

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

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SEPTEMBER 2021

HAPPY SEPTEMBER!

Let the sunshine in and a new month begin!



Hi Everyone,

A new month, a new season, new growth, new hopes – keep happy and enjoy life. Be thankful for what we have as we are indeed very fortunate.

We are delighted to welcome 15 new members, most of whom have just completed their bridge lessons. It is very important that they are made to feel safe and comfortable in their new environment. Please refer to details of appropriate behaviour on page 3.

Happy bridging, keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

Every moment is a fresh beginning.

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- The demonstration on the use of the **defibrillator** was carried out on Monday 16 August. Six members attended. The committee is considering showing a five minute video at the start of some sessions on the use of a defibrillator. **
- A **face mask** is required to be worn while at the clubhouse and while playing until further notice. It must cover the mouth and nose at all times except when eating or drinking. Advice from the QBA is that a plastic face shield is NOT acceptable in lieu of a face mask.
- Please ensure that you maintain 1.5m **social distancing** while getting you tea/coffee. If this is not observed, the committee will consider closing the kitchen again. Sanitize your hands and do not re-use spoons. You do not need to be **seated** when enjoying your morning or afternoon tea at the clubhouse at this time.
- Please do not visit the clubhouse if you have a **cold or cough**.
- Please remember to check in to the club using the **QR code** 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.
- The committee has appointed a new **cleaner** for the clubhouse. If you see any items requiring cleaning, please advise the club secretary, Deborah Thomas.
- Council has approved our project to replace our ageing **Air Conditioning system**. We plan to complete this before summer.

- The committee has opened a new **bank account** at the Bank of Qld at Cleveland. We will progressively close our other accounts.
- **Sunday Bridge** will not resume until the need to wear masks is relaxed.
- The committee is hopeful that **Andy Hung** will visit the club for two training sessions in late November or early December. The cost will be \$10 per member, with the club also sponsoring each member \$10.
- The club is planning to hold a **Melbourne Cup** party on **Tuesday 2 November** and a **Christmas** party on **Saturday 11 December**, COVID permitting.
- With the easing of Covid restrictions, it is no longer necessary to book in for Monday & Wednesday sessions.

Doug Sands – Club President

**** If any member has access to a data projector which the club could use over a one week period, please contact Doug Sands on 0427 351 409.**

BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

MOVEMENTS (in play)

1. The movement to be applied in any session of an event shall be set by the appointed Director who shall aim to achieve equity for all players at all times.
2. In any session, the Director is to ensure that at least 24 boards are IN PLAY otherwise Masterpoints cannot be awarded. Additionally, the movement should ensure that each player plays at least 75% of the total boards in play. As an example, in a 6½ Table Mitchell movement playing seven (7) 4-board rounds, the non-sit-out side would play 28 boards while the sit-out side would play 24 boards, which is 86% of the total boards in play. This meets the ABF requirements for Masterpoints to be awarded.
3. Final qualifiers are to be either the top 14 pairs in a Howell movement, or the top 7-NS and 7-EW in a Mitchell. For Consolations, the remainder of the field is to be divided equally.

From RBC Bridge Play By-Laws

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

by Patricia Back



Handling Alerts

Many of our players seem to be confused about handling Alerts. When you alert your partner's bid, DO NOT explain its' meaning UNLESS ASKED by an opponent. If your opponent wishes to know what it means they should ask.

The rules these days specify that an opening bid of 1 Club demands an answer by the partner about the minimum number of Clubs that the opener is expected to hold, such as "2 or more". Apart from the rules, it is good manners. It is also expected that an opening bid of 1NT demands a description of the number of points held. Do not embellish: such as "May contain a 5-card Major". However, if that is the case, tell the opponents before they lead.

It is bad manners to criticise partner's bidding while at the table. This may be embarrassing, may cause ill-feeling, or even a quarrel. Comment if you must, after leaving the table.

Our favourite game deserves respect and harmony.

The real test of a bridge player isn't in keeping out of trouble, but in escaping once you're in it.



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!

Purchasing

As with any organisation, there is always purchasing that needs to be done to ensure supplies of all necessary stock. This includes tea/coffee, milk, kitchen and cleaning supplies, office supplies and a multitude of other items which are purchased ad hoc.

If you do notice a dwindling supply of anything, please write it on the whiteboard in the office so that the appropriate purchases can be made. The responsibility for purchasing is spread between Michael Souter, Donna Noble, Robina Cooper, Max Latimer and Jan Deaville. Thank you to all volunteers.

Noteworthy Occasions Co-ordinators

Regularly any one of our members will have an event that others would like to acknowledge. Whether this could be a special birthday or celebration, an illness or death in the family, our community seeks to celebrate or comfort and support each other. Robina Cooper currently acts as our liaison for organising 80th and 90th birthday cakes, cards and on occasion flowers for members we wish to acknowledge at these times. Please let Robina know if ever there is someone you would like the club to acknowledge in this way.

Also Molly O'Donohue organises our two big events each year, the Melbourne Cup party and the Christmas party. Details of our Melbourne Cup celebrations will be advised next month. Thanks ladies.

PROMOTION

July

Jenny Gorton

Graduate

WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Lisa Alcott

David Crocker

Dianne Henderson

Val Hirst

Su O'Mahony

Sue Patterson

Anneke Rummens

Mark Stacey

Michael Cooper

Angus Henderson

Robert Hirst

Sheila Honeywood

Alan Patterson

Linda Reihan

Gyl Stacey

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

PROMOTE ENJOYABLE BRIDGE WITHIN A PLEASANT CLIMATE



Appropriate Behaviour

Greeting your opponents in a friendly manner

Thanking your opponents when the round is ended

Making your system card readily available

Praising good play or defence of opponents

Being a good "host" or "guest" at the table

Inappropriate Behaviour

Criticising partner or opponents

Negative comments re bidding or play

Discussing hands after round is called

Badgering, rudeness, threats, profanity, insinuation

Disputing a Director's ruling during play (an appeal request is appropriate)

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.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Sunday, 19 September – Redland Graded Pairs,
Swiss – Red Points

Covid restrictions permitting

COMPETITION RESULTS

Unfortunately both the Doris Kerr Trophy and Eddie Santagiuliana Trophy competitions had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions limiting the number of competitors. To soften the blow two Wednesday and two Saturday walk-in sessions held in August were awarded red points.

GNOT Results

The **Giles** team (Deirdre Giles, Jan Argent, Daniel Chua, Greg Nolan, Ann Ormerod and Ian Argent Williamson); **Williamson** team (James & Janelle Williamson, Bill Morgan, Philip Thompson, Molly O'Donohue and Gill Ross); and the **Corney** team (Judith Corney, Neil Casey, Nigel Cleminson, Shirley Burgess and Loren Leader) represented our club in the GNOT Brisbane Zone Finals held at the QCBC on 28/29th August. The Giles team came 13th of the 44 teams competing. Well done all.



Our sincere condolences go out to the family of Maria Vanderkamp who passed away recently.

BRIDGE BOOK REVIEW

by Cathy Mathieson



25 Ways To Be A Better Defender

by Barbara Seagram & David Bird

Many average players go through the bridge careers making the same defensive mistakes time and again. They give away countless tricks by covering an honour when they shouldn't or playing high in third seat when it isn't necessary. In the average game you defend 50% of the time. Learning good defence is the hardest part of bridge. In this final book of the bestselling '25' series the authors explain:

- How to make a plan for the defence
- How to work out declarer's hand from the auction and play
- How to decide which of the strategies available to the defenders is likely to be successful.

Opening leads, signalling, discarding, and second and third-hand play are all covered as well in this basic guide.

Whether you want to incorporate all the book recommends or even a few of the suggestions, you'll become a better defender.

Again, it's all well and good to read bridge books but you also need to convince your partner to read them as well. You can't use these strategies alone.

Barbara Seagram is a Canadian Registered Nurse and author of bridge books, writer, teacher, and administrator. She is co-author of thirty-two published bridge books.

David Bird is a British bridge writer with more than 130 bridge books to his name.



An elderly man goes to the doctor for his annual check-up. The doctor is impressed that this man is in even better health than he was the year before. Curious, he asks him what he does for mental stimulation. The man answers that he plays duplicate bridge. The doctor, who is a bridge player, says that's great, and asks him what he does for physical stimulation. "I sit East-West" was the reply.



We are still battling Covid 19 and the next thing is here already. Virologists have identified a new **Nile Virus Type C** which appears to target those born between 1940 and 1970.

Symptoms:

- Causes you to send the same message twice.
- Causes you to send a blank message.
- Causes you to send a message to the wrong person.
- Causes you to send it back to the same person who sent it to you.
- Causes you to forget to attach the attachment.
- Causes you to hit SEND before you've finished.
- Causes you to hit DELETE instead of SEND.
- Causes you to hit SEND when you should DELETE.

It is called the **C-NILE virus**

And if you can't admit to doing the above you've obviously caught the mutated strain, the **D-NILE Virus**.

Two Irishmen flying in a biplane, one says to the other "If we fly upside down, will we fall out?" His mate says "No Paddy, we've been friends for years."

Last night, my kids and I were sitting in the living room and I said to them, "I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." They got up, unplugged the computer and threw out my wine!!

When my wife had to rush to the hospital unexpectedly, she asked me to bring her a few items from home. One item on the list was "comfortable underwear." Worried I'd make the wrong choice, I asked, "How will I know which ones to pick?" "Hold them up and imagine them on me," she said. "If you smile, put them back."

Little Billy asks his dad for a telly in his room. Dad reluctantly agrees.

Next day Billy comes downstairs and asks, "Dad, what's love juice?"

Dad looks horrified and tells Billy all about the birds and the bees.

Billy just sat there with his mouth open in amazement.

Dad says, "So what were you watching?"

Billy says, "Wimbledon."

Q: Why did the nut stay away from the middle of the room?

A: Because it was a walnut.

Q: Why are good bowlers like labour unions?

A: Because they strike a lot.

Q: Why did the rooster cross the road?

A: To prove he wasn't a chicken.

Q: Why was Cinderella such a lousy baseball player?

A: She had a pumpkin for a coach!

I thought it was the washing machine shrinking my clothes...

Turns out it is the refrigerator.

I never repeat gossip: so listen carefully the first time.

I used to hate it when my mom would dress me and my twin brother in the same clothes. We could hardly walk.

The awkward moment when you thought they tested with a nasal swab.



An old man walks into the barbershop for shave and a haircut, but he tells the barber he probably can't get all of his whiskers off because his cheeks are wrinkled from age.

The barber gets a little wooden ball from a cup on the shelf and tells him to put it inside his cheek to spread out the skin.

When he's finished, the old man tells the barber that was the cleanest shave he's had in years. But he wanted to know what would have happened if he had swallowed that little ball.

The barber replied, "Just bring it back in a couple of days like everyone else does."

OK, so what's the speed of dark?

How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."

A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.

Breaking News swimming pools will be re-opened next week, but due to continued social distancing regulations there will be no water in lanes 1, 3 and 5.....

After being married for 30 years, a wife asked her husband to describe her. He looked at her for a while, then said, "You're an alphabet wife "A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K."

She asks "What does that mean?"

He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Fabulous, Gorgeous and Hot."

She smiled happily and said "Oh, that's so lovely, but what about I, J, K?"

He said "I'm Just Kidding!"

The Memorial Service will be held next Tuesday.

It was mealtime during a flight on a British Airways plane. "Would you like dinner?" the flight attendant asked the man seated in the front row. "What are my choices?" asked the man. "Yes or No" she replied.

A lady was picking through the frozen chickens at a Woolworths store, but she couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a passing assistant "Do these chickens get any bigger?" The assistant replied "I'm afraid not, they're dead."

A policeman got out of his car and the teenager he stopped for speeding, rolled down his window. "I've been waiting for you all day." The policeman said. The teenager replied "Well I got here as fast as I could." When the policeman finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.

A truckie was driving along a country road. A sign came up that read 'Low Bridge Ahead'. Before he realised it, the bridge was directly ahead and he got firmly stuck under it. Cars were backed up for kilometres. Finally a police car arrived. The policeman got out of his car and walked to the lorry driver, "Got stuck, eh?" The lorry driver said, "No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of diesel!"

I got myself a seniors' GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there....