

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



MARCH 2023

Hi Everyone,

Again this year, an election is being held for the selection of general Committee Members. Several members who have generously given their time to help for several years have again put up their hands to assist in the running of the club.

Don't forget to register your vote at the Annual General Meeting this Saturday or by lodging an absentee vote if you are unable to attend.

Normal Saturday afternoon bridge will follow the meeting.

This week our club is accepting donations of clothes, blankets etc, as well as cash in support of the people of Ukraine to help in their war effort. Please give generously.

Good bridging and keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

*Kindness is not a trend,
it is a way of life.*

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- I want to remind everyone of the upcoming AGM, scheduled for 4 March starting at 10:30 am. Not only will there be an election for the committee, but several motions have been made which will require a vote by the members present. Of course, everyone is invited to stay and play bridge after the meeting.
- Early February I gave a lesson on bridge etiquette and would like to point out a couple of the items that were brought up for benefit of those members who did not attend.
 - Try as far as possible to bid "in tempo" - neither excessively slowly nor quickly. Think about what you are going to bid before you make your bid.
 - Do not comment on any bid or speak unless necessary during the auction. It is discourteous to players who need to concentrate.
 - If you want to know what an opponent's bid means, you can ask (the partner), but only at your turn to bid, and only if you really need to ask. It is often better to save any questions until the end of the auction.
- And on a final note, this is a friendly club, and the laws of bridge insist on courtesy at the bridge table. The committee has been informed of behaviour that is neither friendly nor respectful. Please remember that the reason we are here is to have an enjoyable game of bridge with our fellow members. If any of you are subjected to unacceptable behaviour, please notify the director or a committee member, who will ask you to put your complaint in writing.

Annual General Meeting

will be held on
Saturday 4th March 2023
commencing at **10:30 am**.

Nominations for the positions on the Management Committee closed on **Friday 17th February**.

One nomination for each of the four (4) office bearer positions has been received, and eight (8) nominations for the positions of general committee members. Accordingly, an election will take place for these six (6) positions.

Nominations for committee positions have been received from Jenny Boxer, Nigel Cleminson, Jan Deaville, Di Elliott, Glynis Hendricks, Jane Horvath, Ros Putland and Michael Souter.

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 if 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 Apology Book is available at the front desk to sign if you cannot attend the meeting.

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

Deborah Thomas – Club Secretary

The next ***Beginners' Class*** is commencing on Wednesday, 1st March 2023 from 2pm to 4pm for six weeks. The cost is \$50 which includes reference books.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in learning to play our much-loved game, please contact Nigel Cleminson by phone or text on 0419 642 498, or email the club: redlandsbridgeclub@bigpond.com

Supervised Play will take a break for the six weeks while the new lessons are being held.

BRIDGE TIPS – WEAK TWO BIDS

Gary Brown



How many points do I need to raise partner to game when she opens with a 'Weak Two Bid'?

Hand #1

♠ A83
♥ 87
♦ AKJ74
♣ AQ3

Hand #2

♠ A873
♥ 87
♦ 9872
♣ K32

Partner opens 2♠, RHO passes, and you hold either of the above two hands. The first hand is very good while the second hand is not so good. The proper response with both hands is 4♠!

So, the answer to the question: "How many points do I need to raise partner to game when she opens a **Weak Two**?" is: "It all depends on your intentions."

Your intentions with the first hand are that partner will make the 4♠ contract and rack up +420 or +620. Making 4♠ should be a walk in the park.

Your intentions with the second hand are entirely pre-emptive. Your partner pre-empted with 2♠ to make communications difficult for the opponents. Your raise to 4♠ is to make life completely miserable for them. You can tell almost with a certainty that one of the opponents has a singleton spade or may even be void.

As a matter of fact, looking at your heart suit, it would be very surprising if the opponents cannot make game in hearts. Your jump to 4♠, should take away the room they need to communicate their holdings. The beauty of the pre-emptive 4♠ bid is that the opponents do not know if your 4♠ is based on hand #1 or hand #2.

For them to enter the auction at the 5-level is not an easy thing to do! 4♠ down one, two or three tricks (even doubled) may be a good score if the opponents can make a game of their own!

So how many points do you need to raise partner's pre-empt to game? It depends on what your intentions are.

BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

PENALTY CARDS

- Whenever a card, other than the card being played, is accidentally or intentionally exposed by a defender, it becomes a penalty card. The Director must be called when this occurs.
- Whether it is a minor or major penalty card will be determined by the Director. Player obligations differ depending on which it is, and the Director will inform the table of everyone's rights and obligations.

CALL THE DIRECTOR

- Whenever an infraction occurs at the table, you must call the Director.
- Players cannot make their own rulings. If they do, the Director has the right to have players forfeit rights to rectification they would otherwise have had.

From ABF Rules and Ethics

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

**Saturday, 4 March – Annual General Meeting,
followed by bridge**

**Wednesday, 8 March – Presidents Pairs 1/2 – Red
Points**

**Wednesday, 8 March – Presidents Pairs 2/2 – Red
Points**

**Note: Congress Competition coming up:
Sunday, 2 April – Redland Under 500 Graded Teams**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



**Maudey Hair
Iain Ross**

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

*Bridge players will
go to bid with
anyone.*



COMPETITION RESULTS

Club Championship Teams

Twelve teams competed in the Club Championship Teams held over two weeks. It was a close finish with the Khaled team consisting of Ron Khaled, Ros Putland, Michael Souter and Loren Leader holding off the Morgan team of Bill Morgan, Daniel Chua, James & Janelle Williamson and Ian Afflick. Brian Gamble, Carmel Denaro, Barry Koster and Barbara Mackay were in third place.



L to R, Loren Leader, Ros Putland, Ron Khaled, Michael Souter

Gold Coast Congress

The Gold Coast Congress held last week was honoured that the President of the World Bridge Federation, Jan Kamras, flew to Australia to Open the GCC and discuss the World Bridge Tour. The GCC is the largest Bridge tournament in the Southern Hemisphere and one of the most prestigious in the world.

The WBF President also discussed the recently announced World Bridge Tour which is similar to other sporting events like the World Golf Tour and the World Darts Tour. In its trial year the Gold Coast Congress is the first event to count towards the tour.



Quite a few of our members completed at the Congress and congratulations to Barbara Mackay & Barry Koster's team who came 7th in the Intermediate Teams, with Nigel Cleminson, Jim & Janelle Williamson's team in 9th place. Other Teams from our club did not make the top ten but several pairs had some credible efforts in the walk-ins. Congratulations to novice players Sandra Devine and Helen Zerphey who were second in one of their walk-in sessions. Well done ladies!



I was visiting my daughter last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

"This is the 21st century" she said. We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, use my iPad."

I can tell you this.... that fly never knew what hit him...

Guys I need your help.

I'm in the middle of an argument with my wife
and she just told me that I'm right.

What the hell do I do next!?

A pastor's wife was expecting a baby, so he stood before the Congregation and asked for a raise. After much discussion, they passed a rule that whenever the pastor's family expanded so would his paycheque. After 6 children, this started to get expensive, and the congregation decided to hold another meeting to discuss the pastor's expanding salary.

A great deal of yelling and inner bickering ensued, as to how much the pastor's additional children were costing the church, and how much more it could potentially cost. After listening to them for about an hour, the pastor rose from his chair and spoke, "Children are a gift from God, and we will take as many gifts as He gives us." Silence fell over the congregation.

In the back pew, a little old lady struggled to stand, and finally said in her frail voice "Rain is also a gift from God, but when we get too much of it, we wear rubbers."

The entire congregation said, "Amen!"

- My ten-month-old was sitting in her highchair, twisting, and moving all over the place. My wife who was trying to feed her said to me, "Straighten her up."

I looked at my daughter and said, "What are you doing with your life? Do you want to be this way forever? It's time to grow up and take some responsibility."

My wife hasn't asked me to help with her since.

- I was in a couple's home trying to fix their Internet connection. The husband called out to his wife in the other room for the computer password. "Start with a capital S, then 123," she shouted back. We tried S123 several times, but it didn't work. So we called the wife in. As she input the password, she muttered, "I really don't know what's so difficult about typing *Start123*."

- A woman stormed up to the front desk of the library and said, "I have a complaint!" "Yes, Ma'am?" said the librarian looking up at her. "I borrowed a book last week and it was horrible!" Puzzled by her complain the librarian asked, "What was wrong with it?" "It had way too many characters and there was no plot whatsoever!" was the reply. The librarian nodded and said, "Ahhh. So, you must be the person who took our phone book."

- A small boy stunned his parents when he began to empty heaps of coins from his pockets. Finally, his mother said, "Where did you get all that money?" "At Sunday school," the boy replied nonchalantly. "They have bowls of it."

- An American tourist asks an Irishman: "Why do Scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?"

To which the Irishman replies: "If they fell forwards, they'd still be in the bloody boat."

- Murphy told Quinn that his wife was driving him to drink. Quinn thinks he's very lucky because his own wife makes him walk.

- A nine-year-old girl has disappeared after using moisturiser that makes you look 10 years younger.

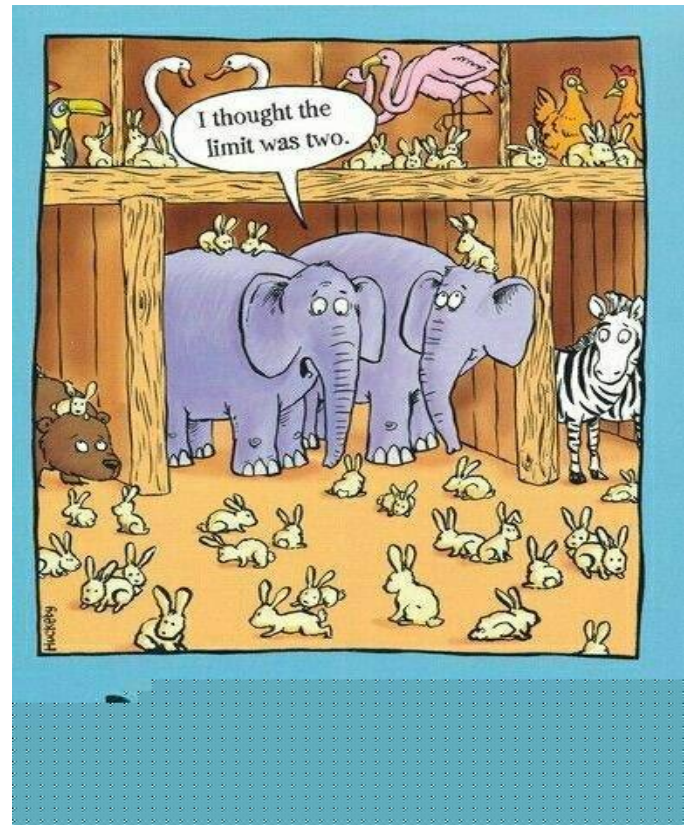
Picked up a hitchhiker. Seemed like a nice guy. After a few miles, he asked me if I wasn't afraid that he might be a serial killer?

I told him the odds of two serial killers being in the same car were extremely unlikely.



When I was 9 months pregnant with my son, my mum and I were on the side of the road, struggling with a flat tyre. A car with 4 men stopped, not to help, but to ask for directions to a local golf course. My mum sent them 20 kms in the wrong direction. *She is the legend who shaped me!*

Another Noah Whiner



Restaurant customer: How do you prepare the chicken?

Waiter: We just tell them straight out they're going to die.

I received an email explaining how to read maps backwards..... It was spam.