



REDLAND BRIDGE

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FROM THE EDITOR

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President's Report - August 2011

Our Treasurer is pleased to advise, on behalf of the Management Committee, that our budget is on track at the six month mark. Our income was \$509 ahead of target and our expenditure \$3,635 less than our targeted figure. Whilst these figures are obviously pleasing, there are always expenditure amounts that become due in large amounts; our insurance being one that is due. We have just received a quarterly electricity account for **\$1,100** which was for a period of 85 days. This period is the first account in which our solar panels have been in full operation; our previous accounts for electricity have been over \$2,000 a quarter.

Joan Butts' last lesson will be DEFENCE

which should be a lesson most members will find helpful. Please register your interest by placing your name on the list on the notice board. Whilst it is helpful to partnerships do these lessons together, if your partner cannot make it on the day, you can always pass the information on to them. Joan usually distributes well-explained printed notes.

Current Membership:

270

New members:

2

It seems that Winter is nearly gone, and Spring is upon us. Winter is supposed to be the season where colour in the garden is not as vibrant as Spring and Summer, but that has not stopped Members bringing in colour from the garden to brighten our Bridge Club. Thank you all for the thoughts.

I must say the Club is looking very grand with its new cupboards and conveniences. We are all looking forward to the upgrade in the kitchen area.

Our Library is being used extremely well with not only books but jig saws as well. Much thought is given to our relaxation by a couple of diligent ladies who choose, catalogue and tend to this area. Again thank you very much.

Our garden is looking very well cared for at the moment. I believe we had contractors in to do the trimmings and mulching. I am amazed that the Kangaroo Paws are doing so well, since they have had little attention in times past.

This month we have a Profile of Peter Alp. Peter holds the distinction of Honorary Life Member. Over the years he has served the Club in many ways (some he mentions in his Profile.) We thank him for his dedication and service.

That about all.

Adieu, Jean

Special events

Red Points

2 Saturday's

Usual times

September 3rd

October 15th

Interclub teams

Sunday 30th Oct

All day

3 graded sections

Our **REDLAND GRADED PAIRS CONGRESS** will be played on 25th September. This is an all-day Red Point event and entry forms are available at the front entrance. Members please support this event.

The surrounds of our playing area have now been tidied up, making it easier to move around the room, and if required, we could increase the number of playing tables, which was initially the point of the exercise. The kitchen upgrade consists mainly of improving our cupboard and storage space, realigning dishwashers, microwaves and pie warmers.

Happy Bridging

David



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Unfortunately, due to lack of numbers the GNP was cancelled this year. It is a great disappointment that this has happened. The GNP is a great vehicle for Club members to get gold points in the comfort of our Clubrooms playing against their peers. Hopefully next year we will be able to run it again.

We have two red point Saturdays coming up soon. These are the only red point days that you do not have to register prior to play. They will be held on Saturday the 3rd September and 15th October.

Interclub Teams is being held at our clubrooms on Sunday the 30th October (all day). There are 3 graded sections. A list has been put up on the Notice Board for any PAIR that would like to enter this event. If we get more than 2 pairs enter for a specific grade, John Harris and myself will be selecting the pairs to play in our teams representing our Club. Thanks to your Committee entry is free. Please put your names down if you would like to play.

I am sure you have all noticed that we have new cupboards. A whiteboard is now on some of the doors. I started on a weekly basis writing a Tip of the Week. Please take the time to read and if you have any questions please ask.

Please remember that a card played inadvertently or by mistake can never just be put back in the hand. The director **MUST** always be called and they will either require it to be left on the table as a penalty card or will tell you to return it to your hand.

Good Bridging,

Val



TALKING TO YOUR PARTNER

One of the most vital bids made during the auction is the first re-bid by the opener. A good question to ask oneself at this stage is: "Have I got more than I might have had"? One way to answer the question with a good hand is to make a jump bid. A second way to show a better than minimum hand is to **reverse** the suits. This means to re-bid a higher-ranking suit than your first bid.

West (dealer)	East
S.J2	S.AQ63
H.AQJ10	H.54
D.AKQ102	D.J53
C.109	C.8753

Here the West hand opens the bidding with I diamond. East responds 1 spade. It is now correct for West to bid 2 hearts, reversing the suits, and showing 17+ points. With a minimum hand, East prefers the first suit by bidding 3 diamonds, showing nothing extra. West should pass.

Now change the West hand:

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West

East

S.J2

S.AQ63

H.AJ106

H.54

D.AK105

D.J32

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C.10873

C.96

Again West opens 1 diamond, and East responds 1 spade. West has a minimum hand, (12-16) and the correct re-bid is 2 diamonds, or possibly 1 NT. East passes and the contract is at a sensible level.

If West had re-bid 2 hearts, East would be forced to raise diamonds to the 3 level, which is too high and the contract would fail.

When your partner reverses the suits, you should be confident they have a 17+ hand, and you should bid accordingly.

Patricia Back



COMPETITION RESULTS

GNOT qualifiers:-

1st. Morris, Birrer, Woolley, Woolley

2nd. Argent, Ormerod, Sherrell, Alp, Smith, Giles.

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1ST. Alp, Sherrell

2nd. Ormerod, Davies

3rd. Geise, Geise

Congratulations to all.

NEW MEMBERS



We have two new Members this month and we welcome them and hope they will enjoy Bridge as we do.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ray Chapman Ph 3824 3382

Bruce Donaldson Ph 3286 3742



CATERING CONVENOR

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25th will be the

Graded Pairs Congress. This event normally draws a big crowd to our Club. We would like to put our best foot forward like at other Congresses, in showing off the Club, in particular the catering.

I am asking Members for their help on this day, both Ladies and Gentlemen.

We require the following:-

Food contributions, both savoury and sweet.

Baking ingredients and/or donations.

Helpers in the kitchen.

We would greatly appreciate help in these areas.

A list will be on the Notice Board where you can notate your contributions in any of the above areas.

With thanks,

Margaret Hunt



SOCIAL CONVENOR



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To all our new and old members we want to invite you to our Melbourne Cup celebrations. It's a great day, subsidised by the club.

We play bridge first then party afterwards.

When you arrive there will be sweeps to take and an auction of the horses running so that you can buy your own horse or form a syndicate and share ownership of a horse.

We will be looking for and giving prizes for:-

The best dressed lady and man.

The craziest hat.

The most spectacular hat and

The prettiest fascinator.

There will be a lucky door, lucky table prizes and prizes for answering quiz questions properly.

We will tell you more as we get closer to Tuesday November 1st. We just want to make sure you know about our big day and keep the date free.

LUNCHEON



Where: Grand View Hotel

When: Tuesday 13 September

Time: 1p.m. onwards. (Bridge shortened Tuesday)

Food: Off the menu and pay accordingly.

Weather conditions: All undercover.

This is a perfect opportunity to meet and make friends with other Bridge Players, so we hope to see you there. Please put your name on the list on the notice board if you are coming.

Judy Blomfield

TEACHER'S DESK



Our current group of happy learners

are nearly ready to venture into the

novice sessions. Richard and Darryl are already playing on Wednesday mornings.

Richard comes back for more on Wednesday evening. They are both doing well.

Aaron and John have played once on Monday and were so chuffed with their success they will be regulars from now on.

Paula has her baptism on Tuesday morning in Michaels session.

Deirdre returns this week and I will be pleased to report we only lost one from the class and that was due to business commitment. She promises to return when time permits.

I wish to thank Ros and Carmel for assisting me in taking the classes in Deirdre's absence. They have been extremely helpful. I am sure they found it fulfilling as I did and I know the pupils have enjoyed their assistance and the cheerful manner in which it was given.

I have four starters for the next beginners' course but as yet no date is set.

Before signing off may I ask when these new people do start the real thing,

Please give them a real Redland Club welcome.

Cheers for now,

Bev Tucker



CONGRESS

GRADED PAIRS

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER

25TH 9.30 A.M.

PROFILE: PETER ALP

I was born in 1928 in Chatham, Kent in the UK. When I was 11 years old early in 1940, during the bombing of London and the Home Counties, I was evacuated to Wales, where I lived with a miner and his wife until early 1942. While I was in Wales my father died suddenly. This was a great shock to the family; leaving my mother alone to bring up my two brothers, my sister and myself.

I joined the Royal Navy in 1944 as an Artificer apprentice, following my elder brother, and served for a total of nearly 36 years, promoted to Sub-Lieutenant (E) in 1951 and finally retiring in 1980 having achieved the rank of Commander.

I saw very little “action” but ships I served in included: HMS Anson, a battleship in her last commission in 1949; as a very young artificer; HMS Illustrious in 1953, an aircraft carrier, as a newly promoted Sub-Lieutenant, she took part in the Coronation Review of the Fleet; HMS Daring, a destroyer, as a Lieutenant (E), at the Suez Canal incident in 1956; HMS Lincoln in 1965, a frigate, as a Lieutenant-Commander during the Malaysian problem, she was based in Singapore and we visited Hong Kong and the American base at Subic Bay in the Philippines. Finally, in 1973, I was appointed to HMS Galatea, another frigate, as the Squadron Weapons-Electrical Officer as a Commander. During this appointment Galatea took part in the “Cold War” off Iceland in 1975. I also inspected other ships of the squadron in the West Indies and the Indian Ocean, visiting the Seychelles and Mauritius en route.

Between ships I spent a lot of time driving desks in various Admiralty offices and establishments. While at the Admiralty Underwater Detection Establishment at Portland I took up full-bore rifle shooting as a hobby and was fortunate enough to win the S.R.(a) Dorset County Championship in 1960, and to prove it wasn't a fluke I won again in 1961. When I left Portland I continued rifle shooting, but only small-bore, 0.22 in calibre. As a replacement for the full bore shooting I took up golf. I was never very good at this pastime but I persevered for more than 45 years until I could no longer play to an enjoyable standard. I gave it away at the age of 80 in late 2008.

In 1978, I had the life-changing good fortune of being accepted as the partner of Joy Sherrell,

whom I met (strangely enough) at Plymouth Bridge Club!

After retirement from the R.N. in 1980, I worked as an engineering manager at British Aerospace in Bristol until 1987. I was involved in the development of the Sea Dart anti-aircraft missile during and after my naval service. Sea Dart claimed 7 of the Argentine aircraft destroyed during the Falklands war.

In November of 1987 Joy and I decided to retire to give ourselves more opportunities for relaxation and enjoyment of life.

Over the years we have been together we have enjoyed our common interest in bridge. We have been to many bridge congresses and travelled the world on a number of bridge holidays: to Cyprus 3 times, Durban (South Africa), Nairobi and Mombassa (Kenya), Malta, Tunisia, Corfu and Turkey. We also travelled extensively on many non-bridge holidays, too many to mention, but the highlights include trips to: USA (by Concorde), South Africa (again), including an excursion to Victoria falls, Canada with an Inside Passage cruise, New Zealand – North and South Islands, China, Japan on a cherry blossom tour, Egypt and this year to Vietnam.

Meanwhile, Joy's three children decided that Australia was the place to live; Roy in 1971, Chris in 1989 and finally Sue in 1993. We therefore decided to follow them and in November 1994 Joy and I arrived in Brisbane, a move neither of us has for a moment regretted, although I left behind my daughter Wendy, son-in-law Brian, grand-daughter Anna-Louise and my son Stephen. My daughter and granddaughter have however visited us several times and we always look forward to their visits.

We looked long and hard for a home and after 18 months living with Sue we found a nice block of land in Ormiston and built a low-set home which exactly meets our requirements, where we have lived happily for more than 14 years.

The low point of my life so far was when my son Stephen was killed in an accident at his home in London in 2002.

We joined the Redlands Bridge Club in the month of our arrival in Brisbane, our first game at the Club being the Queensland Wide Pairs, when we won a prize! We have enjoyed many happy times (both triumphs and disasters) and met many good friends

over the bridge tables. I had one year (95-96) as President, about ten years on the management committee, and about eight years as chief tournament director.

Peter Alp



TIT-BIT

BIRTHDAY VOUCHERS

I believe that as from the 16.08.2011 there will not be any more Birthday Vouchers.

We have been very lucky to have been given such considerations. In all, that is \$1350 on today's Membership count.

Or 270 less Members, playing at a session for the year.

It has been a very generous gesture.

The President and Committee must be commended.



UMBRELLA SITUATION

The Umbrellas in the white basket is causing a trip hazard. Please collect your umbrella. We will have to give them away if they are not collected by the 24th of this month. Please have a look and see if you have forgotten to

take your broly home. We will keep a few for those unusual times, but we cannot keep all of them. Thankyou for your consideration.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BRIDGE

Wednesday evening

Christmas in July.

Card play sessions on

Wednesdays are now

5pm to 6p.m. and

Dinner at 6 p.m. Vince



A MEMBER'S OBSERVATION

Recently I attended Joan Butts' bridge lessons at our Club designed for intermediate level players. I found the lessons worthwhile and Joan is a very good presenter being easy to follow.

The first lesson was "**Big Hands and Big Bids**". Joan's system was quite precise as to what to open with a **balanced hand**. Her recommendations were:

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| 0-12 points | Pass |
| 13-14 points | Open 1 of a suit and then rebid NT at cheapest available level |
| 15-17 points | Open 1NT |
| 18-19 points | Open 1 of a suit and then rebid NT jumping a level |
| 20-21 points | Open 2NT |
| 22-24 points | Open 2♣, planning to rebid 2NT |
| 25+ | Open 2♣, planning to rebid 3NT |

For **strong unbalanced hands** Joan has a formula for deciding whether or not to open your hand with a **strong 2♣**. This involves comparing Quick Tricks to Losers. If your Quick Trick count is greater than your Loser count, you can open 2♣. If not, open 1 of a suit and go from there.

The second lesson was called "**Cue Bid (painlessly) to Slam**". Once you have decided on a suit, if you think there might be a slam, you can ask for 1st and 2nd round controls. 1st round controls are voids and Aces, and 2nd round controls are singletons and Kings. The process is started by the bid of another suit which is a control-showing bid. The partnership continues control-showing bids "up the line". It does not include the controls in the trump suit. The process can be stopped by bidding the trump suit, jumping to slam or bidding Blackwood. I think this convention could be easily incorporated into my game.

Joan's next (and I believe last) will be on defending. The class starts at 2 pm on Thursday 15th September. Cost is \$15 and includes printed notes.

Shirley Burgess

Thank you all for your contributions,

Jean

