

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



MAY 2022

Hi Everyone,

We certainly have been spoilt with public holidays recently. Hope you have been able to catch up with your family and loved ones during this time. If not, I hoped you played bridge! Of course, if you are retired, as most of us are, every day is a holiday!

Quite a few members of our club have been impacted by Covid recently. Remember to follow the club guidelines for the safety of yourself and fellow members.

The Marie Currell Novice Trophy will be held on 10th May. This Trophy was donated to the Club by John Currell in memory of his wife. Marie played an important role in the history of the club by loaning her own money to help fund the building of the present clubhouse and was always eager to support new players.

Happy bridging and keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- I hope everyone who came to the Quiz Night enjoyed themselves. I would like to thank Glynis for the marvellous desserts. Also, big thanks to Glenda, Fran, Pat, and Tom for serving the food and Ros for the salad - it was so good we ran out.

The folks who wrote the questions also deserve a well done; it is not easy to hit a happy medium between questions that are too hard and too easy. Also of course, a big, huge thanks to Gill, my partner in crime. And I can't forget Philip for being the quiz master.

- I understand that the Redland City Council has now given approval to proceed with the renovations to update the bathrooms. Not sure of the date that the contractor will get started but we will keep you informed.
- I want to take this opportunity to thank all the directors for their dedication and hard work. I think sometimes we forget the amount of effort it takes and how time consuming being a club director can be. And remember, without our directors we wouldn't be able to play bridge. If you have ever thought of becoming a director, please see Ros.

Doing nothing is very hard to do, you never know when you're finished.

Molly O'Donohue – Club President

BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

CLAIM BY DECLARER

- When a claim is made by Declarer, the declarer must state the proposed line of play. This should make mention of any outstanding trumps (eg “drawing trumps”), and how they plan to travel between hands if relevant.
- A careless or incomplete claim may cost you tricks that you would otherwise make.
- Claims should be made where possible – it is discourteous to continue play when the outcome is certain.

From ABF Rules and Ethics

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

by Patricia Back



Takeout Doubles

The Takeout Double is an effective convention for competing when your opponents open the bidding but using it the wrong way invites bad results. For example:

Opener starts with 1♠ and the next player holds:

♠Q543
♥J2
♦AQJ6
♣A72

What would your call be? I have seen players making Takeout Doubles with hands like this too often. More often partner will bid 2♥. Now what?

Many plead they will bid 2NT, but that shows a balanced hand of 18-19 HCP with a stopper in Spades. Why should it show that? Because an overcall of 1NT shows 15-18 HCP. When you have more than 18 HCP, you must double first and then bid NT. This hand is nowhere near 19 HCP, and it's a wimpy 14 HCP with those weak suits in spades and clubs. This would be a decent double of a 1♥ opener, but you must be disciplined with a hand like this.

Here is an example of how a disciplined pass can work out for you:

Your right-hand opponent opens 1♦ and you hold:

♠QJ76
♥A4
♦K107
♣A876

You don't have a good action at this point, but if your left-hand opponent bids 1♥, and opener bids 1NT or 2♥, **now** you can double for takeout. You have high-card strength and fine support for the unbid suits, everything partner would expect.

PROMOTIONS

Myles Hourn	Graduate
Jan Priest	Club
Ben Whitehouse	Club
Peter Marlborough	Local
Chloe Lauman	Bronze Local
Barbara Richards	Bronze Local
Ada Krawczyk	Silver Local
Sammy Ziada	Silver Local
Clive Humphries	Regional
Lydia Tsamuras	Regional
Dan Maher	Bronze State
Ian Argent	National
Michael Clibbon	National
Eric Geise	Bronze National
James Williamson	Life



70%ers for April



Bill Morgan & Deirdre Giles – 71.1%

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Friday, 6 May – Bridge for Brains

Monday, 9 May – **Red Point Monday**

Tuesday 10 May – Marie Currell Novice Trophy
Red Points

Monday, 30 May Winter Eclectic - **Red Points**

Tuesday, 31 May – Winter Eclectic - **Red Points**

*(Note: Winter Eclectic **Red Points**
continues for all sessions to Saturday 4 June)*

COMPETITION RESULTS

Redland Novice Teams & Teams Under 500 MPs

Our first congress for the year was held last month. Eight teams competed in the Under 500 MPs and 6 in the Novice teams. Congratulations to Deborah Thomas, Ria Bijker, Ada Krawczyk and Michael Clibbon who won third place in the **Under 500 MPs Teams**.

Congratulations also to Phillis Rankin, Dianne Whimp, Jenny Gorton, and Colin Gorton who were second in the Novice Teams. Well done also to new players Greg Lewis, John Bullion, Su O'Mahony and Peter Flanagan who came fourth. Well done all!

It was good to see that a **Youth Team** also competed.

YOUTH BRIDGE

Know anyone under 25 interested in bridge?

Invite them to the weekly Queensland youth bridge sessions!

2:30-5pm Sundays at QCBC.

All players welcome from first timers to interstate representatives.

Contact Michael Gearing for more details or to be added to the emailing list.

Mobile: 0419 733 930

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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Loren Leader
Di Morris

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

SPECIAL 80th BIRTHDAYS



Congratulations to
Lyn Brown – 13th April
Chris Maw – 22 April



*Our sincere condolences go to the family
of Trevor Rayfield who passed away
recently*





Chris Maw celebrating his 80th birthday

Supervised Play continues on Wednesdays from 2pm to 4pm. 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.

One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts



Committee member Glynis Hendricks putting the finishing touches to the delicious morning tea for Chris. Many thanks to both Glynis and Janet Aldridge who are very talented cooks and have provided some wonderful treats for club members. Ladies, we value your contribution.

A SENIOR'S VERSION OF FACEBOOK

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, giving them "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them.

I found it works just like Facebook. I already have 4 people following me: 2 police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist.

The guy who sat next to me on the train and pulled out a photo of his wife and said, "She's beautiful, isn't she?" I said, "If you think she's beautiful, you should see my missus mate." He said, "Why? Is she a stunner?" I said, "No, she's an optician."

A young woman was sent on her way to Heaven. Upon arrival, a concerned St Peter met her at the Pearly Gates. 'I'm sorry,' St Peter said; 'But Heaven is suffering from an overload of goodly souls, and we have been forced to put up an Entrance Exam for new arrivals to ease the burden of Heavenly Arrivals.'

'That's cool' said the young woman, 'What does the Entrance Exam consist of?' 'Just three questions.' said St Peter. 'Which are?' asked the young woman. 'The first,' said St Peter, 'is, which two days of the week start with the letter 'T'?

The second is how many seconds are there in a year. The third is 'What was the name of the swagman in Waltzing Matilda?'

'Now,' said St Peter, 'Go away and think about those questions and when I call upon you, I shall expect you to have those answers for me.'

So, the young woman went away and gave those three questions some considerable thought.

The following morning, St Peter called upon the young woman and asked if she had considered the questions, to which she replied, 'I have.'

'Well then,' said St Peter, 'Which two days of the week start with the letter T?'

She said, 'Today and Tomorrow.'

St Peter pondered this answer for some time and decided that indeed the answer can be applied to the question.

'Well then, could I have your answer to the second of the three questions?' St Peter went on, 'how many seconds in a year?'

The young woman replied, 'Twelve!'

'Only twelve?' exclaimed St Peter, 'How did you arrive at that figure?'

'Easy,' said the young woman, 'there's the second of January, the second of February, right through to the second of December, giving a total of twelve seconds.'

St Peter looked at her and said, 'I need some time to consider your answer before I can give you a decision.' And he walked away shaking his head.

A short time later, St Peter returned to the young woman. 'I'll allow the answer to stand, but you need to

get the third and final question absolutely correct to be allowed into Heaven. Now, can you tell me the answer to the name of the swagman in Waltzing Matilda?'

The young woman replied, 'Of the three questions, I found this the easiest to answer.'

'Really!' exclaimed St Peter, 'And what is the answer?' 'It's Andy.'

'Andy??'

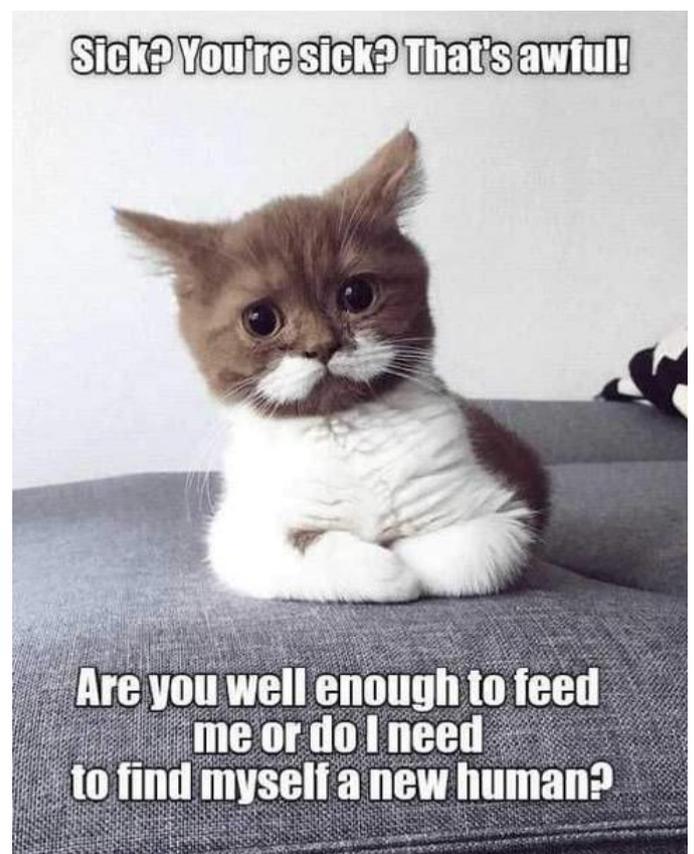
'Yes, Andy,' she said.

This totally floored St Peter, and he paced this way and that, deliberating the answer. Finally, he could not stand the suspense any longer, and turning to her, asked 'How in God's name did you arrive at THAT answer?'

'Easy' said the young woman, 'Andy sat, Andy watched, Andy waited till his billy boiled.'

And the young woman entered Heaven...

Worse ... you're now singing it to yourself!



A man stumbles up to the only other patron in a bar and asks if he could buy him a drink. "Why of course", comes the reply.

The first man then asks: "Where are you from?" "I'm from Scotland", replies the second man. The first man responds: "You don't say, I'm from Scotland too! Let's have another round to Scotland." "Of Course", replies the second man. Curious, the first man then asks: "Where in Scotland are you from?"

"Aberdeen", comes the reply.

"I can't believe it", says the first man. "I'm from Aberdeen too! Let's have another drink to Aberdeen."

"Of course", replies the second man.

Curiosity again strikes and the first man asks: "What school did you go to?"

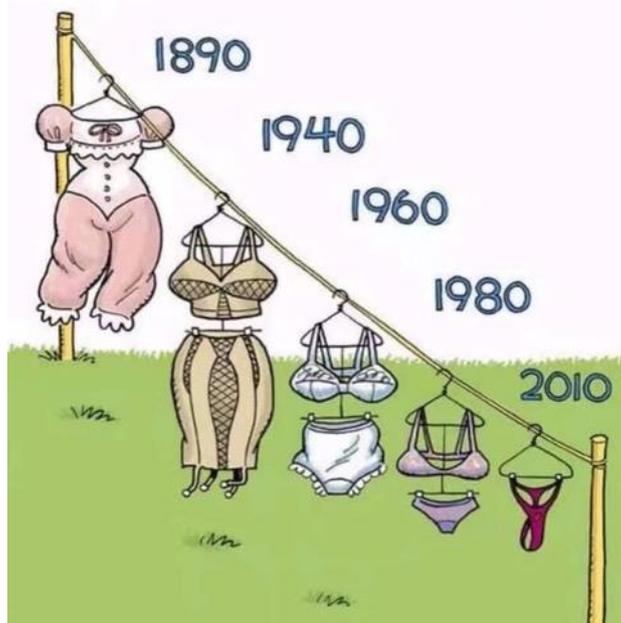
"Saint Andrews", replies the second man. "I graduated in '62."

"This is unbelievable!", the first man says. "I went to Saint Andrew's and graduated in '62, too!"

About that time in comes one of the regulars and sits down at the bar.

"What's been going on?" he asks the bartender "Nothing much," replies the bartender. "The MacClyde twins are drunk again."

DEFINITIVE PROOF OF GLOBAL WARMING



This is what irony means. You buy an electric car to save the planet and a tree kills it!



Some wisdom to ponder:

The only mystery in life is why the kamikaze pilots wore helmets.

At every party there are two kinds of people those who want to go home and those who don't. The trouble is, they are usually married to each other.

My opinions may have changed, but not the fact that I'm right.

Have you noticed that all the people in favour of birth control are already born?

The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us.

As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it.

All right everyone, line up alphabetically according to your height.

Never under any circumstances take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

Trouble knocked at the door, but, hearing laughter, hurried away.

The duty of a patriot is to protect his country from its government.

If you live to be one hundred, you've got it made. Very few people die past that age.