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FROM THE EDITOR

**Current
Member-
ship:**

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SPECIAL EVENTS

GNP

QUALIFYING ROUNDS

June 15th/22nd/29th

Friday 1p.m. Gold Pts

REDLAND NOVICE PAIRS

JULY 8TH

SUNDAY 9.30P.M.

DORIS KERR

TROPHY

July 12/19th

Thursday 9.30 a.m.

Hi Everyone.

Well the weather is perfect and the bees seem to be happy. So happy in fact they are fighting each other. It is not nice to see. However I believe it happens and eventually it settles down, which it has.



Next Month, I will be starting "Letters to the Editor." If you would like to ask me about something, whether it is about cooking, recipes, gardening and plants, something about the club or card play, something that you just wish to know, just write or email me, on jjfloss@bigpond.net.au and I will endeavour to find the answer for you or put you in the right direction. Because of the huge response I will be getting you may have to wait a few months for the reply. Jean



HERO TIME

This month we pay tribute to a very special and charming lady. A lady who for many years worked tirelessly selling raffle tickets and bringing much needed revenue to the Club.

This lady:

Val Horn.

Val has been a member of our Club for many years



and for almost nine years during the nineties Val arrived early for each session, always immaculately attired, sitting herself at the front desk of whichever venue we happened to be using at the time. They varied from church halls, Yacht Club to Ross Court, in order to sell raffle tickets to members as they entered.

Likewise Val was also raffle seller at our Congresses in those days. During these years Val's efforts would raise anything from \$6000 to \$8000 annually. This was at a time when the Club needed monies.

To a great extent Val's effort helped allow us to purchase the premises at Ross Court which we had been renting for quite a few years. The table fees were only \$3.00 rising to \$4.00 when we bought Ross Court



Thus people were happy to buy tickets.

In turn this enabled us upon being granted the land to then sell the premises in Ross Court and thus giving us a start in raising the money to build at Pinklands.



Val was made an Honorary Life Member of the Club in the late nineties for her services.

For decades Val lived in Anne Marie Court Pt. Halloran, in a lovely home with bay views.

As age has caught up with Val , (she is now 96 years of age) she has now moved to Rosevale Court Nursing Home. She is not ill but rather frail.

Until 12 months ago Val was still driving her car.

We salute you Val.

As I say, it was the help along the way that has made us what we are today

Sincerely

Bev Tucker

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I am writing this, the painting of the club is coming to an end and we will see the re-hanging of the blinds. Our windows are clean and the pest inspections have been attended to for the year. Also some electrical work will occur shortly to bring our club inline with fire safety as well as attending to some lights that have not worked for ages.

A very successful morning was held on Tuesday 5th June to honour the unstinting work that Michael Nestor did for the club both in directing for our novices on a Tuesday morning for quite a number of years and also for reworking our constitution the last time. \$842.85 was raised in his name for Stroke Support. His wife and son were

present for the morning tea. Thanks to Fran Bourke for her organization of the event and all who contributed to the morning tea and the running of the day.

Our constitution and rules are again being updated and Kevin Williams with Geoff Smythe and Carradine Lucas have been working very hard and a draft is before the committee for their consideration this month.

It has been decided to celebrate our 20th (30th) birthday with a cake to be served as afternoon tea at our Christmas Party.

It is great to see a much larger number of entrants in the GNP than in previous years.

This month has seen the passing of Neville Langford, a thorough gentleman, who played with John Harris on Thursday mornings. His wife has indicated that she would like to donate a memorial trophy. It was decided to accept this kind offer as it fulfills a gap in our trophies because this trophy will be rewarded to the most improved novice in a 12 month period to be presented at the Christmas party each year. They will be allowed to take it home and keep it for the year and return it each Christmas party to be presented to the next most improved novice. Carradine Lucas and John Harris are to draw up the criteria for the Neville Langford Trophy. It was also decided that this would be the last memorial trophy as all categories were now adequately covered by existing honour boards and trophies.

Our NOVICE PAIRS CONGRESS is coming up on the Sunday 8th July and I urge all under 100 Master Points to consider playing in it and our next Red point event is the Doris Kerr Trophy to be held on Thursdays 12th and 19th July

Happy Bridging

Ros Putland

BEGINNER'S CORNER

Defensive habits

It is well known that the most difficult part of the game of bridge is defence. There are several reasons, one of them being the partnership aspect, because if you are unfamiliar with your partner's style, you may be *all at sea* when trying to win tricks. It is vital to develop some system of signalling, even a very simple one. However, there are some habits you can develop on your own.

After the opening lead is made and dummy is revealed, you can see half the cards in the pack. Obviously the idea is to work out how the other half is distributed, so that you will have some idea of what your partner holds. The clues lie in the bidding, so that as soon as you see dummy you should have some idea of the cards in declarer's hand, from the bids they have made.

A good habit to develop is to count the points in dummy and your own hand immediately you see dummy. Then add what you expect declarer to hold, and subtract from 40. This gives you a clue about your partner's hand. (It's easier than it sounds).

For instance, if declarer has opened the bidding with 1 No Trump (15-18), you have an instant picture of their strength. Then if dummy comes down with 10 points, and you have 10 points yourself, you know your partner has at most 5 points. On the other hand, if declarer has shown a minimum hand, count on them having about 12, which gives your partner 8 points, possibly 2 Aces. As you gain experience, information like this will help your defence to improve.

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. In the next few *Trumpit* issues, there will be some tips on scoring, the first one being 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)

TALKING TO YOUR PARTNER

Bidding with Strong Hands

It has come to my notice that some players at our Club have a wide range for their 2 Club opening bids. This makes it very difficult for the partner to judge whether game or slam is likely to make. Expert players bid 2 Clubs always as a Game Force or 23-24 balanced. The practice of opening 2 Clubs with an estimated 4 losers is flawed, unless there is a self-supporting suit such as AKQJ654.

Recently I observed a 2 Club opening being made with the following hand, which presumably was estimated as 4 losers.

S. KQ98654 **H.**K2.**D.**Q97.**C.**A.

This 14-point hand is not a recommended 2 Club opening. Does the spade suit really have 1 loser? If partner is void of spades this suit will yield about 3-4 tricks. Does the diamond suit really have 2 losers? In fact, it has no winners, and it is winners that take tricks.

On this occasion, the partner had 11 points, and opposite a genuine 2 Club opening would have been confident of making a slam.

The message is: Inform your partner whether you have a superstrong hand, or merely a “good” hand.

Patricia Back

EDUCATION

There are no Beginner’s classes at the moment as the students have progressed to supervised play on the

Tuesday’s. Cheers Carmel

REPORT:- On the Workshop held at the Redland Bridge Club for Intermediate to Advanced Players.

This workshop was held at the Redland Bridge Club on Thursday afternoon 14th June. It was organized by Joan Butts, ABF National Teaching Coordinator together with David Beauchamp from Sydney who is a full-time professional bridge player. They concentrated on Defence, which was decided on by the majority of the players. David was very entertaining and very informative and of course we all know Joan Butts to be an excellent teacher. There were 32 bridge players present, which made up 8 tables. We all had a lot of fun, as well as learning some very interesting little tips. It was a very relaxed Workshop and I know I certainly enjoyed it all. Thank you to Joan, David and Committee.

Carmel

DIRECTOR’S CORNER

A misunderstood area of bidding is the IN-ADVERTENT BID. An inadvertent bid is where you meant to bid something and then bid something else. It is not an error in bidding. (e.g. you sort your cards and place a club with your spades, therefore you think you have more spades than you actually have and bid spades and then discover your mistake.....THIS IS NOT AN INADVERTENT BID and cannot be changed.

If for example you have 5 spades and 2 hearts and bid 1 Heart instead of 1 spade and call the director straight away This is AN INADVERTENT BID.

Law 25c states that a player may substitute his/her intended call for the inadvertent call. He/she may only do so only if there has been no pause for thought.

This means in the above example the bidder does it immediately (generally without lifting their pencil off the bidding sheet), call the director and the LHS player has not bid after the inadvertent bid. (If that player has bid then there has been pause for thought and the inadvertent bid stands)

Inadvertency cannot be claimed on a bad choice. E.g. Partner has spades and you have hearts and the hand is signed off in hearts when spades is the winning contract. It cannot be claimed if there is hesitation after the bid and before the director is called.

If the Director is satisfied that the bid was inadvertent, the Director will allow the inadvertent bid to be corrected and the bidding carries on.

John Harris



The 5th June was Michael Nestor's Appreciation Day.

Members who have attended the Tuesday bridge sessions that Michael directed wanted to show their appreciation for the warm welcome and help they always received as new players. All current and previous Tuesday players were invited to attend and the day was supported by the club more broadly through the donation of table and director fees, as well as contributions of morning tea by some older playing members of the Club, raffle prizes and cash donations.

There were fourteen tables and Colli and Robin Nestor attended at morning tea on Michael's behalf.

The Club raised over \$800.00 which has been donated to the Stroke Association of Queensland in the name of the Nestor family.

The Stroke Association of Queensland provides information and support to stroke survivors and their families. There are over 30 support groups throughout Queensland and the Association provides seminars to professionals and talks to community groups as well as referral to other services. They do much of this work through volunteers and will appreciate the contribution.

We wish Michael all the best and we hope he enjoys the goodies sent to him and his plaque and flowers.

Thank you Michael.

Frances



Presentation to Colli and Robin Nestor by Kevin Williams for Michael Nestor



WEDNESDAY EVENING

For those of us who cannot come to weekday sessions, Wednesday evening Bridge gives you that opportunity. The 6p.m. dinner provided by our regulars on a rotational basis is a great time to discover more about our members besides their behaviour at Bridge.

It is winter and table numbers are averaging around 7 tables a night. So come along for a really fun night and plenty of competition.

Players who, many of us would know from daytime sessions, topped our first Red Point event on June 6th. Congratulations to Martin Skitmore, Cliff Gibbards and Allan and David Bessell.

Trevor



NOTICES



1. The Club House has just been painted, the Notice Boards are being refreshed with new directions, the blinds have been cleaned and re-hung and when the carpet is cleaned, we will have most things in our own Bridge Club House spick and span and looking **\$1,000,000**. So it is up to us the Owners and Users of this magnificent venue to look the part and smarten up the way we **dress**. If one requires an outing with which to compare how to dress, it would be a Special Morning Tea for someone you respect and care about. So how about it everyone. See what you can do and surprise us.
2. A square table with matching chairs always look neat and tidy when the four are pushed in to the edge of the table. It would be so nice to see the tables and chairs in line after play. It is the job of the **East/West Players** to do this as well as empty the bins, clear off any crockery on the small tables and make sure the small table are also pushed in.. Sometimes the pencils, eraser and bidding slips require a tidy-up as well.
3. The job of the **North/South Players** is to do the scoring, change the bidding slips after each game, score the game and make sure that East or West check that the entry on the Bridge mate is correct in every detail and presses the correct buttons. It is also North/South who make sure that the board numbers are correct for each game.
4. A **Suggestion Box** has been placed on the front table. Many Members have good ideas which are often aired during session time. The Committee would love to hear them...ideas on how to improve our club, how to attract new members, even complaints. Please give us your feedback. We welcome this input. It can be **anonymous** if you wish.

SECRETARY: THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Don't go to three without me,
Eight ever Nine never

REDLAND NOVICE PAIRS

This Congress is held on the 8th of July on a Sunday and we are hoping it will attract a lot of Members from the Redland Bridge Club.

There will be good **food** to help you play well and all your needs will be catered for, except your brain power.

If anyone can help with the Catering please put your name on the list which is on the board in the Club House. Margaret needs to know what food will be arriving so she can buy any shortfall. If you are good at making cakes, pikelets, scones, quiches, savouries, slices etc they will be eagerly received.

Margaret will also require some **helpers**. Even if you can only give an hour, that would be greatly Margaret looks forward to seeing you.

We wish you all the best in the Congress and we hope you **have a wonderful day**.

Jean

Well that seems to be all this month. I have just been out to see the bees. They are very busy and seem to be settling down but I see that they have removed some of the babies from inside the hive. If you require a pet that does not bark or roam at night, bees might be the way to go.

The weather is beautiful, so enjoy it while you can. There is nothing nicer than a brisk walk in the morning and the sun just coming up over the hill.

Remember to write to me in "**Letters to the Editor**" I wait with bated breath.

Keep well,

Adieu,

Jean

