



# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC.

# TRUMPIT

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**Current  
Member-  
ship:**

**283**



- SPECIAL EVENTS**
- November 25/29th**
- Queensland Wide Pairs**
- December 1st**
- Sunday 9.30a.m.**
- Redland Graded Teams**
- December 7th**
- Saturday**
- 12.30 p.m.**
- Christmas Party**

## FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Everyone,



What a wonderful Melbourne Cup party we had. The Ladies looked so wonderful in their colourful dresses and the beautiful hats and fascinators. There will be some photographs later in the Trumpit.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the food and I thank all those people who have sent emails and made phone calls or thanked me personally. It is gratifying after so much hard work, trying to please.

The Chefettes will be providing food again at the Christmas party and hopefully it will not be rushed as at the Melbourne Cup party. It is a good menu and a copy of which is on the board at the club. A couple of "Trainee Chefs" will be cutting the hams and the Turkey, and we have a couple of Waitresses to help serve the food. Irene will be conducting some Christmas Trivia while we set up for the meal. I hope you all have a good time.

We have all been pleased to see the rain.

We were going out to dinner the other evening when the hail came down. We made a quick turn around, and went back home until the storm passed. No damage thank goodness. The storms are quite wild and woolly; just like the old days.

The devastation in the Philippines reminds me of Darwin and cyclone Tracy. What a tragedy. It is difficult for us, as on-lookers, to imagine the hardship the people are experiencing. It is heartening to see so many countries coming to their aid.

I think there will be another Trumpit in December. I would appreciate some "Letters to the Editor." It is at this time of the year that you can let your hair down, and think back over the year, and pinpoint just what things or people have brightened your life a little, and perhaps put pen to paper and write me a little note to put in the Trumpit. I know it would be appreciated by those people who do so much towards giving you a relaxed game of Bridge, many times a week.

Jean Florence



## President's Report



Well a wonderful day was had by all, I think, on Melbourne Cup and thanks to the many people who assisted, The Chefettes for the catering especially Jean and Margaret, Fran, Carradine, John and Joan in the kitchen on the day, also Carradine and her sweep sellers as well as those who assisted with the auction and our fashion judge Florence.

Christmas is fast approaching and the club has many activities that occur in just a few short weeks. The first after the Spring Teams will be the **Queensland Wide Pairs**. It will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November. There is no prior registration for this event but the cost is **\$10.00**. Following hard on the heels of this is the **Redlands Graded Teams Congress** and there is still time for you to get your entries in. **Margaret Hunt** will need help in the kitchen on the day, especially in the afternoon and as always, she needs folk to **cook** for the day. Please help where you can but please indicate what you intend to do, by placing your name on the list in the club house.

Also in the week prior to the congress we are having the tiles in the ceiling replaced with acoustic ones. This will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and if not completed on the day, the installers will be back on Wednesday afternoon, so we will need help on Monday afternoon, and possibly after that as well. This will not solve ALL our noise problems but hopefully it will make it a little better.

On **7<sup>th</sup> December** we will have our Christmas Party catered for by the **Chefettes**. Festivities will commence at 12.30pm with bridge followed by a dinner. The cost is \$10.00 for all, but you need to purchase a ticket, prior to the day, and these will be available from **Di Elliott** or her assistant **Pam Murray**.



There is also a basket near the **Christmas tree** for donations to the **Redlands Community Centre**, which assists families in need, in the Redlands. Donations of gifts, food (non perishable) school supplies and toiletries. Please do not wrap the gifts. This will close on 14<sup>th</sup> December so I urge you all to be generous, where you can.

I am not sure if this will be the last Trumpit before Christmas, so if it is, a safe, happy, healthy Christmas and New Year to all members and your families.

**Ros Putland**



## Tuition:

Supervised Play continues every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 4pm. Some of our recent graduates from beginner lessons are finding the courage to play on Tuesdays and some other days. If you come across any of these new members, please remember to make them feel welcome and encourage them.

New beginner lessons are planned for the end of January. If you know of anyone who wants to learn please contact me - my number is in the book.

**Deirdre**

## The Dealing Room

The dealers have had a very busy time recently with club competitions and the last congress for the year.

Darryl Lock, Pauline McKay, Irene Mullan and Di Williams deserve a very big "thankyou" from us all for keeping the club going with deals as well as fulfilling all that is required for all the competitions. Well done, dealers!

Cheers

**Carradine**



## Beginners Corner

### Explaining your Bids

When you start playing Duplicate Bridge you will notice that some bids are circled, which means they are alerted. This is a sign that the opponent's bid is artificial in some way, and needs to be explained. You are entitled to ask what it means, but it is not compulsory to ask. If you yourself or your partner makes any unusual bid, you must alert it. When an opponent inquires, you must give a full explanation of the possible meanings of the bid. It is unethical and illegal according to the rules of Contract Bridge to have partnership secrets that are not revealed to your opponents. However, you are allowed to make mistakes and give the wrong information occasionally, but will be warned by the Director to sort out your partnership agreements.

*Patricia Back*



## Talking to your Partner

### Pre-emptive Bids

So-called pre-emptive opening bids are used for several reasons. One of these is to get into the bidding before the opponents have a chance to do so. The main reason is to make life difficult for the opponents, as they are forced to enter the bidding at the three level, with no knowledge of partner's likely hand.

Traditionally, the rule of 2 and 3 was recommended by experts, but these days it tends to be more flexible. This rule says that you expect to be beaten by 2 tricks if vulnerable, and 3 tricks if not vulnerable.

Therefore, say you open with 3 spades, you expect to make either 6 or 7 tricks. An example is when you have a 7-card spade suit headed by the KQJ, and no other values, you expect to make 6 tricks. When vulnerable, this requires caution, because if you are doubled you will score minus 800 if partner has nothing. However, if for instance, the opponents each have a balanced 13 points, it is extremely difficult for them to bid to their game, and they may not double you. Warning: Make sure you have a reasonable suit, not something like J1098763.

*Patricia Back*



## Melbourne Cup

On behalf of the Committee and members, I'm writing to thank the many volunteers who made the Melbourne Cup Day such a success this year. I think everyone who attended agreed that the food was excellent and that it contributed greatly to our enjoyment of the day. Much of the cooking and food preparation was done by the Chefettes, especially Jean Florence and Margaret Wienk, with generous contributions from other members who prepared salads, canapes and sweets, served drinks and worked in the kitchen preparing food and cleaning up.

Carradine coordinated the sweeps, with tickets being sold by John, Molly, Stanis, Ruth, Barb, Marianne and Sue. The sweeps returned all takings to the winners and place getters as did the auction. Val Watkins made a promising debut as Auctioneer, filling in for Trevor who was ill and couldn't make it.

Florence Napier judged fashions and fascinators. Photos were taken by Jean Florence and Tom France.

Once again, thank you.

**Frances Bourke**



# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to thank the Committee of Management of the Bridge Club and all the other members involved in organising the function to celebrate the running of the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday November 5th.

I congratulate the winners in the various sections of "The Fashions on the Field". I was delighted to see so many of our members participating (with the exception of the prettiest Neck Tie for men). Whilst we cannot all be chosen as winners, let us pause to remember the entertainment provided for all other guests present.

Regarding the section for the prettiest neck tie for men, maybe as a suggestion the menfolk of our Club could consult with the Committee and suggest an alternate section, as we wish to have both genders of the Club participating in the entertainment.

My sincere thanks go to Di Elliott and Director Val for their valued assistance.

It would be remiss of me not to make mention of the enormous effort of the Chefettes, assisted by their husbands in providing such a delicious morning tea and luncheon.

It certainly added to the enjoyment of the day in celebrating this Great Race, and may the club continue to do so in the future for the enjoyment of many.

Good luck and good punting to all in the future.

## Florence Napier



## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome 3 new Members this month. We hope your stay with us will be pleasant and that you enjoy the game of Bridge for many years to come.

Rosslyn Clarke

Janet Carter

Janette Davis



Well, that seems to be all for this month.

Remember to pay Di Elliott if you are coming to the Christmas Party.

Adieu,

Jean