

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



NOVEMBER 2022

Hi Everyone,

Come early and enjoy the fun of the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday, 1 November. Doors will open at 8.00 am so sweep tickets can be purchased before play commences.

Remember players need to be seated by 8.45 am for an early start of bridge at 9.00 am (not 9.30 am).

Many thanks in advance to Molly, Philip, Gill, Deborah and the many other members who all contribute their time to ensure that this is the fun day of the year.

I will be on the high seas as you read this, so I look forward to seeing all the photos on my return. However, with the magic of technology, the mail (Trumpit) still gets through!

Happy bridging and keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- Finally, the bathroom renovations are finished, and painting of the outside of the building will start on 8 November.
- A **Special General Meeting** has been scheduled for around **1:30 pm on Wednesday, 16 November**. The committee has been investigating changing the solar panels on the roof as the ones we have are obsolete and not generating as much power as we need, hence our quarterly electrical bills are very high. There will be two motions set forth which will be posted soon along with the various quotes obtained. Our constitution does not allow absentee balloting or proxy votes for Special General Meetings; therefore, it is necessary to attend the meeting to have your voice heard.
- Special thanks to all who bought food for the congress recently held in September. There was more than enough for all the players and what was left over was enjoyed by the Monday and Tuesday players. A big thanks to Glynnis and Janet Aldridge for their efforts which were splendid as always.
- The Melbourne Cup has had a great response. If you are planning on playing bridge, you must have a partner. You are more than welcome to attend the bridge session even if you can't stay for the catered lunch which will be served around 11:30. The horses will be auctioned off starting at 12:30, with the race scheduled to be run at 2:00 pm.

- Everyone please remember to dress up and get your hats and/or fascinators out for the various parades that will be held. Men you are expected to get your finery on also. After the cup has run and everyone is collecting their winnings, I would please appreciate help in putting the room back in order.
- **Note:** *Mark your calendar:*
Christmas Party — Saturday, 10 December
Open Teams Congress — Sunday, 4 December
- Have a great month.

Molly O'Donohue – Club President

BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

CONDUCT AND ETIQUETTE

Proper Attitude

- A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.
- A player should carefully avoid any remark or extraneous action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.
- Every player should follow uniform and correct procedure in calling and playing.

Etiquette

As a matter of courtesy, a player should refrain from:

- Paying insufficient attention to the game.
- Making gratuitous comments during the auction and play.
- Detaching a card before it is his turn to play.
- Prolonging play unnecessarily (as in playing on although he knows that all the tricks are surely his) for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent.
- Summoning and addressing the Director in a manner discourteous to him or to other contestants.

From ABF Rules and Ethics

BRIDGE TIPS - PLAY



The **plan** is everything, and needs to be worked out on **every** hand, right after the lead is made. In No Trumps, count winners. In suits, count

both winners and losers.

Winners are sure tricks that you can take at the beginning of play without the opponents gaining the lead.

Count losers in your own hand first, one suit at a time. Any of the missing top three honour card (A, K or Q), is counted as a loser. If you have a void in a suit, there are no losers in that suit. Then check to see if there is any help in dummy's hand.

Check how many tricks you need to develop, and then decide which techniques you will use. Sometimes working out which technique to use first is the problem but having a basic knowledge of the **odds** will save you here. An even number of cards against you will divide oddly more than evenly, and vice versa. For example, if you and partner hold 7 cards in a suit, (missing 6 cards), expect them to divide 4-2 more often than 3-3. With 8 cards in a suit, (missing 5 cards), expect them to divide 3-2 more often than 4-1.

Sometimes you need to promote middle cards into winners. In order to do that, you will need to lose the lead. e.g., if you hold QJ10xxx in a suit, you will need to lose the lead twice to the A and the K to promote four tricks.

Remember it is important to keep cards in other suits to ensure you have entries to the suit you are trying to promote.

As declarer, we are sometimes taught to draw trumps too early. Roughly 40% of the time, you need to do something else with the trump suit (usually dummy's) **before** you draw them. The trump suit is a good way to cross to and fro between hands. To avoid losers, you need to keep enough trumps to trump shortages.

Don't panic as declarer – you need to remember the lead and try to build up a picture of the opponents' hands. Also practise keeping **count** in important suits. This means mentally recording the distribution of some suits.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Spring Graded Pairs

The Spring Graded Championship Pairs was held over 2 weeks. Twelve pairs in both Section A and Section B competed.

Winners in **Section A** were Philip Thompson and Molly O'Donohue. Second place went to Ros Putland & Ron Khaled, with Daniel Chua & Greg Nolan in third place.



Molly and Philip

Winners in **Section B** were Patricia & Tom France with Lois Mawter & Val Watkins in second place. Third was Deborah Thomas & Gill Ross. Congratulations to all.



Tom & Patricia France

Bridge - a test of your skill versus opponents' luck



Across the Ditch – New Zealand Congress

Recently 4 of our members travelled to Mt Manuganui in the beautiful Bay of Plenty on the North Island of New Zealand to compete in the Restricted Open Teams Event. Other Qld Teams from QCBC and Townsville also competed.

Our team of Daniel Chua, Bill Morgan, Barbara Mackay and Barry Koster came fifth out of a total 14 teams. They found it different to be defending against NZ players who mostly play ACOL. Top marks to Barb who injured her shoulder just prior to the trip, but gamely struggled on despite the pain and discomfort.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Tuesday, 1 November – Melbourne Cup

Thursday, 10 November 1/2 – Summer Teams – **Red Points**

Wednesday, 16 November (following play) – Special General Meeting

Thursday, 17 November 2/2 – Summer Teams – **Red Points**

SEPTEMBER PROMOTIONS

Su O'Mahony	Graduate
Jane Horvath	Graduate
Susan Rankin	Graduate
Di Mackenzie	Club
Jenny Gorton	Club
Sandra Devine	Local
Neal Healy	Bronze Local
Donna Noble	Bronze Local
Robyn Esdale	Silver Local
Adele Munro	Silver Local
Janet Wilkie	Silver Local
Wilmy Ziada	Silver Local
Ada Krawczyk	Regional
Shirley Burgess	Bronze National
Brian Gamble	Silver Life

The *Beginners' Class* which began on 7th September has now completed. Many thanks to Nigel who struggled on despite seriously injuring his foot, and Molly who assisted with the lessons.



Some of the class with Nigel (back row 4th from left).

We look forward to welcoming the new players to *Supervised Play* which has recommenced on Wednesday afternoons. Sessions are normally held from 2pm to 4pm for new players and members who wish to refresh their knowledge of bidding. New members are encouraged to advance to a competitive playing session as soon as they can.

Please contact Nigel Cleminson on 0419 642 498 if you need any further information.



What a lovely Surprise!

Congratulations to two of our bridge ladies who recently married their long-term partners.

Would you believe they both got married on the same day!

Our best wishes to Chris and Di and to their husbands.

Club Badges

As we welcome our new members and encourage them to play in the sessions, we get to know them with the help of their name badges. It is helpful for the new members if we also show the same courtesy by always wearing our own name badges.

Official club name badges are available for \$13. Please see ask the Director for an order form to complete with your details. Payment by cash only with the correct amount please. The badges are generally available within a couple of weeks.

For the golf lovers:



Milo and Stosh are standing on the 18th tee at their Country Golf Club. They are the final twosome in the Club Championship and are tied for the lead.

The 18th hole is a beautiful par four with a deep valley, descending to a dogleg right. Both Milo and Stosh hit long, straight tee shots which disappear down into the valley. A short time later, the fore caddie appears at the top of the hill and announces that both balls are within 6 inches of each other but there's a problem. Both golf balls are Titleist # 4s.

Milo and Stosh look at each other and realize that they had not informed each other as to what kind of ball they were playing, nor its number. They quickly descend into the valley. Sure enough, their two Titleist golf balls are right next to each other at the bottom of the valley in the middle of the fairway.

Stosh looks at Milo and says, "We had better get a ruling from a tournament official to straighten this out. This is the Country Club Golf Championships, and we don't want to be disqualified for making a mistake and hitting the wrong ball. After all, we are tied for the lead."

What would your ruling be?

Soon after, a rules official appears and examines the two # 4 Titleist golf balls.

He then looks up at Milo and Stosh and says, "Which one of you is playing the orange ball?"

Two priests decided to go to Hawaii on vacation. They were determined to make this a real vacation by not wearing anything that would identify them as clergy. As soon as the plane landed, they headed for a store and bought outrageous shorts, shirts, sandals, and sunglasses.



Next morning, they were at the beach, enjoying drinks, sunshine, and scenery when a topless blonde walked straight towards them. They couldn't help but stare. As the blonde passed them, she smiled and said, "Good morning, Fathers" then she passed on by. Stunned, they wondered how in

the world did she know they were priests. So back to the store to buy even more outrageous outfits. Now in their new attire, they settled down in their chairs to enjoy the sunshine. After a little while the same gorgeous topless blonde came walking towards them. Again, she nodded at each of them saying, "Good morning, Fathers" before walking away.

One of the priests couldn't stand it any longer and asked, "Young lady, we're priests and proud of it, but how in the world do you know we are priests dressed as we are?"

To which she replied, "Father, it's me, Sister Kathleen!"

Sally was driving home from one of her business trips in Northern Arizona when she saw an elderly Navajo woman walking on the side of the road. As the trip was a long and quiet one, she stopped the car and asked the Navajo woman if she would like a ride. With a silent nod of thanks, the woman got into the car.

Resuming the journey, Sally tried in vain to make a bit of small talk with the Navajo woman. The old woman just sat silently, looking intently at everything she saw, studying every little detail, until she noticed a brown bag on the seat next to Sally.

'What in bag?' asked the old woman. Sally looked down at the brown bag and said, 'It's a bottle of wine. I got it for my husband.'

The Navajo woman was silent for another moment or two. Then speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder, she said, 'Good trade.'

I don't know if Facebook has ever caused the lame to walk, but it sure has caused the dumb to speak.

A screenwriter comes home to a burned down house. His sobbing wife is standing outside. "What happened, honey?" the man asks.

"Oh, John, it was terrible," she weeps. "I was cooking when the phone rang. It was your agent. Because I was on the phone, I didn't notice the stove had caught on fire. It went up in seconds. Everything is gone. I nearly didn't make it out of the house. Poor Fluffy is gone....."

"Wait! Back up a minute," the man says. "My agent called?"

I think the proper term for 'senior women' should be: Queen-Agers

Why did I get divorced?

Well, last week was my birthday. My wife didn't wish me happy birthday. My parents forgot and so did my kids.

I went to work and even my colleagues didn't wish me a happy birthday. As I entered my office, my secretary said, "Happy birthday boss!" I felt so special. She asked me out for lunch. After lunch she invited me to her apartment.

We went there and she said

"Do you mind if I go into the bedroom for a minute?"

"OK" I said.

She came out five minutes later with a birthday cake, my wife, my parents, my kids, my friends and colleagues all yelling

"SURPRISE" while I was waiting on the sofa..... naked.