

# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

# TRUMPIT



MARCH 2022

Hi Everyone,

*For the first time in several years, an election is being held for the selection of general Committee Members. It is good to see new people who are interested in helping with the running of our club put up their hands.*

*Don't forget to lodge your absentee vote if you are not attending the Annual General Meeting this Saturday.*

*A big vote of thanks to Ros Putland who stepped into the role of President late last year, when Doug was no longer able to continue. Ros, your efforts during this difficult time were much appreciated.*

*Our prayers and thoughts are extended to all those who have been badly impacted by the devastating floods. Our thoughts are particularly with the members of the Toowong Bridge Club which was flooded.*

*Happy bridging and keep smiling!*



**Robina Cooper**

## FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- Hopefully, as of Friday 4th March we will be free from having to wear masks. We will keep you informed if the QBA allows this to occur.
- As of writing we have only had four members contract Covid, so I thank all members for their diligence in the wearing of masks and the use of hand sanitiser.
- The main item of news for this month is the upcoming lease agreement with the Redland City Council. As there are several questions that need to be resolved before signing, the committee agreed to send a list of queries compiled by Ben Waterhouse to several commercial lease lawyers. We are seeking quotes from them so that they can identify any potential pitfalls in the proposed lease agreement.
- A request for a meeting with the mayor of RCC was denied. An alternate meeting with two RCC representatives is being organized.
- The AGM will be held on Saturday 5th March at 10.30am so I would encourage as many members as possible to attend. It will be followed by a catered lunch prepared by our lovely volunteers under the direction of Glenis Hendricks and Janet Aldridge. Normal Saturday bridge will follow at 12.30 pm.
- We are still seeking a volunteer to take over the role of Fire & Safety Officer which was performed by Doug Sands. If you have any experience in this area and can assist, please let me know.

*Our attitude towards others  
determines their attitude towards us*

## Annual General Meeting

will be held on

**Saturday, 5 March** commencing at **10:30 am.**

Nominations for positions on the Management Committee closed on Friday 18 February.

One nomination for each of the four (4) office bearer positions has been received, and seven (7) nominations for the positions of general committee members. (Nine nominations were originally received, but two were withdrawn). Accordingly, an election will take place for these six (6) positions.

If you are unable to attend the AGM, you may lodge an absentee vote. Absentee voting forms are available from the Secretary, Deborah Thomas at each play session this week. These will need to be signed for in person in the book provided. The completed absentee voting forms must be returned to the Secretary prior to the AGM. No proxy voting will be allowed for the elections.

The agenda for the AGM will be available prior to the meeting for the perusal of members.

**Deborah Thomas – Club Secretary**

## Committee Nominations

For the past year, from my perspective as Secretary, the Club has enjoyed the benefit of an effective and very much hands-on committee. While the majority are available to continue in their roles, we have a couple stepping back after years of service. We say goodbye and offer heartfelt thanks to **Robina Cooper** and **Donna Noble** who were willing and effective committee members.

The continuing members each bring unique attributes to their roles.

**Ben Whitehouse** has a wealth of legal knowledge. He has been instrumental in guiding us through the legal imposts we've encountered with the Council lease and our insurances.

**Jan Deaville** is our purchasing officer and keeps us well supplied with essentials.

**Glynis Hendricks** is our Catering Co-ordinator. She is a keen cook and has provided many delicious morning and afternoon teas.

**Michael Souter** has a wealth of knowledge of just about everything to do with the club, how it's run and also has valuable service contacts in the community.

Other nominations have also been received from:

**Jenny Boxer**

**Nigel Cleminson**

**Max Latimer**

**Deborah Thomas – Club Secretary**

## IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

by Patricia Back



### Delay Drawing Trumps

It is common for inexperienced players to draw trumps too soon before examining the whole hand. This hand was played in 6 Hearts and failed by 1 trick.

| <u>West</u> (declarer) | <u>East</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|
| ♠J2                    | A87653      |
| ♥AK9654                | Q72         |
| ♦AK2                   | 987         |
| ♣AK                    | Q           |

This is an excellent slam bid by the West hand, and declarer should pause to count the tricks before drawing trumps. There are 11 tricks on top, with 2 losers, a spade and diamond. There is no way to avoid a spade loser, but the diamond loser can be avoided. It is OK to draw 2 rounds of trump with the Queen and Ace, but the trumps are 3-1. Before drawing the last trump, play the Ace and King of Clubs, throwing a diamond from dummy. Then play the Ace and King of Diamonds and ruff your third diamond in dummy, so that you make 7 trump tricks.

## **BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH**

### **SLOW PLAY & POST-MORTEMS**

Players should endeavour to avoid any delay to the completion of a round by excessively slow play, prolonged post-mortems or social exchanges. All boards should be played and scored within the time limits set by the Director.

Players should move as soon as possible after the Director has called for a change of seats. Unnecessary delays, apart from those due to slow play by other players, may lead to a failure to complete subsequent rounds in the allocated time and to incur penalties.

At any table, if for the first time, bidding on the board has not been completed nor the lead card placed on the table by the three-minute waning signal, then, at the discretion of the Director, both pairs may be required to cease play and have an AVERAGE score awarded for any uncompleted board/s. After a pair is given an average score because of their slow play in two rounds, any subsequent slow play by the same pair will result in an Average Minus (40%) being given to the offending pair.

On subsequent occasions where the same pair is found to be late in completing a round, the play of any uncompleted board/s will be terminated at the discretion of the Director. Offenders will be awarded an AVERAGE MINUS (40%) SCORE WITH AN AVERAGE PLUS (60%) score being awarded to the non-offending opponents.

*Discussion of hands played at the table is not recommended and is to be discouraged even if all boards in a round have been played and scored and there is no likelihood of delay to the progress of play. In any event, discussions must not be audible to players at other tables and must not be continued to another table in the presence of new opponents. Any violation of these requirements may incur a penalty from the Director.*

### **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*

## **WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH**

**Saturday, 5 March at 10.30 am – Annual General Meeting, followed by bridge**

**Wednesday, 9 March – Presidents Pairs 1/2**  
**Red Points**

**Wednesday, 16 March – Presidents Pairs 2/2**  
**Red Points**

**Wednesday, 30 March – Red Point Wednesday**

## **WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS**



**Caroline Attard  
Dennis Kennedy  
Di Mackenzie**

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

## **PROMOTIONS**

**January**

**Robyn Green**

**Bronze State**

*A bad day at the bridge table is still better than cleaning the house*



*Beginners Class:* The next Beginners' class will start on Wednesday 2 March and will run 2pm to 4pm for six weeks. The cost is \$50. Please tell your friends who might be interested and ask them to contact Deirdre Giles on 0412 131 172 for details.

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*Supervised Play* will recommence on Wednesday, 13 April from 2pm to 4pm, COVID permitting. 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 are able to do so. If you are interested in helping at these sessions, please contact Deirdre Giles.

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The owner of a golf course on the Gold Coast was confused about paying an invoice, so he decided to ask his secretary for some mathematical help. He called her into his office and said, "You graduated from the University of Queensland, and I need some help. If I were to give you \$20,000, minus 14%, how much would you take off?" The secretary thought a moment, and then replied, "Everything but my earrings."

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A senior citizen in Tasmania was overheard saying, "When the end of the world comes, I hope to be here." When asked why, he replied, "I'd rather be in Tasmania because everything happens in Tasmania 20 years later than in the rest of the world."

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The young man came running into the store and said to his mate, "Johnno, somebody just stole your Ute from the parking lot!" Johnno replied, "Did you see who it was?" The young man answered, "I couldn't tell, but I got the registration number."

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The policeman pulled up next to a man unloading garbage out of his Ute into the ditch. The policeman asked, "Why are you dumping garbage in the ditch? Don't you see that sign right over your head?" "Yep," he replied. "That's why I'm dumping it here, because it says: 'Fine for Dumping Garbage'."

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The English Cricket Board announce they have appointed tennis world number one Novak Djokovic as a temporary batting coach.

"We acknowledge he doesn't have a background in our sport, but we couldn't overlook the fact it took two weeks for Australia to get him out!"

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A doctor holidaying in Europe met an old lawyer friend and asked him what he was doing there.

The lawyer replied, "Remember that lousy real estate I bought? Well, it caught fire, so here I am with the fire insurance proceeds. What are you doing here?"

The doctor replied, "Remember that lousy real estate I had? Well, the river overflowed, and here I am with the flood insurance proceeds." The lawyer looked puzzled.

"Gee," he asked, "how did you start the flood?"

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Two blokes are sitting at the bar having a beer. One is reading a National Geographic when he turns to the other and says, "Did you know that lions have sex up to ten times a day?"

The other bloke stares into his beer and replies, "Yeah, that'd be right. And I've just gone and joined Rotary."

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A Scouser guy goes on the antiques roadshow with a very rare vase.

Hugh Scully asks, "How did you acquire the vase?" The Scouser says, "It was handed down to me." Hugh Scully, "Where from?" The Scouser replies, "An upstairs window."

- The 3 unwise men turn up at the stable in Bethlehem, bearing crackers, pickles and brown sauce. They were extremely disappointed to find no baby cheeses.
- Dear dairy. Today I failed another spelling exam.
- I saw this sign in a restaurant window: CHICKEN DINNERS \$1.00. I went in, paid \$1.00 and they gave me a bowl of corn.
- I was walking through an arts and crafts shop when I saw a sign saying, "Glue Sticks" Really???

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Bob, a 65-year-old, extremely wealthy widower, shows up at the Country Club with a breathtakingly beautiful 25 year-old blonde. She proceeds to knock everyone's socks off with her youthful appeal and charm. She also hangs on Bob's arm and listens intently to his every word. His buddies at the club are all aghast.

They corner him and ask, "Bob, how'd you get the trophy girlfriend?" Bob replies, "Girlfriend? She's my wife!" They're knocked over but continue to ask. "So, how'd you persuade her to marry you?" Bob says, "I lied about my age." His friends respond, "What, did you tell her you were only 50?" Bob smiles and says, "No, I told her I was 90."

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Prince Andrew  
Commemorative  
Coin



Q: What would happen if Satan lost his hair?  
A: There would be hell toupee.

Diet tip: If you think you're hungry, you might just be thirsty. Have a bottle of wine first and then see how you feel.



*Laughing at your own mistakes  
Lengthens your life.  
Laughing at your wife's mistakes  
Shortens it.*

Tom wants a job as a signalman on the railways. He is told to meet the inspector at the signal box. To find out how Tom would react under pressure, the inspector asks him: "What would you do if you realized that two trains were heading for each other on the same track?"

Tom says, "I would switch one train onto the other track, thus averting a disaster."

"What if the lever broke?" asked the inspector.

"Well, I'd run down to the tracks and activate the manual lever." said Tom.

"What if that had been struck by lightning?"

"Then," Tom continues, "I'd run back into the signal box and phone the next signal box."

"What if the phone was engaged?"

"Well in that case," persevered Tom, "I'd rush down out of the box and use the public emergency phone at the level crossing up there."

"What if the public phone was on fire?"

"Oh well, then I'd run into town and get my uncle Bill."

This puzzles the inspector, so he asks, "Is he in the fire department?"

"No. He's never seen a train crash."