

# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

# TRUMPIT



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Hi Everyone,

*I am sure that everyone will have a very entertaining evening at the **Trivia Night on 8<sup>th</sup> September**. Janelle is working very hard to ensure that the night will be heaps of fun with lots of “interesting” questions, as well as some great (and unusual) prizes.*

*Make sure you have chosen your pizza and written it on the list. Also remember to bring a plate of nibbles to share at your table and BYO drinks (but please drink responsibly). Tea and coffee will be provided.*

*Good luck to everyone competing in the Championship Pairs over the next couple of weeks. What a great start to spring with nice warm weather and a “Super Blue Moon”. May it shine good luck on you!*

*Good bridging and keep smiling!*



**Robina Cooper**

*Nothing spoils a good story like the arrival of an eyewitness.*

## **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

We have a few names for the next set of beginner lessons. By the time you get to read this we will be underway. If anyone from the previous classes would like to have another run through the basic lesson material, you’re welcome to come along at no charge. We’d also welcome anyone who’s played in the past and would like to pick it up again. The classes started on 30<sup>th</sup> August and run for six weeks each Wednesday from 2-4pm. If you have any friends or family who might be interested in giving bridge a go, then have them get in touch – either with me directly or through the club email. We’ve been in touch with the local free paper and hope to have a notice in their Senior’s section for What’s On. That seems to be the only advertising opportunity that’s available to us, although it’s proving a bit difficult to get a response.

The flyer for the next Pairs Congress in our calendar has been approved and is available on the MyABF website. We hope the good feedback that we got from the last Congress will translate into plenty of entries for the next one. At this stage we aren’t getting many entries, so could any of you who would like to experience a congress in familiar surroundings please consider signing up and having a go. Julie Jeffries has had to replace Alan Gibson as the event director.

By the time you read this, the zone finals of the GNOT will have been completed. We have three teams in the field. This is always a very strong competition, and we hope our teams acquit themselves well. Playing against stronger players and seeing how they manage their games is a good way to learn and improve our own techniques. *See page 3 results.*

The Eddie Santagiulana Trophy was played in August. This was won by Judith Corney and me. We undoubtedly got some lucky breaks, which helped our results.

When you're playing in any competition, the objective is to outperform your ranking. A simple mistake can make the difference between a top or bottom on any board. Those who do well are the people who make fewer mistakes than their opponents.

The monthly Sunday bridge day is proving reasonably popular. I know that all of our sessions are social events, but this one is more social than others.

**Nigel Cleminson – Club President**

## 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, cue 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*

## NEW MINOR FORCING

**Gary Brown**



It is good to know that when you freely rebid a suit (you bid it twice) without support from partner, you should have a 6-card suit! On these auctions:

<u>Partner</u>	<u>You</u>	
1♦	1♠	You promise at least 4 spades.
2♣	2♠	Now you promise 6+ spades!
<u>Partner</u>	<u>You</u>	
1♦	1♥	Both the 1♦ and 1♥ bids promise 4-cards.
2♦	2♥	Both rebids (♦2 and 2♥) promise 6+-cards.

This begs the question: How will partner know if I have a 5-card suit? Consider the following auction:

<u>Partner</u>	<u>You</u>
♠ A2	♠ 64
♥ A104	♥ KQJ86
♦ KQ1073	♦ J64
♣ J63	♣ AQ2
<u>Partner</u>	<u>You</u>
1♦	1♥
1NT	?

The minute partner opens the bidding 1♦ you know you have the values for game. So, you bid 1♥ and begin the search for the best spot to play. When partner rebids 1NT, you know she does not have 4-card heart support (or a 4-card spade suit). However, partner might have 3-card heart support and with your 2 small spades, perhaps 4♥ is a better contract than 3NT.

There are several issues with rebidding your hearts. Firstly, if you were to bid 2♥ or even 3♥, opener can pass. Secondly of course, you would be promising a 6-card suit which you do not have.

This is where New Minor Forcing comes to the rescue. The new minor is the minor which has not yet been bid - 2♣. If you bid 2♣ now – it is artificial and forcing. It is asking partner if she has 3-card heart support! If she does not – then she bids something else and now you can bid 3NT. If she does bid 3♥ - great, now you can bid 4♥!

That is one way you can find a 5-3 major suit fit!

## COMPETITION RESULTS

The **Eddie Sangtagiuliana Trophy** was contested by 16 pairs and held over two weeks. The usual jockeying for positions ensued with the final winners being Nigel Cleminson & Judith Corney.

Second were Molly O'Donohue and Gill Ross with Brian Gamble and Carmel Denaro in third place. Thanks to everyone who played and to the directors, who always make sure that things run as smoothly as possible.



Nigel Cleminson & Judith Corney

The **Brisbane Zone GNOT Final** was held last weekend and three teams represented our club. As you can imagine there was some very strong competition with 48 teams competing.

Whilst our teams did not finish in the top ten, they did well as they improved on their gradings for the final – and of course, earned some lovely gold points.

Our teams were: Jim Williamson, Janelle Williamson, Bill Morgan and Ros Putland.

Nigel Cleminson, Shirley Burgess, Judith Corney and David Earnshaw.

Roy Martin, Su O'Mahony, Sandra Berns & Dov Berns.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER



**Josh Davis**

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

## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

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

**\*\* Sunday, 4 September – Sunday Bridge**

**Friday, 8 September – Championship Pairs 2/2 –  
Red Points**

**Friday, 8 September – Fun Trivia Night  
from 5 pm**

**Sunday, 17 September – Redland Graded Swiss  
Pairs, cross imps. Red Points**

**Tuesday, 26 September – Red Point Tuesday**

**\*\* Don't forget to write your name on the booking list  
or contact Avra Bowler. Please bring a plate to share  
for afternoon tea.**

## SPECIAL 80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY



**Congratulations to  
Judith Corney**

## JULY PROMOTIONS

Jane Horvath  
Stanis Davey

Club  
Bronze National

### *Bits and Pieces*

### *Helpers Wanted*

Any donations of food or help in the kitchen on **Sunday, 17 September** for the **Swiss Pairs Congress** would be greatly appreciated. Please let Nigel know if you can be of assistance.

The *Beginners' Class* commenced on Wednesday, 30 August 2023, and runs from 2 pm to 4 pm for six weeks. The cost of \$50 includes reference books for the course. Anyone who has previously done the lessons are welcome to attend for a refresh at no charge.

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](mailto:redlandsbridgeclub@bigpond.com)

*Supervised Play* is taking a break for six weeks while the new lessons are being conducted.

A series of *Intermediate Lessons* covering Defence are being presented by Di Rigano approx. every second or third week, with sessions being held from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm on Tuesdays.

Dates will be announced at the club.

*When arguing with  
your partner, never  
miss a good chance  
to shut up.*



## RECIPE CORNER

Many thanks to Irene Mullan who has shared a couple of her quick and easy favourite recipes.

### Chinese Chews

by Irene Mullan

1 cup SR flour  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup coconut  
1 cup sultanas  
125 gms butter  
1 egg

#### Method:

1. Mix all dry ingredients.
2. Then mix in melted butter.
3. Add egg last.
4. Press into a tray and bake in a moderate oven.
5. Cut into squares when cooked.

### Savaradi Dessert

Packet of Savaradi Sponge Fingers  
1 tin Evaporated Milk  
300mls Cream (whipped)  
1 Flake (chocolate bar)  
Vanilla or any alcohol of your choice

#### Method:

Soak Savaradi Sponge Fingers in evaporated milk (with vanilla or alcohol in it). Put one layer of soaked fingers on the bottom of a dish. Put a layer of whipped cream on top and repeat finishing with the cream. Crumble the Flake on top. It looks great and tastes very nice.

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

**My family told me to get  
help for my drinking...so  
I hired a bartender**





- It turns out that when asked who your favourite child is, you're supposed to pick one of your own .... I know that now.
- I accidentally wore a red shirt to Target today and, to cut a long story short, I'm covering for Debbie this weekend.
- My kids laugh because they think I'm crazy. I laugh because they don't know it's hereditary.
- Sorry I'm late. I got here as soon as I wanted to.
- A police officer called the station on his radio. "I have an interesting case here. An old lady shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped." "Have you arrested the woman?" "Not yet. The floor's still wet."
- I may not have lost all my marbles yet, but there is a small hole in the bag somewhere.
- I don't let my age define me, but the side effects are getting harder to ignore.

**If you haven't grown up by the time you are FIFTY then you damn well don't have to!!!!**

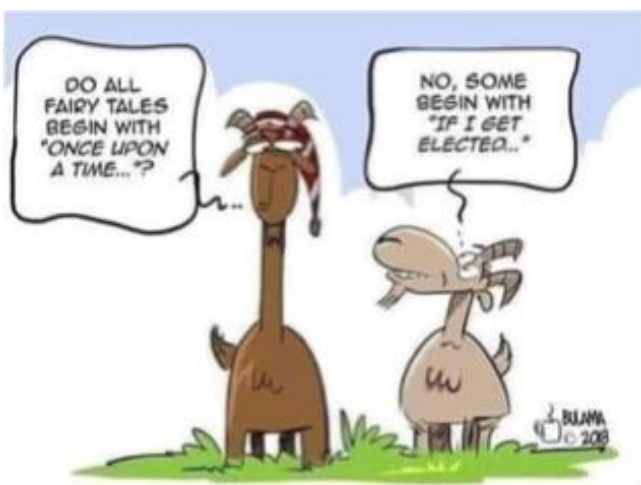
A fireman was working on the engine outside the Station, when he noticed a little girl nearby in a little red wagon with little ladders hung off the sides and a garden hose tightly coiled in the middle.

The girl was wearing a fireman's helmet. The wagon was being pulled by her dog and her cat.

The fireman walked over to take a closer look. "That sure is a nice fire engine," the fireman said with admiration. "Thanks," the girl replied.

The fireman looked a little closer. The girl had tied the wagon to her dog's collar and to the cat's testicles. "Little partner," the fireman said, "I don't want to tell you how to run your rig, but if you were to tie that rope around the cat's collar, I think you could go faster."

The little girl says, 'You're probably right, but then I wouldn't have a siren!'



## ENGLISH LESSON

Tsunami ——— T is silent

Honest ——— H is silent

Psychology ——— P is silent

Knife ——— K is silent

Wife ——— Husband is silent

Class dismissed ...

A duck hunter was out enjoying a nice morning on the marsh when he decided to take a leak.....

He propped up his gun in the corner of his duck blind. Just then a gust of wind blew, the gun fell over, and discharged, shooting him in the genitals. Several hours later, lying in a hospital bed, he was approached by his doctor.

"Well sir, I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is that you are going to be OK. The damage was local to your groin, there was very little internal damage, and we were able to remove all the birdshot." "What's the bad news?" asked the hunter.

"The bad news is that there was some pretty extensive birdshot damage done to your penis. I'm going to have to refer you to my sister."

"Well, I guess that isn't too bad." the hunter replied. "Is your sister a plastic surgeon?"

"Not exactly." answered the doctor. "She's a flute player in the Melbourne Symphony. She's going to teach you where to put your fingers so you don't weee everywhere."

Exercise makes  
you look  
Better Naked.

So does Alcohol  
..your choice. 🍷

While on patrol on a bitterly cold winter's day a police constable came across a motorcyclist who was swathed in protective clothing and helmet, stalled by the roadside.

"What's the matter?" asked the constable.

"Carburettor's frozen," was the terse reply.

"Pee on it. That'll thaw it out."

"Can't."

"OK, watch me and I will show you."

The constable lubricated the carburettor, as promised. The bike started and the rider drove off, waving.

A few days later, the constabulary office received a note of thanks from the father of the motorbike rider.

It began: "*On behalf of my daughter, who recently was stranded ....*"

A high-school student came home from school seeming rather depressed.

"What's the matter, son?" asked his mother.

"It's my grades. They're all wet." said the boy.

"What do you mean 'all wet'?"

"I mean," he replied, "below C-level."

*Children praying in church:*

*'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am.'*

*'Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen.'*

The Marine Drill Sergeant noticed a new recruit and barked at him, "Get your ass over here! What's your name?" "Paul" the recruit replied.

"Look, I don't know what kind of bleeding-heart pansy bullshit they're teaching in boot camp today, but I don't call anyone by his first name." the sergeant scowled. "It breeds familiarity, and that leads to a breakdown in authority. I refer to my recruits by their last names only - Smith, Jones, Baker. I am to be referred to only as 'Sergeant.' Do I make myself clear?"

"Yes, sir, Sergeant!"

"Now that we've got that straight, what's your last name?"

The recruit sighed "Darling. My name is Paul Darling."

"Okay, Paul, here's what I want you to do ....."