

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



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Hi Everyone,

Our favourite event of the year - The Melbourne Cup will be held next Tuesday, 7 November.



Doors will be open at 8.00 am for the purchase of sweep tickets. Remember that members must be seated by 8.45 am, as 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.

Good bridging and keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

*Every champion was once a contender
who refused to give up.*

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Spring Graded Pairs have been run and won. See p.3 for the results. We're already setting up for the next club contest, which will be the Summer Teams.

The next Congress will be an Open Teams event to be held on Sunday 3rd of December. Entries have been arranged via the MyABF website, and via the QBA list of upcoming events. We had some enquiries before the event was published, and there are already eight teams entered. This promises to be another successful event.

We have completed the recent set of lessons and have now resumed supervised play for our learners. There were only five beginners in the class, but we had enquiries from people who'd gone through lessons elsewhere and were interested in coming to us for supervised play. This has given us a group of about ten who are now attending the regular Wednesday afternoon practice sessions. We would really like some additional help with looking after these people. Could you please let me know if you're able to provide this service? It is the main way of attracting new players and keeping player numbers up.

I'd like to take the opportunity to recognise and thank all the people who work in the background to keep the club running smoothly. If you consider that we have at least seven regular bridge sessions every week, and each one requires a box of 36 boards, then you get an idea of how many cards are put through our dealing machine. On top of this, we have special events such as teams or congress events that will require four boxes of boards for each session. Our dealers do a fine job with a machine that is occasionally cantankerous. The other jobs that are particularly hard work are the treasurer

and secretary, keeping our finances and correspondence under control. Other folk keep the morning tea supplies stocked, bank the cash from table fees, keep the membership lists current, look after the libraries, calculate and submit all of our master points, look after maintenance, partner liaison, jigsaw library, help with organising special events, and we mustn't forget the work of producing this Trumpit every month. There's a lot that happens in the background that contributes to everyone's enjoyment of the games.

The other people who are a necessary part of operating the club are our directors. We are fortunate in having as many qualified directors as we do. They need to have a comprehensive knowledge of the Laws of Bridge, and being a director while playing can affect concentration when called to adjudicate at another table. Please respect the contribution they make and accept their rulings.

The game of bridge is often played online these days. We come to the club for the social side as well as the competition. Come and play to the best of your ability but try not to take away the enjoyment factor for other players at the table.

Nigel Cleminson – Club President

BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

ASKING ABOUT A REVOKE

Dummy may ask Declarer about a possible revoke.

Either Defender may ask their partner about a possible revoke. The usual form is "No spades, partner?"

It is not necessary for a player, when showing out, to state "having none", and this can indeed be irksome to the opponents.

REVOKE

When attention is drawn to a revoke, the Director should be called. The Director will determine whether it is established or not.

If the revoke is established, the Director will determine rectification after the play of the hand is completed. There are statutory trick adjustments laid down in the laws that cannot be reduced, but the Director can award more tricks to the non-offenders if more damage has been caused by the revoke.

From ABF Rules and Ethics

MORE on HELP SUIT GAME TRY

What Kind of Suit do I Have When I Make a Game Try?

Gary Brown



The auction goes: 1♥ - 2♥ - 3♣. 3♣ is a 'Help Suit Game Try'. Partner knows I only have 6-9 with heart support. Yet she is still interested in 4♥ if I have values in clubs.

What kind of suit does opener have to ask for help?

Any of the following will do:

♣Kxxx ♣Kxx ♣Qxxx ♣Qxx ♣AJxx ♣A10xx
♣Q10xx ♣K9xxx ♣KJxx ♣QJxx ♣Q98x ♣Axx(x)

All of these holdings do not stand on their own. They require help from partner if you are to make anything of them. For instance: ♣Qxxx does not play well opposite ♣xxx. However, ♣Qxxx plays well if partner has 'Help' such as ♣A10xx or ♣K10xx or ♣KJxx.

Informed Decision vs. Hopeful Decision

Auction: 1♥ - 2♥ - 3♣ allows responder to make an *informed* decision concerning her 6-9 points. *Informed* - that any club values she does have can be upgraded. While the traditional 1♥ - 2♥ - 3♥ (invitational to game) makes responder's decision to bid 4♥ more of a *hopeful* decision. *Hopeful* that the 6-9 points she does hold, will be what partner needs.

Try this one:

Opener	Responder
♠ A2	♠ Q86
♥ AKQ103	♥ 942
♦ K1043	♦ A9843
♣ 43	♣ 82

After 1♥ - 2♥ and now a 3♦ game try, responder, with only a 6-count can accurately assess the importance of her diamond values. She bids 4♥ which has great prospects. Had the auction been the traditional 1♥ - 2♥ - 3♥, responder would mostly likely have passed with this minimum hand, unaware of just how valuable her diamonds are.

What help do I require to accept opener's Game Try?

A holding similar to what opener might have to make the 3♦ Game Try! Basically, it is hoped that you have strength in the suit that requires help!

♦Kxxx ♦Kxx ♦Kx ♦Qxxx ♦Qxx
♦Qx ♦Axxx ♦Axx ♦Ax

COMPETITION RESULTS

Spring Graded Pairs

The Spring Graded Pairs were held over two weeks with a total of 28 pairs playing in two sections. It was very pleasing to see this event so well supported. Congratulations to everyone who participated!

The winners of the A Grade Section were **Bill Morgan** and **Di Rigano**. They were followed by **Brian Gamble** and **Dan Maher** in second place and **Neil Casey** and **Frances Bourke** in third place.



Bill Morgan & Di Rigano

The B Grade Section winners were **Helen Zerphey** and **Sandra Devine**. Well done ladies! Second placegetters were **Tom** and **Patricia France**, with **Clive Humphries** and **Cathy Mathieson** in third place.



Sandra Devine & Helen Zerphey

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Tuesday, 7 November – Melbourne Cup Day

Note: bridge starts at 9.00 am - Green Points

**** Sunday, 5 November – Sunday Bridge**

Thursday, 9 November – Summer Teams 1/2 – Red Points

Thursday, 16 November – Summer Teams 2/2 – Red Points

Saturday, 25 November – Qld Wide Pairs

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Agnes Kempthorne
Barry Kempthorne
Sandy Young

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

SEPTEMBER PROMOTIONS

Angus Henderson	Graduate
Di Henderson	Graduate
Myles Houn	Club
Greg Lewis	Club
Chris Niemand	Club
Neil Niemand	Club
Susan Rankin	Club
Su O'Mahony	Bronze Local
Neil Healy	Silver Local
Dianne Whimp	Silver Local
Jan Davis	Regional
Robina Cooper	Bronze State
Michael Clibbon	Bronze National
Gill Ross	Bronze National

SPECIAL 90th BIRTHDAY



*Congratulations to
John Florence*

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription notices will be emailed this week to members who have an email address. If you have not received your renewal notice by Monday, 6 November please contact the Treasurer, Anne Ormerod, at treasurer.bridge@outlook.com.

Others will be printed, and available at the front desk.

The preferred payment method is by direct deposit into our bank account (details on the form). Please use your **Club No. as your Reference** when making payment. If using EFTPOS at the club, you will need to bring a printed copy of your renewal notice. The director will attach it to your EFTPOS receipt. After processing, the treasurer will email you a receipt.

If paying by Cash – Place in an envelope with your renewal notice and write your name and club number on the outside. Please place in **the locked wooden box behind the director's table**.

If you have any changes in your contact details, please complete the form available from the Director. This should also be placed in the locked box.

What a great Surprise – what a great Partner!



Barbara Flynn practicing for her 90th birthday (next year)! Her regular partner Pete Flanigan surprised Barb with a beautiful cake for her 89th birthday. Well done, Pete!



70%ers for October



Dan Maher & Brian Gamble – 71.5%

*Unlike most sports,
you only need 15cm
of space to play
bridge – the distance
between your ears*



Bits and Pieces

Across the Ditch – New Zealand Congress

Congratulations to Bill Morgan and Daniel Chua who recently competed in the NZ Restricted Open Swiss Pairs competition at the New Zealand 2023 Congress, coming fifth out of 42 pairs.

As well they were joined by Barry Koster and Barbara McKay to compete in the NZ Restricted Open Teams, also coming fifth out of a total 26 teams. A great effort by the team! Later they enjoyed the hospitality of the directors who were very happy to see the Australian contingent.

Goodbye and Good Luck to Glenda and Darryl Lock who have moved to Bribie Island. They have decided they needed a change of lifestyle following Glenda's health scare. They have passed on their best wishes to all Club members.

Farewell to a former member.

We were saddened to hear that David Fulcher passed away recently. Our sympathies go to his family.

Supervised Play is held on Wednesdays from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. for new players and members who wish to refresh their knowledge of bidding.

Any members who are willing to join the roster to assist with supervised play would be most welcome. If you need any further information, please contact Nigel Cleminson on 0419 642 498.

An ***Intermediate Lesson*** covering Light Openings was presented by Di Rigano last month. The date of the next intermediate lesson will be advised shortly.

Beware of a new Amazon scam.

My husband ordered me some expensive jewellery, but motorcycle parts came instead.

Thankfully they fit his bike.....



Mother-in-law came for dinner and said, "Why does the dog keep looking at me?" I said, "Because you're using his plate!"

Disorder in the Court:

(Quotes of what Attorneys and Witnesses said in court word for word. Can you imagine how difficult it was for the court stenographers to keep a straight face?)

- A: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?
- W: Did you actually pass the bar exam?
- A: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?
- W: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.
- A: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?
- W: The autopsy started around 8.30 pm.
- A: And Mr Denton was dead at the time?
- W: If not, he was by the time I finished.
- A: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?
- W: No.
- A: Did you check for blood pressure?
- W: No.
- A: Did you check for breathing?
- W: No.
- A: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?
- W: No.
- A: How can you be so sure, Doctor?
- W: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.
- A: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?
- W: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

An artist asked the gallery owner if there had been any interest in her paintings that were on display.

"Well, I have good news and bad news," the owner responded. "The good news is that a gentleman noticed your work and wondered if it would appreciate in value after your death. I told him it would, and he bought all 10 of your paintings."

"That's wonderful," the artist exclaimed. "What's the bad news?"

"The gentleman was your doctor."



Do all fairy tales begin with "Once upon a time?"

No, many of them begin, "If I am elected, I promise....."



**I discovered that answering
the door naked helps deter
trick-or-treaters.**

**Ok, here we go again,
there's two more,
dressed as policemen....**

***The family tree of VINCENT VAN GOGH ... (Pronounced
VAN GO)***

His dizzy aunt - *Verti Gogh*

The brother who worked at a convenience store - *Stop
N Gogh*

The grandfather from Yugoslavia - *U Gogh*

His magician uncle - *where-diddy Gogh*

His Mexican cousin – *A Mee Gogh*

The Mexican cousin's American half-brother – *Gring
Gogh*

The nephew who drove a stagecoach - *Wells-far Gogh*

The constipated uncle - *Can't Gogh*

The ballroom dancing aunt - *Tang Gogh*

The bird lover uncle - *Flamin Gogh*

The fruit-loving cousin - *Man Gogh*

An aunt who taught positive thinking - *Way-to-Gogh*

A sister who loved disco - *Go Gogh*

His niece who travels the country in an RV - *Winnie Bay
Gogh*

I saw you smiling - *there ya Gogh.*



Q. What do you call a
chameleon that can't change
its colour?

A. A reptile disfunction.