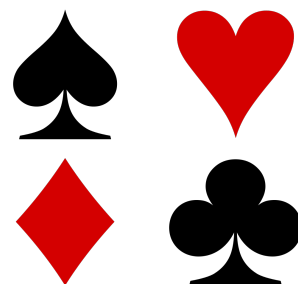


REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



MAY 2016

Hi everyone,

Well firstly I would like to say thanks to everyone who gave me such positive feedback on last month's edition of the Trumpit. I have been receiving bits and pieces from different members which certainly makes my job easier and the newsletter more enjoyable to read..

What a busy month it has been at the Club, starting off with the Redland Novice Teams Congress which was well attended (14 teams) ten of which were from our club and it was good to see some newer players taking part. Some of them told me how tired they were by the end of the day, having to concentrate for so long but that they had enjoyed it. As usual all the food was excellent and Joy and her helpers did a terrific job keeping us all well-nourished.

On Monday the 25th we had Anzac Day with a special afternoon tea and although Gill and I organized the food, special thanks to Liz Engeman who looked after the kitchen for us, while we played.

The first round of the President's Pairs took place last Thursday. Good luck to all those participating.

There's always something exciting going on!

Happy Bridging!



Pauline Curtis

Thought for the Month

"The road to hell is paved with good conventions!"



WINNERS

REDLAND NOVICE TEAMS

1ST PLACE



President Doug Sands with Winners -

Barry Koster, Ken Clem, Richard Spelman & Peter Heard

(Sunnybank Bridge Club)

2nd PLACE

Darryl Lock, Glenda Lock, Peter Neville & Pam Rupp
(Redland Bridge Club)

3rd PLACE

Doug with, Diane Arnold, Carol Ludlow, Di Larcombe
(missing Poona Gounder)
(Redland Bridge Club)

EVENTS FOR MAY

Thursday 5th May 9.30 a.m.
PRESIDENT'S PAIRS 2 of 2 - Red Points

Friday 6th May 9.30 a.m.
BRIDGE FOR BRAINS

Monday 9th May 12 noon
MARIE CURRELL TROPHY 1 of 2
Red Points + walk-ins

Monday 16th May 12 noon
MARIE CURRELL TROPHY 2 of 2
Red Points + walk-ins

Friday 27th May 9.30 a.m.
MIXED TEAMS ALL DAY - Red Points
(High/Low Ranked)



BRIDGE FOR BRAINS

FRIDAY 6TH MAY

**\$10.00 TABLE FEE & GOLD COIN
DONATION**

***Please let Anne Ormerod know if you can
bring a plate to share***

"Just as muscles will atrophy when not used regularly, so will brain power deteriorate when not maintained with stimulation. Most people attempt to achieve this exercise in pleasant activities, such as reading novels or attacking crossword puzzles. Bridge offers an exciting way to partake in mental exercise."



FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW

The Mixed Teams Event is a day when a lower ranked pair is matched up with a higher ranked pair by the Director, to make up a team.

It's always a great day so put your names down and have some fun!

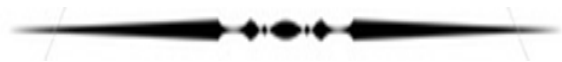
**MARIE CURRELL NOVICE TROPHY**

This Trophy was donated to the Club by John Currell in memory of his wife. Marie played an important role in the history of the club by loaning her own money to help fund the building of the present clubhouse and was always eager to support new players.



DON'T FORGET WE ARE HAVING A WORKING BEE ON SUNDAY 22ND MAY at 9.00 A.M.

See Mike Souter or David Fulcher for details.



IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

Alerting

When playing in a Duplicate session at any affiliated Bridge Club, you are playing under the umbrella of the QBA (Queensland Bridge Association). In turn, the QBA is under the umbrella of the ABF (Australian Bridge Federation) as well as the worldwide family of contract bridge players.

You are playing a complicated game that has its own rules, (earning Master Points for those who are interested) and it is a courtesy to other players to try to play within those rules.

A comparatively recent rule is that any conventional bid must be alerted, really as a courtesy to one's opponents. A conventional bid is one that **does not mean what it says**. Players often ask whether an opening 2 Clubs should be alerted. As it rarely means Clubs, but conveys a specific message, **2 Clubs must be alerted**, as also must a response of 2 Diamonds be alerted. Do not explain the meaning of 2 Diamonds in this sequence unless asked. In fact, do not announce what any alerted bid means unless you are asked its meaning.

Recently a player at our table did not alert a transfer bid of 2 diamonds after she had opened 1 No Trump. This was brought to her attention, and she said "You know what it means!" My partner and I were stunned. Not only was it wrong, as not everyone plays transfers, but arrogant, and a blatant disregard of the rules.

In addition to not alerting, some players are very slack about stating the strength of their 1 No Trump opening bid.

Please, try to be as courteous as possible, and stick to the rules while indulging in our favourite pastime.

Patricia Back



BRIDGE LESSONS

New beginner lessons will start on Wednesday 11th May at 2p.m. 'til 4 p.m. If you know anyone who is interested they can call me on 0412 131172.

Newer players can take advantage of the Mentoring system in place on Tuesdays. You can play with a more experienced player for up to three times. A list of Mentors is available from myself, Molly O'Donohue or Bruce Johnman.

Deirdre

WELL DONE 70%ERS

MARCH/APRIL

KEVIN GILBERT/PAULINE CURTIS	72.2%
TREVOR RAYFIELD/DAVID YOUNG	70.4%
BILL MORGAN/JEAN SMITH	71.4%
IAN ARGENT/JAN ARGENT	73.0%
LIZ MAGUIE/DIANNE ELIOTT	72.5%

**IMPORTANT EVENT NEXT MONTH
FRIDAY 6TH JUNE**



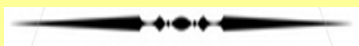
**AFTERNOON TEA FOR BREAST
CANCER
GOLD COIN DONATION**

*Please let Janelle Williamson know if you can
bring a plate to share*



HAVE A LAUGH

*Learning she was going to have twins,
the bridge-playing wife said "That's just like my
husband doubling me when I'm vulnerable".*

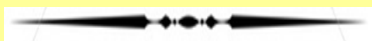


*A Polish immigrant went to the Department of
Transport to apply for a licence but first he had to
take an eyesight test. The Optician showed him a
card with the letters:*

C Z W I X N O S T A C Z

"Can you read this? The optician asked.

*"Read it?" the Polish immigrant replied
'I KNOW THE GUY'".*



*"My bridge partner ran off with my wife and let
me tell you I really miss him".*



*"I never drink alcohol while playing bridge,
it interferes with my suffering"*

AT THE RECENT NOVICE TEAMS



It was the first hand of the day -

The dealer opened 1C

My partner asked "What's your club?" to dealer's
partner.

Response: "Redlands".

Barb McGorman

**HOW ABOUT THESE FOR THE GENTS AT THE
CLUB - WOULDN'T THEY BE TERRIFIC?**



HAVE A NIGHT OUT?

**You can come to the Club on a
Wednesday Night for a very social game
of Bridge. You need to be here at 6.45
p.m. to start play at 7 p.m. and you
don't need a partner.**