

## OUT AND ABOUT

*Judy Blomfield*

Several members from Redlands attended the Noosa Bridge Week in October. Paul Marston focused on Jacoby 2NT and Splinter Bids for slam bidding and introduced us to Squeeze and Endplay concepts. Bob Jones from Florida also talked about the 2/1 bidding system (based on Standard American) which is popular in North America and Europe.

The program included six sessions of bridge (two sessions per day for three days), five lessons and two bridge talks. Wow--and we still found time for BBQ'S, restaurants, swimming, shopping, walking, and sightseeing.

Redlands players performed well, Lynne Layton and George Gibson came in second in the Ivory Pairs and won the plate in the Sun Pairs. Gill Ross and Di Elliott were very consistent with several top 3 finishes with Shirley Burgess and Judy Blomfield having pleasing results.

Mark this event on your calendar for next year; it is usually played in October and is very popular so when the entry forms appear be quick to secure your

### **CALL FOR HELP**

Congress Catering Director for next two congresses as Margaret Hunt will be unavailable. Please see Ann O. or Marianne Ross if you are interested.



## IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

*Patricia Back*

On a page in the current QBA Bulletin Director Peter Busch lists some habits that annoy him which is essential reading for regular Club players.

Alas, there are quite a few players in our Club who display some of these faults from time to time, often without intention.

- Do not make a bid until all players at the table have sorted their hands.
- When playing a card to a trick, make sure all the other players have a chance to see your card, rather than waving it in the air and then obscuring it.
- Gloating when you or your partner has made an extra trick can be offensive to the opposition.
- During the bidding, do not ask questions about a particular suit, especially if you have no intention of bidding anything. It may be construed as asking for that suit to be led, which is highly illegal.
- Be careful when you are dummy. **Do not** play a card until instructed by declarer.
- When you are defending, do not alert your partner to the fact that you are void in a suit. He may not have noticed. On the other hand, when you are declarer, it is not necessary to announce you are void in a suit.
- When you hold all the remaining tricks it is polite to claim\*, rather than playing them out one by one and wasting time.  
*\*(Note from the Editor: when you claim you must explain how you intend to play the remaining cards)*

## FROM THE EDITOR

## Call for Teams

I always ask the club president, Ann O. to write something for the *Trumpit*. The Peter Busch article also caught her attention, as it did Pat Back who also mentioned it in her column. The following is Ann O. **President's Column** this month:

Recently the Peter Busch article in the June & Sept QBA issues titled *What Annoys Bridge Players* got me talking to members about the topic within the club. Many agreed wholeheartedly with the items he mentioned, especially in relation to bridgemate usage. I recommend that all of us have a read (via QBA website if you missed it) <http://www.qldbridge.com/bulletin/qba/QBAJun14.pdf> as there are many pointers that we should be aware of when we are playing bridge. One that is not mentioned in his article is **giving advice at the table**. Even when given with the best intentions in the world its effect can be the opposite. If the advice is not asked, it can be very intimidating for the receiver making them feel less confident to play subsequent hands in the round. Please be well mannered and ask if they would like advice before giving it.



### FROM THE COMMITTEE

**Disabled Parking:** It was decided to remove the last two spaces from the southern end of the building and relocate them, plus two more, to the first four spaces nearest the Clubhouse in the centre car park.

**Change to Bylaws:** It was agreed to change Bylaw 4.3 to read: Entry to Honour Board Events be open to All Home Club Members of RBC and non-Home Club Members of RBC who have played at the club at least six (6) times in a calendar year.

**Mobile Phones:** Due to the problem with mobile phones going off during play the director's subcommittee recommended and the committee agreed to penalize players who do not put their phones on silent. Please ask anyone who needs to call you during play (emergency) to use the club line (3207-7296) which the director will answer.

**Brisbane InterClub Teams**—each year QBA affiliated Brisbane Zone clubs may field three teams, 1 in each grade based on masterpoints to play in an interclub competition.

A: any masterpoint rankings;

B: each team must hold less than 300 masterpoints;

C: each team member must hold less than 100 mps.

The InterClub 2014 will be hosted by the Arana Bridge Club on Sunday, November 23. If you have a team please sign up soon. We would really like to have the Redland Bridge Club represented. This is a red point event.

## Upcoming Events

### November

#### Summer Teams

Thursdays, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30

Interclub Zone Competition  
Sunday, November 23

### December

#### Red Point Wednesday

Dec, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30

#### Redlands Graded Teams

Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30



### Space Filler

When two honours are missing, and there is no indication of where they are, declarer should play for split honours which is assuming that each defender has one.





## And the Law Is:

### Playing cards from Dummy

During the play of the hand, dummy is simply declarer's agent. He detaches and places in a played position those cards nominated by declarer. This should be done without question, comment or reaction. Dummy does not participate in the play, and hence he shouldn't touch or indicate any card without instruction from the declarer. A card is defined as 'played' at the instant it is designated by declarer. Alternatively, declarer may elect to reach across and select the desired card from dummy. This usually only occurs if partner is absent from the table. A card once touched must be played, unless declarer was specifically rearranging dummy's cards, or if he accidentally touches another card, above or below the one he intends to select. There are times when dummy mishears declarer's instructions, and plays the card he thought he heard. When this occurs, the defender next in rotation sometimes also plays a card before the initial misplay can be corrected. For example, dummy may be a bit deaf and hear "eight" instead of "ace". This is covered by Law 45D. "If dummy places in the played position a card that declarer did not name, the card must be withdrawn if attention is drawn to it before each side has played to the next trick, and a defender may withdraw and return to his hand a card played after the error but before attention was drawn to it." So if the "eight" was detached from dummy and a defender follows with the king before dummy's error is pointed out, then the defender can return the king to hand after dummy has exchanged the "eight" for the "Ace".

Sometimes we become a little lazy with how we designate cards from dummy, and say things like "diamond" or "low". Declarer "should clearly state both the suit and the rank of the desired card" (Law 46A). However, when the call is incomplete, these are the restrictions that apply

- "High" means play the highest card in the suit led.

- "Win the trick", means use the lowest card that will win.
- "Low" means follow with the lowest card of the suit lead.
- Naming a suit and not a rank requires dummy to play the lowest card in that suit.
- When leading from dummy and nominating just a rank, the laws assume a continuation of the same suit that won the previous trick (providing, of course, there is a card of the required rank available).
- In all other cases, declarer must simply play a card of the rank designated, if one exists, and if two or more exist then declarer gets to decide which one.
- When declarer nominates a card not in dummy, the call is cancelled and declarer gets to try again.
- Finally, if declarer instructs dummy to play 'any card', then this is the only situation where either defender may designate which card is to be played! Law seeks to provide a safety net with which to resolve any difficulty regarding an ambiguous designation. The safest approach, however, is to avoid the problem altogether by following correct procedure, and fully naming the card you wish to play (both rank and denomination). This avoids any potential misunderstanding as to which card was intended, as well as any subsequent claims of dummy involvement. (From Laurie Kelso).

## And the Winners are . . . . .

### SPRING GRADED PAIRS



*A Grade:* **Barbara Mackay**  
and **Pat Back**

*B Grade:* **Tricia McGregor**  
and **Pauline McKay**



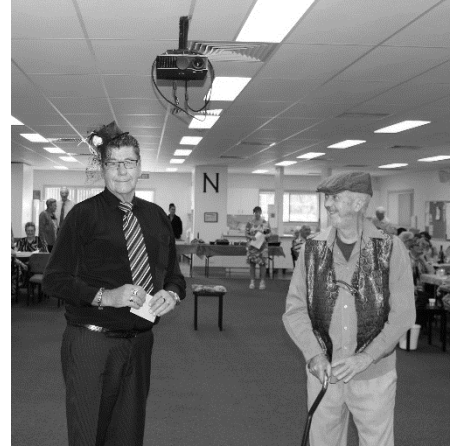
*C Grade:* **Pam Rupp**  
and **Peter Neville**





## MELBOURNE CUP 2014

A good time was had by all at this year's Melbourne Cup. The room was full, the bridge was ok (but who cared), the grog was flowing, the food was ideal, the ladies were dressed to the nines, and the men were . . . then the race. Thanks to all who helped to make this a great day, especially to Di Elliott and her helpers; to Keith and Ann for directing; Margaret and Eve for morning tea; and so many more. Below a few pics of the festivities.



The Bag Ladies

The Men . . . .



The Barmen



The Ladies . . . .

