



# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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**Current  
Member-  
ship:**

**257**

- SPECIAL EVENTS**
- Thursday Mar 28th**
- EASTER**
- MORNING TEA**
- Sunday April 14th**
- 9.30a.m.**
- REDLAND**
- NOVICE TEAMS**
- Monday**
- April 22nd/29th**
- MARIE CURRELL**
- NOVICE TROPHY**
- Walk- ins**
- Friday 3rd May**
- BRIDGE**
- FOR BRIANS**
- Monday 13 (all day)**
- MIXED TEAMS**
- High & Low ranked**

## FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Everyone,



Well we have some new faces on the Management Committee and we welcome them to the mysteries of leading our merry band of bridge players. We had a few changes during the past year due to traumatic circumstances, and it gives us all a reminder to live each day to the fullest, with love in our hearts, a generosity of spirit; and peaceful endeavours that encourage and inspire, so that our lives are made fuller and more meaningful.

For those Committee Members who have left us, we thank them from the bottom of our hearts for the tremendous work they have done, to make the Redland Bridge Club a thriving and modern Club.

The Lunch and morning tea at the AGM seemed well received. The people left behind in the office missed out on food, so we now have a "Runner" who is responsible for making sure food is kept aside for those who are unable to reach the tables in time.

The Indian flavoured food was popular at the AGM and we will be looking into more of the same later in the year. As well as the wonderful food the Chefettes provide I would like to thank Pat Back for the tasty cheese biscuits she provided and also to Pat France for the great help she was at the serving table.

The next Festival will be Thursday 28th March the day before Good Friday where we will provide a morning tea. There will be savoury and sweet food and an Easter cake. We have invited the Tuesday Group and the U3A Group to join us in a separate movement; just as they do on a Monday Morning. We hope to see a lot of them there.

I must mention here that there are some Fairies that help in the kitchen, take home the washing, empty the dishwasher, clean out the drawers etc. We need more help in the kitchen to keep it clean and tidy. I have been cleaning the fridges each Wednesday for about three years now, and with the cooking and

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other duties I think it is time I passed this duty on to someone else.

We require more people to help in this area. When we have a function there are big table cloths, lots of tea towels and table covers to wash. Too much for one person but light for a few. So how about a little of your time to make the world go round??

**Jean Florence**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Well the AGM is over for another year and my apologies to members that the 2012 minutes were lost. A copy was eventually found with Di Williams. (Kevin had a copy due to his involvement in the constitution discussion at the last AGM). In the future a copy will always be on file both as a hard copy in the filing cabinet and on the office computer not on a member's computer. A copy is now displayed in the club and if when you read it and I urge all members to do so if you have any issues please see Fran or myself. We may have to have a Special General Meeting to endorse them and discuss the issue otherwise they will be endorsed at next year's AGM

A warm welcome to the new members of the committee, Darryl Lock as Vice President, and committee members Maria Van Der Kamp, Pam Murray and Peter Neville. As I said at the AGM this club functions almost entirely on volunteers and that involves every member of the club ... **JUST NOT THE COMMITTEE.** If you see a job that needs to be done please do it, you are not treading on anyone's toes. We all appreciate the help.

Our **NOVICE TEAMS CONGRESS** is fast approaching so we will need help in the kitchen on that day together with some cooking from

members, so please help to make it a success. If you can't cook Margaret Hunt would appreciate a donation so she can buy what is needed. Also to our newer players and all under 100MP's please consider playing in it. Teams events are fun days and it is great experience.

The Marie Currell Novice Trophy is to be played on Mondays 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April. This is only open to those under 100MP's and there will be walk-ins available for those who have not entered.

The new Members Book is with the printer at the moment and will be available for distribution shortly. I hope we can all look forward to a great year with the new committee.

Happy Bridging

**Ros Putland**

## **TEACHING OVER EASTER**



John Harris will not be taking any of his classes over the Easter period including Easter Monday.

## **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

### **RED POINT EVENT**

Held on the 20.03.2013

Ist Deirdre Giles and Barbara Mackay 63.7%

Mill Morgan and Margaret Morgan 60.0%

Congratulations

## Beware the Hyena

North

♠. AK2

♥. 432

♦. 654

♣. AJ65

South

♠. 98

♥. KQ5

♦. AKQ8

♣. KI084

Imagine you are South, playing in 3NT. West leads a Heart to your King, and you pause to count your tricks. You have 1 heart, 2 spades, 3 diamonds and at least 3 clubs. To make 3 club tricks, you will need to take a finesse, and at this point you could say to yourself, "Beware the Hyena". This colourful phrase was used by Alfred Sheinwold in the classic bridge textbook called "Five Weeks to Winning Bridge." In this hand the "hyena" is the East hand, because if East gains the lead, he will lead a heart through your Queen, and you will lose another 4 tricks if West has 5 hearts. The Hearts may be distributed as follows:

West:♥ AJ984 East:♥ I06 However, if West wins the Club trick, your Queen of hearts is protected from being captured by the Ace. Therefore you can guarantee at least 9 tricks by playing a club to the Ace, then a club to the Ten. If West wins with the Queen, he can only cash the Ace of hearts and cannot stop you making the game, as you have 3 club tricks.

**Patricia Back**

## Concentration

For those players who are still in the learner phase, but hoping to become competent, there are many tips to note along the way. The daily Bulletins from the recent Gold Coast Congress contain a wealth of useful information. One article featured a survey of the leading players that asked them to identify the qualities that make someone a winner. These obviously included good declarer play, good defensive play, etc but the overwhelming vote went to **Concentration** as the mark of the true champion.

Defence is usually considered the most difficult aspect of the game to master, and this is where concentration plays a big part. Concentrate on your opening lead first. Then when you see dummy, try and work out from the bidding what cards your partner may hold. Then make sure to take notice of any signal your partner may give you. This sounds challenging at first, but like everything else, becomes automatic with practice. The main point is not to let extraneous noise or conversation distract you.



**Patricia Back**

## BEGINNERS LESSONS

The current class of Beginners have their last lesson on Wednesday 20th March, and will progress to supervised play.

A new Beginner Class will commence on Wednesday 3rd April. Anyone with friends or relatives wishing to learn should contact me on 0412 131 172

**Deirdre**

## Gold Coast Congress 13

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Gold Coast Congress, the biggest in Australia, was held in February at the Convention Centre in Broadbeach, a magnificent venue for playing bridge. Several Redland Bridge Club members participated in a wide range of events, and these included:

Deirdre Giles and Philip Thompson in the Intermediate Pairs, where they reached the Final.

(Intermediate level is for players with fewer than 750 Master points, so there are plenty of very experienced players there. Deirdre also played in the Intermediate Teams with Barbara Mackay and this pair distinguished themselves in the final analysis.

David Earnshaw and Trevor White played in the restricted events.

Daniel Chua played in the Intermediate Teams.

Mollie O'Donoghue and her partner played in the B final of the Intermediate Pairs and were placed a very impressive second. Val Roland and Mike Stoneman 1st. George Gibson and Lynne Layton played in the Novice Teams.

Helen Blair bravely entered in the Rookie events for players with fewer than 10 MPs. This was a new event for the Congress, with 2 sessions which attracted 14 and 15 tables a time. Experts Ron Klinger and David Beauchamp then discussed the hands and answered questions, truly valuable lessons for the inexperienced players. Helen also enjoyed playing in the Novice Pairs on the Friday.

Pat Back and her partner were in the Seniors Pairs and Teams, very tough contests. They were pleasantly surprised to make the final of the pairs, where they did not distinguish themselves. However, in the Teams they were pleased to be placed 13<sup>th</sup> out of 52 teams. (apologies to any of our members who were not mentioned).

One of the features of the Congress each year is a "Dress up" night on Sunday which has a different

theme each year. This year it was "Tropical" and the night was very colourful, obviously easy for the men with a great range of Hawaiian style shirts in evidence. Hawaiian leis were available to enhance the women's outfits, such as those worn by one pair, Gillian Richmond and Penny Cockbill. These two featured clever headdresses, one with a pineapple, the other a slice of watermelon. Many players and directors, also the organisers enjoyed the fun and entered into the festive spirit.

The entire week-long Congress is a triumph of organisation by the QBA team headed by Therese Tully. The total number of players is huge, for instance there were 200 teams in the Open Teams category, many of them with 6 members. Modern technology ensures that results are available almost instantaneously in every section, adding greatly to the players' enjoyment. Finally the Venue is magnificent, especially the acoustics, lights and air-conditioning (a trifle cool in some corners), ensuring maximum comfort for all. *Pat Back*



*Gillian, Penny and friend*



## U3A Bridge for Beginners Class

Last week we had a graduation with a great lunch at Thai Tamarind at Vic Pt. The 6 graduates will have their first Club session on Tuesday 19/3 and are very excited and nervous at the same time. Lessons started on 19 July 2012, so they are well equipped to go out and enjoy their bridging. It has been a pleasure teaching them and a rewarding experience for me. I look forward to watching their progress. Please make them welcome when you see them. The next U3A class will begin in July, so if you know anyone who can benefit, let them know.

**Avra Bowler**



## PINKLANDS TRAFFIC REVIEW

The commissioning of new traffic lights at the Dinwoodie Road intersection has significantly improved road safety and reduced the risk of traffic accidents for cars entering and leaving Pinklands.

Let 's review the new rules

Using the old internal access road into Pinklands, this access is to be used **ONLY** for:

1. Turning left from the direction of Cleveland entering Pinklands, and
2. Turning left towards Victoria Point when exiting Pinklands.

Remember: Only Left Turn In---Left Turn Out on the old access road.

At the new traffic lights opposite Dinwoodie Road, vehicles turning right entering Pinklands from the direction of Victoria Point **MUST** use these lights, where you have the safety of the slip lane.

Vehicles exiting Pinklands, turning right towards Cleveland, or going straight ahead to Dinwoodie Road, **MUST** use these traffic lights.

However we have 2 new problems:

1. The Redland Junior Rugby Leagues Club is concerned that Bridge Club cars are travelling at excessive speed on the internal road outside the Rugby League Clubhouse. They are particularly concerned about speeding at weekends when a significant number of children are in the vicinity.

2. Some Bridge club members are taking a short cut from our parking area, speeding across the unsealed area, through the trees to the internal sealed road. In dry weather, they leave a huge cloud of dust behind which envelops cars following and parked.

**MEMBERS, PLEASE SLOW DOWN ON THE INTERNAL ROAD AND ON THE UNSEALED PARKING AREA**

**John Florence**

RBC Workplace Health and Safety

Coordinator



## **IMPORTANT TRAFFIC NOTIFICATION**

Redland City Council contractors advise that sewerage restoration work alongside Cleveland—Redland Bay Road outside Pinklands, is planned to commence on 25th March 2013, weather permitting.

This work will close the old access road for up to 4 days.

**ALL TRAFFIC** must enter and exit Pinklands through the Dinwoodie Road traffic lights during this period.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Congratulations to the following:-

Jan Robbins

Ben Engeman

Kevin Gilbert

Albert Duff



We are a wonderful Club and we know you will enjoy your stay with us.

**Margaret Wienk**

## **NEW TABLE PLAY CLOTHS**

Bev Tucker is organizing to have new cloths for the tables in time for the Novice Congress in April.

## **SOCIAL CONVENOR**

Di Elliott is our Social Convenor again this year and will be carrying on the good works that she did last year. With her energy and good sense of fun, we are in for a good year.

TAFE at Alexander Hills last year, are no longer available. Classes are now being held at Mr. Gravatt and this could be a little too far away for our convenience. However she will be speaking to a couple of Restaurants this week and will then discuss suggestions with the Committee so hopefully we should have our first social event at the end of April or the beginning of May.

Don't forget the Easter morning tea on Thursday 28th March.

**Di Elliott**



## **CONGRESS**

Don't forget that there is a congress coming up, and it would be nice to see many newer players at the tables. Margaret Hunt is looking for home cooked food for the food table. Donations are always gratefully received. She also requires helpers, so please see her and arrange a time.

Well, that is all for this month. Easter is a time for reflection, family and renewal and with that in mind, I wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Adieu,

**Jean**

