

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



OCTOBER 2023

Hi Everyone,

All those who attended the **Trivia Night** had a very enjoyable, fun evening. Janelle along with Jim were wonderful hosts and kept the night ticking along with lots of laughs. Many thanks to those members who helped with donations of prizes. See photos on p.5.

More fun is in store for those who come along to our annual **Melbourne Cup event**, which is being held on Tuesday, 7th November. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss out! See p.5. Also note that our **Christmas function** will be held on Saturday, 9th December.

Don't forget Sunday bridge will be held as normal on **Sunday, 1 November**. Our thanks to Avra for her dedication in keeping this event active, as a lot of members enjoy this friendly social afternoon.

Good bridging and keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

*Sometimes not saying anything is the
best answer.
Silence can never be misquoted.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Pairs Congress held on Sunday 17th was very successful with nine tables in each of the two divisions. The main glitch was one contestant getting lost and then breaking down on the way. A last-minute substitution was arranged so play could start at the scheduled time. We ended up with plenty of catering supplies – enough to provide some morning tea for the next couple of club sessions. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to making this such a good day. This includes those who supplied food, those who competed, and those who gave their time and labour. Julie Jeffries was the event director, and everything ran very smoothly until her printer died right at the end of the session. See p.3 for results. We hope the next congress in December will be as successful.

New lessons have started with only five beginners and a couple of people having a second go. This is an easy size to manage, and we're using the usual combination of presentation slides and practice hands to introduce the concepts. The last lesson will be Wednesday 4th of October, and supervised play will resume the following week. The intermediate lessons are also continuing, with Di Rigano providing the material and explaining the thinking behind defensive bidding and play. The next lesson in this occasional series is scheduled for Tuesday 4th of October after the normal session of play.

You will have noticed that the small bins have gone from beside the tables, and all papers including bidding slips are now collected in the white bucket beside the front desk. The bins near the northern door are for either landfill waste or other recyclables. This is partly to reduce the amount we're putting into landfill, and we are expecting to get down to a standard red-lid bin

that will be cheaper to use than the current skip bin. The more we can send to recycle the better.

The trivia night was organised by Janelle and James who put a lot of time and effort into making it work. Everyone who attended had an excellent night, and we anticipate plenty of interest next time this event is run. Other upcoming events will be the Melbourne Cup Day, the Spring Graded Pairs, and our Christmas party isn't too far away now. The year is flying past.

It's very easy to look at a good hand when you pick it up and fall in love with it. What follows tends to be the triumph of hope over reality. This can lead to some seriously negative scores for your side. Try to keep some vestige of objectivity in your bidding. Asking yourself "What could go wrong?" is a good way of bringing your expectations back to earth.

Nigel Cleminson – 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

MORE on HELP SUIT GAME TRY

Gary Brown



Can I accept a HSGT with shortage in partner's suit? It is not a good idea to have shortage in partner's suit, as it is considered a liability, but provided you have 4-card trump support, you are more able to trump the suit that partner is worried about.

i.e.

♠ AQ1083	♠ J675
♥ 87	♥ KJ103
♦ A765	♦ 2
♣ AQ	♣ 9843

After the auction: 1♠ - 2♠ - 3♦* - ? Opener is asking if you have help in diamonds. Responder has a singleton. But because you have four trumps, you have the ability to trump partner's second suit (diamonds) several times. If you only had three trumps, your ability to trump diamonds is diminished and it would be advised not to accept the game try.

In the following auctions:

1♠ - 2♠ - 3♣ is a **Game Try** asking responder to bid 4♣ with help in clubs.

1♠ - 2♠ - 3♦ is a **Game Try** asking responder to bid 4♦ with help diamonds.

1♠ - 2♠ - 3♥ is a **Game Try** asking responder to bid 4♥ with help in hearts.

1♠ - 2♠ - 2NT is also a **Game Try**. It shows 17-18 HCP and a balanced hand. If responder (who has 6-9) has extra values, she can now bid 3NT or 4♠.

1♠ - 2♠ - 3♠ is pre-emptive in nature. Opener has extra trump length and does not believe that 2♠ will buy the contract. 3♠ is intended to keep the opponents from balancing into the auction!

Responder can also make a Make a Help Suit Game Try.

Auction: 1♣ - 1♥ - 2♥ - 2♠. After opener raises responder's hearts to the two-level showing 4 hearts and 13-15 points) responder's 2♠ bid is a **HSGT**. (Not necessarily a reverse!) Opener with a solid 14 count and spade help, can bid the very reasonable game.

♠ A102	♠ KQ82
♥ AQ104	♥ KJ832
♦ 64	♦ 87
♣ KJ95	♣ 106

HSGT are all about complimentary high cards. If your high cards compliment my high cards - let's keep bidding. If your high cards don't compliment my high cards – perhaps we should stop bidding.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Club Championship Pairs

Twenty-four pairs competed in the Club Championship Pairs. Congratulations to **Ros Putland and Ron Khaled** who were the outright winners.

This proved to be a very close competition between the first and second place-getters **Bill Morgan and Deirdre Giles**, with positions changing in the last few rounds. They were closely followed by **Greg Nolan and Neil Casey**.



Ros Putland & Ron Khaled

Redland Graded Swiss Pairs Congress

This day was a wonderful success with 18 pairs playing in both Grade A and Grade B. We were joined by members of other clubs such as QCBC, Toowong and Gold Coast.

Winners of **A Grade** were **Kim Morrison & David Smith** (pictured below with President Nigel Cleminson). Second place went to **Ian Afflick & Paul Collins** with **Neville Francis & Patrick Bugler** in third place.



Winners of **B Grade** were **Deanne Gaskill & Geoff Saxby**, with **Jennifer Finigan & Joanna Bratko** in second place and **Janelle Williamson & Jim Williamson** third place.



Deanne Gaskill, Nigel Cleminson & Geoff Saxby



Jim & Janelle Williamson

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

**Monday, 9 October –Spring Graded Pairs 1/2 –
Red Points**

**** Sunday, 1 October – Sunday Bridge**

**Monday, 16 October –Spring Graded Pairs 2/2 –
Red Points**

AUGUST PROMOTIONS

Sebastian Raciti

Local

Janet Buckton

Bronze Local

Bill Morgan

Gold Life

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription Renewal is fast approaching for 2024. The Redland Bridge Club subscription of \$20.00 is unchanged, however the ABF Levy and the QBA Levy have both increased to \$20 per annum, making a total of **\$60.00** for the 2024 subscription.

We are using a paperless process again this year. During October all members who have an email address should receive their renewal notice by email. This will include instructions for making a direct debit into the club's bank account. Your payment will be processed by the Treasurer within 3-5 working days of your payment and a receipt will be emailed back to you.

Note: The preferred payment method is by direct deposit into our bank account (details on the form). Please follow payment instruction as outlined - in particular, your **Reference for payment is your Club Number**, which everyone should know as you use it every time you play bridge.

Payment can be made at the club BUT this can't be paperless as we need to know who you are!

- a) Cash – put it in an envelope, with your renewal notice inside (complete with your updated contact details) and your name and club number on the outside. **Place in the locked wooden box behind the director's table.** A receipt will be issued when the money has been counted, deposited in the club bank account, and processed by the treasurer who will email you back a receipt.
- b) EFTPOS - please follow the Director's instructions. **Note:** you will need to bring a printed copy of the renewal notice you received via your email. The director will attach it to your EFTPOS receipt. After processing, treasurer will email you a receipt. If cannot print your renewal notice, please contact Anne (details below).

Members with no email address. The club will print off your renewal notice and it will be available at the club for a period, and then posted if still not collected.

Important: Please complete your details on the lower portion of the form and return it to the club. This can be done by email, by mail to PO Box 515 Cleveland 4163, or by placing it in the large wooden box behind the director's table at the clubhouse. Updated members' information is essential to maintain contact with you, and to have your correct emergency contact details.

For **away club** members (members who have full membership at another club), the levy is **\$20.00**. For **Honorary Life** members, no levy is payable, but we would appreciate you returning the form with your contact details.

I will confirm via the daily Notices the exact date the renewal notices are being sent. If **you do not receive an email** with your membership renewal, a quick email to the address below, or to the club, would be appreciated so the problem can be addressed.

Early payment of your renewal would be appreciated to enable the completion of our Membership List to meet ABF requirements.

For any questions, please contact the Treasurer, Anne Ormerod, at treasurer.bridge@outlook.com



70%ers for September



Bill Morgan & Deirdre Giles – 77.8%
Jenny Boxer & Peter Neville – 76.3%
Loren Leader & Michael Souter – 74.8%
Ros Putland & Ron Khaled – 71.5%
Greg Nolan & Neil Casey – 71.2%
Bev Brecknell & Gill Ross – 70.2%

DIRECTORS

Directors are the core of a bridge room. A game cannot proceed unless there is a director present. All members should know this and respect their role and automatic authority to supervise the room.

Whenever inappropriate behaviour or an infraction occurs at the table, you must call the Director. Players cannot make their own rulings. If they do, the Director has the right to have players forfeit rights to rectification they would otherwise have had.

Note: **Only the directors in charge on the day, can be called to adjudicate at a table. A second opinion cannot be requested from any other director.** If a member feels that there is an incorrect decision by the on-duty directors, they can lodge an appeal.

**FAVOURITE EVENT
OF THE YEAR**

MELBOURNE CUP



Tuesday 7 November at 9:00 am

\$25 for members, \$30 for family members, \$35 for visitors. This includes bridge, lunch, wine and juice.

Doors open at 8 am for sweeps, last tickets sold at 8:50 am!

Auction of horses during lunch.

Fashion Prizes awarded.

Lucky door and table prizes.

Organise your table booking now.

Get your tickets from Di, Janelle or Robina

Ticket sales close on Monday 30 October

COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE FUN

Trivia Night



Everyone satisfied their appetites on delicious pizzas ... not a crumb was left!



Now it's time to try to answer some very unusual questions and win some prizes.



Quiz Master Janelle, with the help of her assistant Jim, made sure that everyone had a chance to win a prize.



Warren was very happy to model his prize, but Max was a bit reluctant!



The Winners – The Manly Marauders with their booty!

Bits and Pieces

The *Beginners' Class* has continued during September on Wednesday afternoons, with the final lesson to finish on 4th October.

Supervised Play will then recommence on Wednesday 11th October from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. 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.

The next *Intermediate Lesson* covering **Light Openings** will be presented by Di Rigano on Tuesday 3rd October from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

*It takes a good
bridge player to
readily admit when
he is wrong, and an
even better one to
keep his mouth shut
when he is right*



- To write with a broken pencil is pointless.
- When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.
- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- Thieves have stolen all the road signs in Yorkshire. Police are looking for Leeds....
- Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.
- The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.
- The batteries were given out free of charge.
- A dentist and a manicurist were courting. It was a tooth and nail affair.
- A will is a dead giveaway.
- I went to the paint Shop to get thinner - it didn't work.
- I went to the doctor, and he said, "I see you have an iron deficiency." I asked, "How can you tell?" He said, "Your shirt is really creased".

RECIPE CORNER

Many thanks to Jan Deaville who has shared her recipe of an easy and delicious slice.

Caramel Slice

by Jan Deaville

4 oz butter
4 oz brown sugar
4 oz SR flour
½ cup chopped dates
½ cup chopped walnuts
1 egg
1 tblspn coconut

Method:

1. Melt butter and sugar. Cool.
2. Add well-beaten egg, then everything else
3. Spread into lamington tin.
4. Bake at 180 dg for 20-25 minutes.
5. Cut when hot but leave in tin to cool.

I look forward to receiving a copy of your favourite recipe to share with everyone. Please email me at robina21@bigpond.com (with photo if possible).

The importance of exercise:

- My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we have no idea where he is!
- I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.
- I woke up this morning determined to drink less, eat right and exercise.... But that was 4 hours ago when I was younger and full of hope.
- I have to walk early in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.
- I joined a health club last year; spent about \$400 and I haven't lost a pound. Apparently, you have to show up.
- If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country. I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years just getting over the hill.
- I went to give blood today, but the clinic was closed, my trip was all in vein.

A man and a woman were travelling in a train.

Woman: Every time you smile, I feel like inviting you to my place.

Man: Awwwww! Are you single?

Woman: No, I am a Dentist....