



# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC.

# TRUMPIT

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## FROM THE EDITOR



### Current Member- ship:



### SPECIAL EVENTS

### AGM

10TH MARCH

10.30 A.M.

### GNOT

### MARCH

16TH, 23RD, 30TH

FRIDAYS 1P.M.

### QUALIFYING

### ROUNDS

GOLD POINTS

Hi Everyone.

Well there seems to be a bit of excitement in the air with nominations for a new Committee looming. It seems like a brand new start, but of course the same people are there and the same people are still doing the same things they have always done as well as putting their name forward to hold an important position in the Club. We are still all Volunteers and just because one holds the position of President or Secretary or some other position doesn't change this fact. When we have a growl or a grumble, we should remember that this is our Club, and we have put those people in the positions that they hold and we should support them 100%. For most of us the Redland Bridge Club is a part of our social life and we want it to be a happy place so roll on 2012



I have just found out what GNOT means. It is the Grand National Open Teams. It is a big time event.

There is an Honour Board on the back wall in honour of Doris Kerr. Many

people do not know who this person is and I am endeavouring to find out and will inform you all in the near future. I do know she was one of the first members of the Bridge Club which eventually became our Redland Bridge Club. I believe it was the first day time trophy.

I would like to thank the Out-going Committee for all the help they have given me each month in compiling the Trumpit. It has made my job easy.



Thank you very much.

I wish the in-coming Committee all the best for their tenure and hope it will be an easy one.

Jean

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With the AGM nearly upon us, I hope a number of our newer members have put their name forward for positions on the committee. We need new ideas and many of you will have achieved life-time experiences from

which the committee and club can benefit. It was mentioned at our last committee meeting that some members said they thought there were too many “politics” involved and did not want to stand for that reason. I do find that hard to substantiate; there is some lobbying in an effort to encourage members to stand for some positions. I would consider it is all the more reason for a member to stand if it is thought the committee was being politicised. Your 2011 committee, in my opinion, debated issues openly and voted freely without animosity, in a pleasant atmosphere.

The dealers advise that they are still coming across too many bent cards. Members please review your handling of the cards and advise others if you notice a player bending cards as they are played.

With regard to current roadwork, I understand that when the traffic lights and new entrance are created to our reserve, the existing exit will be changed to allow cars to depart to the left only.

As many of you are aware, Val Rowland has resigned as head director for family reasons. I would like to thank Val for the professional expertise that she has provided to our club and I hope the good relationship will continue into the future. Val has advised that she will be available to direct congresses and Red Point events.

I am currently also the milkman contact. I shall be away from the club for close to six months from the end of March, and would like someone with a computer and email address to take over this position. The milk (3 x 2ltr Full cream and 3 x 2ltr Trim) is supplied by the milk vendor, Des Crombie, to the club every Friday morning at about 8.15am. When, on occasions, the amount of milk to be delivered is to be varied, an email has to be sent to Des before 6.00pm on the prior Thursday. If any member is interested in helping in this regard, please contact me by ‘phone or email

(de.marine@powerup.com.au).

As I will not be standing for President at the forthcoming AGM, I would like to thank the club members who have supported the efforts of the committee and the office of President. I wish the new President every success.

The starting time for the AGM is 1030hrs on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Happy Bridging

**David Earnshaw**

## **DIRECTORS CORNER:**

As you are all aware by now I have resigned from the position of Head Director and working on Mondays & Fridays. I will still be directing Redland Congresses and depending on the new Committee will still run all of your Red Point events.

I have been apart of Redland Bridge Club for 2 years and have loved working with everyone and it was with regret that I tendered my resignation due to health reasons.

We have the GNOT coming up on the 16<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> March. This is a QBA Brisbane Zone Gold Point event. What does this mean to you. This event is similar to all our Teams Competitions we run throughout the year. It is run in our Club for our Club members. It is a great opportunity to earn Gold Points in the comfort of your Club. If you are like me and love to play competitions the top few teams get automatic entry into the Zone Final later in the year. So, all you have to do is get a team of between 4 and 6 players together and put your name on the list. The more teams that enter the more likely you are to win a round and earn some gold points.

Our Club Teams Championship was held recently and congratulations go to the Khaled Team on winning. We had 12 teams entered the highest ranked

teams' average mp's was 991 and the lowest team had an average of only 4 mp's. It was a hard slog for the Jenkins Team but at the end of the competition they – and in fact every team had earned mps. Well done to all who played.

My final tip is ALWAYS CALL THE DIRECTOR. Players have this habit of saying “you can just correct it/its ok/I know what the ruling is/play it out”. The truth of the matter is very few players understand the rules entirely. Just because it was a 2 trick penalty when they did it last time does not mean it is the same this time. So, please protect yourself and always call the director. I DO!

Good Bridging, Val

## TALKING TO YOUR PARTNER

### Using Loser Count

I have recently observed that many of our players have mis-conceptions about the so-called *Loser Count* for an opening bid. Ron Klinger's recommendations for using the Losing Trick Count (LTC) state:

- The LTC can be used *after a trump fit has been established*. It is **not suitable** for no-trumps or for misfit hands. Therefore, do not use it to replace point count.
- After the trump fit is known, the LTC is often a valuable guide to the potential of the 2 hands.
- A normal opening bid contains 7 losers, a minimum response contains 9 losers.
- The formula: 1 Count your losers, add partner's losers and deduct from 24. This figures to be the number of tricks expected from the 2 hands.
- Therefore, if partner opens 1 spade and you have **spade support** (at least 3) and 7

losers, there should be 10 tricks. (Deduct 14 from 24). It is safe to bid game.

This is the most basic formula for LTC, and it is important to read much more on the subject. When opening the bidding, you need a suit such as KQJ10987 to count the suit for 1 loser, as it does not matter if partner is void.

*Patricia Back*

### Opening Leads



It has come to my attention lately that some of the basic rules about opening leads are confusing to some players. There was a query about the correct card to lead from, for instance, AQ763, against 3NT. The standard lead from this combination is the 4<sup>th</sup> highest card, the 6. If your partner happens to hold the King of the suit, he can return a card to your Queen, then you cash the Ace and win the remaining tricks when the suit is divided 3-2. It is useful to know that when your partner leads a small card such as the 2, he will usually have 4 cards in the suit. Thus by counting the number of cards between your hand and dummy and adding partner's 4, you know how many cards the declarer holds in that suit. Again, say partner leads a 4, then later plays the 2 of that suit, you know he started with 5 cards in that suit.

*Patricia Back*

## THE WINNERS of the CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP ARE:-



<b>1st.</b> Khaled Team	<b>2nd</b> Ormerod Team
Ron Khaled	Keith Ormerod
John Harris	Jean Smith
Deirdre Giles	Pat Crowd
Barbara Mackay	Pat Back

## CONGRATULATIONS



From time to time Club Members or Visitors require the use of a wheelchair. The Club's wheelchair is now located in the recessed cupboard on the eastern side of the building behind the door marked with the symbolic wheelchair sign.

**John Florence**

## SECRETARY REPORT

Having been a member of this Club for 15 plus years. I still believe it to be the friendliest Bridge Club in Australia. My last 2 1/2 years on the Committee have seen a lot of changes and what a hard working Committee it has been. My thanks to Lois Mawter for taking the Minutes and standing in for me during my time away, also many thanks to David and the team – wonderful people to work with. My Bridge partner of around 20 years Charlotte thanks for putting up with my cranky days. I know that the Club will continue to grow and prosper under the new Committee and I will give them my full support

**Sylvia Decker**

## TREASURER REPORT

I have been Treasurer of the Bridge Club for more than a year now.

I enjoy the work involved and I've learned many things, about the Club and about being a Committee Member.

There is a lot involved in running a large organisation like ours. That becomes evident once you become part of the management team.

I have been very lucky to have the support and help of Ria Bijker. She helped me on my way and continued to be the Club's Banker.

Her assistance has been invaluable.

Membership Renewal Administration is another big task Ria took on.

And talking about membership, the large bulk of members have paid their dues. Thanks to all. However, some

renewals are still outstanding and an early settlement would be appreciated.

Elaine Reu and Charlotte Krause also helped by handling Petty Cash. Thanks to all three.

**Beb Hogerheyde**



Rina George passed away last month on the 28th January. She was one of the very early members of the Bridge Club. She was a wonderful lady and will be sadly missed by us all.

Rina gave me her story which I published in the Trumpet in December 2010. If anyone

would like a copy please let me know.

**Jean**

## WEDNESDAY EVENING BRIDGE

Balmy evenings, delicious dinners, vintage wine and convivial company all blend to make Wednesdays the night to get away from that television set. Oh Yes and then there's the Bridge.

We are regularly hosting 9 tables now and some serious scores are being posted. It's great to see faces new to the club joining us.

Our computer geeks have the Bridgemates under control and our "trainee" Directors are doing the same with the players.

Don't forget, if you know of any interested parties. Deidre conducts lessons Wednesday PM

**Grumps**



**AUSTRALIA DAY** was celebrated in style with much fun and laughter and some great stylish dressing. Val led the way in her usual style which kept us on our toes during the bridge game. Chris sums it up with this poem.

### PIES AND PAVLOVA

Australia Day, the weather was poor  
We considered not even opening the door  
The car-park's awash with torrential rain  
But if you think we're all pikers, then think again  
The members arrived with smiles on their faces  
Fifty four players took up fifty four places.  
You've never seen such a bunch of dags  
Wearing crazy hats and billowing flags.  
But every one was ridgy didge  
No slouches here when it comes to Bridge  
But first, Jean deserves a heap of praise  
For performing Judith Wright's *South of My Days*  
No doggerel here, but quality stuff  
About droughts and frosts and a life so tough.

Then we settled down for some serious play  
But that sheila Val said – it's a fun day.  
You'll be rewarded today for making a mess  
Not for making a slam or a deep finesse  
A revoke wins a prize if it costs you two  
'I'm off with the pixies' shouts our first winner Sue  
Then Trevor announces he too is a Wally  
An insufficient bid wins a prize by golly!  
And Margaret messes up the opening lead

She did it on purpose out of avarice or greed!  
Then suddenly this plan goes right to hell  
As some are rewarded for doing well!  
Carole and Avra who are pretty slick  
Are rewarded for making an extra trick!  
And a trick with a two is won by Kay  
Now you have to admit – that's pretty good play

Then it's tucker time and I tell you mate  
There was so much food on every plate.  
We had little boys and pies and heaps of pavlova  
So much in fact, there was some left over.  
A great Aussie day full of great Aussie humour  
And I'm still trying to establish whether it's fact  
or a rumour  
That David the Pom was seen taking a bite  
From his winning prize jar of Kraft Vegemite

**Chris Mayfield**



### **LIBRARY**

We thank the many people who have donated books to our Library. Thanks also to Avra Bowler for donating her large collection of jigsaws. If anyone else has jigsaws they would be willing to donate, it would be much appreciated by enthusiasts. **Betty & Irene**

## TUITION

Carmel and I attended the Teacher Training Seminar at QCBC last weekend, which was enjoyable as well as beneficial. It also provided an opportunity to interact with teachers from other clubs and hear their ideas on teaching and attracting new members.

Supervised play continues and we also have a small group of new beginners on Wednesday evenings. Tuesday morning sessions are now getting up to eight tables and the players are enjoying and benefiting from the mini-lessons being given by Kevin on alternate weeks. If any experienced players feel that they would like to help a novice player occasionally, please let me know so that I can provide a list of potential players. Several people have already done this, and the help and advice are much appreciated.

The club has received several enquiries for beginner lessons. Once sufficient numbers have been received the Management Committee will look at organising lessons. If you know of anyone who has expressed an interest in learning to play, now is their chance. Please give their names to either David or Deirdre.

**Deirdre**

## THE AGM PROGRAMME

1. The AGM will begin with the meeting.
2. The election of Office Bearers
3. Lunch
4. Play Bridge
5. Afternoon Tea
6. Play Bridge
7. End Bridge about 4.30 p.m.

Food will not be supplied. If you would like to bring a plate with either sandwiches, other savoury items or something sweet it would be appreciated.

Jean Florence is organising the food. We hope to see you there.

That appears to be all the news at the moment.

Adieu,  
Jean

