

# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

# TRUMPIT



MAY 2021

Hi Everyone,

Our first congress for 2021 was held on 11th April for **Novice and Restricted Teams**. Due to Covid restrictions the congress was not held in our usual format, and it was disappointing that only 18 teams competed – 10 Novice teams and 8 Restricted teams.

The congress got off to a very rocky start due to a lack of communication by some of the participants, and we are very grateful for all the hard work done by Molly O'Donohue as Convenor to ensure that it ran smoothly.

The Novice competition was won by the BBC Team with QBC Team second, and Redland Team of Max Latimer, Jene Jones, Vivienne Miskelly and Merit Morgan in third place.

The Northern Suburbs and Redcliffe were first and second in the Restricted Teams with Dan Maher, Ian Argent, Barry Koster & Daria Williams in third place. Congratulations to all winners and to all who played.

Happy Bridging



**Robina Cooper**

*Dreams don't work  
unless you do*

## FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- The clubhouse has had its annual pest control treatment and termite inspection.
- Just a reminder that if you register for any event, you must attend. If you need to pull out, please advise the event registrar or organiser direct. DO NOT tell a third party and expect them to pass on the message.
- Sebastian Raciti has volunteered to be our new Congress Convenor. Thanks to Molly O'Donohue who has done this task for many years. She is mentoring Sebastian in the role.
- The committee is obtaining quotes to get the vertical blinds cleaned.
- Thanks to Ros Putland and the group of members who have volunteered to keep the kitchen clean and tidy.
- Sunday Bridge sessions will resume this month. Thanks to Avra Bowler for organising this. There will be no dinner for now. Members are welcome to bring something to eat, but no sharing of food is permitted.
- All eight attendees of the recent Beginners' class have submitted applications to join the club.

**Doug Sands – Club President**

## Bridge Topic of the Month

### CONTROL OF BOARDS AND CARDS

**Placement of Board.** When a board is to be played it is placed in the centre of the table where it shall remain, correctly oriented, until play is completed. Players are entitled to see the vulnerability at any time. Players should not establish the habit of automatically pulling the board to one side at the end of the auction. Turning a board or allowing the board to swivel can lead to the board being fouled. It may mislead players about the vulnerability or Dealer as well as leading to players taking out the wrong hands.

**Removal of Cards from Board.** Each player takes a hand from the pocket corresponding to his compass position and counts his cards face down to be sure he has exactly thirteen. The counting of cards, before looking at them, should be automatic to all players. During play each player retains possession of his own cards, not permitting them to be mixed with those of any other player.

**Returning Cards to Board.** After play has finished, players should shuffle their cards before returning them to the board. This is to remove any information as to what order the cards were played to the contract.

**Responsibility for Procedures.** Any contestant remaining at a table throughout a session is primarily responsible for maintaining proper conditions of play at the table. QBA Regulations make North in charge of the table (unless EW are stationary) and responsible for maintaining proper conditions of play at the table. This is particularly relevant to Swiss Pairs events where pairs are seldom stationary. This does not mean that North must do all the work. Discourage the notion that East West are not permitted to pick up boards, turn over bidding slips etc. Helping with the chores is sensible and saves time. North is simply responsible for seeing that everything is done properly.

*From ABF Rules and Ethics*

## IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

by Patricia Back



### Safety Plays

So called Safety Plays are a subject that are a mystery to inexperienced players, and do not come up often enough for special lessons. However, it is worth having some knowledge of their more common features, and to be able to recognise the need to use them. One that is fairly easy to recognise is the following.

♣AKQ765

Imagine you are playing in 6NT and dummy has a Club suit like this. There are no entries to the dummy outside Clubs. You have a small doubleton Club such as 84 in your own hand. To make your contract, you only need 5 tricks from this suit. If the Club suit breaks 3-2 you can make the 6 tricks, however, if you cash the AKQ and the suit breaks 4-1, you cannot enter dummy to make the small Clubs. It is time to use a safety play, by **ducking** the first round of Clubs. Your Right-hand opponent triumphantly makes his singleton Jack. Your Left-hand opponent then is reduced to three Clubs, which can be drawn with the AKQ. You are able to claim 5 Club tricks instead of 3.

### WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER



STEPHEN CHESHIRE

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



**70%ers for April**



**Ron Khaled & Ros Putland - 72.4%**

## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Tuesday, 11 May

### **Marie Currell Novice Trophy** **RED POINTS**

#### **A little Club history.....**

In the year 2000, the Club was granted a land-lease by the Redland Council. Plans were drawn up for our clubhouse and quotes were obtained. The estimate for the building and initial fit-out was around \$480,000. As we didn't own the land we were unable to borrow from a bank or any other lending source. Permission was granted from ASIC to borrow from the members of the Club. ABF and QBA lent \$20,000 each, and the rest came from the current members at the time.

Loan amounts ranged from \$500 to \$20,000 as well as other small sums being donated. Larger amounts were to be paid back at 1% above the interest rate at the time, and within 7-10 years.

When it was nearly time to commence building, the target amount was short by \$100,000. **Marie Currell** loaned this amount to the Club. All loans were fully repaid before Marie's death in 2009.

A proposal was put at the AGM 2009, for an Honour Board event to be scheduled annually in her honour. This was to be restricted to Novice players, as this is what her husband John, believed Marie would have wanted.

We are very grateful to the person in whose memory the trophy was named.

#### **PROMOTIONS**

Jene Jones	State
Ronny Tollemache	Regional
Graham Applegate	Silver Local
Glynis Hendricks	Local
Barbara Richards	Local
Jennifer Mason	Club
Kerry Gunn	Graduate

## **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!

### **Congress Organiser**

The role of the Congress Organiser is significant yet often overlooked by those attending congresses. This role involves recording and advertising the details of the event through fliers and notices that outline any supplementary regulations for specific congresses and notifying other bridge clubs. It also involves preparing registration facilities for those wishing to register, planning the day and assisting the director, as necessary. This includes publishing progressive results and dealing with any queries regarding the event. If catering is required, the congress organiser arranges this as well as taking responsibility for photos and a summary report after the event.

Molly O'Donohue has done a great job in this role for several years, also having to consider our new COVID safe environment in the mix. Thanks for all your hard work Molly. Kay Justice and Daniel Chua have also assisted Molly as necessary, so thanks also to both of you. Sebastian Raciti has offered to take over this important role in mid-2021.

### **Key Control**

A club member must open the clubhouse for each playing session and for the jobs that often need to be done at the club outside these times. Consequently, nominated volunteers are responsible for entry keys. Doug Sands has taken the role of overseeing the distribution of keys to volunteers at the club and keeps a record of key holders. Control of keys was handled by Mike Souter who has been doing this job for several years. Thanks gents!

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*Learn from the bridge mistakes of others. You won't  
live long enough to make them all yourself.*

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



*Congratulations to  
Judy Blomfield – 18<sup>th</sup> April*

## SPECIAL 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

*Congratulations to  
Ida Bourke – 28<sup>th</sup> April*



**Ida was a member of the club for many years and was still playing until a few years ago. She is in good health and looks like celebrating more birthdays in the future.**

*After losing at a Bridge game, the wife glared at her husband and said, "I had four Aces and three Kings. What in the World did you bid No-Trump on?" He replied: "Two Jacks, two Queens, and four Martinis!"*

## *Zephyr Education Inc*

*Helping children affected by domestic  
violence get back to school*

## **Inaugural ZEPHYR CUP TEAMS**

**9.30 am Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at QCBC**

Entry Fee: \$100 per team – all table fees donated to **Zephyr**

Time: 9.15 am for 9.30 am start

Entries Close: 1.00 pm 21<sup>st</sup> May

Systems: Blue, Green & Red plus Brown Sticker

Enquiries: Toni at QCBC – 3391 3241

[qcbc1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:qcbc1@optusnet.com.au)

Entries: [www.qcbc.org.au](http://www.qcbc.org.au)

Entry fees can be paid by direct transfer BSB: 124 011  
A/c: 10195696 (surname as ref) **Or** correct entry fee for the team collected at the table.

BYO Lunch & Snacks & Hand Sanitiser

Tea & Coffee available

Cash & Other Prizes – Green Masterpoints

Covid-19 Protocols Apply

Entries are accepted subject to any reduction in table numbers required by Covid restrictions.

**Note: please see flyer on Notice Board**



## **Catering Volunteers Wanted**

When the Covid rules change and we are allowed to serve food at the Club, volunteers are wanted to assist, whether it's baking, serving or cleaning up.

Also, if you are having a *special* birthday and would like to celebrate with your bridge friends, please contact Glynis and we will try to arrange a Covid Safe event.

**Glynis Hendricks 0407 646 063**

Tuesday players were treated to home-made Anzac cookies this week. Many thanks, Glynis.

## *Beginners Class*



Congratulations to our class of eight who recently completed their bridge lessons (pictured above). We look forward to welcoming you to the club.

*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.

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## **New Travel Products by TBIB**

The TBIB is the major sponsor of the Gold Coast Congress, Barrier Reef Congress and for the first time this year, the Brisbane Festive of Bridge. The Qld Bridge Association would struggle without them.

**TBIB** is Tony Bemrose Insurance Brokers, and they handle the Building & Contents Insurance for our Club. No doubt many of you have insurance cover with them whether it is Motor Vehicles, Landlords & Investment Properties, Life Insurance and especially Travel Insurance.

They have updated their travel insurance in relation to Covid-19, and have many options they can help you with.

Get a quote online: [WWW.ABFINSURANCE.COM.AU](http://WWW.ABFINSURANCE.COM.AU)

## **BRIDGE BOOK REVIEW**

*by Cathy Matheson*

An excellent series of 5 books originally authored by Audrey Grant is the American Contract Bridge League Series. (ACBL bridge).

The series consists of 5 Books:

1. Bidding in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – The Club Series.
2. Play of the Hand in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – The Diamond Series.
3. Defense in the 21 Century – The Heart Series.
4. Commonly Used Conventions – The Spade Series.
5. More Commonly Used Conventions – The No Trump Series.

The format of these books is very user friendly and the information is not overwhelming. There are a few pages of information, some examples and then some complete hands explaining the lesson. Included in these hands are defense tips.

At the end of each chapter is a small concise summary, a little quiz and then some hands for you to try for yourself. A full explanation of how the hand should be played follows each hand.

Our bridge library has both a new and an old version of this series.

Audrey Grant is a Canadian professional educator and a contract bridge teacher and writer known for her simple and humorous approach to the game with the emphasis on simple.

I can highly recommend these books to improve play in any problem areas for beginners or intermediate players.

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**Note: Please remember to return any bridge books that you have borrowed within a reasonable time, as other members may be waiting for them. Thank you.**

## **Roger's Job History**

1. My first job was working in an Orange juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate.
2. Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.
3. After that, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it, mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
4. Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.
5. Then, tried being a Chef – I figured it would add a little spice to my life, but I just didn't have the thyme.
6. Next, I attempted being a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it ....I couldn't cut the mustard.
7. My best job was as a Musician, but eventually found I wasn't noteworthy.
8. I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but didn't have the patience.
9. Next was a job in a Shoe Factory. Tried hard but just didn't fit in.
10. I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered I couldn't live on my net income.
11. Managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was too draining.
12. So then I got a job in a Workout Centre, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.
13. After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian - until I realized there was no future in it.
14. Got an apprenticeship at a Firestone factory, but I left because I was too tired.
15. My last job was working in Gloria Jeans Coffee but had to quit because it was always the same old grind.
16. So, I tried Retirement and found .....

I'M PERFECT FOR THE JOB!



## **Adoption**

A couple who work at the circus go to an adoption agency. Social workers there raise doubts about their suitability. The couple produces photos of their 50 foot motor-home which is equipped with a beautiful nursery.

The social workers then are doubtful about the education that the child would get. "We've arranged for a full-time tutor who will teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin and computer skills."

Then there are doubts about raising a child in a circus environment. "Our nanny is an expert in paediatric welfare and diet."

The social workers are finally satisfied. They ask, "What age child are you hoping to adopt?"

"It doesn't really matter, as long as he fits in the cannon."



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