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From the Editor

Current Membership

271

SPECIAL EVENTS

December 2nd

Redland
Graded

Congress
9.30 a.m.

December 8th

Christmas
Party

12.30 p.m.

Hi Everyone,



Nearly Christmas and much to be done. It was a great surprise and joy, to see Kay Justice at Bridge last Thursday. She said she is in remission, and will be playing bridge for a short time before she goes on a cruise. We are very happy to see you back Kay.

Last Trumpit I published one page, of a three page Tribute to Val Horn, that was compiled by Renate and Geoff Smythe. I failed to acknowledge the Authors in the Trumpit. I did not have room in the Trumpit for the three pages, and I apologise to Renate and Geoff for the omission of their signature, which was on the second page. An announcement was made at Bridge, re the omission, the following day, The remaining pages of the Tribute to Val is in a folder at the front entrance.

What a wonderful day we all had on Melbourne Cup Day. Our thanks go to all those who contributed to the smooth running of the event, which Kevin has mentioned in the President's Report. Special mention again should

go to the ladies in the kitchen who prepared the food for our lunch. They could not play Bridge or enjoy any activities because they were busy feeding us. Tribute also to Kay Justice who was integral in organizing the Sweeps. Thank you Ladies and Gentlemen for a grand day. There are a lot of photographs on the board, and, if you want any, put your name on the sheet provided, and I will attend to it.

Thank you for your "Letters to the Editor." It is an area where you can "have your say".

The Christmas Party is coming up. See you there.

Jean Florence

Letter to the Editor

"A Word of Appreciation"

John Florence recently attained another milestone of living.

To celebrate the occasion both Jean and John, on Thursday the 18th October, provided



A delicious morning tea, including a Special Birthday Cake, to all those Bridge Players attending on that morning.

I say a sincere "Thank You" to Jean and John, for your generosity and appreciate the time and effort involved.

With all good wishes for many more Birthdays to come for both of you.

Good luck and good health,

Florence Napier



Reply to letters to the Editor

It was pleasing to see letters in the last Trumpit from two members, on what a great event the Redland Teams of three was. As was commented in these letters, the Mentor provided invaluable advice on bridge play and made it truly a fun day where much was learnt. I'm sure that another Teams of three event will be on Redland's 2013 calendar. A third letter enquired about the Club's Christmas Party. Details of this event are on the notice board with the party being held on Saturday 8th December following a normal Saturday afternoon bridge session. A Christmas tree will be set up and donations of food and other items can be left to be distributed to a charity group.

Kevin Williams



President's Report

Again, in the absence of Ros, it falls to me to make this report. Ros certainly knew when to depart these shores as October through to Christmas have been, and are, very busy times for the Club. Below is an account of some of these recent and coming events.

Brisbane Zone Interclub Congress: This annual event was held at QCBC on 28 Oct 2012. Redland club was only able to field a team in the B and C grades. With a club of our size, to not find players willing to take part in an A-grade team was very disappointing. However, our B- and C-grade teams did very well. The B-grade team of Beb Hogerheyde, Bev Tucker, Michael Clibbon and David Bessell came 3rd while the C-grade team of James Williamson, Neil Casey, Di Williams and myself came 4th. There were 8 teams in both grades. Well done to everyone.

Melbourne Cup function: This was a great day with 94 people attending. The day would not have been the success it was without a lot of help from many: food and drink buyers, sweep sellers, the ladies who slaved away in the kitchen, those who brought food for morning tea, those who took part and judged the fashion parade, the auctioneer and his bag ladies who gladly took our money and the many Members and visitors who took part in this fun day while also playing, perhaps not so serious, bridge. Thanks also to Val Roland for her directing and ensuring that the show kept rolling on.

Sunday social: This was held on 11th November and was the last social Sunday this year. Not so great a turnout this time with only five tables, possibly because of the Melbourne Cup function. Nevertheless, for those who attended it was a fun afternoon with a great meal of spaghetti bolognaise.

Qld Wide Pairs: This event will be held at the club as a normal morning session on Thursday 29th November. This is an opportunity for everyone to see how their bridge skills compare with others in Qld. No prior nomination is required so come along and have a go.

Redland Graded Teams Congress, Sunday 2nd December: This will be the last congress that the club will host this year. Prior nominations are required and we expect a big turnout based on past experience. So, get your nomination in early so that you don't miss out.

Club Christmas dinner: This will be a fully catered dinner by Spits-n- Pieces on Saturday 8th December following a normal bridge afternoon where table fees will be waived. Full details about the dinner are on the notice board.

Kevin Williams



Director's corner

Bridgemate preferences: I am aware of active lobbying by some members to have the display on the Bridgemates at the **table changed** back to what they were before, i.e. to show each board's results for all players. The Club is a democracy and I welcome members expressing their views on any matters affecting the operation of the Club. However, regarding the Bridgemate preferences, members need also to get both sides of the story.



The Directors recommended the change Bridgemate preferences primarily to reduce slow play that often results from players discussing the results of that board played at other tables. Slow play inconveniences everyone and inevitably also results in a lot of noise. Also, discussion of previously played boards inevitably gets louder as background noise builds and this can easily be heard at other tables, which is far from desirable. The Club's policy is if bidding on the last board in the round has not commenced by the 3-minute bell, then an average is to be given for that board and if the same pair become repeat offenders, then they will get an average minus score. That's all very well but it is very difficult for a **playing** Director to 'police' this policy without interrupting play at his/her table. And yes, the Director has the discretion to penalize slow play at any time but to do this fairly for all concerned is also very difficult. The reason being voiced for the Bridgemate preferences to be changed back to what they were before is that it provides a check that the entry by N/S for that board is correct. This is a nonsense argument for two reasons: (i) it is up to E/W to carefully check the entry before accepting what has been entered. And anyway, an error discovered later can always be corrected manually by the scorer on the advice of the Director; and (ii) at any time before accepting the entry, the entry for each board played at that table can be displayed with the current Bridgemate preference settings. For example, after playing all (or any) boards for the round, if E/W **before** accepting the entry presses 'cancel' and then what was the 'accept' button, it will show the entry for all boards played by the present people at the table. If an entry is wrong, call the Director.

Otherwise, press 'OK' and 'accept' to end the display. The present preference settings are on trial until the December 2012 meeting of the Management Committee when it will be reviewed.

I know that some people are not happy with this change and I invite those who either do, or do not, like this change to make their feelings known by way of a written and signed note placed in the suggestion box or left in an envelope at the club marked to my attention.

Law of the month: Claims and concessions (**Laws 68-70**). Occasionally a player makes a claim that he/she will win the rest of the unplayed tricks only to have the opposition contest that claim. What should now happen? All play must stop and the Director be immediately called. The Director will ask of the claimant what line of play was stated for the claim. If the Claimant had simply claimed the rest of the tricks without a clear statement of play, the Director would adjudicate on the basis of 'normal' play. However, often the Claimant may have forgotten that there was still a trump out or a winning card in the Opposition's hand. In this case, the Director would err on the side of the Opposition and disallow the claim if 'normal' play by the Claimant would have enabled the Opposition to win one or more tricks. Similarly with a concession by one of the Defenders, if the other Defender does not agree with the concession, depending on what might have been said or cards shown in making the concession, the hand could be played out. However, it is always better to call the Director when any claim or concession is made. **Kevin Williams**

Wednesday Evening Bridge



The dinner group has grown by another 2 lately making it a regular 16+ for dinner and a wine. We have had some exciting meals made by our great cooks! Wednesday night bridge has a regular 5 ½ to 6 tables and a pleasant relaxed evening is enjoyed by all. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the evening which always finishes by 10pm.

There will be no evening bridge on Boxing Day.
Avra Bowler



Talking to your Partner

Void in partner's suit

There is a well-known trap that many players fall into during the bidding. You have a strong hand containing a void, and your partner predictably opens the bidding with a pre-empt in that suit.

DO NOT BID NO-TRUMPS.

For instance, your partner holds: ♠ AQJ7653 ♥ 72. ♦ 1098. ♣ 5 and opens the bidding with 3 Spades. Your hand is: ♠.nil ♥ AKQ3. ♦ AK54. A9872. You are tempted to bid 3 NT, but with no entry to the spades you will make 6-7 tricks. The correct bid is 4 spades, hoping there are no more than three losers in the spade suit.

Patricia Back

Under-leading Aces

I have recently observed several inexperienced players leading a small card from a suit containing an Ace, against a suit contract. This is often a good lead against No-trumps, but can be quite unfortunate against a suit contract. How do you feel when dummy appears with the singleton King of that suit? Or more commonly, dummy has a singleton and declarer has the King. If you must lead that suit, please lead the Ace.

Patricia Back



Neville Langford

Neville passed away recently and his wife donated a trophy in his memory, to the Redland Bridge Club. Here is his story written by his Wife.

Neville learnt to play Bridge in 1985 at Port Macquarie NSW. He taught a few people how to play bridge as he grew in confidence.

He played a lot of Championships and winning some of them. He loved playing Bridge and he loved to help new players and answered anyone's questions about the game.

He had been in Queensland for 8 years. Playing Bridge at the Redlands and other Bridge Clubs, and entering a lot of Pairs and Teams events and Championships.

He enjoyed playing with a variety of partners at Redlands and having John Harris as a permanent Partner.

He thought Redland Bridge Club was a great Club and loved playing with all the Members there.

Lorraine



Noosa Bridge Week

Lynne and George Layton have sent a report back from the great Bridge Week held on the Sunshine Coast recently.

Hi

As promised, just a little update on club members achievements in the last 4 weeks.

Those club members attending Noosa Bridge Week were;

John Goodwin

Helen Blair – Plays at Redlands not sure if a member?

Kerry Seymour – Plays at Redlands not sure if a member?

Frances Bourke

Judi Hutchinson

Clive Humphries

Maudey Hair

Lynne Layton

George Gibson.

Regards Lynne and George Layton

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Noosa Bridge Week

Redlands was well represented at the recent Noosa Bridge Week Event with nine club members attending the lessons and two Championships events conducted by Paul Marsden and Nigel Rosendorff.

In the Sun Pairs Championships Lynne Layton and George Gibson finished 5th in the Plate and Maudey Hair and Clive Humphries came a very creditable 3rd in the Consolation event.

Lynne and George also finished 7th overall in the Ivory Palms Championship Event. It was a really fun week for all with exciting bridge, wonderful food and lots of great wine and beer.

In the lessons Paul encouraged the attendees to explore playing in 7 card fits at the 1 and 2 Level and gave some guidance on when to overbid on pre-empt bids up to and including the three level.

Lynne Layton



Caloundra Novice Pairs

While caravanning around The Sunshine Coast ,Lynne and George played in the recent Novice Congress at Caloundra and finished 3rd. Both Lynne and George would like to encourage other Novice players in the club to play interclub congresses and would love to see them at the Sunshine Coast Novice Pairs on the 11 of November.

Lynne Layton

Sunshine Novice Congress

Hi Jean, As promised we would like to share the results of the Novice Congress. George and Lynne Layton were leading at the half way mark, and happily accepted 2 bottles of wine. The final result was a Redlands win with Lynne and George winning with 60% and accepting \$240 prize money. Going to celebrate now!

Cheers Lynne Layton

More worthy Hero's

There are jobs that are done at our Club, which attract very little notice and the people doing these jobs are little thanked or acknowledged. Two such people are Cecilia and Ken Duncan.

I asked Cecilia to tell me her story:-

Years ago (13 in fact) we were coming down the stairs from Ross Court when Joy Slade approached us to ask if we would be prepared to do a job for the Club. She indicated it would be looking after the buying of copy paper and doing the photocopying work. We thought "yes," we could do that and that was how it all began.

It really was first a small contribution of time and effort, just keeping things up to date, an eye open for Reflex paper "Specials", an initially expensive item then, but which has come down in price over the years. Sometimes we overbought when there was an extra Special deal, but we never ran out!

There were occasional hiccups over time when someone else saw a paper "deal"?

Or when on several occasions people "re-invented" forms but omitted to let us know. Then the times when we set the alarm off to the Club House, particularly on the 1st occasion when we did not know how to stop it!

It was a pleasure to have been involved and we must acknowledge Ria Bijker, Elaine Reu and Beb Hogerheyde who over the years paid us always immediately for an outlay. Thanks too, to Joy Slade for trusting us!!!

We decided to resign last year when we knew we were going to be spending a lot of time travelling in 2012.

Thank you to the Committee for their appreciation of our job, they were always complimentary

Cecilia and Ken Duncan

New Members

It is always a pleasure to welcome new Members and to welcome back Members.

New Members are:-

Graham Hall-Watson

Ramona Barstys



Returning Members are:-

Philip Thompson

Molly O'Donohue

Delmae Woods

Congratulations, and I know you will enjoy your stay with us, the friendly Club.

Margaret Wienk

Notices



I still require **photographs** of past

Christmas Parties and last year's New Year's Eve Party. Can anyone help??? I can't go ahead with the Photograph albums, until I know if there are any photographs of these events, to be had for scanning, and as part of our club's history. I will give them back unscathed, the following week. **Jean**

Since Ros has been away, Kevin has stepped into the role of **President**. It has been a very busy time for him, and I take this opportunity to thank him for his leadership, time, effort and fortitude over this period. I am sure I speak for all of us at the Redland Bridge Club, and taking this liberty without your consultation. Thank you Kevin,

Jean Florence and Members.



Once again this year, I've had requests for my **Vodka Christmas Cake** recipe, so here goes. Please keep in your files as I am beginning to get tired of typing this up every year! (Made mine this morning!!!!)

1 cup sugar, half pound butter, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1 cup water, 1 tsp. salt, 1 cup brown sugar, Lemon juice, 4 large eggs, Nuts, 1.....bottle Vodka, 2 cups dried fruit 4 cups self raising flour.

Sample a cup of Vodka to check quality. Take a large bowl, check the Vodka again to be sure it is of the highest quality, then

Repeat. Turn on the electric mixer. Beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add 1 teaspoon of sugar. Beat again. At this point, it is best to make sure the Vodka is still OK. Try another cup just in case. Turn off the mixer thingy. Break 2 eggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit. Pick the fruit up off the floor, wash it and put it in the bowl a piece at a time trying to count it. Mix on the turner. If the dried fruit gets stuck in the beaters, just pry it loose with a screwdriver. Sample the Vodka to test for consistency. Next, sift 2 cups of salt, or something. Check the Vodka. Now shift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table. Add a spoon of sugar, or something. Whatever you can find. Grease the oven. Turn the cake tin 360 degrees and try not to fall over. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Finally, throw the bowl through the kitchen window. Finish off the Vodka and wipe the counter with the kitchen cat. **Author Unknown**