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FROM THE EDITOR

**Current
Member-
ship:**
264 

SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday 27th July

All day event

**Threesome with one
Mentor**

**Eddie Santagiuliana
Trophy August Monday**

August

6th & 13th

12 noon (graded Pairs)

Graded Pairs Saturday

September 8th

All day 9.30a.m.

Hi Everyone.

Well it has fined up at last and the  worms in the garden are popping up their heads for joy for the suns warmth. Quite a few people have been on holidays and with their return we are seeing larger numbers at the bridge sessions. Extra bridge table and chairs arrived last Wednesday, so that makes a full compliment to the club house. Our Congresses will be well catered for.

I am looking for photographs of events that have been held at the Bridge Club in the past. If you can help in this area, could I take a copy please.

We do have a "Letter to the Editor" this week. To help with further letters, I have put "pointers" on the white board near the timer clock.

Jean Florence

Letters to the Editor

I noticed today a request, for input re the state of matters respective to the club, whether they be supportive or perhaps alternatively, any problem which may require investigation and further action.

AS a novice player and one who has enjoyed my introduction to the game of bridge, I wish to sincerely thank all members of the elected committee of 2012. Their actions have not gone unnoticed and the effort that is being made to help all novice players by their actions and assistance.

It seems to me they have the ability to go back to the members when a suggestion is put forth and a willingness to help when action is requested. One such instance is the Saturday morning supervised play starting shortly. It is not only committee members but other established club members who are giving up their time to assist novice players to improve and enjoy the game, which is greatly appreciated.

Being a novice player and obviously nervous when attempting to advance my standard of play, the transition has been made easier by the amount of help being given by committee and players, who have elected to play with novice players, who must at times find this very (and again I say) very frustrating. As stated previously I must again say my thanks go to the committee and other helpers. There is a feeling of well being and a desire to perhaps feel that one day, we as

novices, will too be competent players, who will be able to assist the novices who follow us and if they are given the support, that the committee and members of 2012 has given us by their actions and assistance, the Redlands Bridge Club will continue to flourish for many years.

Val Watkins

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This has been a busy month for competitions and congratulations to all the winners. The names are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Please put your names down for the upcoming Eddie Santaguilana Graded event on Monday August 6th and 13th. There will be no walk-ins on those two days so please register early.

Due to the many requests we have had for another teams event the committee decided to hold a green point event ALL DAY on Monday 27th. You will need to register for this as a single person and you will be allotted a team with at least one mentor. Each player will play with the mentor at least once during the day and there will be time between play to talk about the preceding boards. The club will provide morning and afternoon tea but you will need to bring your lunch.

As the ABF and QBA have asked for our co-operation in raising funds for Make-a-Wish foundation the committee have approved a donation of \$200.00

There is now a new system in place for finding partners. Betty Bowler has accepted the role of being the co-ordinator for all days; so if you need a partner...PLEASE RING BETTY.... Betty will not ring around on your behalf but if she has a name then she will give you that name. Please do not leave it to the last moment either to find a partner.

We will shortly be giving lessons on directing so if you are interested please see either Kevin or myself and we will try to find a time suitable to all.

Supervised play started on Saturday 21st July at 10am and will continue each Saturday so if you need help with play or bidding please come along.

Also if you are able to give about an hour on Saturday mornings to help with this then I am sure you will be appreciated by those needing the help..... Please see Kevin or me or put your name on the list on the board near the toilets.

The Criteria for the Neville Langford Memorial Trophy has been approved and Lorraine Langford will present this at the Christmas Party. Also committee of Kevin Williams, Geoff Smythe and Carradine Lucas has presented their work to the committee and apart from some small changes to the By-Laws it has been approved but in the light of the fact that more changes may be imposed by the Act we are deferring presenting the changes until late 2012/early 2013

We have had a busy month with more to come

Happy Bridging

Ros Putland

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

I thought it was timely to remind players of what Dummy is allowed to do, but also what he or she is not allowed to do. These rights and limitations for Dummy are covered in Bridge Laws 42-43 and 45. Let's examine Dummy's rights. Dummy has absolute rights to:

- A. in the presence of the Director, give information as to the play or situation at the table;
- B. keep count of tricks won and lost; and
- C. play the cards of the Dummy BUT only at the direction of the Declarer.

Dummy also has certain qualified rights:

- A. Dummy may try to prevent any irregularity in play by the Declarer (for example, it is OK for Dummy to remind Declarer which hand the next trick is to be played from, and also when Declarer does not follow suit, to ask Declarer, but only the Declarer, if he/she has no cards of that suit);
- B. Dummy may draw attention to any irregularity in bidding or play BUT only after play of the hand has concluded.

What are things that Dummy is not allowed to do? These are many and varied but I will focus only on those that are commonly infringed or which have serious consequences when Dummy breaches the Law:

- A. Dummy may not call attention to any irregularity during play and may not initiate a call for the Director during play of the hand (he/she may do so after the hand has been played);
- B. Dummy must not participate in the play of the hand nor communicate anything about the play to Declarer (except those absolute and qualified rights that Dummy has, as mentioned above);
- C. Dummy must not play a card from Dummy's hand until it is called to be played by the Declarer. Even if the Dummy hand has only one card of the suit played, Dummy's only card of that suit must not be played until specifically asked to be played by Declarer;
- D. After the Dummy hand has been faced, and correctly arranged in sequence, Dummy must not re-arrange the cards nor touch a card unless instructed by Declarer to play that card. A common breach is when a suit in dummy is exhausted, either the column/s of cards are re-arranged or the original gap is closed-up by moving the columns of cards. This is a definite no, and the cards must be left as originally arranged.

The above summary sets out what Dummy is allowed, or not allowed, to do. However, a lot of common sense should be used if Dummy unintentionally plays a card without expressly being asked to do so by Declarer. The main issue is whether or not the handling of a card by Dummy is communicating or helping Declarer to decide a particular play of the hand. This is when the Director should be called!

Tip of the month

While this may seem to be not in the spirit of the game, there is no obligation to draw attention to an infraction of law committed by one's own side, for example a revoke by Partner (Laws 9 and 72B.2). But, a player may not attempt to conceal an infrac-

tion as for example, committing a second revoke, concealing a card involved in a revoke or mixing the cards prematurely (Law 72B.3).

Kevin Williams

Redland's Championship Pairs

Every year, the Club holds the Championship Pairs event which is a red point event run over two successive Wednesday morning sessions, 19th and 26th September this year. Entry to this event is restricted to Club members but otherwise is open to everyone in the club. Depending on the number of entries, a movement will be chosen so that a single pair can be declared the winner of the Championship. This winning pair will have their names recorded on the Honor board for display at the Club. Although a substitute can be used for the second session, this will make this entry ineligible to be declared the Championship pair. So, decide your partner and mark these dates in your diary to be ready to nominate when the list goes up on the notice board.

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SECRETARY: THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

When Dummy is on your right lead the weakest suit in sight,

When dummy is on your left lead through heft.

Cheers Kay Justice

BEGINNERS CORNER

One of the first lessons about defence that is taught to beginners is second hand low, third hand high, when following suit. This means that when your partner leads to a trick and you are the third player to that trick, you should play your highest card, unless of course you cannot beat the card that has already been played in the second seat.

When a card has been led from your right, so that you are the second player, it is usually best to play low.

Recently my partner (West) was playing a hand in 3NT, and the 2 of hearts was led. The hearts were distributed as follows:

A542

QJ 103

K9876

The 3 was played from dummy, and the third hand played the 9 instead of the King. Declarer won with the Jack, and was able to make 9 tricks. See what happens if the third hand correctly plays the King, leads back to partner's Ace and then makes the remaining hearts to defeat the contract.

TALKING TO YOUR PARTNER

Negative doubles

A very useful bid that is not well known is the negative double, particularly at the 1 level. A common example is when your partner opens the bidding, say with 1 diamond. Your right-hand opponent overcalls with 1 spade and your hand is something like:

S.J32.**H**.K1073**D**.98.**C**.KJ54. Opposite an opening bid, this hand is really too good to pass, but there is no suitable suit to bid, and insufficient points to bid at the 2 level. The answer is a negative double, which promises 6+ points and support for the 2 unbid suits. If partner happens to hold 4 hearts, a fit has been found, otherwise partner rebids 1NT with a spade stopper, rebids diamonds with 5, or bids clubs. Incidentally, if the opener has 4 hearts, plus 15 or more points, they should **jump** to 3 hearts, otherwise a game may be missed. For example,

S.10.**H**.AQ54.**D**.KJ1065.**C**.AQ3 would warrant a jump to 3 hearts. Without the negative double, if the partner passes, it would be difficult to discover the heart fit.

Patricia Back



Contract Bridge Scoring

Recently there were several sessions at the Club where travelling score sheets were used instead of Bridgemates. It turned out that the directors became aware that many players are unfamiliar with how to estimate the score on a hand, and many mistakes were made. This one is on **part-scores**. (Contracts below game).

Scoring according to the number of tricks made was first developed for Rubber Bridge, where each hand was only played once; in contrast, Bridge Clubs use Duplicate-style scoring, where each hand is played multiple times.

In Rubber Bridge, scores for the tricks are as follows:

Notrumps: First trick 40, extra tricks 30

Spades and hearts Each trick 30

Diamonds and Clubs Each trick 20

Thus, if 9 tricks were made in Spades, the score would be 90.

In Duplicate scoring: When a part-score is made, the score is made up of the score for the tricks, in this case 90, plus a **bonus** of 50 for the part-score. Therefore, making 3 spades scores 140, 2 Notrumps scores 120 (70+ 50), and 4 diamonds scores 130 (80 + 50).

Patricia Back

ANOTHER HERO

Another Hero I would like to mention this month is Margaret Wienk. If you have ever seen Margaret in action in the kitchen you will know what "hero" means. She is small in stature but can she handle that



knife. She has catered for Christmas parties of over 100 at the club, cutting up full hams, pork, fruit and all the trimmings to go with it. She has catered for over 150 people at Congresses, and as she herself said, "with one hand tied behind her back." Margaret worked tirelessly in the kitchen doing the catering with her army of friends for 6 years, the Club gaining recognition throughout the South-East for its wonderful food. Indeed it was often said by some Visitors at Congresses, that they came especially for the food. Margaret served as a very active Committee Member for three years from 2003 and has been the Membership Secretary from that time. It is a very exacting job which is done with a dedicated commitment that is the envy of a lot of Club Members. Margaret stills gives of her time with cooking and advising in the area she loves, and her Ginger Bread houses for Christmas raffles need to be seen to be believed.



Margaret is a Member worthy of this badge of Honour.

In being full of praise for Margaret, I must also mention her husband who also has done so much for the Redland Bridge club. While Margaret was doing the catering, Arie was doing the washing up and was there a mountain of it. And this was before the dishwashers as well. He has supported Margaret in every way and has helped in the heavier jobs at the club that have required his assistance over the years. It is a pity that he is now not a Member but we are always delighted when he will come for a game or attend a function. A big hurrah for two great hero's.



Jean Florence

EDUCATION

Supervised play for Beginners is ongoing on Tuesday afternoon from 2p.m. to 4p.m.

Carmel Denaro

WEDNESDAY EVENING BRIDGE

Evening bridge has become a very enjoyable, relaxed evening with many members coming for dinner before play.

Dinner is at 6p.m. and many come earlier for a bit of socializing and a glass of wine.

There were 7 full tables last week. If anyone wishes to start coming along but requires a partner, contact me. New faces are always welcome.

Avra Bowler

NEW MEMBERS

We have 3 new Members this month. We welcome them, and hope they have as much joy and satisfaction as we do with the association of playing cards.

Lynne Van Rij

Monica Green

Paul Wessel

CONGRATULATIONS

REPORT FOR :

THE NOVICE CONGRESS PAIRS

Our Novice Pairs Congress was held on Sunday 8th July 2012 and those who attended the congress had an enjoyable day. The numbers were quite disappointing as only 10 tables participated - our lowest number over the last 4 years. There were only 3 outside pairs but fortunately 7 from our club. Congratulations to them all for such a great effort.

Val Roland was Director for the day and did a great job once more.



Winners were:

- 1st: James Williamson & Neil Casey
2nd: Shirley Burgess & Judy Blomfield
3rd: Michael Hawes & John Murray tied with
Lynne Layton & George Gibson

Sincere thanks also to Margaret Hunt and all those club members who helped to make the day so successful with donations of food and their valuable time to set up, serve and then clear away afterwards. Without you ALL this Congress could not have been conducted so well and I also appreciate all the help given to me personally to make my job so much easier.

The club made a profit of around \$323 for the day

Marianne Ross

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have the Eddie Santagiuliana Trophy coming up on the 6th & 13th August. This is a graded pairs event. This means depending on the number of entries we will be able to have 2 to 3 sections.

This is a great opportunity for lower ranked players to compete for red masterpoints against their peers.

Because of the success of the previous two Tuesday mentoring sessions held earlier this year. The Management Committee has decided to run a Mentoring Teams event. You enter as a single player and each Team will have at least 1 Mentor. Each player will have the opportunity to play with the Mentor. I will be arranging the teams. It is an all day event for green masterpoints. In between each round you will be able to go back to your table and discuss bidding with the Mentor.

This is a great opportunity for all players of all levels. The emphasis of the day is FUN, FUN, FUN with an opportunity to learn.

Both these events require prior registration. So please put your names down.

Good bridging, **Val Roland**

RESULTS OF THE GNP (GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS) TROPHY

Results for the GNP played over 3 Friday afternoons during July

1. Ron Khaled/Ros Putland
2. Leigh Dominikovich/Barbara McKay
3. Carmel Denaro/James Williamson



RESULTS OF THE DORIS KERR TROPHY

Results for The Doris Kerr Trophy played over 2 Thursday mornings during July

1. Carmel Denaro/Daniel Chua
2. Ron Khaled/Ros Putland
3. Pat Back/Ivan Lam



Congratulations to all the winners.

Well that seems to be all for this month. It was the Mathew Flinders celebration at Coochiemudlo Island on Sunday the 22nd of July. Mathew Flinders took Sextant readings there on the 19th of July 1799. I only mention this as we as a Bridge Club used to help Coochiemudlo Island celebrate this event.

We had a visit from Molly O'Donohue and Phillip Thompson, past members who presently are employed by the Canberra Bridge Club. It was good to see them again. They were staying with Merle Doyle and are enjoying the warmth of Queensland.

I will have some information about Eddie Santagiuliana available for reading as the Trophy in his memory will be in August.

Remember if you have anything you want to say that is suitable for the Trumpet, think of "Letters to the Editor" or there is the Suggestion Box at the front entrance.

Adieu Jean