



# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC.

# TRUMPIT



190A Cleveland/  
Redland Bay Rd  
Thornlands. QLD. 4164  
P.O. Box 515, Cleveland

JULY 2011

## FROM THE EDITOR

**Current  
Membership:**

**271**

**New mem-  
bers: 2**

**Eddie Santagiuliana  
Trophy**

**Thursdays, August  
11th & 18th**

**9.30a.m. Red points**

**GNP—New Dates**

**Thursdays**

**August 26th all day**

**September 1st 1/2  
day**

**GOLD POINTS**

.Well, the weather has not been too bad has it? I went to Melbourne last week-end and it was bitterly cold, with the wind chill factor. Melbourne is known for its good food and what a wonderful meal we had at Gingerboy. A little taste of their best dishes with a big memory of taste bud sensations.

I would like to welcome Pat Back as a contributor to the Trumpit commencing this month Her knowledge and experience will help us all.

We say good-bye to Patricia Proud who will be leaving us in the next few weeks to take up residence in Toowoomba. As you know Patricia was the Editor of the Trumpit for 10 years and what a wonderful job she did. She more or less started from scratch with limited resources. She not only spent her time compiling and producing it, but provided the paper, ink and much more with no cost to the Club. It is only by her tenacious effort that the Trumpit was produced so early in the history of the club.

We wish her the best in health and happiness, and thank her most sincerely for her great contribution to the Redland Bridge Club.

The Trumpit is now available on the Redland Bridge Club Web Site.

[www.redlands.bridgeaustralia.org](http://www.redlands.bridgeaustralia.org)

There will still be a copy on the Notice board and there will be black and white copies at the entrance of the Bridge Club. Having the Trumpit on the Web is much easier to manage, rather than trying to collect all of the emails etc.

Adieu Jean

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you Cec for looking after the club's management whilst I was away and many congratulations to Kevin Williams on passing the directors' exam and becoming a club director.

The Vice-President and I are going to investigate the possibilities of inviting sponsors to support our Bridge Club. In return, we could offer advertising by way of their company logos on bidding slips or the white table slips members complete with their names and club numbers . If any member has some experience in this area or has some ideas that could assist us, please let me or Cec know.

Hopefully by the time you read this edition of Trumpit, you will have seen the new fit-out on the eastern and southern walls. Behind the doors on the eastern wall the existing moveable

whiteboards, notice boards and collapsible tables will be stored and possibly the white chairs from the store room. The old white cupboards will be disposed of, together with one large fixed table and a small table; they will be offered to club members first. I expect to review the need for keeping all the moveable white boards and notice boards as the new sliding doors will have white boards and corkboards fitted to them. This work will enable the club to accommodate 12 more bridge tables, when the need arises, by clearing the room surrounds. We have 28 tables in use at the moment.

When coughing, could members remember to do so into the bend of their elbow, rather than into their hands. This prevents possible cough germs coming into contact with the cards, which are then passed on to other members. Whilst mentioning cards, I would like to remind members to please place the card they are tabling without bending it. Our dealers come across many cards that are bent and will not pass through the dealing machine. This slows down the dealing process and the replacement of these bent cards becomes an expense to the club. Happy bridging,

David

## URGENT HELP REQUIRED

We have so many volunteers in the Redland Bridge Club and what a wonderful job they do. From time to time, and when people go on holidays etc, we have vacancies in some areas. Carradine, has asked me to advertise for people who can help with the **dealing**. We need cards dealt with every game that is played, so it does not take any imagination to see the huge volume that is required. If you can spare an hour or so each week, please see Carradine. Training will be given and you deal in pairs, so it is very friendly. Please see Carradine or a member of the Committee.

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

As most of you are aware I have been away for the last month looking after my father. Thank you to everyone for your thoughts during this time. I also have to thank John, Ros and Kevin for looking after everything in my absence.



During this period we had to cancel the GNP. It has now been rescheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> August & 1st September. This is a great opportunity for players to earn Gold Master points in the Club. We also have the Eddie Santagiuliana Trophy coming in early August. Entries for both events are via the notice board in the Club. If you have any questions about these two events please ask.

Please remember your opening lead is to be played face down and a good hint is to wait for your partner to thank you (this is when your partner can ask questions about the bidding). Also if you feel that a player has given information to their partner by undue hesitation – you are entitled to state that you reserve your right to call the director at the end of the hand if you feel you were damaged.

Tip of the Month: Variety is the spice of life – so enter a competition.

Good bridging,

Val

## CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

This was held on Friday 24th June

**1ST:** Leigh Dominikovich & John Harris

**2ND:** Peter Alp & Joy Sherrell

**3RD:** Vince Davies & Ivan Lam

## WINTER TEAMS

This was held Wednesday 13th July

**1ST:** ALP Team:-

Peter Alp, Joy Sherrell, Ivan Lam and Carmel Denaro.

**2ND:** DOMINIKOVICH Team:-

Leigh Dominikovich, Neville Langford, Ron Khaled and Ros Putland

Congratulations to all the winners. A great result.

Thank you for all those Members who played.

Val



ClipartOf.com/86288



ClipartOf.com/228729

## GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS

### GNP

**WHEN:- 26TH AUGUST ALL DAY &  
1ST SEPTEMBER 1/2DAY**

Open to all players under Life Master as at 1st January 2011.

This is a great opportunity to gain **GOLD MASTER POINTS** in a club environment.

The top pairs will earn free entry into the finals in September.

**All come and enjoy yourselves with wonderful company and gaining lots of experience.**



### NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to the following who have joined us in this wonderful game of Bridge:-



Barbara Luxton and Gill Baker

We are delighted that we have two more members. If you need any help, ask and you shall receive.

## TALKING TO YOUR PARTNER

### Bidding with Strong Hands

It has come to my notice recently when playing in our regular duplicate sessions that there is confusion about the meaning of a 2C opening bid. Most recognised systems recommend that 2C indicates a Game-forcing hand or a balanced 23-24 points. What is a game-forcing hand? Really it is a hand that is within 1 trick of game, if partner has nothing. A typical example would be a hand with 8 solid spades and another Ace.

A significant number of our players like to open with 2C with a balanced 19 points, presumably because they do not want partner to pass if they open with a bid at the 1 level. This is a gross distortion of the strength of the hand. Recently I observed the sequence of 2C then 2D by the partner, then 2NT. My partner asked the meaning of 2C, and was told it meant 19+ points (with no upper limit). Presumably 2NT meant an upper limit of 24 points. The partner had an Ace, but how did she know whether the opener had 24 or 19?

In this particular case, a bid of 1 Club by opener would have been overcalled with 1 spade, then the opener could rebid 1NT, showing a good hand, and it would be the correct contract.

Pat Back

## NOTICES:



### Umbrellas:

There seems to be many umbrellas near the front door. Some have been there for a long time. Could you please look to see if you have left one behind.

### Ticket Sellers:

We are short of ticket sellers for the raffles. All you are required to do is come a little bit early on the day you play. Please see Carradine OR Judy Blomfield if you are able to help.

## THE TUITION DESK



Our beginners' class is progressing well and we range from 12 to 15 players each week.

Most have been with the class for about 3 months and I expect in about 6 weeks most will be playing in regular sessions within the Club. In fact, Janelle, Darryl and Richard are playing on Monday or Wednesday.

16 of the 19 who started in March have become members and I predict very good members.

Many ventured to Joan Butts' Class last week and from all reports enjoyed it, though it would have been a little confusing for them as it was quite advanced.

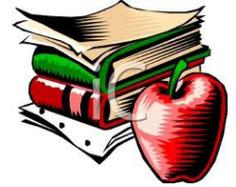
I will be hoping they attend her Class again in August.

We only have a few more basics to cover and its practice, practice, practice.

Deirdre is in Alice Springs and sends her best wishes to all.

Bev Tucker

## MONDAY LESSONS



For the next few weeks, lessons on Mondays from 10:00am to 11:00am and Wednesdays from 4:30pm to 5:30pm will be devoted to the finesse. It is surprising how many people don't understand what a finesse is, how to finesse, why they should finesse, when to finesse, when not to finesse and which direction to take a finesse if they have a choice. If you are one of these people come to the free improver's lessons and find out.

Vince



## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Wednesday evening bridge is going well and so are the light meals served at 5:30pm so that those players still in the work force can come direct from work. As the days lengthen we expect the number of tables to increase to 8 or more. Beginner's lessons will be arranged on Wednesday evenings if there is sufficient demand. Tell your friends and relations to contact Avra or Vince so that they can join in the fun of playing bridge.

Vince

## EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER



It has been suggested that the Bridge Club establish a list of emergency telephone numbers. These are telephone numbers that a member living at home by themselves might use to contact a relative or friend. If a club member were to suffer a medical condition at the club that rendered them unable to communicate and they were taken to hospital from the club, an emergency telephone number would enable the club to advise a relative or friend of their whereabouts. Please advise a committee member if you wish to be added to the list.

## PROFILE PATRICIA PROUD

Born in 1943, I enjoyed a happy childhood until my world was shattered by the accidental death of my father in April 1954 when I was 10 and my brother only 8 years old. We were living on a small farm at Eight Mile Plains and of course, had to sell up, and my mother had to find work to support us. In those days women's wages were very disproportionate and Mum had to sell many things to have enough money for food and just living day to day. We moved to Salisbury in the munitions area near the end of the tramline, where Mum had a job at Cottees for many years, and where we kids were free to roam around the factories that were occupying the buildings, including the Rocklea Spinning Mills...yes in and through the mill machinery. Wouldn't be allowed now! From our home ½ mile from the tram terminus, I used to ride my bicycle [no gears!] nine miles to Yeronga State School and back, each day.

After completing 'Junior' I started working at the South Brisbane Hospital [later to become the Princess Alexandra Hospital] in 1959 where I was employed in the Administration Office. After 5 years, and sick of shorthand and typing, I went to work with my mother who was in charge of the accounts department of a consortium with many & varied interests, including five radio stations, car dealership, soft-drink factory, and later, the successful bidder for Brisbane's newest TV channel: Channel O. This proved to be a very interesting time in my life and I remember well the collating of the 'bid' by working on the dining room table at Toorak House [a large mansion on the top of a hill at Hamilton, originally built by Sir Thomas Dickson]. The dining room was the size of our whole home! One of the men we worked for had bought Toorak in a dilapidated condition from eccentric art collector Harold De Vahl Rubin. The accounts department was housed in the servants' quarters of the mansion, and Jim Iliffe had a broadcast studio in one of those rooms. Toorak is a wonderful old home and I've had the pleasure of seeing every part of it, including up into the battlemented tower. And it did have a resident ghost, at least in our area, and we all experienced some weird happenings on many occasions, mostly a closing door [when no-one was in residence] and shadow passing down the hall...but it seemed friendly! I was to work for these men in various capacities for many years, long after my mother had retired.

Two of the men were knighted and I was honoured that they both attended my mother's funeral after she died in March 1981. Some few years ago, I wrote to both of them and was overwhelmed at the long and exuberant letters I received in return, esp. as I'd been so in awe of them when I was young.

As a young woman I followed in my father's footsteps and joined the Brisbane Bushwalkers, becoming Hon. Secretary. I have climbed quite a few mountains in SE Qld: Mts. Cordeaux, Greville, Maroon, & 3 times up Mt. Barney, the highest in SE at 4,500ft. I met my first husband at the Club and in 1966 we married, but it lasted only 6 years and we parted amicably in 1972.

I then embarked on some more adventurous aspects of my life.....Easter 1972 saw me off for a weekend of snorkelling at Lady Musgrave Island with a group of 11 others from the Adventurers Club. After a long drive to Bundaberg we then endured a slow boat trip to the Island where we were put ashore for some recreation.

None of us had very much with us, as we had no permit to camp on the island and were to return to the boat for the evening. However, at 5pm or so, the skipper of the boat came over and said they were going to have to leave the lagoon and head for open water to ride out the cyclone that had been hovering off the Qld coast for about a week and was now rapidly closing in! With no shelter and very little else, we all devised a strategy to weather the storm and this had us all heading up to the NW part of the island and trying to find something with which to give us shelter. Jacques Cousteau had set up a base in the 1950's and we managed to roll two old water tanks to the edge of the sand where we could all dig them in with just our hands and sort of mound it all up on the 'weather side'. What gear we had was stowed in the one in worse condition, and we used chewing gum to fill in holes in the other in which we were to spend the next few days huddled together. During the blow, a surveillance aircraft from Charlie Squadron based in Townsville made low passes over the island, dropping some 'storepedos' onto the beach which contained some food and asked us questions, the answers to which we had to dig out into the remaining small stretch of sand above the pounding waves, enduring the stinging wind-blown sand. Basically, we had enough food and were all OK and safe for the time being.

Easter Monday dawned bright and clear and we all hastily prepared our breakfast to get into the water which was what we had all come for, when...whop, whop, whop....2 Iroquois helicopters arrived to rescue us! The journey back to the mainland had us flying low over the water looking for bodies and yachts as the Brisbane to Gladstone race had gone ahead and 9 boats had been lost.. In one of the choppers was a rescued crewman from a trawler which had rolled over and over on the edge of the reef and this poor sole survivor's eyes were blown up huge and red from the constant irritation over the days from the pounding waves.

Naturally, everyone's families were relieved to hear from us!

At the time, we were somewhat miffed that we had been abandoned on the island by the boat, but in 1998, I came across the paid skipper whilst we were living in Hervey Bay and I can only say that just as well they left us behind as the boat would have floundered in the heavy swells with all of us on board. She lost her rudder and the entire wheelhouse and was washed up on the beach near Bustard Head. I'm sure we would all have been lost overboard in those conditions, especially in a disabled boat, wallowing

helplessly in the sea with an extra twelve people on board.



Next adventure: The crown of thorns starfish had been leaving many parts of the Great Barrier Reef devastated and looking like a desert. A rather large contingent of people spent about 2 weeks on Holbourne Island [off Bowen] camped in army tents and cooking outdoors whilst scuba divers went out each to do a count of the starfish. Senator George Georges and his family were all there and I helped Mrs. Georges cooking for 95 people for every meal [just the 2 of us], out in the open, with just a couple of trestles and some Army stoves. The meals we concocted were nothing short of miraculous! The expedition team which included professors, marine biologists, etc.etc. was able to document all their findings which proved invaluable.

In 1972 I met Ken Proud through the Adventurers Club and we certainly experienced some enjoyable times. Late 1973, Ken was a trip leader for 2 x2week trips to Masthead Island (off Gladstone) where we camped on the island for a month at the end of which we came back to the January 1974 floods. We were in the middle of buying a yacht to go cruising, but it was OK down near the mouth of the river, and in early May, we took off on 34ft Brolga [a cutter-rigged sloop, flush decked] and proceeded to head north to unknown adventures. In order to buy the boat, we had sold the house, our 2 cars, tossed our jobs, and headed off in an older yacht we could not afford to insure, with the grand sum of \$50 in our kitty. But we had so many 'dreamers' telling us we were 'lucky!' We had a wonderful time and made many long-term friends in our travels up and down the Qld coast, funding our wanderings with work here and there. However, the cruising came to an end with the birth of our daughter in 1976 and she has given us twin grandsons who are now 11.



In 1981, thinking to earn our living from the water, we headed off in a steel reef-fishing boat which Ken had built himself [In Survey], and in a Trumpit some time ago whilst I was editor, I told the story of the evacuation we had to organise for a 'yachtie' who became very ill in Island Head Creek, (Nth of Rocky) which is a heavenly spot, but which is awfully remote. We were the only boat with a radio capable of contacting the outside world to get the help he needed. We effected a makeshift landing area for the helicopter which conveyed him to hospital. The fishing venture didn't last for us for several reasons, and we sold the boat to fund a business venture largely of Ken's imagination. We were to have this business for some 25 years, employing many, apprenticing some, and working hard. This all paid off in the end when we sold out to retire in Nov,2008.

A natural progression for many from boat cruising is to go land cruising and in 1999 we found a 29ft bus and proceeded to fit this out to see Australia 'from the inside'. Our first trip was to a motorhome rally in Barcaldine in 2002 and we have now done more than 61,000 klms, returning recently from 7 months away. We will continue our

travels as we enjoy seeing the different faces of the Australian landscape, and we meet so many lovely people.

I was asked to do this profile because my husband and I have our house for sale and are moving to Toowoomba to be with our daughter and her family.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed Redland Bridge Club....the friendly club! May God bless you all.

Patricia Proud



ClipartOf.com/77980

### FAMILY TREE OF VINCENT VAN GOGH ...

(Pronounced Van Go}

- His dizzy aunt- -----Verti Gogh
- The brother who worked at a convenience store ----- Stop N Gogh
- The grandfather from Yugoslavia -----U Gogh
- His magician uncle -----where-diddy Gogh
- His Mexican cousin ----- A Mee Gogh
- The Mexican cousin's American half-brother ---- ----- Gring Gogh
- The nephew who drove a stage coach ----- Wells-far Gogh
- The constipated uncle ----- Can't Gogh
- The ballroom dancing aunt ----tang Gogh
- The bird lover uncle -----Flamin Gogh
- The fruit-loving cousin -----Man Gogh
- An aunt who taught positive thinking ----- ---- - Way-to-Gogh
- A sister who loved disco -----Go Gogh
- And his niece who travels the country in an RV --- ---- Winnie Bay Gogh
- I saw you smiling . . . there ya Gogh