



REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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FROM THE EDITOR

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Current
Member-
ship:
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Hi Everyone.



First of all just a little update on the bees. I have found out that about 300 die each night and about 300 are born each night. That means that the debris from this activity must be cleaned out of the hive, and unfortunately it was dropped out by the workers (females) to a distance of 3 meters on the white tiles on my patio each night, so they had to be relocated. They now have a Bee house for their Bee Hive and are in amongst the bushes of the garden and seem very happy there. I am also very happy.

Kitchen: The additional cupboards for the kitchen will be installed during the second or third week of November.

Sunday Bridge

The concept of the first Sunday of the month bridge was initially conceived as a session to cater for single people, with no partner required. Keith Ormerod was happy to direct and, by default, organise it, even to the extent of organising an afternoon meal. The committee of the day was pleased for it to take place, but wanted no part in its management or organisation - that position remains the same today.

The concept of Sunday Bridge has changed slightly. Now, members usually arrange their own partnerships and Sunday players bring a plate of food to be shared with others. However, the arranging of the day depends upon whoever wishes to organise this event.

For Sunday Bridge to continue, it needs an organiser. Keith has said that he will continue to offer his services as director, but will no longer be the organiser. Sunday Bridge needs one of its members to become the

Well it is nearly that time of year when the hats are brought out of the cupboards and lots of money is placed on horses to win a race that stops the nation. It is all good fun for us at the Bridge Club and many thanks to those who organize the big day. It just does not "happen." There is much thought and good intentions going into the wonderful time we have on this and other wonderful social events. Thank you from us all. Jean

SPECIAL EVENTS

INTERCLUB TEAMS

October 30th

Sunday 9.30 a.m.

Red points

MELBOURNE CUP

November 1st

Tuesday 9.30 a.m.

SPRING TEAMS

November 18th

Friday (All day)

9.30a.m.

Red Points



new organiser. Whoever takes up this position should advise the committee member who makes the announcements (normally the President) of the forthcoming Sunday event, in order that the appropriate announcement can be made to the members.

Partnership Co-Ordinators

The committee have been concerned for some time about the number of players who, for one reason or another, are unable to find a partner. Our membership booklet lists three members who volunteer their services in an effort to solve this problem. The committee is aware this does not always work, but please contact these members:

Betty Bowdler (Mondays and Fridays) can be contacted up to 10.30 pm but not before 07.30 am,

Irene Mullan (Wednesday am and Thursday),

Keith Ormerod (Saturday) can be contacted up to 10.00 pm but not before 08.00 am..

Wednesday pm – partnerships can be arranged on arrival at the clubhouse if you do not have a partner.

Tuesday morning bridge remains unchanged at this time and members with less than 15 master points may take part in this session without previously arranging a partner.

The partnership diary will remain at the front desk as another option to finding a partner.

Margaret and I will be away for the next few weeks, happy bridging.

David

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

There have been some changes to the Alerting Regulations from the 1st October. **OPENING** bids at the 4 level or higher that are not natural **MUST** be alerted by partner.

Also, please remember that a player may deviate from their system. The problem arises when their partner is aware of the possibility that they have deviated. When asked a player must give a full explanation of their system agreement including any partnership understandings.

We all get upset when we find out that the explanation does not fit the bid. But, there is no recourse if you are given the right explanation. If you feel you are damaged you may always call the director at the end of the hand – but please choose your words carefully. Never accuse a player!

Melbourne Cup Day is fast approaching. This is a fun day of bridge followed by a fantastic luncheon provided by the Club and of course the Race that Stops a Nation on the big screen. You do not require a partner to play. Just trot on up and we will find you a partner.

I hope to see you there.

Good Bridging,

Val



BEGINNERS CORNER

I have often observed that beginners can be confused about the order in which to play the cards in one particular suit to make the maximum number of tricks.

Say you are in a No Trump contract and these are the cards in the spade suit:

	Declarer (you)	Dummy
Example 1	AK5	Q2
Example 2	K98764	AQ5

A very simple situation is shown in example 1, where there are 3 tricks to be made. It is obviously silly to start with the Ace and King, so you play the Queen first, then the 2, making another 2 tricks with the Ace and King.

In example 2, assume there are no entries to the dummy apart from this suit. It is very wrong to play the King first because the Ace and Queen win the next 2 tricks and you cannot enter the dummy to cash the rest of the spades. (The technical term is “blocking” the suit.) Correct play is to cash the Ace and Queen, then lead the 5 to the King and make all the tricks.

The point to remember is *to play the **high cards** from the hand that contains the smaller number of cards in the suit, then lead to the length.*

Pat Back



TALKING TO YOUR PARTNER

The crucial opening lead

Playing in a Congress recently, (not at Redlands) I was allowed to make a 4 Heart game which should have been beaten. The reason lay in the opening lead. My left-hand opponent had bid diamonds during the auction and had been supported by his partner. His suit was AQ1065 and the lead was the Ace. Dummy held 2 small diamonds and I held K9, so that I was allowed to score a trick with the King.

Laying down the Ace from this type of holding can rarely be justified. A better idea is to try to enter your partner’s hand by leading another suit, and he will lead diamonds through the King in declarer’s hand. In fact, the lead of an unsupported Ace is not recommended against game contracts, as it nearly always sets up tricks for declarer or dummy.

Patricia Back



CONGRATULATIONS

RED POINT EVENT

Saturday, October 15th

Winners:-

Keith and Anne Ormerod

Sandra and Mort Berns



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MELBOURNE CUP SOCIAL



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A delicious chicken and salad luncheon followed by yummy desserts will be provided free for members on Melbourne Cup Day. There will be champagne, Red and white wine and soft drinks as well. We will watch the running of the Melbourne Cup on our big drop down screen after we have had our own "Fashions of the Bridge Club".

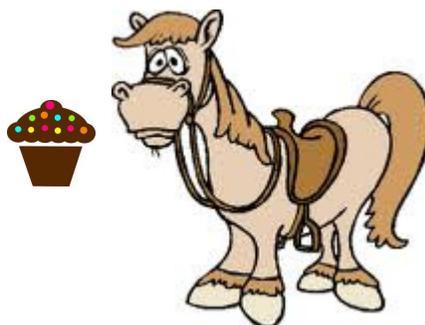
Start planning now to win the prize for the best dressed lady and best dressed man. We have prizes for the most elegant hat, the most glamorous fascinator and the worst taste lady or man's hat. We also have prizes for the lucky person through the door, the lucky table, also prizes to be won

whilst playing bridge. There will be money to be won on the sweeps or you can buy a horse on your own or join others in a syndicate to buy your favourite starter.



Bridge starts at 9.30 am so be there early to buy your sweep tickets and be seated by 9.15am. Your partner is welcome to join us after bridge, there will be a charge of \$5 for food and drinks. Please put your name on the list on the notice board as a guide for catering.

Any queries? See Judy Blomfield or Kay Justice.



WEDNESDAY EVENING

BRIDGE



Wednesday evening bridge is growing but could still do with more tables. You do not need a partner so come along at 6:45pm. We have not taught any evening beginners this year because we haven't received a request to teach. If you have any friends or relatives that would like to learn to play bridge but can't come to daytime lessons, please ask them to contact Vince Davies preferably by email at vinceoz@hotmail.com or to contact Avra Bowler. We will organise lessons anytime, any evening if there is sufficient demand. If anyone would like to direct in the evening, please contact Vince.



PRINCIPALS OF CARD PLAY

MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY

The Monday and Wednesday sessions on the principles of card play that started in January will finish in October.

In **notrump** contracts we have covered – Certain Tricks, Tricks By Promoting Secondary Honours, Long Suit Tricks, Establishing Tricks By Finesse, Hold-Up Play, Entries, Which Suit To Establish, The Danger Hand.

In **suit contracts** we have covered - Drawing Trumps, Discarding Losers, Setting Up Side Suits, Entries In Suit Contracts, Making Extra Tricks From Trumps.

Although defence is an extremely important part of card play chapters 14 to 18 of Paul Marston's "The Principles Of Card Play" will not be tackled this year. If there is sufficient demand, the course will be run next year.

Vince



TUITION

New beginner lessons given by **Joan Butts** have commenced, with twelve very promising players taking part on Tuesdays at 2p.m.

There will be a break on Week 5, as that Tuesday is Melbourne Cup Day, and we will recommence on the following Tuesday.



Deirdre

GRADED PAIRS CONGRESS

25th September 2011

42 pairs entered the Graded Pairs Congress which was a pleasing result, although numbers were down on the corresponding Congress last year. Outside entries made up the bulk of players for sections A and B with Redland players mostly filling the C section. One pair had to pull out that morning due to ill health so our standby pair was not needed to play. Many thanks to them for their gracious withdrawal. It was great to see Redland players taking out first and second in the C section. Everyone enjoyed the day and went home well pleased with their efforts.

Winners were :-

Section A

1st: Nathan van Jole/Andy Hung

2nd: Peter Hainsworth/Ralph Parker

Section B

1st John Scrivens/Joan Mills

2nd: Evelynne Mander/Beverley Jenner



Section C

1st :Dennis Kennedy/Maureen Kelso

2nd: David Bessell/Michael Clibbon

The raffles were won by Margaret Hunt (Fruit Basket) and Joy Pulford (Wine).

Thanks to Alan Gibson who directed the Congress, for ensuring that the day's play went so smoothly and to Margaret Hunt and the enthusiastic band of members who donated food and money, helped with preparing and serving, as well as cleaning up and ensuring that the clubhouse was ready for play on Monday.

Your help is much appreciated by the players and visitors who look forward to coming to the Redland club to play, socialise and enjoy the good home cooked food.



Many thanks again,

Marianne Ross, Convenor

NOTICES



If you have any wine glasses at home that are surplus to your requirements and that you would like to give to the club, we would be grateful for the donation.

Just leave them in the kitchen and one of the Kitchen Fairies will attend to them. Thank you very much. Judy

Michael Nestor is still very ill in hospital. We wish him and his family all the best.

That is all this month, Adieu, Jean

