



# Redland Bridge Club inc.

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## FROM THE EDITOR



Hi Everyone,

We have all had a good soaking, the gardens are looking good and the grass is growing before our eyes. The wonder of nature is seen to be believed. The bees are having a wonderful time with the palm tree flowers which they seem to like most of all.

The AGM is upon us and we are all desperately wondering, who is going to put their hands up, this time around. We are an "Ageing" club, as are all clubs of this ilk, and it should fall on the shoulders of the younger members, and sometimes newer members, to put their hands up, and help the club along. The "older" members of the club have done the hard work having provided a wonderful club house and all the trimmings, where bridge can be played in comfort. The club is very financial and can afford many of the luxuries that other clubs cannot provide, which includes subsidized meals, games and food. As well, for \$5 Members can

enjoy a few hours of entertainment, in air-conditioned comfort, with morning tea provided. Good value for money I would say. We are a progressive club and enjoy continuous education, and opportunities abound where the more experienced players help the less experienced players and friendships made.

We have only been able to offer the above through the hard work and dedication of the now "older" members of the Club.

Every member, at this time of year should be thinking about what they can offer to the club, and not what the club can offer to them. That is what belonging to a club means. If we all thought that paying our fees each year was the end of being a club member, we wouldn't have a club. We all need to open our eyes, open our minds and our hearts and see where we stand regarding being a Member of the Redland Bridge Club Inc.

**Jean Florence**



**Current  
Membership:**

**282**



## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**9th March A.G.M.**

**10.30 a.m.**

**20th March 7 p.m.**

**Red Point Night**

**Thursday 28th  
March**

**Easter Morning  
Tea & Bridge**

**Sunday 14th April**

**Redland novice  
teams**

## PRESIDENTS' REPORT

A successful Special Meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> February at which the New Constitution was passed. A special thanks to the committee of 3 responsible for their hard work: - Kevin Williams, Geoff Smythe and Carradine Lucas. Kevin Williams deserves a very special thanks because he did all the computer work that was necessary, to bring it all to fruition.

Aliki Green is not well at the moment and we send her our best wishes.

Don't forget that the AGM is to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am. It will be followed by a lunch, which will be catered for by the new catering committee – The Chefettes.

You will remember a few years ago, we gave out a free bridge session to members, on their birthday. This became a nightmare to administer, so the committee has decided to give a free game of bridge to everyone on each day of the week. That is, in April it could be a Monday, May a Friday as so on, so there will be 8 free games of bridge for each session of the week. You will not know when. It will be up to the President and Treasurer to decide..... A GOOD SURPRISE!!!

Congratulations go to Deirdre Giles, Jan Argent, Philip Thompson and Molly O'Donohue for their recent win in the Club Team Championship. Look on the bridge club web site for your photograph.

Remember that the GNOT team qualifying rounds will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March. There will also be a Red Point event on Wednesday night 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Don't forget the REDLAND NOVICE TEAMS coming up on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

Happy Bridging

**Ros Putland**

## A SAD TIME

Most of you will know by now the passing of Vince Davies and Kevin Williams on the 21<sup>st</sup> February. We send our best wishes to the families and we mourn their, and our loss.

### **A few words from Deirdre Giles:-**

Vince joined the club around 1985 at the period of time when we were playing at the Donald Simpson Centre. He had just retired from work at an unusually young age, and was already a keen bridge player. He was a real asset to the club and was always prepared to advise those less experienced players, a trait that continued for the remainder of his life. There are many players in the club who are grateful to him for all the teaching and encouragement he provided over the years.

### **A few words from Ros Putland:-**

Kevin Williams has been a member of this club for about 5 years. Soon after coming he had major surgery for cancer and was very ill for quite a time. He eventually came back to playing and also moved into Tranquil Waters Retirement Village. Even though he still struggled with his health, which involved chemotherapy every second week, he undertook studying for the

Director Exam under the tutelage of Val Roland. He passed the exam and has been a valued Director for several years. When Michael Nestor became ill, he undertook to direct every second Tuesday as well as giving lessons to the Tuesday players. When Val Roland resigned as Head Director he helped out with directing each week. Last year saw him put his hand up to be our Vice President and I have valued his input. He was instrumental in producing our new Constitution and By-Laws and even from his hospital bed, he was making sure all the "t's" were crossed and the "i's" were dotted for the Special General Meeting.

His energy and experience were in evidence when I was away for 8 weeks and during that time he also took our budding Directors through the second part of the Director's Course.

When our carpet was to be replaced on the 29th January, even though he was going into hospital the next day for tests, he was there shifting furniture. He is going to be sadly missed by all the members of this club.

**Ros Putland**

## KNOW YOUR SCORE

It has come to my notice that because of the reliance on Bridgemates many players at our Club know very little about scoring contracts that have been doubled. This can be very critical when you are bidding. For instance, do you know that if you double the opponent's 2 Spades and they make 8 tricks, they score a game, with a bonus of either 300 or 500. Normally you cannot make game with only 8 tricks. Recently I was allowed to play a hand in 1 NT XX, and made 7 tricks. The opponents did not realise that 1 NT redoubled will score a game if it makes 7 or more tricks. Another example of the importance of doubled scores is when you are in a competitive auction. Say you are bidding hearts and the opponents are bidding spades, and you compete to the 4 level. Over 4 Spades, you need to decide whether to go on to 5 Hearts. You must look at the vulnerability. Say the opponents are vulnerable, they will make 620 for 4 Spades, and if you are not vulnerable, 5 Hearts doubled may only lose by 3 tricks and you will lose only 500. However if you are also vulnerable, losing by 3 tricks will cost you 800, and is not worth it.



**Patricia Back**

## THE GERBER CONVENTION

Many beginners are using the Gerber bid of 4 Clubs to ask for Aces after a suit has been agreed during the auction. No bridge text-book or reputable teacher recommends Gerber rather than the Blackwood 4NT. The Gerber Convention was introduced to American players in 1938 by John Gerber for use after No Trump openings and rebids where no suit has been agreed. Complications arise when using Gerber for Aces when Clubs have been bid naturally; it is then almost impossible to bid to a contract of 6 Clubs sensibly. Expert players who use Blackwood make use of 4 Clubs in the sequence: 1NT – 4Clubs when they are not interested in a suit contract, but a NoTrump slam if they are not missing 2 Aces.

**Patricia Back**

## CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP



Congratulations to:-

Jan Argent

Deirdre Giles

Molly O'Donohue

Philip Thompson





## RBC CHEFETTES

### RBC CHEFETTE COMMITTEE

There are only 7 Members on the Committee of the Chefettes, but there are many other Members who are cooking for us. We have such good Cooks at the Redland Bridge Club and so many people who love to help in this way. We thank you very much. In the end we will all be able to enjoy good home cooked food and what a good way to harbour good feelings and fine repartee.

As you know we have been asking for Mangoes, and we had so many responses that were very encouraging. Margaret Wienk was able to make a fine Mango Jam and Mango Chutney.

Lois and I have been busy in the Sushi area and we can now make Sushi and that will be presented later. I have also read up about Indian spices and what a maze that is. How the Indian Cooks remember what spice to use where, I do not know, but I will produce a little something at the AGM.

**The Menu** will be as follows:-

Vietnamese Rolls

Crackers with Mango jam and cheese

Mild curry with Indian flavours

Side dishes with lettuce cups.

Some sandwiches with healthy fillings.

Pikelets

Gluten free cake

A variety of slices

Some other sweet treats.



We hope you will enjoy our food and we look forward to your comments. Good or bad, we need feed-back so we can improve our service to you. It is you we are here to please, so please speak to us.

Likewise if there is something special you think would be a good idea, please let us know. We are here to learn, as you can see by the Sushi, Indian etc.

The next time we will cater will be on the Thursday before Easter. It will of course be an Easter theme, with lots of special food for such an important time of the year. It is of course Good Friday the following day and since it is not appropriate for celebrations on that day and the week-end is usually family time, so Thursday seemed the best day for the club.

**Jean**

### PHOTOGRAPHS

I will be keeping the Photograph section on the Redland Bridge Club Web site up to date.

I left a message on the board that if you do not want your photograph to appear on the Web, or if you don't want it displayed on the board at the Bridge Club, to see me and I will make sure that I comply with your wishes.

If I take your photograph, I naturally think it is ok for me to use it on the board and on the Web site. So, you must tell me if that is not so.

Sometimes my idea of a good action shot, might not be your idea of a good shot, so you might have to tell me about it.

If you go to Congresses other than at our Club, can you take photographs and with some words about the congress, send them to me and I will put them in the Trumpet. We like to know what our Members are doing.

Thank you, **Jean**

## VALENTINES' DAY

We couldn't let Valentines' Day go by without some sort of celebration. We chose John and Suzie Harris as our Valentines and there was a cake and some decorations to mark the event.



## NEW MEMBERS

Faye Hooiveld

Gwenifer Calhoun

June Duffin

Congratulations and welcome to a wonderful time at our Bridge Club.

**Margaret Wienk**



## DIRECTORS' CORNER

**A Double.** A player may double only the last preceding bid provided it has been made by an opponent (Not your partner). Calls other than a pass must not have intervened.

If one doubles your own partner then this is an inadmissible bid and the double is cancelled. The offender must make a legal bid and partner must pass every time throughout the auction.

If however the left hand opponent makes a call after the double, the inadmissible double and the subsequent bid is cancelled. Offender must make a legal bid and there is no penalty.

Sometimes this may all result in lead penalties.

**Ros**

## TUITION

The latest group of **Beginners** is half way through the course and showing plenty of promise. They always come up with lots of questions and comments.

Supervised play continues on **Tuesday** afternoons (except Tuesday 26th February).

Supervised play, led by John Harris, is on

**Saturday mornings**, and Multi 2 lessons on **Monday mornings**.

Pat Back and Pat Crowd are kindly making themselves available after play on **Mondays** to answer questions on the hands played that day.

**Deirdre Giles**

## WEDNESDAY EVENING



HELP!!!

Are you available on Wednesday Evening for a game of bridge on a “Call-in” basis? It doesn’t happen very often, but as Wednesday is a “NO PARTNER NECESSARY” , we sometimes have one short when people insist on going on cruises and don’t take their partner along!! If you think you can be on the List of Call-Ins, we can call you at 6.45p.m. to let you know. We would like to have a few names on the list so that we don’t call the same person all of the time.

Call Avra or email [avra49@gmail.com](mailto:avra49@gmail.com)

Wednesday “Nights” would be most grateful and you would enjoy a very relaxed game of bridge.

Hoping,

**Avra Bowler**

Don’t forget to use the Nomination forms which are easy to find on the South side of the building.

I still believe in the old adage that if we all pull together we can move a mountain.

See you at the **AGM**

Adieu

**Jean**

## CLEANLINESS



Before handling food there are three way that can be considered concerning cleanliness.

1. Wash hands with soap and dry with a paper towel
2. If there is no residue on your hands, use the alcohol solution.
3. Wear gloves.

Concerning Number 1, most of us comply with it, but it always comes into question when people see a large amount of food being handled. There is nothing to be concerned about, and the food handlers are usually very careful in that they don’t contaminate things such as, by blowing their noses in between and not washing their hands again before handling food again.

About Number 2. It is the best of all, but again the food handlers will be seen to be handling some food with bare hands.

About Number 3, gloves are only good if they do not touch anything else, such as touching your hair that has got in the way, getting plates out of the cupboard etc. As soon as your hand with the glove, strays away from food it has lost the protection it was to provide.

The solution is that we in the Kitchen will be using a variety of methods, all being conscious of the fact that we do not want to pass on unwanted germs to our customers.

Of course tongs will be used when ever possible. We have many available.

Also remember to wash **your** hands after playing bridge and before taking food from the table.

**Jean**