

Trumpit

November 2015

Hi All

Christmas is just around the corner. Pretty soon our decoration will go up. The Christmas Party will be on Saturday, 12 December. A flyer will be posted soon with a sign-up sheet—be on the lookout for it.

To me it has been a great 2015 at the Redlands Bridge Club and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has worked so tirelessly to keep our club such a great organization. I know we have our problems, but somehow we work them out and continue to enjoy our bridge and each other's company. Yeah for us.

Molly

Melbourne Cup 2015

has been hailed as a great success. The doors opened at 8:00 am with the sweeps being sold by Carradine and her team. Keith and Anne were the directors of the day and had their hands full with 84 players (22 tables), but they kept us moving. After play finished the food was served. With the race starting at 2:00 pm time was short, so instead of the traditional hat, best dressed, etc. parades, our judges were watching and judging all morning. Congratulations to Kay Justice on best dressed woman; Dianne St. Ledger on top fascinator; Ben Engeman-best dressed man; John Roos nicest male hat; and Pat Carroll for best hat. After food and desert, Philip auctioned off the horses. The bidding was fierce but the members who bid for the winning horses in the auction definitely appreciated the competitive bidding since their take was considerable. After the race the sweeps were paid out and everyone pitched in to clear up the room.

So many people worked to make this year's cup a grand affair and it is impossible to name them all. But special thanks to Di Elliott for her efforts and organizational abilities.

Coming Events

Summer Teams

Thursday, 12 and 19 November

Red Points Wednesday

9:30 am 2 December

Redlands Graded Teams

Congress

Sunday, 6 December

Redlands Christmas Party

Saturday, 12 December

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Congratulations to Deirdre who has completed her Bridge Training course and is now a fully qualified trainer. She recently received her certificate from Joan Butts and it will be placed on the notice board soon. Do any others have a desire to become a trainer? Deirdre would love to hear from you and she would be willing to mentor you while you are doing the courses.

With reference to the recent congress we hosted, we have had some good feedback. One participant said that driving to the Redlands is like a drive through the country! Another one said that our club rooms are just the best and are so refreshing to play in. She also praised the organisation and the catering. So I hope that you all appreciate living in or near the beautiful Redlands and being part of the Redland Bridge Club.

Doug



Shirley Burgess and Kay Justice
Redlands Graded Pairs Congress, Winners Sec. B



Michael Clibbon/ David Bessell
Redlands Graded Pairs Congress
Section C winners



Anne Ormerod and Jean Smith
First Place, Redlands Graded Pairs

Tuition:

The ABF recognises the importance of bridge education. If clubs are to attract and retain members, it is essential to have competent bridge teachers, using modern teaching methods and materials, to ensure that students learn to play and enjoy bridge. The ABF Education Programme provides teacher development and support through its Teacher Accreditation Programme, Teacher Training Programmes, Continuing Professional Development Days, ABF Forum, Teacher Newsletter, and Education Website.

Recently our club teacher, Deirdre Giles, was awarded ABF Teacher Accreditation from ABF. She is only the second person in Queensland to achieve this recognition.



Welcome to New Members
Loretta Dodds
Barry Koster



Trevor White &
Christina Bell
Section B winners
Redlands Graded
Pairs



Dianne Osborne and Carol Ludlow,
winners Section C Redlands Graded Pairs

A LITTLE BIT OF THIS AND A LITTLE BIT OF THAT

It is very important that you get to the bridge tables on time. When you are late it makes the director's job difficult. The director of the day does have the right to refuse you a seat if you are late and the movement has been set. So please, be seated at least 15 minutes before the start of play.

Now that the results are back up on the bridgmate remember that you are not to read them out loud. Also as mentioned in the previous *Trumpit*, Don't be a Bridgmate Hog. Once the result has been entered and E/W has accepted it, turn the bridgmate around so the rest of the table can see what you see.

For members who play on Saturday you may have noticed several people sitting around the kitchen table having nibbles and a drink after play has finished. They are having a small social gathering and everyone is invited. So come along and join the group.

Sunday bridge is over for the remainder of 2015. Thanks to **Jean Smith** and **Di Elliott** for organizing this.

Wednesday night bridge is still going strong. A meal is served. For more information see Avra.

Many thanks to **Margaret Hunt** for organizing the catering for our congresses for the last several years. The upcoming congress, Redlands Graded Teams Congress, on December 6th will be her last one. And talking about the last one, after many years, **Marianne Ross** will also be passing the Congress convenor mantle to a new person. I'm not sure who will be taking Marianne's place, but a little birdy has told me that **Joy Welsford** will be taking Margaret's place. Without people like Margaret, Marianne, and all the people who help, the club would cease to exist. Thank you so much Marianne and Margaret, you deserve a rest.

John Lang who has been writing the weekly ads in the Community section of the Redlands Bulletin will be stepping down. The committee is looking for someone to take his place. Once a week, via email, a small article is written and sent to the Bayside/Redland Times. You don't have to be a journalist to do this, it isn't very time consuming, but very important as it advertises

our club. If you are interested, please talk to Doug or Molly.

NOW SOMETHING ABOUT BRIDGE. . . .

I read somewhere that a well-respected bridge player once said that with the correct opening lead, fifty percent of the time a contract will go down. There have been numerous books and articles about opening leads which all bridge players need to read. A couple of rules of thumb are: don't under lead an Ace in a suit contract; in no trumps lead the fourth from your longest and strongest, but only if you have an honour, with no honour lead the second highest. I'm no authority on opening leads, usually I get it wrong, so I suggest you read and talk to your partner about them. One thing I do know, if your partner bids, you need to lead their suit or you could find yourself walking home.

Another thing I know, unless you have a reason to believe there is a shortage in a suit by the opponents, don't lead out your Ace(s). Aces are meant to take kings and queens, not twos and threes.

Another rule of thumb is always lead through strength into weakness.

And last, but not least, if you and your partner have been playing together for a while, you should know each other's system. When asked by the opposition what a certain bid means, you should know it and not hem and haw about the meaning. Of course, if you are new partnership, getting your system down may take a while. All partnerships should have a system which they adhere to it. It isn't fair to your opponents or your partner when you deviate from it. No system will cover all the various hands in bridge, which is what makes it fun and terribly frustrating.