



# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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**Current  
Member-  
ship:**

**277**



**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Redland Novice  
Pairs**  
**Sunday 14th July**  
**9.30 a.m.**

**Doris Kerr Trophy**  
**Thursday 18/25th**  
**July**

**Teams of Three**  
**Friday 2nd August**

## FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Everyone,



As you can see by the Membership Numbers on the Left hand side, we are steadily climbing. We have another 9 new Members for this month. What a marvellous influx. Congratulations must go to the Management Committee, the Teaching Staff and to the Club Members who provide a wonderful welcome to new Members.

It has been a relatively quiet month in June, but with the Novice Pairs congress coming up, it is hoped that many of the new members will participate. The kitchen staff provide wonderful food to help the day along and the atmosphere is one of harmony and good cheer. It is a fun day for all and a good way to promote the Redland Bridge Club to the outside world.

The Chefettes are busy preparing a menu for Melbourne Cup and the Christmas Party. It may seem a long way away, but we only a couple of meetings a year and we like to be prepared and to have a menu and costings

to the Management well ahead of time. Father's Day is in September and will be celebrated on Friday the 6th of September, at the club. The Management Committee would like those participating to donate a gold coin to Prostate Cancer. We will also have a hamper where the proceeds will go to Prostate Cancer Research. The food of course, will be delicious.

We had a wonderful dinner at the Old Courthouse Restaurant in Cleveland on the 12th of June. The food was excellent. The soup was so smooth, I wish I could make it as well. Di Elliott must be congratulated on her choice of venue and menu and thanked for her diligence in arranging a most enjoyable evening.

With the winter months still with us, remember to stay away from Bridge if you have a sore or dry throat, a "runny" nose or a cough from a chest cold. We count on you to stay safe.

**Jean Florence**

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## President's Report

Well July is almost upon us and the weather is getting colder but there is a lot about to happen in the club. On Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> July we host our REDLANDS NOVICE PAIRS for all those under 100mp's so I urge all novices to consider playing in it. We will also need some cooking done for it so please be ready with some goodies and Margaret Hunt will also need some help in the kitchen on the day.

The Doris Kerr trophy (Red point) will follow close behind that, on July 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> (Thursdays) and also on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August is the teams of 3 (Green Pt) This is a great opportunity for newer players to be mentored by the senior players in the club. It is a teams event which in itself is a fun day and is also a FREE day. You just have to put your name down and bring your lunch. Val will allow time between rounds for you to discuss the hands.

We have had some water problems at the club. First council has notified us that we have a water leak. This also happened about 2 years ago and the plumber then informed the committee that the pipes had been laid in gravel instead of sand and movement causes the pipes to break. This time it looks like we need to fix the problem by relaying the pipes in sand. This will cost about \$3700.00.

The committee together with advice from our "retired" plumber Tom France are currently looking at 3 quotes, so work will commence shortly, so be prepared for a little inconvenience. We also had a pipe burst in the kitchen but this was fixed by Tom and we are grateful to him for his expertise in this matter.

Next month our Vice President Darryl Lock will write this report. In the mean time happy bridging

**Ros Putland**

## Director's Corner

A couple of simple rules

1. UNAUTHORIZED INFORMATION.

Any remark, unmistakable hesitation, unwanted speed, gesture, movement, mannerism etc. during the bidding or play may be construed to be unauthorized information to partner, and the offenders may be liable to an adjusted score against them. (Law 16)

2." Dummy is Dummy". Dummy must never play or touch a card without instruction from Declarer (law42-A-3). If dummy plays or indicates any card before being instructed an adjusted score may be awarded in favour of the defenders (Law 45-f)

**Ros Putland**

## Welcome to Darryl Lock

While Ros is away, we welcome Darryl into the seat as President. We know he is going to have a wonderful time looking after our lively group of eager Bridge Players.

We all know that nothing ever goes awry, and all things run smoothly, so we know that Darryl will have a fun time and will end his endeavours with a smile on his face and love for us all.

## Talking to your partner

### Age is no barrier

A story in the ABF Newsletter of March 2013 makes encouraging reading for many of the “senior citizens” who are stalwarts of our club. The Bridge Association of Western Australia recently held a Gold Point Congress where all players were required to be over 80 years of age. This was almost certainly a “World First”. Despite dire predictions of failure, the ‘Super-Vets’ tournament attracted 114 players, including several who were over 100 years of age. The winning pair of ladies were aged 94 and 87.

How many forms of competition anywhere can be played and enjoyed by people in this age group? Let us all be grateful that we belong to the world-wide band of players of this unique and wonderful game, and need never be bored in our old age.

I am constantly bewildered by the widely differing use of an opening bid of 2 Clubs. The majority of experts use it for a **game force** (a super hand with 23+ points ) or a hand with 9 playing tricks. There is a tendency to use Loser Count instead, without knowing anything about partner’s hand. For instance, a suit such as Q9876 may be counted as 2 losers, but how many **tricks** will that suit take if partner is void? Some players are opening 2 Clubs with a 19+ balanced hand, then how do they show a 23+ balanced hand? It is vital to have an agreement with your partner about how you handle strong hands.

**Patricia Back**

## Beginners Corner

There is so much information for beginners to absorb and remember when they start playing the cards, that it can be very daunting at first. It is a good idea to concentrate on one or two aspects at a time. One of these is the drawing of trumps. As you start to draw them, concentrate on how many trumps are left in the other 2 hands. For instance, if you have 8 trumps between your hand and dummy, draw 2 rounds and you know straight away that if both players follow to the 2 rounds, there is only 1 trump left for the opponents. Even such a simple deduction can set you on your way to planning the rest of the hand.

**Patricia Back**



## TEACHING

Supervised play is continuing on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm. We always have at least three and sometimes 4 tables.

Deirdre is still away, however her new grandchild has arrived and they are enjoying every minute with the new bub. It won’t be long before she is back again and then we can organize more lessons.

**Cheers Carmel**



## PRESIDENT'S PAIRS

The President's Pairs was held on the 23/30th of May.

The winners were:-

- 1st Darryl Lock and Neil Casey
- 2nd Di Elliott and Leigh Dominikovich
- 3rd John Harris and June Cross



**Congratulations!!!!**



## SUPERVISED PLAY

Supervised play is still going on Saturday Mornings 9.30a.m. to 11.15a.m. It is free and open to all players. John Harris and Judith Corney will be there to help with the help of Daniel Chua and Ron Khaled. There are usually three tables and the supervisors help to put Partnerships together.

So if you are a Beginner, or a Member who has been playing a long time and want to refresh the basics and not so basic skills, feel free to join our happy group.

John says that they concentrate on what your cards are telling you and thus what your Partner is telling you, and thus card play.

**Welcome, John Harris**



## U3A BEGINNERS

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**



## NEW MEMBERS

As I have said in the Editorial, we have a lot of new Members.

We also have Merle Doyle to welcome back.

Rayline Chylowski

Jan Jones

Annie Mac Arthur

Enid Perry

Rhonda Douglass

Gill Ross

Elaine Dale

Margaret Broome

Mathilde Noending



It is wonderful to have you all join our friendly Bridge Club and we know your stay with us will be one of enjoyment and fulfilment.

**Margaret Wienk**

### HONEY BEES

Betty Geise brought my attention to an article in the Supplement to the Sunday Mail April 14th 2013 about Urban Bee Keeping. It is an International movement working to reconnect people with local food and help save the hardworking honey bee.

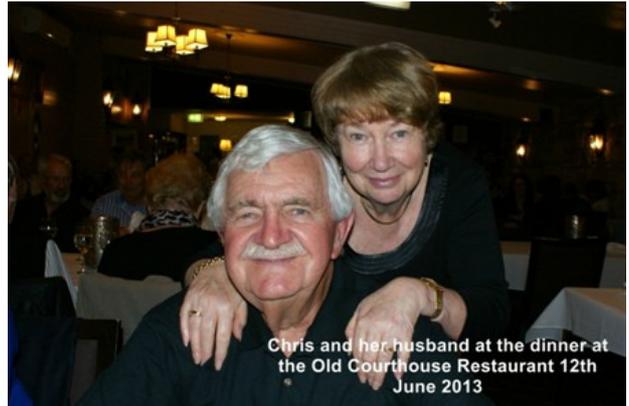
*Brisbane's Bee One Third Neighbourhood Honey* is the latest venture to bring nature back to city skylines.

There are bee hives on top of Cathedrals, hotels, apartments and Museums. There are estimated to be 3200 apiaries in London alone. Even the White House in Washington DC has some.

It is found that the honey bees survive better and produce more honey in cities than in country areas. Warmer temperatures, lower pesticide use and trains carrying pollen into urban areas could account for this. It has also been suggested a wider variety of flora, concentrated in a smaller area such as city parks, could be a factor.



Di and her Partner at the Old Courthouse Restaurant where she organized a dinner for our Members



Chris and her husband at the dinner at the Old Courthouse Restaurant 12th June 2013



Ross and Diane at the Dinner at the Old Courthouse Restaurant 12th June 2013



Christina and Partner at the dinner held at the Old Courthouse Restaurant 12.June 2013

## **BACILLUS BRIDGEUS**

Bridge is a highly contagious, progressive and incurable disease. While rarely fatal, the disease has enormous negative impact on the lives of infected individuals and their families.

**Etiology:-** Earlier theories assumed that bridge is an addictive drug, much like alcohol. In 1976, however, two independent teams of Dutch and American scientists isolated *Bacillus Bridgeus*, a very small bacterium, causing bridge.

*Bacillus Bridgeus* transmit primarily via contact with bridge players, and once inside human body, it lodges itself in the brain.

**Origins of the Epidemics:-** The bridge epidemic started around 1890, almost simultaneously in Great Britain and the USA. It appears that a relatively benign bacterium called whist mutated itself into *Bacillus Bridgeus*. While the reasons for this mutation are not completely determined, a likely hypothesis suggests that it was a result of exposure of the whist bacterium to high doses of alcohol and boredom in parts of the British Empire.

### **Symptoms and relief:-**

**In Stage 1:-** which is not at all unpleasant, the infected individual enjoys an occasional social game and does not think of bridge at other times. He laughs and jokes throughout the game. Only a small area of brain has been attacked and there can be a spontaneous arrest of the disease and even complete recovery.

**Stage 2:-** is usually marked by the victim starting to analyse the hand just played. It can be also recognized from the fact that the patient buys his first bridge book, usually with a title like "Improve your Playing Technique". During this stage the victim often joins a bridge club and participates in the first tournament. Once this happens, the prognosis is almost always bad and recovery is unlikely.

**Stage 3 :-** is marked by the person owning a full

Bookshelf of bridge books and a subscription to a Bridge magazine.

At this stage the infected individual loses interest in other pursuits and is a common sight on the tournament circuit. In extreme cases the victim neglects even the most elementary functions such as eating or sleeping.

There are many periods of marked improvement, which often lull the patient and concerned relatives into a false sense of security with the patient thinking, "I can take it or I can leave it", but it is important to recognize that a relapse is unavoidable.

Nevertheless, some symptomatic relief can be achieved by simple methods such as getting the victim interested in other pursuits—perhaps sex, fly-fishing, bowling, crocheting and keeping the patient locked up during club games and local tournaments.

**Cure:-** Currently, the only available cure for bridge is death or lobotomy. This is performed only in extreme cases.

**Prevention:-** Bridge is highly contagious. Conservative estimates indicate that it is 65 more times contagious than chess. Thus it is very hard to prevent a bridge infection.

**Recently published results:-** Of a 20 year long study by the Hopkins University lead to surprising conclusions.

- It is not particularly risky to be in company of bridge carriers, when their number is divisible by 4.
- On the other hand, it is extremely dangerous to be alone with 3 or 7 or 11 bridge players.
- The reasons for this dichotomy are at present completely unknown and underline our lack of knowledge about *Bacillus Bridgeus*. (Author Unknown) **Jean**