



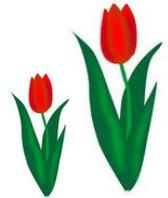
# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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## FROM THE EDITOR



**Current  
Membership:**

**261**



### ***SPECIAL EVENTS***

**Tuesday**

**June 5th Special  
Day for Michael**

**Nester**

**9.30 start**

**June 6th**

**Wednesday 7P.M.**

**Red Point Night**

**June 15/22/29**

**Friday 1p.m.**

**GNP Qualifying  
rounds GLD PTS**

**14th June**

Hi Everyone



This month I would like to speak about one of our many Heroes

Bridge brings together an array of personalities, professions and life experiences buoyed by a healthy degree of intelligence. The people that make up this wonderful society come from varied walks of life, each with their own interesting tale of achievement, professionally and personally. As we have 'matured' we have evolved to become volunteers of a Club which calls upon our skills and abilities from the past to create a successful organisation.

Certain roles are more demanding than others. Take the role of Secretary for example. This Volunteer is required (with the President) to be the legal representative of the Club, to research and define legal and government requirement, organise formal and informal meetings, be competent with minute taking, filing etc, and of course, listen to our grumbles and complaints.

Such a role requires the Volunteer to be innovative, communicative, patient and empathetic. What a job!

Our Bridge Club is fortunate to have been bestowed with a Secretary who exuded all these qualities and more. With her effective organisational skills she left everything in order for the new Secretary.

Thank you Sylvia for your unwavering commitment to the Club. It is very much appreciated.

**Jean**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Well, another month has flown by and it has been a full month. Our May meeting was postponed by one week because both Lois and Kay were away and I also had another engagement.

A great day was had by those who took part in the **mixed pairs** and the winning team was the Neville team comprising Peter Neviile, Pam Rupp, Marianne Ross, Margaret Wienk

and yours truly who was only there for the afternoon as I spent the morning celebrating my grand-daughter's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday. As most enjoyed this event we will try to schedule something similar before the end of the year.

A **special day** has been arranged on the 5<sup>th</sup> June to acknowledge the great contribution

**Michael Nestor** made to the club and especially his unstinting presence as director each Tuesday morning for those just out of supervised play. All proceeds raised on the day will go to **STROKE SUPPORT** in Michael's name. This will include the table fees, raffle and a gold coin donation for the morning tea. We are hopeful that Collie, Michael's wife may be able to attend the morning tea which is being provided by some members of the club who don't play on **Tuesday** morning.

Over the coming weeks there will be some disruption as we endeavor to have window and blinds cleaned and the interior painted. So my apologies in advance.

Several members have voiced concerns over the money we save on our **electricity account**. Below will appear the savings we have made so far, but can I explain that the amount of energy that we generate is dependant on the quantity and quality of sunshine (an obvious statement) but as we generate this electricity we are also using it because we use lights and air-conditioning almost every day of the week. As a result of this we are not putting much back into the system. (If you use most of your electricity at night it is charged at a cheaper rate.....thus your savings are more) For example tennis courts that operate at night would make great savings. Our accounts have dropped from well over \$2000.00 to between \$1100.00 to \$1900.00 and savings so far have been \$51.50,\$51.00, \$117.00 and the last account \$203.00.

As the **cold and flu** season is almost upon us can I ask that if you are unwell you refrain from coming to the club as we have many members whose health would be severely compromised if they catch a cold. On another health note if you are a smoker please make sure the door is closed so smoke does not drift into the club or smoke further away. Also lately there has been a few phone calls asking for seats to be reserved. This is not acceptable unless you have a severe health problem (i.e. Wheel chair or walker or extreme difficulty moving). However if you are running late please ring to let us know you are on your way.

On a lighter note what a great night we had at the **TAFE dinner**. The food was great and the company quite entertaining. Out thanks to **Di Elliott** for all the arrangements. For a group of Senior Citizens we were quite boisterous at least one table was... no guesses ??? who was at that one??

Happy bridging everyone.



**Ros Putland**

## **DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

### **Help for aspiring Club Directors:**

We can never have enough Directors. While it might seem that the Club has enough Directors, a glance at the Director's roster will show that too few are being used too often. Providing that everyone is available, the Club somehow gets by. But when Directors go on holidays (yes they are allowed to escape on occasions!) or when many attend the same congress, such as the annual gold-point Gold Coast congress in February/March, the Club has a hard time finding enough Directors for normal Club sessions.

Many would-be Directors become dissuaded when they hear reports of how hard the Movements and Law exams are to pass, which is a requirement for

them to become qualified Directors. Yes, the exams do require some study beforehand, especially the Laws' one, but with some mentoring from experienced Directors at the Club, this should not be a problem in the future. The exams are held each year in late June and with good preparation they should not be a problem for anyone. So, from July of this year, the Club will run a formal Director's course for aspiring Directors with on-going mentoring from qualified Directors. This will ensure that those interested in becoming a Director will be well prepared for the next exams in June 2013. Anyone wanting more information on what becoming a Director entails, or better still, those who want to take part in the Director's course, please see Ros Putland.

### **The Revoke Law:**

There appears to be some confusion as to the consequences when a revoke occurs. Laws 61 to 64 regulate what constitute a revoke and the consequences that apply. I will try and simplify these laws. Firstly, a revoke is when one of the players fails to follow suit when holding a card of the led suit. However, the revoke is not established until the Offender or his/her Partner leads or plays to the next trick. When a Player does not follow suit, his/her Partner may immediately ask whether or not he/she has a card of that suit. If an error has occurred, this can immediately be corrected by facing the proper card while the previously played card now must remain face up on the table as a Major Penalty card. An exception is that Declarer can never have a penalty card and, if the revoke has **not been established**, the faced card played in error would be returned to the Declarer's hand without any rectification. However, if the revoke by the Declarer becomes established, then the Declarer is subject to the same trick rectification procedures as a revoke by an opposition player. When a revoke is noticed after it has been established, while the Director could be called at this time, it is better to play out the hand, leaving all quitted tricks face down on the table and then call the Director. The Director needs to make sure

that a revoke has been established and see what tricks have been won by the offending side in order to determine what rectification is appropriate (to ensure equity). Once the Director is satisfied that an established revoke has occurred, the usual (automatic) rectification is:

- A. If the trick where the revoke occurred was won by the Offender, then it is an automatic 1-trick rectification to the non-offending side. If the Offending side (not just the revoke Offender) wins any subsequent trick after the revoke, then it is an automatic 2-trick rectification to the non-offending side.
- B. If the trick where the revoke occurred is not won by the Offender, then if that trick or any subsequent trick is won by the Offending side, then there is an automatic 1-trick rectification to the non-offending side.
- C. The above rectifications are automatic. However, the non-offending side may claim that additional damage was incurred to their side because of the revoke. Perhaps it enabled the offending side to make additional tricks that they would not have made had the revoke not occurred. The Director will now examine any such claim and rule whether or not additional damage has occurred. If, in the Director's opinion the claim is justified, more tricks than the automatic rectifications as outline above would be awarded. Too often, the non-offending side simply accepts the awarded automatic rectifications. Always consider whether the revoke has caused additional damage, but do not make wild claims that cannot be substantiated.

The Laws also state that no rectification is required for a revoke on the 12<sup>th</sup> trick, even if established. However, any such revoke **must be corrected** and this may change who actually wins the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> tricks. As always, call the Director for the correct determination.

Finally, who can draw attention to a revoke. During play, either of the Defenders or the Declarer can claim a revoke has occurred. However, Dummy is not permitted to draw attention to a revoke during the play but can do so at the end of the hand and

before the cards are returned to the board. But Dummy may ask the Declarer (but not a Defender) when he/she fails to follow suit whether or not he/she has a card of the led suit. Also, during play, a claim of a revoke is not a sufficient excuse for quitted tricks to be faced. Play out the whole hand and then call the Director.

**Tip of the month:**



One of the most abused laws, and I'm as guilty as anyone, is that Dummy must not play or handle a card, other than to arrange their display on the table, until Declarer calls for the card to be played (Law 45 F). Even if the Dummy hand has only one card of the led suit, Dummy must not play the card until instructed by Declarer. On most occasions, such an infringement by Dummy would not result in the Director awarding an adjusted score. However, an adjusted score or a procedural penalty could occur if Dummy's handling of the card/s suggested a line of play to Declarer that caused damage to the defenders. **Kevin Williams**

**TALKING TO YOUR PARTNER**

This hand played recently in a duplicate session was an example of poor bidding and poor declarer play by the East player. East correctly opened the bidding with 1 NT. South overcalled his spade suit, West and North passed. East then bid his hand twice, by bidding 2 NT. He had already described his hand, and had nothing extra. His partner had not bid anything, and would have doubled 2 spades with a useful hand. Now to the play:

A spade was led from South, and won with the Jack. Now East should take stock, and decide on the best chance to make a second spade trick. This will only work if the lead comes from South around to his King. However if North gains the lead, the spade King is vulnerable to the AQ.

As it happens, the diamond suit provides a perfect example of an "avoidance" play. There are two ways of finessing against the Queen of diamonds, and to ensure that North does not gain the lead, East should lead a diamond to the King. Then the 10 can be finessed and if South has the Queen he cannot profitably lead a spade. In the actual example, the 10 of dia-

monds would win, giving East some breathing space. His best chance now is to lead the club King, throwing the lead to South again. South should switch to hearts now, establishing an entry to the North hand. The best East can do is to take 6 tricks, being 1 spade, 4 diamonds and the Ace of hearts. When this declarer played in 2 NT he finessed the diamonds into the North hand, then the lead of the spade 10 ensured he lost 4 spade tricks, and finished with only 5 tricks.

Dealer East  
East/West Vul



♠.1094	
♥.KJ942	
♦.Q98	
♣.92	
♠ 32	♠ KJ5
♥ 75	♥ A86
♦ KJ42	♦ A1063
♣ 106543	♣ KJ7
	♠ AQ876
	♥ Q103
	♦ 75
	♣ AQ8

Patricia

**TUITION**

The first three Beginner's Lessons went off really well. Joan Butts gets the beginners into the game of Bridge really quickly. We had a week off and now there are two more lessons on Tuesday 29th May and Tuesday 5th June. We lost a few along the way, however the stayers are still really keen. Supervised play will start again on Tuesday 12th June.

Cheers Carmel



## UP-COMING EVENTS

The following 3 events are coming up on the Calendar:

### **Presidents Pairs - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> May.**

This is a red point pairs event with Honour Board recognition. It is open to all members. There are no walk-ins on these days. Prior registration is required.

**6<sup>th</sup> June – Red Point Wednesday Evening.** As this is the first for Wednesday evenings **PRIOR REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE REQUIRED.** But, you will be required to come with a partner. If you have never played on a Wednesday night this is a great opportunity to come and see for yourself what a great night it is. Play usually finishes by 10.00pm.

**GNP (Grand National Pairs):** This is a QBA Zone Competition and is one of only 2 events played at club level where you can earn Gold Points. It is restricted to players under Life Master as at the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012. A minimum of 2 pairs qualify for the Regional Finals. But, there is no requirement to go on. So if you qualify you can elect to not go to the Regional Finals. It makes this a great opportunity to earn Gold Points. It is held over 3 sessions. **Friday 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> June at 1.00pm.**

Happy bridging,

Val

## NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations and lots of good fun playing bridge.

Joyce Goodwin	Doris Booker
Pauline Curtis	Kerry Seymour
Bev Hind	Paul Gill
Ailsa Gill (The last 2 from the Learners group)	



The DORIS KERR TROPHY will be held in July and most people in the Club will not know who she is as she was a very early member of the club.

### **DORIS ELLA KERR**

**1904-1994**

#### **“An Inspiration to us All”**

Doris (Dorrie) came from Townsville to live with her daughter and son-in-law at Victoria Point.

Doris was a very keen bridge player who commenced her bridge at Redlands in early 1991 when the day session started at the Uniting Church Hall at Victoria Point.

During her time with us she was the driving force behind the day session and I doubt that without her support it would have survived. On our down days Dorrie used to give us all the support she could.

Dorrie was a little old lady with irons on both legs and walked with double walking sticks. She would partner anybody and used to make her son-in-law help us set up both tables and chairs. She would sit on a chair and dry all of our morning tea dishes plus welcome any guests.

Dorrie had a great sense of humour and greeted all with a smile. She was always noted for sitting on the opposition and have a great chuckle when they went off four vulnerable.

Unfortunately Dorrie died within two years of the commencement of daytime play. Her family donated \$500 to the club for a perpetual trophy to be the first honour board trophy for our day sessions. It was stated by her family that we had made an old lady very happy towards the end of her life. Unfortunately Dorrie died a week before she turned 90.

As this is part of the history of Redland Bridge Club I believe it should remain as a prominent part of the club.

**Judith Corney**



## FIRE SAFETY UPDATE

It was recently drawn to our attention that the Club was not fully compliant with the Queensland Fire Safety Regulations, 2008.

Deficiencies noted were:-

1. No formal Fire and Evacuation Plan.
2. No “Occupiers Statement” prepared annually or submitted to the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS).

The Occupiers Statement is a form that states that all fire safety appliances have been inspected and tested as required. Over the past 8 years we have had the Fire Extinguishers and Fire Blanket serviced half yearly by our Contractor.

Over this period a Club Member has tested our Emergency Lighting, our EXIT signs and Smoke Detectors/ Alarms annually. These must now be tested by a licensed Electrical Contractor who must record and sign the inspection testing on the Occupiers Statement.

3. A practice fire evacuation of the building has not been carried out annually.
4. While some fire safety training –evacuation procedures and the use of fire extinguishers has been done, we have no record of this. Since moving into Pinklands, we have always had an Emergency Evacuation Procedure and “Duties of Directors in the Event of an Emergency” displayed.

The Club has taken action to correct these deficiencies and you can view the results on our new **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE NOTICE BOARD** located outside the Administration Office, where we are required to display the following:-

- Building Approval and Building Certification Certificates.
- Fire and Evacuation Plan.
- Health and Safety Risk Management Plan.
- Occupiers Statement (Record of maintenance of Fire Safety Appliances)
- Record of Fire Safety and Evacuation Training.
- Record of Fire Evacuation Practice of the building.

The Electrical Contractor who currently tests and tags our electrical appliances and safety switches has been engaged to maintain the emergency lighting, Exit signs and smoke alarms. He will also check and improve the exterior lighting for our Wednesday night group.

You can expect shortly, training in Evacuation Procedures and the use of Fire Extinguishers. We will be conducting a fire evacuation practice of the building annually. These events will be recorded on our new forms. **John Florence**

## SPECIAL REQUEST

Avra has asked that if you have a mobile phone sitting at home, working or not, and not being used, could she have them as a Charity Fund Raiser for Rett Syndrome for a local young sufferer. It would be much appreciated. Thank you. Please leave them at the front desk in the box provided.

It is a long Trumpit this month. Little space for idle gossip. Just to fill you in about the bees though. They have found the front yard and are going about their business with the passionfruit flowers. Could be too late though.

All the best,

**Adieu Jean**

