



REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC.

TRUMPIT



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Current Membership:

285 

SPECIAL EVENTS

6th/13th January 2014
Monday 12 p.m.
New Year Graded Pairs

27th January
Monday
Australia Day

FROM THE EDITOR



Hi Everyone,

Christmas is here again and with it our families, food and fun. Many of us will be away or will have much awaited visits from our loved ones. This fills us with joy and gives us the endeavour to look to the future with verve and goodwill.

The Bridge Club has seen many changes during the year, and we have to thank the Management Committee, for the work it has done towards making the club more comfortable, in which to play bridge and enjoy to our social interactions. The President's Report at the AGM will detail these changes on the 8th March.

I would like to thank all those people who have helped me to deliver the Trumpit throughout the year. John, Pat Back, Joy Slade for proof reading and all those people who send me "Letters to the Editor," those who read it and tell me it is ok, and those who each month send me contributions which make the Trumpit the magazine that it is. I am

always in need of articles of interest for the Trumpit, so if you think it is suitable, please see me. I am only at Bridge twice a week, so I do miss some things, so if anyone wants to be my Assistant, please see me.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Jean Florence

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The last meeting was relatively short but **2 subjects** were discussed at length. The first was the **Christmas Party** and what a great success it was and many thanks are due to Jean Florence and her crew of Chefettes and others. To all who had any part many thanks from the committee. However we realized what a huge task it was, and resolved that in the future, we would have outside caterers. The point of having a Christmas party is so ALL may enjoy themselves, even if the food is not as good. All we, as members, should have to do, is provide the drinks and nibbles, return the room to order and wash the table clothes

and provide afternoon tea.

The **second** discussion item involved the perennial problem of the air conditioner. We have called in a consultant and adjustments have now been made but further adjustments may be needed in the next few weeks.

During the holiday period certain sessions may be cancelled. At present Tuesday 23rd is cancelled as is Wednesday night session on 1st January and also it goes without saying all sessions on Christmas Day. Please note Avra is planning on holding a session/party on NEW YEAR'S Eve. If you wish to come please indicate either to Avra personally or place your name on the LIST NEAR THE TOILET DOOR. If there are insufficient numbers on Boxing Day and New Year's Day 9.30am sessions they may well be cancelled. IF YOU INTEND PLAYING ON EITHER OF THESE DAYS PLEASE INDICATE ON THE LISTS NEAR THE TOILET DOOR.

I would ask all members if you are asked to move before the start of a session especially when numbers are unpredictable, as they can be, at this time of the year you do so with graciousness. If you feel that a director has not given the correct decision then you have the right of appeal.

I wish all members a HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a HEALTHY NEW YEAR

Ros Putland

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome 2 new Members and we hope your stay with us will be happy and fruitful and you find the game of bridge intriguing and interesting as we do.

Robyn Francisco

Benjamin Whitehouse



Talking to your partner



Doubling for Penalties

It has come to my notice that many of our players are reluctant to double the opponents for penalties and sometimes "let them get away with murder". If you know you and your partner have the values for game, and the opponents interfere, always consider the possibility of a penalty double. It helps to know the scores for contracts that are doubled, then go down. For instance, if you beat the doubled contract by three tricks, you score 500 if they are not vulnerable, 800 if vulnerable. When it is obvious the opponents have "sacrificed", say they bid 5 Clubs over your 4 Spades, they should always be doubled. Obviously judgment is called for, and sometimes it all goes wrong, but it pays to be brave!

Patricia Back

Beginners Corner

Bid by Responder

When your partner starts the bidding with a minor suit, you sometimes have a choice of responses. If your hand contains a 4-card major (hearts or spades) even if it is only 4 small cards, bid the major in preference to 1NT or support for the minor suit, for instance. Remember your partner may easily have 4 cards in that major suit. Opener's hand may be: AK109 Q43.109.AJ32 and the opening bid will be 1 Club. Your spades may be 8765, but they are still valuable to partner. Never deny a major suit if you have a choice.

Patricia Back



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Words of praise

Four Members of the Dalby Bridge Club of which I was a Member before relocating to the Redlands, participated in the Congress held on December the 1st.

They asked me to express to the Members of the club their appreciation of a well run congress. They appreciated the lay out of the club house and the conveniences exhibited therein, noting also the attraction of the Christmas decorations and appreciating the time and effort by those responsible for hanging such decorations.

The Dalby Bridge Club had a high reputation (state wide) for the food and beverages supplied on congress days and the Dalby Ladies commented on the high standard of food supplied by the Redlands club and jokingly remarked they would have to update their cooking skills to keep abreast in this regard.

They also mentioned of how fortunate our club was to have a co-operative council which maintained the parkland and its surrounds of the club house.

Finally I would like to personally express my thanks to President Ros and her committee and all other members of the club who so willingly attend to the many tasks associated with the efficient running of the club, without remuneration, in order to bring much pleasure to so many.

And it would be remiss of me not to thank Jean Florence the Editor of the monthly Trumpit Newsletter of our club.

I appreciate the time and effort which she expends to fully detail the "comings and goings" of the club and to portraying matters of interest with dignity.

Thank you Jean for a position well done.

I wish for all Members and their families a joyous festive season and good health in the years to come.

Good bridging in the future.

Florence Napier.



ACOUSTIC CEILING TILES

Sssshhh,Sssshhhhh - Quiet please/ Keep the noise down. East-West move quietly please, people are still playing. Sssshhh.

Over the past 10 years, these have been frequent and constant pleas from the Director of the Day trying to keep the noise level in check.

The old ceiling tiles have been replaced and what a difference.

Noise no longer reverberates from the ceiling and the background noise has considerably diminished.

As the wearer of a hearing aid, it is easier for me to hear what my partner says.

The Contractor who installed the acoustic tiles did a great job, not only cleaning up after, but they also cleaned the fluorescent light diffuser panels.

The new ceiling tiles have been well tested with a 32 table congress; 120 people attending our Christmas Party and several Monday sessions with over 20 tables each session. I understand the general consensus is that the tiles are a great success.

The President and Management Committee deserve a big thank you for organising and completing the replacement of the ceiling tiles which will be of great benefit to all members well into the future. Well Done. Money well spent.

John Florence

VALE—Sheelah Frances Mee

Redland Bridge Club was saddened to learn of the passing of Sheelah Mee, who was one of our founding members. She was in part instrumental in forming the original Bridge Group in 1984 then called the Cleveland Contract Bridge Club which became the Redland Bridge Club of to-day.

She died in Proserpine on the 24/10/2013 at the age of 93.

Her love of playing bridge initiated her drive in finding like-thinking Bridge players to form a group in 1984. One year later saw her elected as a President for one term and after that in 1987 she served as a valued committee member of the Club, which is those days met at the Donald Simpson Centre and people's homes.

As an avid player, Sheelah played Bridge until 1999 when she retired from it aged 79 years. Her principal partners in the early years were Elsie Henschel and Peggy Nattrass.

In 2004, in her 84th year, she rejoined the Club for a few months whilst living on Macleay Island.

She achieved the ABF Master Rank of **Local Master.

Sheelah was also an inspired Artist and with her wonderful talent made a great contribution to the Redlands.

Renate Smythe

22.November 2013



Membership renewals

These are now due. Ria Biker is the person who handles the renewals. If Ria is not at Bridge, Beb Hogerheyde will accept payment. It is most important to give the bottom part of the renewal notice with the payment.

Thanks,

Beb Hogerheyde

TUITION



Wednesday afternoon supervised play is taking a short break over Christmas, and will recommence on Wednesday 8 January. Players who have completed lessons and attended supervised play for some time are now coming to regular bridge sessions. This is a big step for them so please make every effort to help them along. Please, please, do not advise them to change their bidding system at this early stage. They have learned basic Standard American with opening bids of 1NT being 15 - 17 points and better Minor. Its confusing if they get conflicting advice.

Beginners lessons will start on Wednesday 29th January. If you know someone who wants to learn to play bridge, please ask them to contact me, either by phone or email.

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Merry Christmas,

Deirdre



Replacing the panels



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Evening bridge on Wednesday night is enjoyed by all who come. We regularly have 6-7 tables and it is a good opportunity for workers to enjoy a game. We are always ready to welcome new faces and there is plenty of wine to go around and lots of laughs. The provision of a meal is to encourage workers to come straight from work without having to worry about dinner, as there are limited opportunities for them to play bridge. We have had to cap our dinner numbers as it was becoming too popular, but any workers wanting to join us for a meal will certainly be welcomed. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who could benefit.

A reminder that there will be **no Wednesday night bridge** on 25th Dec or 1st Jan. However, everyone is welcome to a fun night of bridge on **31st Dec, New Year's Eve.**

Avra



U3A CLASS

The class is breaking for Xmas on the 19 Dec and back for the final few lessons on Jan 9 till mid Feb, after which they will hopefully be playing in regular sessions. There are some potentially excellent players in this group who are working hard to reach a competitive standard and will be an asset to the club.

I am delighted to see the enthusiasm from my previous students who are entering competitions quite confidently and really enjoying their bridge.

The next U3A course will begin mid year 2014, so if you know anyone interested, please pass on this information. Thanks.

Avra



NEW YEAR'S EVE BRIDGE & FUN NIGHT

Anyone who will be "home alone" on New Year's Eve is invited to join all the others in the same boat and come along for some bridge and good company on that Tuesday at the club. Doors open at 7pm and bridge will start about 8 till 10.30 when we will stop for a lovely supper and conviviality till midnight, when we will cheer in the new year and toddle home to bed!

Please write your names on the list on the board as a minimum of 20 is required to run the evening. As well as that, partners can be organized before hand as I won't have a "call-in", and that can be done from the list. Most likely, lifts can be arranged for those who don't drive at night. Everyone is asked to bring a plate of something yummy for our supper. Wine and drinks will be provided by the club as well as some prizes! I am open to suggestions for the night's activities.....

Other than that, bring your party mood, wear your party gear and have fun!

See you there!

Avra



Results for Graded Teams Congress 1st December 2013

32 teams entered the Graded Teams Congress which was a pleasing result. 10 Redlands teams participated with 1 in the A section and the other 2 sections were split evenly with Redlands and outside teams. It was great to see Redland players taking out 1st and 2nd in the B grade and 1st and 2 seconds in the C Grade. C Grade had a 3-way tie for second - luckily that doesn't happen very often as it is a scramble to reorganise prize money at the end of the day.

Everyone enjoyed the day and went home well pleased with their efforts.

A Grade

1st T Treloar, P Hainsworth, P Rankin, P Hooykaas

2nd: R Wallis, D McLeish, P McNeish, M Millar

B Grade

1st: D Giles, B Mackay, Neil Casey, J Williamson

2nd: C Mayfield, D Chua, J Corney, P Neville

C Grade

1st: D Lock, G Lock, F Bourke, M Ross

2nd: A Bessell, D Bessell, L Pitt, M Clibbon

S Frampton, S Murdoch, M Kelso, D White

D Benes, G Bobbermien, L Pescatore, M Baker [In a 3-way tie]

The raffle was a Water Feature donated by Pat Keane and won by Carolyn Aldcock and a Hamper donated by our Local Redland City Councillor Lance Hewlett and won by Chris Mayfield. Thank you to both of them for their generosity to the club.

Thanks to Chris Snook who directed the Congress and our Ros Putland who assisted him, for ensuring that the day's play went so smoothly and to Margaret Hunt and the enthusiastic band of members who donated food and money, helped with preparing and serving, as well as cleaning up and ensuring that the clubhouse was ready for play on Monday.

Your help is much appreciated by players and visitors who look forward to coming to the Redland club to play, socialize and enjoy the food

Many thanks again

Marianne Ross

Congress Convenor



ROAD SIGN

You will notice that as you leave the Bridge Club, there is now a sign on the left hand side as you want to go to Victoria Point which does not allow you to turn right. Please obey the sign as it is now illegal to turn right to go towards Cleveland.

