

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



NOVEMBER 2021

Hi Everyone,

Get out your glad rags and join us to celebrate the running of the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday, 2nd November.

Don't forget that doors will be open at 8.00 am for the purchase of sweep tickets.

Members must be seated by 8.45 am, and bridge will start at 9.00 am.



Your guests should arrive around 11.30 am. During lunch an auction of the horses will be held. Lucky door and table prizes, as well as fashion prizes will be awarded.

Come along and enjoy yourself. Thanks in advance to Molly & Philip and all their helpers who always make this event such a fun day.

Happy bridging, keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

A smile is a curve that sets everything straight

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- A **face mask** is not required to be worn at the clubhouse while playing or seated until further notice. Your mask should be worn when you are walking around for any long period of time.
- Please ensure that you maintain 1.5m **social distancing** while getting your tea/coffee, and sanitise **your hands** when you enter the clubhouse and after every round.
- Please do not visit the clubhouse if you have a **cold or cough**. Temperatures will no longer be taken when members arrive at the club.
- Please remember to scan the **Check in Qld** app whenever you visit the clubhouse.
- Your committee encourages members to receive a COVID **vaccination** as soon as you are able. For the wellbeing of fellow club members, we would like all club members to be vaccinated by 30 November 2021. There is no advice yet from QBA on vaccinations.
- A new **cleaner** has been approved by the committee. If you see any cleaning that requires attention, please advise Deb Thomas.
- The committee thanks everyone who attended the **working bee** last month. The clubhouse looks a lot smarter, both inside and outside.
- The committee recognises that it is a big step for **new players** to take from supervised play to a competitive session. The committee is reviewing possible ways to make this transition easier. One option is to place a masterpoint cap on Tuesday sessions to reduce the number of more advanced players. Another option would be to split Tuesdays into two groups, one for starters and one for others. Please give your suggestions to me or to another member of the committee.

- Another reminder to not offer **unsolicited playing advice** to new players, especially when they are partnered by a mentor. Too many tips to new players can be confusing and could go against what the mentor is trying to teach. Thanks!

Doug Sands – Club President

BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

PENALTY CARDS

1. 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.
2. Whenever 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.

From ABF Rules and Ethics

Working

Bee



Many thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their time to join the recent working bee. I am sure you have all noticed the club is much cleaner and neater due to their efforts.

Special thanks to **Sebastian Raciti** who organised all the tasks that needed attention, as well as **Glynis Hendricks** who provided a special morning tea for the workers.



A well-deserved rest and morning tea for all the Busy Bees.

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

by Patricia Back



The Unassuming Cue Bid

Recently a member asked me about a method she had heard of that involved supporting your partner's overcall. An ordinary overcall may contain anything between 7 points (suit with AK) and 15 points - a big range.

One very useful bid that is used in a competitive auction is the Cue Raise. This means you bid the opponent's suit, ("cue") at the same time raising your partner's suit.

Say your opponent on the left opens the bidding with 1♥, and your partner overcalls 1♠. Next player passes, and you have support for Spades, (at least 3) and about 10+ points. If partner has an opening bid, there may be game in Spades. You can check this possibility by bidding 2♥ (the Cue Raise).

Partner then shows the strength of their hand.

- With a minimum, and only 5 Spades, respond 2♠.
- With a 6-card suit, and near-opening values, respond 3♠.
- With a 5-card Spade suit, and a second 4 or 5-card suit, and near-opening values, bid the second suit.
- With opening values, and a stopper in Hearts (preferably 2), bid 2NT.

Hopefully, you can judge whether to bid game. Do not use the Cue Raise with fewer than 3-card support. In this case, bid NT with 10+ points and stoppers, or a good suit of your own.

This technique is known as the Unassuming Cue.

Editor's Note: Many thanks to Pat who has ensured that her words of wisdom are continuing even though she is still laid up in hospital recovering from a broken leg and hip replacement. Our thoughts are with you Pat.

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!

Masterpoint Secretary

Masterpoint Secretary is the official point of contact for Redland Bridge Club with the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF).

For most club members, the most visible part of this role is to file green, red and gold point awards with the ABF, yet a lot more goes on behind the scenes. Green points from normal club play can be uploaded monthly or at the minimum quarterly, after which reports are sent to the club Masterpoint Secretary, who posts these on the club noticeboard (the yellow pages). The Masterpoints Secretary also completes the monthly green point eclectics and posts the results to our website and on the results noticeboard.

Red point awards from special club events must be sent to the State Masterpoint Secretary for authorisation before they can be uploaded to the ABF; gold point awards (currently the GNOT only) are sent to the state masterpoints secretary who authorises them and uploads them directly to the ABF.

Accounts for these masterpoints and for ABF levies on members are sent to the Masterpoints Secretary for forwarding to our club treasurer who organises payment. Member awards for congresses and promotions come from the ABF every month and are posted on the noticeboard (blue and pink pages).

The Masterpoints Secretary also maintains the club database of players and members in conjunction with the club Membership Secretary. They complete the Annual Cancellation Report for the ABF – and register new, re-activated, transferring, and deceased members with the ABF as well as produce the list of members with telephone numbers for the annual membership booklet. Lastly, the Masterpoint Secretary writes and maintains the manual for the above and reports to the club management committee every month.

Our Masterpoints Secretary role is expertly handled by **Carradine Lucas**. Carradine is ably assisted by **Gill Ross**. Both Carradine and Gill go about their roles without fuss, and we acknowledge their valuable contribution to our club!

COMPETITION RESULTS

Spring Grades Pairs Competition was held over two weeks with 10 pairs competing in each of the three Sections.

Section A winners were **Molly O'Dononue & Philip Thompson**, second Daniel Chua & Greg Nolan and third Carmel Denaro & Lyn Brown.



Molly & Philip

Section B winners were **Christina Bell & Trevor White**, second Neil Casey & Barb McGorman and third Wendy Tollemache & Jene Jones.

Section C winners were **Tom & Patricia France**, second Derek Morris & Robina Cooper and third Max Latimer & Bruce Johnman.

Well done everyone.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Tuesday, 2 November – Melbourne Cup
Thursday, 11 November – Summer Teams, Week 1
Thursday, 18 November – Summer Teams, Week 2
(Red Points)

(Entry forms are available at the front or register online)



70%ers for October



Bill Morgan & Philip Thompson – 71.9%
Kevin Gilbert & Susan Gilbert – 71.7%
Bill Morgan & Philip Thompson - 70.5%

PROMOTIONS

September

Colin Gorton	Club
Kerry Gunn	Club
Neal Healy	Local
Turgut Manli	Silver Local
Phyllis Rankin	Regional

Supervised Play continues each Wednesday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm, COVID permitting. 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.



*Our sincere condolences go to
the families of Annie Deacon
and Ron Cross
who passed away recently*



WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER



Jenine Elsmore

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

Beginners Class: The next Beginners' class will start on Tuesday 9 November 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 Doug Sands on 0427 351 409 for details.

*Another thing to tell
your partner when
dummy comes down
weaker than expected:
"Where is the hand you
held during the bidding?"*



BITS & PIECES

New Directors are urgently needed at the club. If you are interested in becoming a director, please see Ros Putland for details of training. You would be most welcome.

Thank you to the members who have already paid their **2020 subscriptions** (which are due by 31 December 2021). Please advise if you have not received a copy of the email regarding your subscription. Early payment is greatly appreciated. Please don't forget to update your contact details.

Redland Open Teams will be held on Sunday 5 December. Entry forms will be available at the front desk, or you can register online.

Our **Christmas Party** will be held on Saturday, 11 December.



BRIDGE BOOK REVIEW

by Cathy Mathieson



The Redlands library has several books on Acol and Precision for those who play these systems.

Borin, Jim & Norma	Our Precision Style
Cohen & Lederer	Basic Acol
Crowhurst, E.	Precision Bidding in Acol
Crowhurst & Kambites	Understanding Acol
Goren, Charles	Precision System
Wei, C.C.	Simplified Precision Bridge
Wei, C.C.	Precision Bidding in Bridge
Jannersten, Eric	Precision Bridge
Horton & Seagram	25 Bridge Conventions for Acol Players

The library also has books covering single topics:

Hardy, Max	Splinters
Klinger, Ron	Bidding to Slams
Klinger, Ron	Practical Slam Bidding
Bishop, Keith	A Strong Club

Whatever your interest, the Redlands Bridge Library has a good selection of books to improve your game.

Great Truths about life, that little Children have learned:

- No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- When your mum is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- The best place to be when you're sad is Grandpa's lap.

Great Truths about life, that Adults have learned:

- Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
- Wrinkles don't hurt.
- Families are like fudge – mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- Today's mighty oak is yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fibre, not the toy.

Great Truths about growing Old:

- Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.



An elderly man was quite unhappy because he had lost his favourite hat. Rather than purchasing a new one, he decided he would go to church and steal one out of the vestibule. When he got there, an usher intercepted him at the door and took him to a pew where he had to sit and listen to an entire sermon on the Ten Commandments.

After church, the man met the preacher in the vestibule doorway, shook his hand vigorously and said, "I want to thank you for saving my soul today, preacher. I came to church to steal a hat, but after hearing your sermon on the Ten Commandments, I decided against it."

"You mean the Commandment, Thou shall not steal, changed your mind?" the preacher asked.

"No, the one about adultery did," the old man said. "As soon as you said that I remembered where I left my old hat."

Having just moved into his new office, a pompous, new colonel was sitting at his desk when an airman knocked on the door.

Conscious of his new position, the colonel quickly picked up the phone, told the airman to enter, then said into the phone, "Yes, General, I'll be seeing him this afternoon and I'll pass along your message. In the meantime, thank you for your good wishes, sir."

Feeling as though he had sufficiently impressed the young enlisted man, he asked, "What do you want?" "Nothing important, sir," the airman replied, "I'm just here to hook up your telephone."



A young woman went to her doctor complaining of pain. "Where are you hurting?" asked the doctor. "Please help me, I hurt all over", said the woman. "What do you mean, all over?" asked the doctor, "be a little more specific."

The woman touched her right knee with her index finger and yelled, "Ow, that hurts." Then she touched her left cheek and again yelled, "Ouch! That hurts, too." Then she touched her right earlobe, "Ow, even THAT hurts", she cried.

The doctor checked her thoughtfully for a moment and told her his diagnosis, "You have a broken finger."

A man rushed into the doctor's office and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!!"

The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient."

A little boy was waiting for his mother. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street two blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a laugh; "You're kidding me, right? You don't even know the way to the Post Office."

