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FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Everyone,



I noticed this morning just a peep of winter around the corner. The garden has burst forth after the recent good rainfall, so it should retain its vigour throughout the winter season. I have never seen the roses with such long stems.

Anzac Day will be celebrated at the Club with a special morning tea supplied by the Club, and a table set aside for memorabilia. It is a day worthy of being remembered by all Australians. Of course our flag will be flying happily, which will make Margaret Walker proud.

The new Redland Bridge Club Booklets are available. Please help yourselves to one per Member. They are on the front desk.

That seems to be all and I have a very nice "Letter to the Editor" this month.

Jean Florence



"LETTER TO THE EDITOR" IN APPRECIATION

On behalf of my partner and myself, I would like to record my thanks to the committee of Management for their generosity in giving all Bridge Players who participated in the game of bridge on Thursday, the 11th of April, 2013, a free game.

As we moved around the tables it was evident, all players present were overwhelmed at the committee's generosity.

President Ros Putland also announced that there was one free session only for members playing on other days of the week,, based on a monthly basis.

It is indeed pleasing to know the finances of the Bridge Club are in such a profitable position. to enable such generosity towards its members.

I would like to record my thanks to all members, both present and past, who have served on the Committee of Management , and otherwise, for their dedication,, loyalty and hard

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 3rd

Friday

Bridge for Brains

May 13th

Monday all day

Mixed Teams Event

All day

Highest and Lowest

Ranked

May 23rd and 30th

Thursday

President's Pairs

(No walk ins)

June 10th Monday

Start of the Winter

Eclectic

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work within the Club, taking into consideration the huge debt which was incurred, when the building was erected in October 2002.

May you all be spared for many years to come, to enjoy this fascinating game and the fruits of your labours.

Thank you all once again.

Florence Napier.

President's Report

We have recently hosted our 1st congress for the year and although only 10 teams played a great day was had by all especially the winning team of Jim Williamson, Shirley Burgess, Neil Casey and Ray Chapman. My thanks go to all who assisted at any time during the day either in the kitchen, supplying food or assisting Val. As I have said many times this club only exists if we have plenty of volunteers.

Thursday players recently enjoyed their free day and in May it will be the turn for players on another day. John Florence is currently undertaking Fire safety and evacuation training so your cooperation is requested and our thanks to John for providing this training for all. The member's books are now available so please pick one up.

Peter Neville is currently trying to persuade Redland City Council to do some upgrades to the car park. It may not be successful, as we have been told there is no money to spare.

Please support all the upcoming events, The Red Point Mixed teams on Monday 13th May (all day event), the President's Pairs on Thursday 23rd and 30th May and especially Bridge for Brains on Friday 3rd May. All table fees and raffle money will go to Alzheimer's research and there is an opportunity to donate even if you cannot play on the day. Envelopes are available on the front table or from Trevor Topfer. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENT

And Happy Bridging.

Ros Putland

Director's Corner

Law 24 is about a card exposed or led prior to play period.

If a card or cards are exposed during the auction period by accident either accidentally dropped or prematurely lead then the director requires that such card/s be left face up until the auction ends. Information from such cards is unauthorized for the offending side and authorized for the non-offending side. If the offender becomes declarer or dummy then the cards are picked up and returned to the hand. If the offender becomes a defender then the card is a penalty card and Law 50 applies. In this case we are looking at a card prematurely led thus a major penalty card. Because the auction is not complete the offender's partner must pass when it is his turn to call and sometimes this can damage the non-offending side.

When the partner of the offender (with the major penalty card) has the lead the declarer has 2 options. He can ask for or deny the lead of the suit of the exposed card in which case the card is returned to the hand OR give no lead restrictions in which case the penalty card remains on the table and must be played at the 1st legal opportunity. Please remember a major penalty card must be played at the 1st opportunity.

Ros Putland



Being Ethical

Sometimes during a bidding sequence, a player might ask an opponent the meaning of a bid that has not been alerted. In this case, the bid should be assumed to be natural. Therefore, if you ask what that bid means, and particularly if you also name the suit, it may be inferred that you yourself have a strong holding in that suit. If your partner asks this sort of question, and you are on lead, **do not lead that suit**. If you do lead it, the director may be called and will not allow you to lead it when told about the question that had been asked. Your partner has given away the information that they are interested in that suit. However, after subsequent tricks have been played, it is quite in order to lead this suit, as you now know more about the whole hand. The point is: do not inquire about a suit bid unless it has been alerted.

Patricia Back



NOVICE PAIRS CONGRESS

Thanks to all those people who helped to make the congress such a success. The food was wonderful so thank you to those who supplied such wonderful cooking. The workers in the kitchen were wonderful to work with, and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Margaret Hunt

Beginners Corner

Blocking and unblocking Suits

It is common for inexperienced players to have problems with entries to their hand and the dummy. For this reason it is important to think ahead and make a plan.

Say, for instance, you are playing this hand in No trumps.

North

♠.QJ

♥.876

♦.KQJ874

♣.83

South

♠.AK2

♥.A532

♦.A

♣.KJ642

After West leads a spade at trick 1, it is vital to study the hands for entries. It should be obvious that there is only one entry to dummy, the Queen or Jack of spades, which you will need in order to reach the diamond suit. It is very easy to absentmindedly play the spade 2, and cut yourself off from dummy. Correct play is to overtake with the spade Ace, cash the diamond Ace (“unblocking” that suit) and enter dummy with the spade Queen. Play all the diamonds, then you can claim 10 tricks. It takes some experience to be aware of entry problems when you start playing the hand, but the important point to remember is to not play too quickly to the first trick.

Patricia Back

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

I was given an article from a Newspaper, by one of our Members. It was Titled:- “Always Time for Civility” and the sub title asked the question of:- “Too time poor for manners???”

The conclusion of course was that it’s the momentary little acts of politeness that add up to an avalanche of positive change.

We can blame our busy lifestyles for obesity, divorce, sleep disorders, traffic violations, the inability to cook, find a rubbish bin etc.

What rubbish.

It takes very little of our time for such courtesies such as waving someone to go ahead of you or pushing in your chair so others don’t trip over it.

How much time does it take to say Thank you, to smile or hold the door open for someone behind you.

If another motorist upsets you, you don’t get out of your car and hit him with a skate board, as happened at a set of traffic lights on the Gold Coast.

It is important that we keep traditions alive and well that build tolerance, community spirit and pride.

The Editor



LOST

A grey glasses case in which are new green spectacles with strings attached. They were lost somewhere in the vicinity of the Club House. Would finder please return same to Marianne Ross.

Thank You.



TUITION

Supervised Play people are doing well under Carmen Denaro’s care, and are now ready to join bridge sessions on Tuesday mornings. Please make them feel welcome. For some people it’s a bit scary to play with the ‘big kids’ for the first time.

Beginner lessons have another two weeks to run and these new players will move on to Supervised Play.

Supervised Play sessions are held on Wednesday afternoons at 2p.m. and on Saturday mornings, and are open to any player who feels that he or she needs advice with bidding or play.

Deirdre Giles

Well Members, we are a bit late with the Trumpit this month, and it is very short, but I promise the next one will be earlier. There will be lots to report. Don’t forget that Mothers Day celebrations will be celebrated on Saturday 11th and the RBC Chefettes will be happy to cook for you all, that day. We will need to know numbers, so the Director will ask on the week prior, who will be coming, so we will know how much catering ,we will need to do.

Till next month,

Adieu, **Jean**

