



REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC.

TRUMPIT

JULY 2013



190A Cleveland/
Redland Bay Rd
Thornlands. QLD. 4164
P.O. Box 515, Cleveland
Cleveland. QLD. 4163
Ph: 3207 7296

**Current
Member-
ship:**

280



SPECIAL EVENTS

2nd August

Friday all day

Teams of 3

5/12th August

Monday 12 noon

Eddie Santagiuliana

Trophy

(Graded Pairs)

7th September

Saturday 12 noon

Saturday Pairs

(Graded)

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Everyone,



A big welcome to Darryl Lock who will be the President while Ros is away.

With the Australian Dollar going down, we should all be thinking of getting those holidays booked just in case the dollar goes right down. There are so many wonderful places to see and such good prices. Emails are coming by the dozen every day with some wonderful places to experience.

We hope Ros and Marianne have a wonderful holiday. That part of the world they are going to, is spectacular.

I put up on the board, some pictures depicting the times, when we used to go to Coochiemudlo Island to commemorate the landing of Mathew Flinders. It used to be a big day, as we used to take our own tables and chairs on occasions, morning tea etc. Margaret Walker was the chief instigator of the visit and I was hoping she might have been well enough to come over on the 17th. We send her our best

wishes and to let her know that she was not forgotten on Mathew Flinders Day at the Redland Bridge Club.

Val Smythe supplied the photographs and they are in the Photograph album at the club.

An update on the bees. They swarmed the other day and before we could capture the new renegades in a hive, they disappeared. So someone has a bee hive somewhere in a tree in their yard near here. It was amazing just how many live in the little box which is their home.

Jean Florence

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello to all from me. In Ros' absence I will be filling in for our President. Hopefully I can keep things running smoothly and on an even keel until her return from what sounds like a great vacation river cruising in Europe.

To begin with, congratulations go to Leo Pitt and Ray Chapman who won

the Redlands Novice Pairs on Sunday 14th July. Good to see the locals doing so well. Big thanks to all who helped out on the day, in the kitchen, with food, and with organising generally.

The Doris Kerr Trophy is underway as I write this, on the 18th and 25th of July, consecutive Thursdays. It is a Red Point event. Please note that prior entry is/was required. I would like to remind people to listen to the announcements before play each day, and to read the list on the club web site, of upcoming events. Otherwise, you may be embarrassed, as I was myself recently, by turning up for a game, and finding that you wasted a trip, and that you won't be able to play because an event requiring prior entry is underway.

Also coming up, we have a Teams of Three Friday on the 2nd August. A green point event, and a Free day. Again, prior entry is required.

Lastly, the Eddie Santaguiliano Trophy is being held on Monday 12th and 19th August. Prior Entry required also.

After some initial confusion, the new car park is proving itself to be of huge benefit on these rainy days of late. It's very nice not to have to negotiate mud and water to get to the clubhouse. Please try to park in the usual orderly manner, two rows down the centre, and one row against the back fence, with parallel parking around the circle. Parking to the side of the clubhouse as normal.

I am pleased to report that we have had three people take, and pass, the director's exams. Congratulations go to Daniel Chua, Chris Mayfield, and Bruce Johnman. Well done !

Please also remember the RON KLINGER WORKSHOP coming up on 5TH Aug (Monday). Cost \$20.00. A great opportunity, not to be

missed. I hope you have your names down on the list.

Happy to report that our water problem has now been resolved. The plumbing work is complete, and many thanks go to Tom France for his efforts in organising the job.

Darryl Lock
Vice President



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Would members please note the following Alerting changes will take place on 1st August

Changes to the ABF Alert Procedures

As of August 1st 2013 there will be two significant changes to the current alerting procedures and both of these changes will have an impact upon the average club player.

The first is that when a player opens the bidding with 1♣, his partner will no longer need to alert it. This is irrespective of whether the 1♣ opening is natural or conventional. Instead the responder will be required to make a prescribed statement (otherwise termed an 'Announcement').

The actual 'announcement' required will vary depending upon the nature of the 1♣ bid:

- For natural (Green) systems; the appropriate minimum length of the club suit (i.e., 2+, 3+, 4+, etc.) should be announced.
- For Strong Club (Blue) systems; the word "Strong" together with the mini-

imum HCP holding (e.g. “16+”) should be announced.

- For system options other than those above (e.g. a Polish 1♣); the word “Unusual” should be used.

The second area where an announcement will be required is after any natural 1NT opening. The responder will now be obligated to state:

- The appropriate HCP range (e.g. “12-14” or “15-17” etc.).

All such announcements will need to be made consistently in the prescribed manner. Alternative designations or terminologies should not be used.

It is the responsibility of the Responder to make the announcement whenever their partner opens either 1♣ or 1NT. Either call will now trigger the prescribed announcement, or in the case of a conventional 1♣, the announcement will replace the current requirement to alert. These are the only two calls that will lead to an announcement, the Alert Regulations remain unchanged in respect all other actions.

After any announcement, the opponents will still be able to ask supplementary questions, however hopefully the basic information already conveyed will obviate much of that need. A side benefit of this new approach is that many of the

problems currently created due to inopportune (and sometimes pointed) enquiries will now disappear.

Another major positive is that announcements will lead to a better level of disclosure than was previously possible. Up until now the task of providing adequate levels of disclosure has been quite difficult for those partnerships employing either a variable 1NT or for those using a quite different system in 3rd and 4th seat. A reduction in the likelihood of any opposition confusion about the methods being employed (and the agreed countermeasures) should be a benefit to all concerned. The Laws relating to mistaken explanations and unauthorised information will still however apply to incorrect announcements in the same way that they currently apply to incorrect Alerts.

Since these new procedures represent a significant change in approach, it is to be expected that some players will need time to adjust. Consequently, Directors will be encouraged to exercise suitable tolerance in respect to inadvertent non-compliance and this will continue until most of the players become familiar with the newly promulgated procedures.

Announcements have been used in both England and the United States for a number of years and it is felt that the above application of the same approach will also be beneficial in Australia.

David Earnshaw

EXTRA NOTICE

A number of players are making unlawful requests at the bridge table and the following Bridge Laws are drawn to players' attention:

Law 66: Inspection of Tricks

Current Trick: Until you have turned your card face down on the table, you may request the cards just played be faced.

Quitted Tricks: Until play ceases, quitted tricks may not be inspected.

The above two matters are mentioned because a number of players are making unauthorised requests to see cards when they are not entitled to do so. Please call a Director if a player makes any unlawful request. Players should also note the following:

Law 45F: After dummy's hand is faced up, dummy may not touch any card (except for the purpose of arrangement) without instruction from declarer. If he does so the director should be summoned forthwith and informed of the action. Play continues. At the end of play the Director shall award an adjusted score if he considers dummy suggested a play to declarer and the defenders were damaged by the play suggested.

David



NEW REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB IDENTIFICATION SIGNS

The new identification signs recently provided on the front and end of the building have certainly improved the easy identification and image of our building to the Public and Visitors.

Well done Committee.

Beginners corner 8

Taking finesses

Beginners usually learn about the play of a finesse at an early stage of their bridge education. The key point is to lead towards honours such as AQ, with the knowledge that the chance of the Queen winning the trick is 50%. There are some instances where you would like to repeat a winning finesse, such as this combination:

AQJ6

1053

Say you lead the 3 and win the trick with the Jack. You may not have another entry to your hand, and will be unable to repeat the winning finesse. If however you start with the 10 and it wins, you can repeat the finesse and make at least 3 tricks instead of 2.

Patricia Back

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

For the information of new members, and a reminder to all members, Redland Bridge Club, is still collecting **USED POSTAGE STAMPS** for the Oxfam Charity Group.

Money from the sale of the stamps is used for Charitable purposes.

Place your used stamps in the small plastic container on the shelf at the entry door.

Thank you,

Pat Keane

HANDLING SUITS

North

♠.Q8632

♥.Q10

♦.10953

♣.52

West

♠. A5

♥.9542

♦. AKJ

♣. KJ93

East

♠.K94

♥.KJ873

♦.8

♣.AQ104

South

♠.J107

♥. A6

♦.Q7642

♣.876

Handling the card combinations in the 4 suits is one of the main problems in declarer play. The above hand was played recently in a Club duplicate game, and the majority of the East-West declarers failed to find the correct play in the Heart suit. The popular contract was 6 Hearts, usually played by West after a transfer sequence. The key to the hand is to only lose 1 trump trick, as there are no losers in the other suits. Looking at the Heart suit, the key to making 4 tricks is obviously to locate the Queen. If the AQ lies in the South hand there is no hope, but if the Queen is in the North hand, a finesse will be successful. Play a low card from West, and the 10 appears. Then pause to

What might be in that North hand. The possible combinations are !. Singleton 10 2. Q10 3. A10

4. AQ10. As the finesse is a 50% chance, play the Jack of Hearts and you will be rewarded when the Ace wins the trick, and the Queen will later be captured by the King in dummy. If you on the other hand, play the King from dummy on the first round, you are playing for only 2 (no3) of the combinations to be correct.

Patricia Back



U3A Bridge Class

“A new class, Bridge for Beginners through U3A, will be held on Thursday afternoons at 1.30pm, with the first class being on Thursday 18th July. If you know anyone who is a U3A member and would like to learn, they can contact Avra on 3207 7328.”

Avra Bowler



The Chefettes

The Chefettes had their meeting last week to finalise their menu and costings for Melbourne Cup and Christmas functions.

We will need to know numbers for both days to help with the catering, so there will be a list on the board in plenty of time for these two occasions. We will post the Menu nearer to the time as well.

It must be remembered that we are not allowed to cook at the Bridge Club. We can only bring things that we have cooked at home and heat them at the club. So the catering has to be tailored to this factor. We have done what we think is a good menu and we hope you will enjoy it.

Jean Florence for the Chefettes

CONGRESS REPORT

The Redland Novice Pairs Congress was a great success, and everyone seemed to have a wonderful relaxed day.

Thanks to Val Roland for Directing, Margaret Hunt in the kitchen and all of her wonderful helpers who give of their free time. Also to be mentioned are the people who supplied the home cooking which is always most appreciated and for what the Redland Bridge Club is recognized. Mention of course to the members of the Committee and Job Managers for their expertise shown by the smooth flow of the day.

Marianne Ross

SUPERVISED PLAY

Wednesday Afternoon Supervised Play is still going well. We generally have 3 or 4 tables and they are all having a lot of fun as well as being very keen Bridge learners.

Carmel Denaro

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome three new members this month and that takes us to 280 Members.

They are:-

Poona Gounder

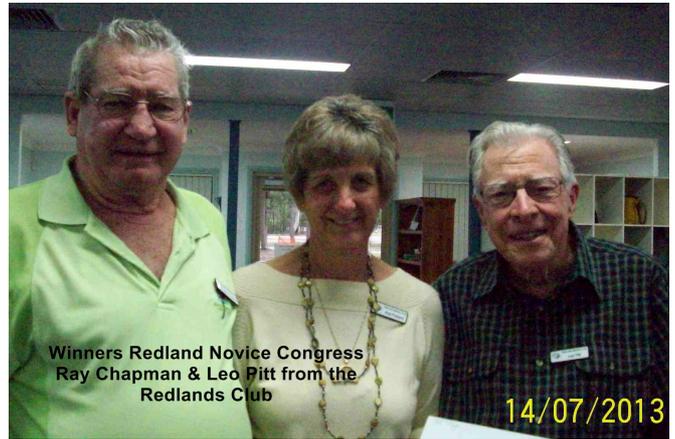
Chjristina Macdonald

Elvie Englesham



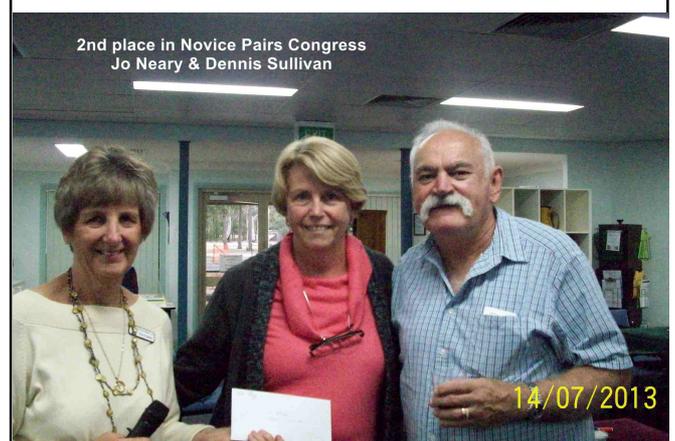
We greet you with enthusiasm and hope their stay with us will be full of wonder at the intrigues of the bridge game.

Margaret Wienk



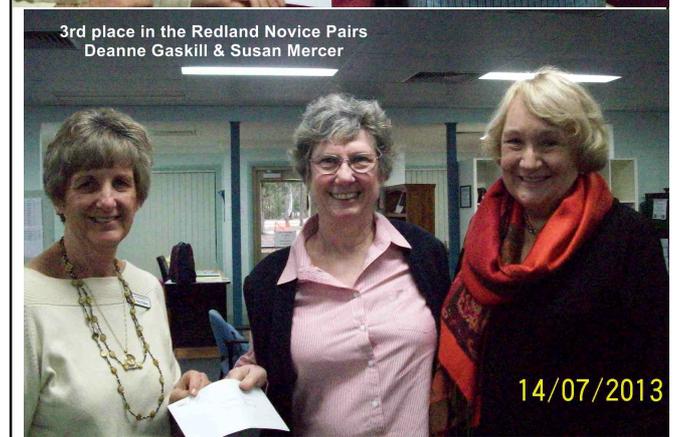
Winners Redland Novice Congress
Ray Chapman & Leo Pitt from the
Redlands Club

14/07/2013



2nd place in Novice Pairs Congress
Jo Neary & Dennis Sullivan

14/07/2013



3rd place in the Redland Novice Pairs
Deanne Gaskill & Susan Mercer

14/07/2013



Encouragement Award Redland Novice
Congress Laurelle McDonnell & Neville
McDonnell

14/07/2013

That is all for this month,

Adieu, Jean