing Bridge! Thanks Betty.

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The next *Beginners' Class* is planned to start on **Tuesday 9 March 2021** and runs for six weeks. Twelve registrations have been received so far but more are available. Thanks to those members who have invited their friends. We are also getting registrations from some people who responded to our Facebook advertising last October. Word of mouth is always beneficial, so please invite your friends to consider learning to play our much loved game.

*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.



As you are aware, our club and members recently made a donation to Zephyr Education Inc. This organisation financially supports children preparing for school who have been adversely affected by domestic violence.

Following is a copy of a letter that Zephyr received from one of the shelters that benefited from our support:

*“A big thank you for sending through all the school stuff! We have already started to disperse it and will have a ‘back to school’ week next week in our activities room, where Mums and kids will stock up on everything that you have sent. I’m sure you receive a lot of stories about the families that your charity helps. We have a Mum staying with us at the moment, and her 3 youngest children were so excited and happy to have school shoes! They joyfully tried them on until the right size was found and even wanted to take the shoe boxes and paper that was inside the shoes back to their unit! I remember having to wear ‘hand me downs’ during my childhood, and upon reflection, I think this is why the children were so excited; brand new shoes just for them!”*



## CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

Twelve teams competed in the recent 2021 Club Teams Championship which was held over two Fridays. Although numbers were limited due to the Covid restrictions, this did not diminish the fierce competition between the teams.

The winners were the **Williamson** team comprising of **James Williamson, Janelle Williamson, Philip Thompson and Bill Morgan**. Well done team!



In second place was the **Corney** team of **Judith Corney, Nigel Cleminson, Shirley Burgess and Neil Casey**.

In third place was the **Chua** team of **Daniel Chua, Greg Nolan, Deirdre Giles and Jan Argent**.

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**Note: Amendment to results of the New Year Graded Pairs event:**

**Winners of Section B: Pam Rupin and Diane Eliott**

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### WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

**Saturday 6 March, 10.30 am – Annual General Meeting followed by bridge**

**Wednesday 10 March – President’s Pairs 1/2 – RED POINTS**

**Wednesday, 17 March – President’s Pairs 2/2 – RED POINTS**

**Wednesday, 31 March – RED POINTS WEDNESDAY**



### 70%ers for February



**Deborah Thomas & Christina Bell - 70.3%**  
**Shirley Burgess & Nigel Cleminson - 70.0%**



### More Thoughts on Quarantine

- Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pyjamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
- Being quarantined with a talkative child is like having an insane parrot glued to your shoulder.
- I never thought the comment “I wouldn’t touch them with a six-foot pole” would become a national policy, but here we are!
- Since we are all in quarantine, I guess we’ll be making only inside jokes from now on.
- I’m not talking to myself; I’m having a parent-teacher conference.
- This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house and told my dog – we laughed a lot.
- Day 121 at home and the dog is looking at me like, “See? This is why I chew the furniture!”

### More Thoughts on Coronavirus

- Why don’t chefs find coronavirus jokes funny? They’re in bad taste.
- What should you do if you don’t understand a coronavirus joke? Be patient.
- I’ll tell you a coronavirus joke now, but you’ll have to wait two weeks to see if you got it.
- Finland has closed its borders. You know what that means – no one will be crossing the finish line.
- What do you tell yourself when you wake up late for work and realise you have a fever? **Self, I so late.**
- If there’s a baby boom in nine months from now, what will happen in 2034? There will be a whole bunch of **quaranteens**.
- Did you hear the joke about the germ? Never mind, I don’t want to spread it around.
- I ran out of toilet paper and had to start using old newspapers. Times are rough.

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What do you call a pig with laryngitis? *Disgruntled.*  
 Why do bees stay in their hives during winter? *Swarm.*  
 I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. *I kneaded the dough.*  
 How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? *A buccaneer.*

