



REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC.

TRUMPIT



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

Current Membership

269

New members

2

Winter Team

All day

Wed 13th July

Red points

Joan Butts

Intermediate

14th July

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Everyone,

I hope it hasn't been too cold for you . It is refreshing, shows us to feel alive, and knowing that the summer will turn up again soon, we are able to bear it. I always like the change of clothing. Where I came from, we didn't have a winter and a short sleeve cardigan was all that was required on the odd occasion. One of my wishes is to go to the Falling Leaves event in Tumut, NSW, to see the magnificent colours of Autumn.



I have not had any adverse comments about the recipes I put into the last Trumpit. It has been gratifying to know that so many Members tried out the recipes. I have 2 "All in One" cake recipes, if anyone is interested to have them, I will send them to you. Just email me at jjfloss@bigpond.net.au. I have tried out the recipes, tweaked" them a little, and the results should be good. Keep warm,

Jean

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

These are certainly interesting times at the Club. As we go to press we are about to install an upgrade to our Clubhouse to increase storage space and so improve our playing area.

At the entrance an area will be set aside for cubicles for handbags thus reducing

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the need to leave these items on the floor during play. On the reverse of this stand shelving will be improved for library books.

Storage for large items such as folding tables will be made behind sliding-doors to the front of the eastern alcove. Some of these doors will be utilised as white boards and noticeboards. In the southern alcove lockable cupboards will provide much needed space for important documents and material for play. The Honour boards will also be hung on the Southern alcove

The recent break down of our water urns incurred the replacement of one and we are examining the viability of the second. Replacement costs are around \$2,200. Improvements are being made to the kitchen also.

You would be aware Val Roland has been absent with family illness and while the problem has neither improved nor deteriorated she will feel better with us to take her mind from the problem by coming back to work and we certainly appreciate that decision. We do appreciate all the directors and others involved with play who have taken on this additional workload without complaint.

A few weeks ago we arranged a visit by the Mayor to promote our Club's solar electricity upgrade and luckily received good publicity from The Bayside Bulletin. That can't be taken for granted.

Joan Butts will be giving classes at Intermediate level on 14th July and 11th August. Cost \$15 per session.

We welcome the return of President David from his extensive trip and I am more than happy to hand him back the reins.

Cec (Acting President)



TURNING ON THE LIGHTS

(This is the speech which Cec Tucker made when the Mayor and Councilors visited last week.)

A very special welcome to our Mayor, Melva Hobson and to Councilors Debra Henry and John Burns.

The Gathering here today is to celebrate the completion of our new solar electricity undertaking recently completed by Goodhew Electrical and Solar at a cost of approximately \$25,000. This is the biggest expenditure the Club has made since coming to Pinklands in 2002 and hopefully will signify our commitment to being good citizens and a major asset for the city.

We are proud of our achievements. Since starting the Club in 1984 with only a handful of members and meeting once or trice a week in church halls, we progressed to becoming incorporated in 1992 and to changing our name to Redland Contract Bridge Club. In 1995 we leased upstairs rooms at Ross Court, soon followed by obtaining a bank loan to purchase the site. There we were playing three days a week and one evening.

However, it soon became apparent that we would need even larger accommodation, one more disabled friendly and we sought a grant of land from the then mayor Eddie Santajuliana and Council. This was approved and plans were developed for the new building. A bank loan was out of the question as we had little equity but with the approval of ASIC we approached our members for the monies (close to \$400,000) and happily have been able to repay everyone well within the ten years originally estimated.

The confidence and enthusiasm of our members has been exhibited in a fourfold increase in membership over a period to 267 now and growing. We have sessions six days a week, Wednesday evening and one Sunday a month to cater for a wide variety of members' interests. To ensure we continue to provide service to the community we conduct, from time to time, Introductory Training sessions for those interested in learning Bridge using one of the best bridge teachers in Queensland, Joan Butts. Additionally we have Improvers' classes for those completed training.

Over the years we have kept abreast of changes in the Bridge world by becoming completely computerized at the table and when play is finished the results are ready and can be examined in greater detail on the Web when you get home.

This recent addition to the building is only one of many we have been contemplating for future development to ensure the Redland Bridge Club is one of the best in the State.

With no further ado I would like to call on the Mayor to officially switch the power **ON**.

Cec Tucker

(Vice President)



A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE

For those who have never lived in a large mining camp, in a third world country, it may be of interest to read of some of my experiences in PNG in The 80's. My husband is an electrical engineer and was asked if he would be interested in taking a position at the OK Tedi mining company in PNG.

We both flew up to have a look and were so impressed with the whole project, decided to give it a go and we spent three and a half very interesting years there.



This part of PNG is situated in the Star Mountains very close to the Indonesian border and considered one of the wettest places on earth raining 339 days of the year. The average annual rainfall is 8 metres. The day starts with cloud right down to the ground and during the morning it gradually rises slowly like a blind to expose the most spectacular scenery. By midday when the humidity is becoming unbearable the rain pelts down and cools everything off. Flying into Tabubil was tricky. Flights from Port Moresby left in the morning on a Dash 7 which seated twelve people and arrived about the middle of the day. On reaching the town, if there is still a lot of cloud, the pilot looks for a hole and then descends steeply between the mountains onto the runway. The first day we flew in, the cloud had thickened and the pilot had the flaps down but had to tuck them back and climb again. He then announced he would go to the other end and weaved around for 15 to 20 minutes before making that steep descent through the hole onto the runway. Over this time there was hardly a sound inside the aircraft, everyone craning to get a glimpse of the ground through the cloud. The Australian pilots are very skilled and relaxed.

The little shopping centre was comprised of a supermarket, two banks, a post office, liquor outlet and travel centre. All food was brought up the Fly River on barges from Port Moresby to Kiunga and loaded onto un-refrigerated trucks for the drive to Tabubil where the town was situated. This was a winding, mountainous trip and took three hours. Foods were often not up to standard. Use-by dates didn't mean a thing but it wasn't much good complaining because it took so long to replace. Flour was always old so we learned to sift out the weevils (my mother in law always said if weevils could live in the flour it could not be poisoned with pesticide so is OK!). Icing sugar would settle into a block because of the humidity so we would grate it. We

always lifted the lid of the ice cream a little to peep before buying and see how much had defrosted on the way up the mountain. Many of us made our own bread. The town would often run out of the most basic things like onions and many vegetables, sugar, honey, all sorts of things so we learned to adapt our recipes to whatever was going. No one minded helping others with ingredients if needed. The barge came up the river with food every three weeks and when the trucks came into town we would 'phone around and get down to the supermarket as fast as possible before things ran out. Every now and again we would get a load of fresh fruit from Australia and that would cause a lot of excitement. Some fresh vegetables were grown over the other side of another mountain and flown across so we bought whatever was offering.

We had a small hospital with a very good Australian Doctor (originally English). The head nurse was Canadian and there were a few national nurses. Our doctor was often flown out to various villagers when they had word a woman was in trouble because of a difficult birth or for any other medical emergencies.

Getting a drivers license required filling out the usual forms. The first request for a woman was to state your father's full name. This 'father' really means 'husband', so if one has not been told this the license comes to you in your maiden name and they refuse to change it for three years. Licenses had to be carried at all times whilst driving. If caught without there was a K40 (\$60) penalty.

I had many wonderful experiences getting to know the local people. With the help of a few national girls I learned to cook muu muu style, ie with heated rocks placed in the ground to make an oven. The company had set up a little school so I helped students each week with their English. The people are very ambitious and eager to learn. I was very interested in the Mission hospital in Kiunga and as I had been on the executive of the Ex trainees Association of RPH and wanted to send material back, I made arrangements to visit. That was quite an eye opener and it would take another page to describe how it functioned and the difficulties they faced.

I was lucky once to fly in a helicopter to the top of Mt. Robinson, 6000 feet above the town where the radio station was situated. Normally there was no one up there and visits were only made for maintenance or a problem with communications around the mine. Viewing the jungle whilst flying round the top of the mountains in a little noisy, vibrating bubble was quite an experience.

There were many different nationalities working for the

company. 80% of the workers were nationals but the professionals came from every part of the globe. There was a marvelous sense of camaraderie and people were happy and glad to help anyone with a problem. The expat women were not allowed to be in paid work if a local girl could be trained for the job so consequently we organized all sorts of crafts and sports to keep us occupied.

The 8th of September is Independence Day and we were there for the eleventh year of self government in PNG. Groups of villages came into Tabubil dressed up to perform their traditional sing-sings. The women wore grass skirts, lots of feathers and shells and were mostly bare breasted. One woman wore a western flesh coloured 'bra' which looked very funny on her black skin. The men were very brightly painted especially their faces. They also wore feathers and shells to show off their wealth. Some wore grass skirts, others just their penis gourds in the most frightening shapes, carrying their spears and looking quite ferocious. One man had a soccer ball strung between his legs under his skirt and danced with his knees bent and wide apart as the ball swung from side to side. That must have been symbolic of something!! Some of the men had beautiful head dresses.

The nationals are very happy people and laugh at themselves when things go wrong (though I must add here that they felt it was their duty to beat their wives).

I learned to play bridge by the American women who were keen bridge players. There was nothing nicer than sitting on our verandahs on a warm afternoon with the rain pelting down, playing bridge. We could have stayed longer in PNG but there were family considerations to bring us home and we decided not to sign another contract. It was a wonderful experience.

Elaine Shannon



WELCOME

2 new members:-

Peter Woodland Ph 3826 2625

Ann Hawes Ph 07 4121 4807



PHONE CHANGES

Lois Mawter Ph 38209 9569



ACCESS DOORS/SCREENS

Occasionally birds and insects, such as mosquitoes and flies have entered the Redland Bridge Club building during playing sessions, when the access doors have been opened.

Following representations from Members, the feasibility of installing insect screens on the access doorways has been investigated.

The Club building can accommodate approximately 100 persons at a time. The Exit doors have been designed to cater for the egress of this number of people in an emergency.

In accordance with the current Fire Safety Regulations, the exit doors open outwards. Fitting inward opening, sliding or rolling screen doors to the exits would impede egress in an emergency, and therefore is not permissible.

Outward opening screen doors would require the fitting of an additional frame inside the existing door frame. This would reduce the width of the egress opening and would not be acceptable to Council and Fire Safety Authorities.

The solution to the situation, when the air conditioning is not switched on, is to close access doors and open windows to get an appropriate air flow. All windows in the Club building are fitted with stainless steel security/fly wire mesh screens. The Director of the day is the person responsible to authorise the opening and closing/locking of the windows.

John Florence (WH&S Co-ordinator)

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

The Wednesday evening session is thriving with up to 8 tables. Players must be seated at 6:45pm ready for play to start at 7:00pm and finish at 10:00pm. There is a session on card play from 4:30 to 5:30pm every Wednesday and more players would benefit from attending those sessions. A light meal is served at 5:30pm to attract players straight from work. This is a great social get together for those who avail themselves of it and take turns in preparing the food.

The Wednesday evening group are always seeking working folk and other nighthawks wishing to learn to play bridge in the evening. If you have friends or relatives interested in evening bridge lessons please contact [Avra](#) or [Vince](#).



MONDAY CARD PLAY SESSION

Monday card play sessions are from 10:00am to 11:00am. These sessions are based on Paul Marston's "The Principles of Card Play" are free of charge. Any one interested in improving their card play can join in at any time and make up a table of peer players. Most of the players who come to the lower masterpoint [Monday](#) session at 12:00 noon would benefit from coming a bit earlier and joining in.

Hope to see you there,

Vince



USED STAMPS

For the advice of new members and a reminder to all members, RBC is still collecting used postage stamps for OXFAM Charity Group. There is a plastic box at the Reception Desk in which you can deposit them.

Thank you,

Pat Keane



FROM THE TUITION DESK

The current class of new members is progressing at a very satisfying rate and all seem to be enjoying themselves immensely. We probably only have about 6 weeks to go before most will be up and running in one of the regular graded sessions. Our numbers now are usually 15/16 and Ros and Carmel are continuing with the help. Last week I had the pleasure of playing in a Wednesday session with Darryl Lock and I feel he was pleasantly surprised with his prowess finishing mid-field.



Most of the players have shown interest in Joan Butt's upcoming Intermediate classes and I have encouraged them to attend as I feel they will gain from it.

Lois's partner is O/S and she is kindly helping Janelle Williamson by playing with her in the Monday graded session and we know Janelle is very appreciative of this.

I would like to take the opportunity of wishing Sylvia Fisher a wonderful holiday in Europe, as she flies out to attend her son's wedding in Poland. We look forward to her joining us again on her return.

[Bev Tucker](#)

JUDY'S HELPERS

To all the helpers in the Bridge Club (you know who you are) I would like to say a big thank you for your efforts because it is you who help keep our Club running smoothly.

I would particularly like to thank our new members who are tackling the emptying of dishwashers, keeping the bench tops clean, sorting out cupboards and drawers and keeping them neat and tidy. And all with great enthusiasm.

To those who keep us supplied with bathroom and kitchen products, thank you.

If you have any fresh flowers to spare, please bring them for us all to share. There are plenty of empty vases in the cupboards.

[Your House Convenor,](#)

Judy



REPORT FOR NOVICE TEAMS CONGRESS 29TH May 2011

12 teams entered the Novice Congress which was a pleasing result. Our own novice teams made up the bulk of players which was good training for the Open events to come.

One team cancelled the day before the event due to illness and another was sick on the day. Thanks to our stand-by team which agreed at the last moment to play and be the replacement on the day.

Results were:-



1st: Annette Sullivan; Byron Langford;
Desiree Fenaughty; Denise Hartwig,
Tied with
Carmel Wikman; Margie Knox; Kay Goodwin; Sharon Clifford.

Two **Redland** teams tied for third
Sue Frampton; Shirley Murdoch; Maureen Kelso; Carradine Lucas.
Shirley Burgess; Judy Blomfield; Lynne Layton;
George Gibson.

The raffles were won by Margaret Hunt (fruit basket) and Maureen Kelso (wine).

Thanks also to Jan Peach who also agreed to direct at the last moment (when Val Roland sadly had to pull out due to the ill-health of her Father) for ensuring that the day's play went so smoothly and to Margaret Hunt and the enthusiastic band of Members who donated food and money, and helped with preparing and serving, as well as cleaning up and ensuring that the Clubhouse was ready for play on Monday.

It is much appreciated by players who look forward to coming to the Redland Club to play and "eat".

Many thanks again,

Marianne Ross
Convenor



QUICK AND EASY CAKE

SAND CAKE

(You will require a mix-master for this)



Turn the fan forced oven on to 170 degrees.

Spray and line a loaf tin.

Into a mix-master bowl place the following:-

1/4 cup of milk (you might need a bit more)

125gms very soft butter but not melted.

3/4 cup castor sugar

2 eggs

1 cup Self-Raising Flour.

1 tablespoon corn flour.

Beat slowly until the mixture comes together.

Then on medium speed for 6 minutes. (If you do it fast it will come out with holes in the cake.)

Put mixture in the tin and let it fall on the table once or twice to get out air bubbles.

Put in oven in the middle rack for 20–30 minutes.

Test with a skewer, as it takes different times in different ovens.

ICING:

1 cup icing sugar (icing mixture will not set as well)

1 teaspoon very soft butter

A few drops of milk to bring it together.

Beat until smooth and spread on cold cake.

If you want a smooth top, turn the cake upside down.

If you want the icing to run a little down the sides, ice the cake when just warm.

Happy baking, Jean

That's all this month,

Adieu,

Jean

