

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



SEPTEMBER 2022

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to Spring!
Good to see that at last the winter is over and warmer weather is finally here.



We have several activities this month including the Championship Pairs competition, Cancer Council Charity morning tea, a Red Point Friday, and of course the Graded Swiss Pairs Congress – see details on page 3.

The renovations are progressing slowly with the disabled toilet almost finished. Work will not commence on the ladies' toilet until after the Congress.

Thank you for everyone's patience during this time, and I am sure that we will all appreciate the final result.

Happy bridging and keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

*You will never have this day again,
so make it count*

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- The committee is in the process of requesting quotes for painting the building. We feel it is important to get the outside done due to some repair work that may be necessary and then we will concentrate on painting the inside.
- Upcoming beginner lessons are receiving a positive response. They will start 7th September – if you know anyone interested, please contact Nigel or email the club. If anyone would like to retake the lessons, please contact Nigel – there will be no charge.
- We have a new workplace health and safety officer, Anneke Rummens and Robyn Esdale is going to administer our facebook page. Thank you to both.
- As I have said in the past this club is run by volunteers. I want to take this opportunity to thank all our dealers. Before machine dealt cards, we had to hand deal the cards and write the deals and scores on a traveller that was attached to the back of boards. Now we have machine dealt boards thanks to our band of dedicated dealers. Irene Mullan, Jan Deaville, Gary Jenkins, Pauline Curtis, and of course, Carradine who oversees this area.
- Have a great month.

BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

QUESTIONS DURING THE AUCTION

1. During the auction, at your turn to bid, you may ask questions about any part of the opponent's auction. It is unwise to ask about a specific part of the auction, as this may convey unauthorised information to your partner.
2. It is prudent not to ask questions unless the answer affects your call. Showing seemingly unwarranted interest in an opponent's call, particularly an alerted one, may pass unauthorised information to partner.

EXPLANATIONS AFTER THE AUCTION

1. At the conclusion of the auction, the Declarer should offer the opponents an explanation of any unusual bidding sequences in their auction, especially self-alerting calls (e.g., doubles, cut bids) that may have an unexpected meaning.
2. In any event, it is a good policy for the player on lead to request a full explanation of the auction before choosing their opening lead.

From ABF Rules and Ethics

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

by Patricia Back



Rules and Conventions

When playing competitive bridge, as we do whenever we take part in a duplicate session, it is important for everyone's convenience to be aware of the basic rules of this very complicated game.

Some rules are quite serious, eg the rule that you must follow suit whenever possible, so that if you fail to do so you may be penalized by the director, and thereby lose some precious tricks. Other rules tend to be advisory, and it is a good idea to be aware of them, even though no penalty is involved.

- When partner opens with 1♣, state the number of cards you expect in the suit, such as "at least 3" rather than "better minor" for instance.
- When partner opens with 1NT, give the range, such as 15-17, with no embellishment such as "no 5-card major".
- When partner opens with 2♣, or any artificial bid, do NOT volunteer a description until an opponent asks. Only ask about a bid when it is YOUR turn to bid.
- When you discard on a suit, DO NOT announce that you have none of them. It is up to your partner to check that you are void in this suit by asking you about it, to avoid a revoke. If you are a defender, it is illegal to announce your void, as partner may not have noticed.
- A little-known convention that is not widely understood and is primarily ethical, occurs when your partner has given an incorrect description of your bid. Assuming you become declarer, it is correct to explain this mistake before he opening lead is made.

There are many less obvious unethical actions that occur, in particular certain revealing examples of body language or unnecessary remarks. Let's keep the game as polite as possible.

A Charity Morning Tea will be held on **Monday, 12 September** to raise money for the



A **Raffle** will also be held and proceeds from the day along with member donations will be forwarded to the Cancer Council. *Donations will be accepted any day the week commencing 12th September.*

COMPETITION RESULTS

Eddie Santagioliana Trophy

This competition was held over two Saturdays with 20 pairs competing for the trophy honours. A big effort by Deborah Thomas and Lois Mawther who won all their eight matches to be the final winners. Congratulations ladies! Second and third placegetters were Barbara Mackay & Leigh Dominikovich and Wendy Tollemache & Ronny Tollemache.

GNOT Finals – Brisbane Zone

Three teams represented our club at the local GNOT finals held at QCBC last weekend. This was a very hard slog competing against such tough opposition and we thank you for representing us so strongly.

The teams were: Bill Morgan, Daniel Chua, Deirdre Giles & Jan Argent; Brian Gamble, Carmel Denaro, Barbara Mackay & Barry Koster; and Nigel Cleminson, Ros Putland, Judith Corney & Merit Morgan.

We are proud of your efforts.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Friday, 2 September 1/2 – Championship Pairs – **Red Points**

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Monday, 12 September – Charity Morning Tea in aid of the Cancer Council (see details above)

Sunday, 18 Sept – Redland Graded Swiss Pairs Congress

Enter at www.redlands.bridgeaustralia.org or
Email to redlandsbridgeclub@bigpond.com
*(see note below)

Friday, 30 September – **Red Point Friday**

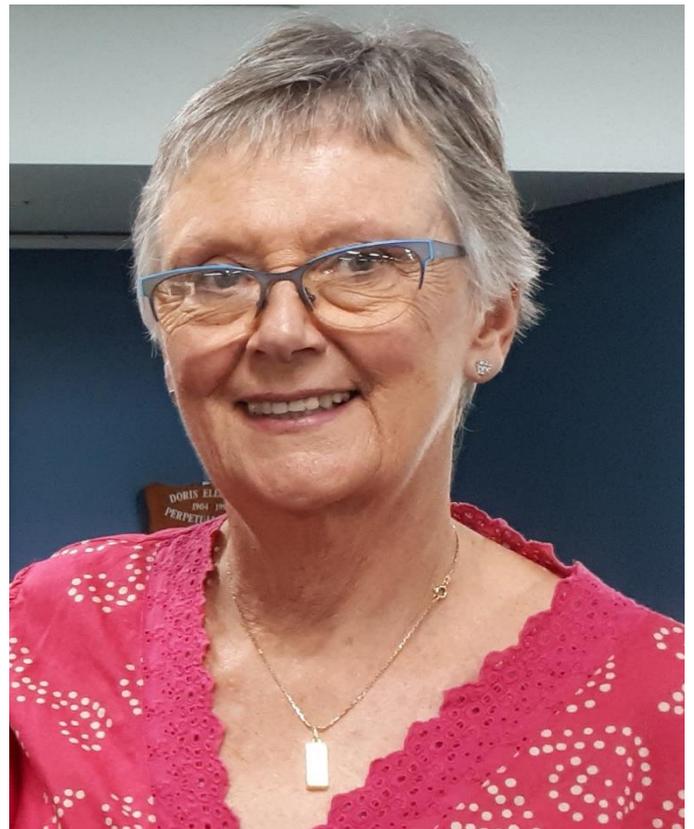
Note: *If you can contribute to the morning tea on the day of the Congress, please bring a plate of nibbles, cake, biscuit slices, etc (on a paper plate covered by cling wrap), on Saturday 17th (or early Sunday morning). If you have any questions, please see Molly who is the Convenor as Sebastian will be away.*

Retirement of our Bridge Teacher

A big vote of thanks to our beloved bridge teacher, Deirdre Giles who, after more than twelve years of teaching Beginner Lessons and Supervised Play at the club, has decided to retire. Deirdre was awarded ABF Teacher Accreditation from the ABF in 2015. At the time, she was only the second person in Queensland to achieve this recognition.

She said it has been a pleasure teaching, and enjoying watching the development of our novice players, however, has decided that it's time to hand over the responsibility to others.

Deirdre has other interests outside of bridge and will now have more time to pursue these. Well done Deirdre – you deserve the break. We greatly appreciate the work you have voluntarily contributed. Thank you.



Nigel Cleminson has now taken on the challenge of teaching our new beginners and coordinating supervised play.

If you are interested in helping at Supervised Play, please contact Nigel.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW
MEMBER**



Kinitra Hutchinson

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



70%ers for August



Ada Krawczyk & Michael Clibbon – 72.5%

JULY PROMOTION

John Bullion

Graduate

The next *Beginners' Class* is commencing on Wednesday, 7th September from 2pm to 4pm for six weeks. The cost is \$50 which includes reference books. If you know of anyone who may be interested in learning to play our much-loved game, please contact Nigel Cleminson by phone or text on 0419 642 498, or email the club: redlandsbridgeclub@bigpond.com

Supervised Play is taking a break from the end of August until the new lessons have finished in Oct. Sessions are normally held on Wednesdays 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.

Bits & Pieces

Positions Filled:

- **Work Health & Safety Coordinator** – sincere thanks to Anneke Rummens who has taken on this role. Anneke joined the club in August last year
- **Facebook Administrator** – many thanks also to Robyn Esdale who has taken over this role.

Melbourne Cup celebrations –

Mark your diaries for **Tuesday, 1st November** for our annual fun day. Details will be provided in due course. A reminder that bridge will start at 9 am that day.

Biscuits for morning tea –

Several members have asked if biscuits will be provided for morning tea again as per pre-Covid. The committee has decided not to proceed at this time, as it is still a health issue. Individually wrapped biscuits are costly, and the wrappings contribute additional waste to our environment. Many members are currently bringing their own snacks and are welcome to do so.

Health & Hygiene –

Ugh! Some members are still not covering their mouths when sneezing or sneezing into their hands, then continuing to play without sanitising their hands. **Yuk!** Please do the right thing by others and follow the recommended safer way to do it.

CORONAVIRUS
PREVENTION



COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE WITH
YOUR BENT ELBOW OR TISSUE WHEN YOU COUGH OR SNEEZE

A Great Day at the Bridge Table

By Brian Gamble

On Monday, 1st August, my partner picked up a hand containing 30 Points. He made up his mind to bid 6 No Trumps after the bidding went 2C – 2D – 4NT – 5D – 5NT – 6NT. My partner, Barry Koster, played it perfectly and was the only player who bid 6NT and made the contract.

In the 50 years that I have played bridge, I have never seen a hand with 30 points!

Also, on the same day a little earlier he bid 7NT, was Doubled and Re-doubled (missing an Ace) with 30 points between us. Luckily the opponents were unable to lead of the missing Ace and Barry made 13 – making a cool score of 2280! Talk about “Fortune favours the Brave”. Well done, Barry!

To Pass or not to Pass, that is the question



A burglar broke into a house one night, looking for valuables when a voice in the dark said, “Jesus knows you’re here.” The burglar nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off and froze.

After a bit of silence, he shook his head and continued. Just as he pulled the stereo out to disconnect the wires, he heard a voice clearly saying, “Jesus is watching you!” Freaked out, he shone his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice, finally the beam came to rest on a parrot in the corner of the room.

“Did you say that?” he hissed.

“Yep, I’m just trying to warn you that he is watching you”, the parrot confessed and squawked. The burglar relaxed. “Warn me huh, who in the world are you?”

“I’m MOSES” replied the bird. The burglar laughed, “Moses, what kind of people name a bird Moses?”

The bird answered, “The same kind of people that would name their Rottweiler JESUS!!!”

Dorothy and Edna, two senior widows, are talking.

Dorothy: “That nice George Johnson asked me out for a date. I know you went out with him last week, and I wanted to talk with you about him before I give him my answer.”

Edna: “Well, I’ll tell you. He shows up at my apartment punctually at 7 pm, dressed like such a gentleman in a fine suit, and he brings me such beautiful flowers! Then he takes me downstairs, and there’s a limousine, uniformed chauffeur, and all. Then he takes me out for dinner. A marvellous dinner, lobster, champagne, dessert, and after-dinner drinks. We went and saw a show. Let me tell you Dorothy, I enjoyed it so much I could have just died from pleasure! Then we come back to my apartment, and he turns into an ANIMAL. Completely crazy, he tears off my expensive new dress and has his way with me three times!”

Dorothy: “Goodness gracious! So, you are telling me I shouldn't go?”

Edna: “No, no, no ... I'm just saying, wear an old dress.”

English is the only language where you drive in parkways and park in driveways.

It’s also the only language where you recite in a play and play in a recital.

Your fingers have fingertips, but your toes don’t have toetips.

The word **QUEUE** is just a **Q** followed by four silent letters.

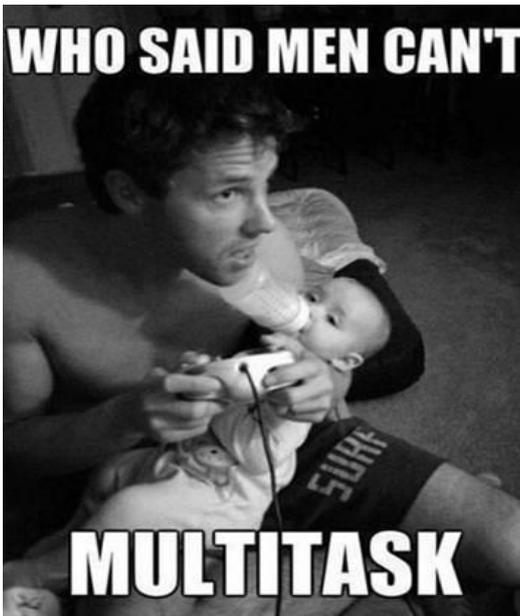
Jail and prison are synonyms. But jailer and prisoner are antonyms.

When you transport something by car, it’s called a shipment, but when you transport something by ship, it’s called cargo.

Happy Father's Day

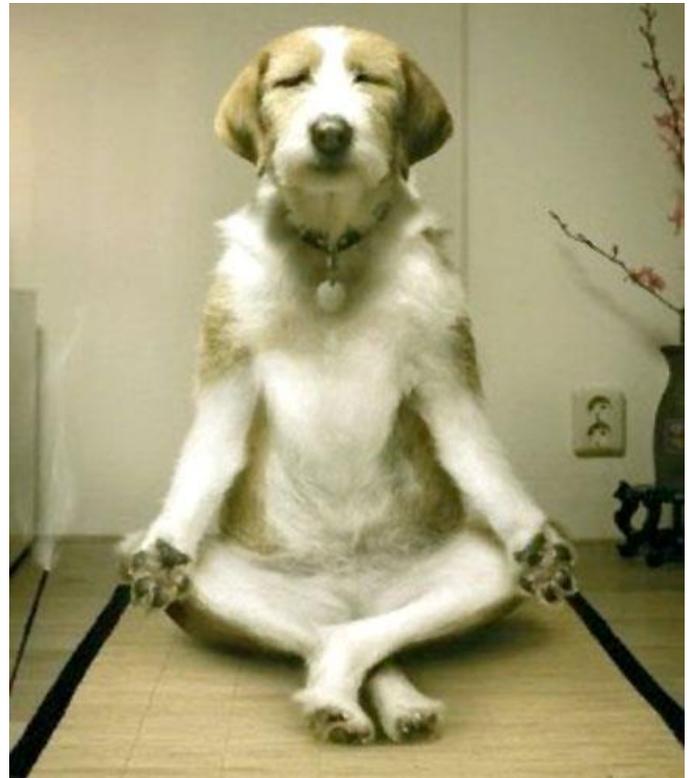


He was driving his toy car around the house and drinking milk, and then I found him like this...



A woman went to a lingerie store to buy a new bra.
"What bust?" asked an assistant.
"One of the straps!" she replied.

I started my new job today. My new boss handed me a fiver and said, "First things first Jack, I need you to go down to the shops and buy me a glass hammer, a tin of striped paint and a bubble for a spirit level."
I laughed and said, "Do you really think I'm that bloody stupid?"
"What do you mean Jack?" he sniggered. I said, "That lot is going to cost more than a fiver."



When life gets too stressful – meditate



Pulled a nose hair out today to see if it hurt!
Judging by the screams of the guy asleep on the bus next to me!
Yes, it did hurt!!