



# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC.

# TRUMPIT

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## FROM THE EDITOR

**Current  
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**249**



### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**MARCH 15TH**

**SUNDAY 9.30**

**A.M.**

**REDLAND**

**NOVICE  
CONGRESS**

**Marie Currell**

**Novice Trophy**

**Mondays**

**April 9th/16th**

**12 noon**

**Walk-ins**

**Red points**

Hi Everyone.



Well we have had the AGM and what a team. Some new faces of course and some of the reliable and stoic old faces still doing their important bit for the Club.

We had a wonderful team with David at the helm and he deserves to ride into the blue yonder for a long deserved holiday. Judy has served a long time on the committee and gave us many wonderful social events. Cec will be missed with his wit and understanding and Pat and Tom for their special contributions.

All of the members of the New Committee have been given a Position Description to help them negotiate their way around the workings of the Club. If anyone has a problem, and you want to speak to someone about it, just go to a Committee member and it will be dealt with. Likewise you can write to the Committee if you wish.

We had a very successful AGM and as usual the Members of the Redland Bridge Club did themselves proud by providing wonderful food for the lunch and afternoon tea that followed. As a reward the new President, Ros, gave us all a free

game. Of course there was too much food, but there was no waste, as left over sandwiches were parcelled up into six and members took them home for dinner, and the cakes were frozen for morning teas on bridge days. Thank you all for your participation and generosity.

I thought I would update you on my bee hive. As you all know I was given a Native Bee hive for my birthday, in the main, to pollinate the flowers of the passionfruit vine. The hive is about 2 meters from the vine, but do you think they will land on the flowers. They go instead to the flowers of the palm trees which are out at the moment. That means I have to go around with my little brush again and pollinate them myself. How frustrating.

Best of luck to those in the GNOT and the Novice Congress coming up.

Jean

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The AGM elected a new committee for 2012 and we held our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup>. I would like to complement David and the outgoing committee on their efficient running of the club in the past 12 months. Our club survives on many volunteers and I thank all who have again put their hands up to continue in their roles. Some have elected not to continue and the club owes them a big thank you for the jobs they have undertaken, some for many years and I think especially of **Cecilia and Ken Duncan** (photocopying) and **Ria Bijker** (weekly banking). We are **all volunteers** and do ours jobs to the best of our abilities. So please support them, so we can make the club a caring and enjoyable place to play bridge. If anyone has any suggestions or complaints please don't hesitate to approach myself or a committee member.

After the debate at the AGM concerning **Motions 2,3,4 and 5** (change of RBC rules) **Kevin Williams** is to head a small committee to look at our constitution so if you feel you can contribute please contact him. There have been several complaints re the air-conditioning and this I hope is in hand as I write.

**Val Roland** is to conduct our Red and Gold Point events for the rest of the year and we thank her for taking on this role. She has also been one of our **QBA reps**. together with Pat Back so if anyone feels they can take on this role please talk to me or Pat. It involves attending a meeting on a Thursday night 3-4 times a year.

The work on the **entrance** to the club from Cleveland-Redland Bay Rd will not commence until later in the year so please exercise care as you enter and exit.

**The Marie Currell Novice Trophy** Red point event will be played on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April and is open to all under 100MP (Red point walk-ins also

on those days). Prior registration is required for the Marie Currell event. The Novice Teams will also be held on 15<sup>th</sup> April so please get your entries in. **Help** is also required on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> for cakes and savouries and hands to help in the kitchen.

Good bridging, **Ros**



## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

*Farewell, au revoir, afscheid, adios, lebewohl, arrivederci, adios, lebewohl, auf wiedersehen, avvto*, in any language, its goodbye **Val** as our non-playing head director. Thanks for your directing and many other services that you did on behalf of the club. You will be missed but not forgotten. And we will see you back on occasions to direct a congress or two. Val has left the Club on good terms and hopes in the near future to establish a new bridge club at or near Beenleigh. We wish her well in this no small undertaking.

**Gold Coast Congress:** What an event! More than 2,000 bridge players sitting in one room at the Gold Coast Convention Centre, Broadbeach. During play, you literally could hear a pin drop. How so different to a normal session at our Club! People came from everywhere with a large representation from all eastern states of Australians, a lot of Kiwis and even some Italians and Americans. There were probably other countries represented as well. Redland club had 14 participants, which with about 250 active members, was not a very high number. Next year, let's see if the Redland Bridge Club can have a greater participation at the Gold Coast Congress.

**Capitalize on knowing your bridge laws:** Here is an example of how knowing the laws can be used to your advantage. This was reported by Barry Rigal in the daily bulletin of the Gold Coast Congress held earlier this month. (over the page)



Dealer: East      North  
 Vul: N-S        ♠ 5  
 Board: 2        ♥ Q J 8 7 4  
                   ♦ A Q J 9  
 West            ♣ A Q 2            East  
 ♠ A J 7 4 3 2      ♠ K 9  
 ♥ A 5              ♥ K 9  
 ♦ 5 2              ♦ 7 6 3  
 ♣ 7 5 4            ♣ K J 9 8 6 3

South  
 ♠ Q 10 8 6  
 ♥ 10 6 3 2  
 ♦ K 10 8 4  
 ♣ 10

**Bidding**

West	North	East	South
		1♣	Pass
1♠	Double	2♣	2♥
2♠	3♥	Pass	Pass
3♣/Pass <sup>1</sup>			

<sup>1</sup> The 3 clubs by West was an insufficient bid, which was not accepted by North. West was not prepared to go to 4 clubs and so passed. The final contract was now 3 hearts by South with West (the Offender) Since the Offender was on lead, no lead restrictions applied to West. Dummy (North) won the club lead and a club was led from Dummy to be ruffed by Declarer (South). South led a low diamond to Dummy's Ace and then Dummy's last club was led to be ruffed by South. South led a heart, which was ducked by West, with East's king of hearts winning the trick. Now the Director was again called to enforce a lead restriction on East (the Offender's partner). South demanded that East play another club (Law 26 2 (a)), which was ruffed high by declarer, and the singleton spade was discarded from Dummy's hand. Declarer conceded the ace of hearts, ruffed the spade lead from West and ran down all the diamonds to make 11

tricks for a top board. A very interesting and somewhat unusual example of the Bridge Laws in action!

**Tip for the month:** When you take your cards out of the board always first count the cards face down. If you have more or less than 13 cards, immediately call the Director and leave all cards faced down. The Director will then move the cards to the correct hands without further penalty. If you have more than 13 cards and have seen the card/s that have to be moved then, depending on their importance (eg a major honor card), the board may be ruled to have been fouled and not able to be played. In this case, the offending Partner, who has seen which card/s were moved, would have his side awarded a 40% adjusted score for that board. So, always first count your cards faced down!

**Kevin**

*As a matter of interest, all of the Directors have had the offer to take turns in submissions to the Trumpit. Kevin is the first Director to take up this offer.*

Ros



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Hi Everyone,

We have the Marie Currell Novice Trophy coming up on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April. There is a new format for this event it is now only open to any player with under 100 mps as at 31 March 2012. This is not only for players ranked Local \*\* and Below this event is open to some Regional\* and State\* players. The basic criteria is below 100 mps. If you are not sure if you are eligible have a look at the Yellow ABF Sheets on the eastern wall of the Club or ask a Director. This Trophy has honour board recognition and is a Red Point Event. We will also still have walk-ins for those players not eligible to play.

So don't forget to put your names down on the Notice board.

Our first Congress for the year is coming up on the 15<sup>th</sup> April. This is a Novice Teams Event. Again it is open to players under 100 mps. If you have never played a Congress before grab another pair and enter. If you have any questions about entering either of these events talk to one of the directors or give me a call.

Good bridging, Val

## TALKING TO YOUR PARTNER

### Takeout Doubles

By Brent Manley

I once played against a keen learner, who, after I opened the bidding with 1 spade made a takeout double. His hand was

♠A86 ♥QJ43♦7♣AK652. I ended up playing a spade contract, and as the play progressed, it became obvious he had a singleton diamond. When the play was over, his partner made a remark about the off-shape double. His response: "But I had 14 points!" That seems to be the mantra for many players who were daydreaming when the teacher covered takeout doubles. If you double an opening bid and put down a doubleton or singleton in the suit partner bids, he is not going to be happy. But, you say, "If partner bids my doubleton, I just bid NT, right?" That is 100% wrong unless you have significant extra values.

**You should never, ever double and bid NT with minimum values.**

A double followed by a NT bid (after partner has shown nothing) shows a good 18 or more high-card points in a balanced hand with a stopper in the opponent's suit.

On the other hand if you double and partner makes a minimum response, a bid of a new suit by you shows a super suit and a strong hand that was too good to make a simple overcall, such as: ♠AKQJ943♥A♦KJ6♣109.

If you don't have the 18+ balanced hand, or the super suit, you need at least 3-card support for all unbid suits to make a takeout double.

Submitted by Patricia Back

## BEGINNERS CORNER

### Opener's Rebid

Amongst the early lessons for beginners is the need to bid their hands to Game whenever possible. The player who opens the bidding has a major responsibility, because the opener's first rebid is the most crucial bid in the auction. This is because you must inform your partner of the strength of your hand. A useful rule of thumb to remember is:

- 12 -15 points = minimum. Rebid at the lowest level.
- 16 -18 points = good hand. Jump rebid, bid a new suit at the 3 level if possible, or **reverse\*** the suits.
- 19-20 points = super hand. Jump to game if your partner has responded to your opening.

Note: \* Reversing the suits means to bid a higher-ranking suit than your first bid. Eg. Bid diamonds, then hearts.

Patricia Back



### The 51<sup>st</sup> Gold Coast Bridge Congress

This Congress was held from 25 February until 3 March at the Convention Centre, Broadbeach. Several players from our Club attended, with varying degrees of success. Deirdre Giles and Jan Argent were prominent with a 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Restricted Pairs. Also there were Di Elliott and Daniel Chua, Kevin and Di Williams, George Gibson and Lynne Layton, plus Pat Crowd and Pat Back in the Seniors Teams, and Pat Back also in the Seniors Pairs. The Venue is outstanding, with over 2000 players accommodated simultaneously in the vast auditorium. The acoustics are remarkable, with almost complete quiet descending on the room when play is in progress. The excellent lighting and efficient (sometimes too cool) air-conditioning ensure a high degree of comfort for everyone. The organisation was a triumph for the QBA team. Instant results in all sections were continually displayed on huge screens.

Socially the Congress is very lively, as there are so many players visiting from all States and many overseas countries. During the 3 days of Pairs events, Sunday night was flagged as the time to dress up, with Black and White being the designated theme this year. Many players entered into the spirit, usually with elegance on the part of the women, while quite a few men showed a theatrical sense of fun. Two “gangsters” adopted me as their “moll” briefly, while another was dressed as a convict with white pyjamas daubed with black arrows, and being led around handcuffed to his jailer.

A great feature of the Congress is the publication of daily Bulletins by a team of three experts, who provide a wealth of illuminating reports about the hands that have been played. One in particular, an American named Brent Manley, wrote daily articles that were particularly appropriate for beginners and improving players. (See “Talking to your partner” in this issue.)

Altogether this Congress provides a rewarding insight into the world of competitive bridge at the highest level, plus the bonus of being able to enjoy the ambience of the Coast and its variety of restaurants and shops.

*Patricia Back*

Below is Patricia Back with two of her merry Gangster friends.



## Gold Coast Congress

In addition to the major events of the week, namely the Pairs and Teams in their different categories (Open, Seniors, Restricted, Intermediate, Novice,) the program included various other features. Some of these were walk-in Pairs every day, a boon for players who could not commit the time needed for the major events. A major and very popular part of the program was the series of lectures by expert speakers that took place in some of the intervals between the playing times. Notes from the lectures were available on site and also on line, the topics including Opening Leads, Decisions at the 5 level, Cue-bidding to slams, etc. These talks were a treat for inexperienced players, who were able to gain an insight into the thought processes of experts.

*Patricia Back*



## TUITION

Do you know of anyone wanting to learn to play bridge? Joan Butts has been booked to start Beginner lessons on Tuesday 17 April at 2pm.

Enquiries should be directed either to Carmel Denaro or Ros Putland. Supervised play will be in recess from the end of March until after the beginner lessons.

I will be away from the end of March for a few months. Carmel will look after the beginners and supervised play. **Deirdre**

## WEDNESDAY EVENING BRIDGE

Wednesday evening is a great night for bridge. Come along and meet/play with some members who cannot attend daytime sessions. The play is friendly but very competitive. You can enjoy dinner and a glass of wine at 6p.m. if you choose. Players must be seated by 6.45p.m. and rarely do we go past 10p.m. finish.

Vince is available for card play practice from 5.30 p.m. If coming to dinner let Avra or Trevor know by the Monday of each week. See you there!

**Grumps**



## OUR NEW COMMITTEE

*President Ros Putland*  
*Vice President Kevin Williams*  
*Secretary Kay Justice*  
*Treasurer Beb Hogerheyde*  
*Past President David Earnshaw*

### *Other Members:-*

*Carradine Lucas*

*Lois Mawter*

*Di Elliott*

*Margaret Hunt*

*Frances Bourke*

*Trevor Topfer*

## SOCIAL NEWS.

There will be a dinner at the TAFE at Alexandra Hills on the 22nd of May which is a Tuesday. It is a three course meal with a couple of choices for each course and a cheese platter at the end of the meal. If previous visits are anything to go by, it should be a wonderful evening and the food delicious. So please get your party together as there is limited seating. We invite the newer members to participate and it comes highly recommended. It is \$25 a head a payable to Di Elliott ahead of time.

So glad rags and diamonds are the name of the game of this wonderful night out. Put your names on the list on the board near the kitchen. **Di**

## CONGRESS CONVENOR

Marianne invites all the Players with less than 100 master points as at the 31.12 2011, to come for a fun day to the Congress on the 15th April.

If you can supply savouries, cakes or slices, it would be appreciated.

It is a very relaxing day and good fun for all.

**Marianne**

## NEW MEMBERS –Congratulations

Greg Noland

Barbara McGorman

Colleen Briggs,

Gae Arnison

Margaret Bailey (Rejoined)



You now belong to a great Bridge Club.

## DEALER AND MASTERPOINT SECRETARY

Carradine wishes to thank Sue, Irene, Pauline and Darryl for holding the fort which she was away recently. Thank you very much.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT



If people bring food to share with the members of the club and leave it in the fridge, allow that person who has bought the food to remove it from the fridge for distribution. Many times food has been bought, and by the time that person has finished her hands of bridge, people have helped themselves to the food and there is nothing left for the person who bought it. That is not good manners. If you have not bought it, don't touch it. Jean

## THE MARIE CURRELL TROPHY

Many of the people playing for this trophy will not know who this person is. Bev Tucker has written a short history about Marie and I will print it in the next Trumpit. There will also be a copy behind the trophy.

Judith Corney has written a short history about **Doris Kerr** as most people do not know this lady. I will also publish her history for the trophy in the next trumpit. Trophies are provided to celebrate "out of the ordinary" contributions made by members of the Club, and we all must have access to the histories, otherwise they will have little meaning to its Members.

Have a good month. Easter is just around the corner.

Adieu Jean