



# Redland Bridge Club Inc

# TRUMPIT

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## Current Membership

271



## SPECIAL EVENTS

New Year Eve Party

7p.m.

See Avra

New Year Graded  
Pairs Red Point  
Event

Mondays 7th/14th  
January

Australia Day

No Partner required

Saturday

26th January

## From the Editor



Christmas has come around very fast. We as Grand parents have been busy with the Grand children. What would they do without us and what would we do without them. Christmas is a time for children and family and I wish you all the best for the festive season.

I must say we had a wonderful time at the Christmas Party held at the Bridge Club last Saturday. Everyone was merry, conversation was flowing and friendships were evolving. There was a lot of organizing to provide us with such a smooth running event and I thank the committee for their time and effort. To provide catering for 100 people is no easy task.

There are pictures of the Christmas Party on the board, that you are welcome to take for a small cost. I should have the Photograph/History Album nearly complete for up to 2012, by the new year, which I will leave on the table near the picture board for you to peruse.

Have a wonderful and safe Christmas

and a bright new year.

**Jean Florence**

## **President's Report**

2012 is coming to a rapid close and I wish all members a Blessed Christmas and a healthy and happy 2013. Our Christmas party is over for another year and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. (If the noise from several tables was anything to go by then it must have been a good party) Our thanks to Kay Justice for arranging and decorating the Christmas and Anniversary cakes for the afternoon tea and it is wonderful to know she is in complete remission.

At the last meeting, the committee approved the setting up of a catering committee under the guidance of Jean Florence to cater for special events like Australia Day, Mother's and Father's Day and the AGM. It will not be responsible for Congresses although may help if needed.

A Special General Meeting will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 10.30am to discuss and hopefully ratify the proposed changes to the Constitution, many of which are to bring it in line with new guidelines from the Office of Fair Trading. These changes need to be attended to before the AGM in March.

Deirdre Giles will conduct beginner lessons starting 6<sup>th</sup> February and also Pat Back and Pat Crowd have agreed to have a discussion group on Monday afternoons after bridge to discuss hands that those attending found interesting or difficult. This will start in February. John Harris is also available to teach multi 2's if asked. When Joan Butts, Ron Klinger or Paul Marsden advertise lessons then the committee will look at arranging for them to come to the club provided we have sufficient numbers.

Bridgemates now show contract, results, rank and percentage for a trial of 2 months to determine if noise and time to play hands again become a problem. The directors and committee will revisit this in February. We currently have 6 members who are training to be directors and they will be incorporated into the rosters from the New Year. Please support them.

Some members have queried the level of support that we have provided to the new Logan-Beenleigh club. We have given them our old waste paper baskets, lent a few folding tables and side tables and an old box of boards which Di Williams is dealing as well as doing a lot of dealing for this club. Logan-Beenleigh has applied for a funding grant to purchase their own equipment. I hope you join me in wishing them well for the future. This club is now in a very sound financial position due to the hard work of a lot of members over many years and we should all thank them.

Have a great time with family over the Festive Season and Happy bridging in the New Year.

**Ros Putland**

## **Director's Corner**

**Eclectics:** I have been asked to explain the eclectics that the Club runs either throughout the year or on defined occasions such as the Christmas Gift Eclectic that was held during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December. The definition of eclectic is: "Selecting what seems to be best in different doctrines, methods or styles" or "composed of elements drawn from various sources". If you look at the Club's 2012's Calendar, you will see that eclectics were run for half-day green point sessions that were held each day of the week for all months other than December. The December Christmas Gift eclectic was a special red point event, which I'll mention shortly. So, in the month of November for example, and excluding the Melbourne Cup (Tuesday) session and the red point State wide pairs (Thursday) and the Spring Team (Friday) events, there were 4 normal sessions on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday but only 3 normal sessions on the Tuesday. In calculating your green point eclectic result, you must have played in at least 3 of these sessions on the same day (but not necessarily with the same partner). Take Monday for example, you must have played in at least 3 of the 4 Monday sessions during November. If you have, then the percentage you got for your 3 best scores are averaged and ranked against all other qualified players. If you are in the top half of this ranking, then you are awarded Masterpoints. If in a month there were only 3 eligible sessions for a particular day, then it is the 2 best percentages that are averaged. If there are only 2 eligible sessions for a particular day in the month, then no Eclectic Masterpoints are awarded. The Christmas Gift eclectic is a special red point event but the eclectic procedure is similar to the other months except to qualify, you must have played in at least 3 of the days in that week. Again, your 3 best percentages are averaged and ranked with other qualifying players. For more detailed information about Eclectics, please speak to Carradine Lucas who manages the Eclectics.

**Kevin Williams**



**Penalty card issues:** Most players are familiar with most of the laws concerning penalty cards, but there are two aspects that some players get confused about. Firstly what is a 'minor' and what is a 'major' penalty card. A 'minor' penalty card is any card below the rank of an honor (i.e. any card of 9 or lower) that is accidentally exposed. For example, a card slips out of your hand or a second card comes out when playing a card to a trick. If the accidentally exposed card is a **10 or higher**, it is always a 'major' penalty card. Also, if a player has 2 or more exposed cards of any rank, then **all of these cards** are 'major' penalty cards. If any card is **intentionally played** but in error (eg a corrected revoke or a faced lead from the wrong hand) and irrespective of its rank, it is a 'major' penalty card. Secondly, confusion occurs as to how and when the penalty card must be played. Irrespective of whether or not it is a 'minor' or a 'major' penalty card, a player must always follow suit if he/she can. If the player can not follow suit, then the penalty card, 'minor' or 'major', must be played. When the suit of the penalty card is led, then this is where there is a difference between 'minor' and 'major' penalty cards. With a 'minor' penalty card, the player can choose to play a card of that suit of honor rank (10 and above) and the 'minor' penalty card is left face up on the table as a 'minor' penalty card. However, the player has to play the exposed 'minor' penalty card if he/she chooses not to play an honor card of that suit. With a 'major' penalty card, it **must** be played to the trick. But here is a point of law that many players are not aware of. When a player has a 'major' penalty card exposed on the table and his/her partner is on lead, the Declarer may exercise lead restrictions on the person on lead. Declarer can demand or prohibit the lead of the suit of the penalty card or allow the lead of any suit. If Declarer demands or prohibits the lead of that suit, the exposed card is no longer a penalty card and is returned to the hand of the offender to be played at a time of that person's choosing. This lead restriction continues while the Offender's partner is on lead and the 'major' penalty card is faced on the Table. These lead restrictions **do not apply** for a 'minor' penalty card.

**Kevin Williams**

**Winners:** Redland Graded Teams Congress (photos Page 6)



**A-grade:**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Phil Hale, Patrick Bugler, Malcolm Carter and Nikolas Moore (Toowong/QCBC)

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Ian Afflick, Paul Collins, Terry O'Dempsey and Sue O'Brien (Redland/QCBC)

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Joan Butts, Paul Wyer, Peter Hainsworth and Toni Bardon (Joan Butts/QCBC/Sanctuary Cove).

**B-grade:**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Lorraine Pescaore, Peter Murray, Jo Leary and Dennis Sullivan (Northern Suburbs)

**Equal 2<sup>nd</sup>** Annette Sullivan, Glenys Clift, Denise Hartwig and Mavis Simpson (Toowoomba)

**Equal 2<sup>nd</sup>** Monica Pritchard, Alan Boyce, Jill Tuckey, RozanneThomas (QCBC/Noosa).

The Bessell team of David and Alan Bessell, Mike Clibbon and Leo Pitt won the encouragement award.

**Raffle winner:** Bev Tucker (ginger bread house)

Helpers :

Margaret Hunt, Margaret Wienk, Di Williams, Jean Smith, Maudy Hair & Colleen Briggs for kitchen duties; Lois Mawter (raffle ticket selling); Carradine Lucas, Di Williams & Daryl Lock (dealing of boards); and David Earnshaw( drink purchase). Thanks to Ros Putland and Marianne Ross who took part in teams that were short of a player.

**Kevin Williams**

## UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Thank you from the Redlands Community Centre for the gifts and goods supplied by our members (a letter will come in due course from them)

**Thanks Ros**



## TALKING TO YOUR PARTNER

### No Trump Openings

In a recent duplicate session I observed two occasions when an opponent failed to open 1 No Trump with a balanced 17 points. When this was queried, the answer was “I had a doubleton” In one case the doubleton was A9, surely a useful holding. These players only open 1 No Trump with a 4-3-3-3 shape, and thus miss out on giving their partner useful information about the strength of the hand. 1 No Trump is the most descriptive opening bid you can make. Teachers and text books all recommend the following shapes for this bid: 4-3-3-3, 4-2-4-3, 3-3-5-2 (with a 5-card minor). After the INT opening bid, your partner knows you have 15-18 in high cards, plus at least 2 cards in each suit, and can plan their response accordingly.

**Patricia Back**



### ANOTHER WORD OF APPRECIATION

If you think our congresses are all about attracting brilliant bridge players who love a tight competition, think again. Forget the slams, the masterpoints and the, albeit small amounts of money: it's all about the food! For years, whilst playing in these events, I have been hearing players from various clubs utter the words “We only come for the food! Redlands always puts on such a good spread.”

We are traditionally, a very special bunch here, and I think we should take our hats off to the ‘Foodies’ at our club who contribute so much to our very successful events. Wassail the cooks!

**Chris Mayfield**

## ONE OF THE FIRST TRUMPIT'S



There is a copy of the 4th Edition of the Trumpit written way back in the Nineties by Ian Afflick. See Bev Tucker if you would like to read it.

Bev said she should have her recollections of the History of the Redland Bridge Club available –hopefully– in the first half of 2013.

She wishes a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all those who will eventually read it. Her documentation would have been sooner but she had a month of severe asthma and 2 months of computer glitches.

**Bev Tucker**

### MONEY MATTERS

I could not have managed these last twelve months without the people who so ably assisted me.

First there is Ross Laybutt, our Banker, who is doing a terrific job counting and reconciling our Monies. (it sounds easy, but you should try it one day!). Thank you Ross.

Then there is Charlotte, our Petty Cash Manager. Many thanks to you too.

Of course, many thanks also to Ria, who right now is in the middle of the membership renewals. A huge task indeed.

And finally thank you to all members who have paid their renewals so promptly.

In conclusion I extend to everyone my best wishes for the season.

**Beb Hogerheyde. (Treasurer)**





## MOVERS AND SHAKERS

I would like to say a big thank you to all the Dealers who have assisted the club this year. Without their work the club could not function in the way that it does.

Also a big thank you to all the Directors for their willing co-operation in any innovations we have made. Again, it all makes the club run smoothly.

**Carradine Lucas**

## U3A CLASS

The 7 dedicated and keen students are having 2 weeks off over Xmas/New Year and will be back to finish lessons early next year. In between cruises and other holidays, they have persevered and are coming along splendidly! They will be an asset to the club.

**Avra Bowler**



## NEW YEAR'S EVE BRIDGE

For all those not partying elsewhere and who want a fun night out, come along to our New Year's Eve bridge night. Doors open at 7pm and bridge will start at 8pm. You don't need a partner and lifts can be arranged. See the list on the board on the western side. **A minimum of 20 is preferred so get your name on the list!**

The club will be providing wine/drinks and there are no table fees. It will however cost you a plate of something yummy to share at our supper! We will have a countdown and watch the Sydney fireworks to top off the evening. So come along and see the New Year in with some great company and good cheer.

**Avra**



## TUITION

Thanks to everyone involved in tuition during the year. Lots of people helped out in various ways, from beginner lessons, taking supervised play, and improver bidding and play, to writing articles for the Trumpit. Its pleasing to see so many people interested in helping others.

New Beginner lessons start on Wednesday 6 February at 2pm so if you know of anyone interested in giving bridge a try, please ask them to make contact with me on 0412 131172 or email at [gilesodyssey@gmail.com](mailto:gilesodyssey@gmail.com). There will also be supervised play on Tuesdays at 2pm from 5 February and we hope to recommence supervised play on Saturday mornings after the Christmas break.

Happy Christmas to everyone,

**Deidre**



## REDLAND GRADED TEAM CONGRESS

This was our last congress for 2012, as usual it was well attended, therefore we had a busy time in the Kitchen. Thankfully I had fantastic help, also many wonderful contributions of home baking, so our standard of catering, according to our visitors, is top of the tree.

Many Thanks to all Helpers and Donees, I look forward to working with you again, wishing All a Happy Christmas, may Peace ,Health and Good Fortune be yours for 2013.

**Margaret Hunt.**



**WINNERS AT THE REDLAND GRADED  
TEAM  
CONGRESS  
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**Merry Christmas,  
Jean**

