

Trumpit

September 2015

Hi All

I started writing this on Sunday afternoon, and things were going along well, having saved it several times to my computer. Then I had to fix dinner, closed the computer down and when I went back to finish my latest *Trumpit* masterpiece, it had vanished, gone, disappeared. I tried everything I could think of to find it, but the cyber gods were not with me, in fact, they really hate me. Needless to say I was not a happy camper, in fact, I was very distressed. Poor Philip really copped it the rest of the night, but then if I hadn't had to fix him dinner I wouldn't have had to shut the computer down. See I can blame Philip for everything. Anyway, I bought my computer to bridge on Monday for Darryl, our club computer guru, to look for it, but no joy. Now here I am starting all over again. But, hopefully this *Trumpit* masterpiece will be as good, if not better than the first attempt, which was eaten by those little computer germs, viruses, bugs, all those nasty things created to drive us crazy.

Molly

Teams of Three

On Tuesday, 11 August the club ran a Teams of Three competition. We had fourteen tables and many of the players were from the Tuesday session. Each team was assigned a "captain" or more veteran player to help the less experienced players. The Morgan Team won which included Trevor Rayfield, Doug Elkington, and Doug Sands with Bill Morgan as captain. The day went well from the feedback I received but the players said more time to discuss boards between sessions was needed. As convenor, I want to thank the Captains for their time and expertise.



Congratulations to **Dov Berns** and **Sandra Berns** on winning the Novice Pairs Congress recently held at the club.

Upcoming Events

Championship Pairs
Friday, 4th and 11th September

Redlands Graded Pairs Congress
Sunday, 27 September, 9:30 am

Spring Graded Pairs
Monday, 12th and 19th October

Carol Ludlow and **Dianne Osborne**
third place in the recent Redlands
Novice Pairs Congress





IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

PATRICIA BACK

Opening the Bidding with 2 Clubs

In a recent session at our Club, the following hands were both opened with 2 Clubs.

Hand 1

♠ A

♥ AQ764

♦ 7

♣ QJ10987

Hand 2

♠ A

♥ AKJ7

♦ 10

♣ AKQJ1072

Hand 1 was presumably judged to have 4 losers, but how many tricks did it contain? It had 1 Spade, 2 Hearts, no diamonds and possibly 3 Clubs, according to what the contract was to be. It is winners that make contracts, not losers.

On the other hand, Hand 2 contained 10 tricks and was a genuine 2 Clubs opening. It only needed 1 trick from partner to make game in Clubs. The partner had the 10 of hearts, which made the 11th trick.

Using Loser count only works if you have a self-supporting suit such as KQJ10987, accompanied by 3 other losers.

In addition, 2 Clubs should have at least 19 High card points, whereas Hand 1 had 13 points, and was a minimum opening hand.

Welcome to our New Members

Henry Polt, Maureen Doo, Julian Barry,
Millie Brown, Christine Styles, Graham
Fisher.

Membership is 306

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Doug Sands

Recently I represented our club at the Redlands Sport & Recreation Forum. This is an annual event hosted by the Redland City Council and is an attempt to improve communication between the 120+ clubs in the city and Council, and between the clubs. Clubs ranged from football to bowls, walking to museums. Some had similar problems as us, and some had a completely different set of issues.

Council is actively seeking to assist clubs and their events to promote the quality of life we enjoy in the Redlands and to provide economic benefits to the clubs and the city. Council assisted us to upgrade the sign to the clubhouse on the main road. Have you noticed the new brightly painted directional sign near our southern entrance?

One of the interesting statistics presented at the forum is that approx. 10% of Australians volunteer to assist others in some capacity. I checked our club. Of our membership of about 300, there are many more than 30 volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers, Kevin Gilbert has taken on the role of Purchasing Officer for the kitchen and office. If you see something running low in the kitchen or office, tell Kevin or write a note on the white board in the office. Also Ben Engeman has volunteered to update our 30 or so job descriptions. The forum identified that good job descriptions help people to do their tasks properly and make it easier for people to volunteer. Thanks to all those who helped to write and update our job descriptions in the past. These haven't been updated for a few years so please work with Ben if he asks you for assistance in updating your job description.

We are still looking for a Congress Catering Coordinator starting next month and a Congress Convenor starting in January. Can you help? There are 4 congresses each year. Can you do even one or two?

Congratulations to **Barbara Mackay** and **Deirdre Giles** on winning the Eddie Santaguilana Graded Pairs trophy for 2015. It was down to the wire with Keith and Anne Ormerod running a close second.

Doris Kerr Trophy Winners 2015



**Pat
Back
and
Deirdre
Giles**

Tuesday Mentoring

The Committee has agreed to have a three month trial mentoring program during the Tuesday session starting on August 18. Anyone with more than 50 masterpoints can help a player on Tuesday, as long as the player has less than 2 masterpoints. The “mentor” cannot win any masterpoints. A list was handed out in the supervised session and during Tuesday play with members who are available to play on Tuesday. If you are interested in this mentoring program, please contact Molly at yankmolly@gmail.com or call on 0433797968. There is a list on the board with people who will mentor during other bridge session.

Social Evening

On 26 August many of us enjoyed a sumptuous meal at the Court House Restaurant. It was the last evening of their Wednesday Winter Warmers and Di Elliott did a wonderful job organizing the event for us.

Let’s talk about bridgemates....

The advent of electronic scoring, via the bridgemates, has made life much easier. It may have taken us a while to get comfortable using them, but now that we are I couldn’t imagine having to go back to the “old fashion” way of scoring. No longer is it necessary for someone to score-up after the session ends, which delayed getting the final results. We don’t have to write the results on travellers and remember that 2 spades is 140 or 1 NT is 90. But having said all that, the

bridgemate is only as good as the people using them. So let’s go through some bridgemate etiquette:

--After N/S has entered the contract and results, E/W should leave the device on the table to accept. If E/W needs to pick up the device in order to see the screen, they should pick it up, accept the results and then put it back on the table so everyone else can see the additional information that the bridgemate gives us. Some E/W players hold the bridgemate up in such a way that no-one else can see the screen as they press Accept, and leave it there as they look at the other results before placing it back on the table.

--Please don’t read out the results that all the other tables have made. This creates problems when it is overheard at the other tables. Also, there are times when the opponents know they got a bad result and don’t want to know the gory details. If people want to know the results they can look too, if E/W hasn’t scrolled through them.

--This one isn’t really an etiquette issue, but is very important. There has been a rash of incorrect scores entered into the device lately. It is E/W’s responsibility to make sure the contract and results have been entered correctly.

DON’T BE A BRIDGEMATE HOG

Beginner Lessons

A new series of Beginner Lessons is scheduled to start on Wednesday, 30 September at 2:00 pm. To sign up or for more information please contact Deirdre Giles on 3207 0500 or Di Elliot on 0488551082.

1 NT Response

When your partner opens and the opponents overcall you may, of course, bid 1NT, but here is the problem. If you are using the 1NT response as just a point count and not showing a stopper in the opponent’s overcalled suit, it **must** be alerted. Please talk to your partner and come to an agreement about this as it is a QBA regulation.