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From the Editor

Current Membership

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SPECIAL EVENTS

SPRING GRADED PAIRS

15th/22nd October
Monday 12 noon

INTERCLUB TEAMS

28th October
Sunday

At QCBC

MELBOURNE CUP

Tuesday 6TH NOV
9.30 a.m.

SPRING TEAMS

NOV 23rd
Friday 9.30 a.m.

Hi Everyone,

Well here we are again, after a wonderful holiday in Europe. I can't help but think how young our wonderful country is compared to Europe. No wonder our life style is so different. It is just not the climate, but the history as well. Every skyline was pierced with spires and domes and every façade was etched with figures and decorations ending in columns that make you buckle at the knees. It is so common place for the people who live there, that for those who have not traveled from their cities, I don't think they know what wonderful heritage they own.

I see quite a few faces are missing from the Club. Some are overseas, some are ill and I believe Val Horn passed away. She was a favourite and will be missed. I hear Kay Justice is doing well and we wish her all the best. We miss her so much. For those who are not in the best of health, we wish you all the best and hope you have a speedy recovery.

I wish to thank Kevin, Di and Cec for attending to the photographs for me

while I was away.

Melbourne Cup is coming up. I am still looking for photographs of previous Melbourne Cup Days. If I could borrow them to scan, I will return them ASAP.

Jean Florence



Letters to the Editor

Hi ,

I would like to express my thanks for the opportunity to play in the **Redland teams of three** bridge event last Monday.

I participated as one of the inexperienced players and I was particularly impressed by the following:

- The enthusiasm and patience of the experienced players and assistance that they provided to the inexperienced players
- The impressive organisation effort that went into the event by Ros Putland and those on the committee associated with the event



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- The catering for the event which was magnificent and, in particular, the efforts of Dianne Williams needs special mention.
- I would particularly like to thank my long-suffering partners for putting up with me.

As a fun day with great camaraderie, for me it was a really successful event. I am looking forward to the next such event.

Would you please convey my thanks to all of the above for their efforts in making it a great day.

Cheers

Dell Elkington

THE TEAMS OF THREE EVENT

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful day that I had and I am sure everyone else did as well who attended the Teams of Three event. It was so very well organised and as usual the food was amazing. Congratulations to everyone on a job well done. Thank you.

Irene Mullan

RE THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Could you please tell me what is organised for our Christmas party this year. If it is anything like all the past Christmas parties I am sure it will be great. Are we having the same caterers and are we giving presents to the needy?

Irene Mullan



President's Report

In Ros' absence, whom I am sure is enjoying her travels in Europe with Marianne, it has fallen on me to do this President's report. It has been a very busy bridge time this past month and it will be even more busy in the coming weeks with more congresses and, of course, the great Melbourne Cup event on the 1st Tuesday in November.

Recent & coming events

GNP: The Grand National Pairs congress for the Brisbane zone was held at the Toowong club on 09 Sep 2012 with 76 pairs taking part. Players had to be less than Life Master as of 01 Jan 2012. Redland entered five pairs with Ivan Lam and Daniel Chua taking out the overall 1st place. A truly great result and well done Ivan and Daniel. Ivan and Daniel will now represent the Brisbane zone in the national event being held in Canberra, 19-20 Jan 2013.

GNOT: The Grand National Open Teams congress for the Brisbane zone was held at the Arana club on 6-7 Oct 2012 with 31 teams taking part. Redland entered one team comprising Peter Alp, Joy Sherrell, Carmel Denaro and Ivan Lam. Although unplaced, the team acquitted themselves very well and gained 2.52 gold Masterpoints.

Redland Graded Pairs: This congress was run on Sunday 30 Sep 2012 with 46 pairs entered. This field was divided into 2 sections: an 'A' section of 12 tables and a 'B' section of 11 tables. It was unfortunate that only 1 Redland pair (Pat Crowd and Pat Back) was in the 'A' section. However, in the 'B' section there were 15 Redland pairs and a mixed pair of Redland and Eastern Suburbs players. Ivan Lam and Carmel Denaro were placed 3rd in the 'B' section with Neil Casey and Jim Williamson receiving the encouragement award for the



highest un-placed Redland pair, coming 4th. Well done to all Redland players. This congress, like many before, was possible only with the help of a lot of volunteers. Particular thanks to Margaret Wienk who bought much of the food and organized the raffle and Judy Reid, ably supported by many other volunteers, who ran the kitchen. A great thanks to all who helped on the day whether selling raffle tickets, taking photos, keeping the food flowing or helping in putting the room back after the congress to be ready for Monday bridge.

Brisbane Zone Interclub team congress: This annual event will be held on 28 Oct 2012 at the QCBC club. Each club in the zone may enter one team in each of 3 grades. Redland players interested in taking part in this event are asked to nominate as pairs in the list on the notice board at the Club. Depending on the entries, the Club will arrange teams in each of the 3 grades. There will be no table fee cost for those taking part as representatives of Redland club.

Melbourne Cup function: As I write this article, it is just 3 weeks to the Melbourne Cup. This function is really one of the best days at the club where people can dress up to the nines or just come in everyday wear to enjoy the frivolities and a truly social game of bridge. A chicken and salad meal will be provided and horses will be auctioned before the race. Don't miss this event. To help with catering, please put your name on the list on the notice board at the club. You do not need to have a partner to take part in this fun day.

Bridgemate preferences: On the recommendation of a meeting of Directors, the Management Committee has changed the preferences on the Bridgemates so that results and percentage for each board played is now not being shown. This was done to reduce the noise level and slow play, which often resulted when players examined

and discussed the results of that board played by other tables. This change is on trial until the December 2012 meeting of the Management Committee when it will be reviewed. I know that not everyone is 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.

Happy bridging **Kevin Williams**



Director's Corner

Director mentoring: It is great that we have six people – Avra Bowler, Trevor White, Daniel Chua, Chris Mayfield, Barbara Mackay and Bruce Johnman, who have indicated interest in becoming Directors. Mentoring for Movements and Scoring has been done by Ros and I am now doing likewise for the Law component. The Club can never have enough Directors and it is great that these people are preparing to sit the exams next June.

Some less common Laws to be aware of:

- (i) *An inadmissible call (Laws 19, 32, 35 & 36):*
This is usually when you double or redouble your Partner's bid, either out of rotation, or when the right-hand Opposition (RHO) has passed. Clearly, you can't double or redouble your Partner's bid unless there is an intervening bid (not a pass) by the Opposition. An inadmissible call can **never** be accepted. If however, the left hand Opposition (LHO) has called after the inadmissible double and before the Director is called, the inadmissible double/redouble and any subsequent calls must be cancelled. The Offender who made the inadmissible double/redouble must now make a legal call and the auction proceeds as though there was no irregularity. There are no lead restrictions. If however, the Director is called immediately after the inadmissible double/redouble



call is made and **before** any call by LHO, the rectification is much different. The inadmissible double/redouble is cancelled as before and the Offender must now make a legal call. But now, the Offender's Partner must pass whenever it is his/her turn to call and lead restrictions may apply if the offenders become defenders.

(ii) *When is a revoke established? (Law 63):* There is often confusion amongst players as to what is the ruling when a revoke occurs. A revoke occurs when a player does not follow suit when he/she has a card of that suit that could be played.

The revoke is **not established** if the Offender realizes before either he/she or his/her partner plays or designates a card to be played to the next trick. If this happens, the revoke is corrected without any further rectification except that the card played in error must remain face-up as a major penalty card. Once the revoke has been established, then the number of tricks transferred to the non-offenders depends on whether the Offender wins the revoke trick (1 trick transferred to the non-offenders) or the Partnership wins a subsequent trick (1 or 2 tricks transferred to the non-offenders). The Director might rule more tricks to be transferred if the revoke caused damage to the non-offending side over and above the 1 or 2 trick rectification. There is a special ruling where a revoke occurs on the 12th trick. There is no rectification as such but the revoke **must** be corrected, which may change which side wins the 12th and 13th tricks.

Kevin Williams



Talking to your partner

The Re-opening Double

The following hand was played in a duplicate session recently, and provided an interesting bidding sequence.

Dealer South

EW Vul

♠.K4	
♥.KJ632	
♦.A109	
♣.864	
♠ J93	♠ 872
♥ AQ984	♥ 7
♦ Q42	♦ 875
♣ Q5	♣ KJ10972
	♠.AQ1065
	♥.105
	♦.KJ63
	♣.A3

South opened the bidding with 1 Spade and West overcalled with 2 Hearts. North correctly passed, East passed and South re-opened with a double. North was delighted to pass, leaving West to make 3 tricks for a score of -1400. In a sequence such as this, North should always expect partner to double. If South does bid again, say with 3 diamonds, North can confidently bid 3 NT. The time to re-open with a double is when you have shortage in the suit that has been overcalled, hoping that partner has length in that suit. In this case, if South had 3 or more hearts, he should pass when the bidding came back to him. If North had doubled 2 hearts immediately, it should show an interest in the 2 unbid suits. (a negative double)

Patricia Back



A Tribute to the late Val Horn

Val was born on 10 May 1918 in Kent, England. She married here in Australia and brought up 4 children, 2 girls and 2 boys. Val loved gardening and sewing.

Val's daughter Dianne in Armidale introduced her to the game of Bridge, and Val joined the Redlands Contract Bridge Club on 3 February 1993.

Looking back and we remember:

1995 From this year Val was the Raffle Convenor (at that time only small raffles were held). These raffles then started to become increasingly more popular.

1997 In February weekly raffles and a bring'n'buy table were introduced.

In July in the Club Rooms at Ross Court, Cleveland, Val showed her decorating skills by painting the screens provided in a colour which blended with the floor covering – these screens hid the dull working areas which catered for tea & coffee making, tables & cupboards for storage of score sheets and other necessities for the ordinary day-to-day operation of an efficient Club.

In those days, each Friday we had to pass the raffle table where Val Horn sat, to get to the card tables. With her smile and quiet but firm way, we could not refuse to buy tickets from her. To that date (July 1997) she sold approx. \$2,000 to contribute to Club funds.



Published in **1998**, a word direct from Val herself and she wrote:

The Horn Report

"To all the members who have loyally and generously bought raffle tickets and donated prizes since the inception on 4/11/96 I express thanks for your support. It has made light of my task.

The amount collected up to 8/5/98 is \$3,132.70. This included a generous donation of \$100 from Jack Cameron.

Our average return for the first year was \$168 per month and the average to May 1998 is \$186 per month. I have now set a target of \$200 per month and with your continued support and increasing membership I m absolutely confident we can fulfill this expectation.

The "Bring 'n' Buy" has provided the Club with \$776.70 to date but has fallen by the wayside little lately. Everyone has a "Pandora's Box" so lift off the lid and see what you can rid yourself of in favour of our wonderful Club.

From the above figures you will realize the RCBC has benefited to the extent of \$3,909.40.

Congratulations to you all for your help. Keep up the good work!"

Signed Val Horn



Empty Christmas Tree

Except for last year it has been the tradition for the club (some members brought items last year which I took along) to have an empty Christmas tree where members can bring along either presents for children (or adults), non perishable food items or toiletry items to be given to The Redland Community Centre, a not for profit organization that looks after families in the Redlands/Wynnum area. A look at their web site show how extensive is their programme for the area. They are also grateful for school items for the new year as well. The committee has given approval for this to occur again this year. I appeal to you to be generous. It is our chance to do something for the local community

Ros Putland



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I have managed to adequately inspire 2 full tables into "hanging in" with their bridge lessons so 8 members enthusiastically arrive every Thursday afternoon, perfect for this group. It would be even better if they wouldn't behave like true retirees and go off on cruises and holidays! However, they keep coming back and seem to really enjoy themselves! I think they are hooked! Membership will surely follow! One member was so excited that he would be able to play bridge on his cruise. I said nothing.....Let him have fun!

Avra Bowler



Wednesday Evening



Wednesday Evenings continue as the weekly night, not to be missed. Great food, convivial friendship, a few wines, and, oh yes, serious Bridge under the director ship of Mistress Avra.

And you're home just after 10 p.m.

It's great to see some new faces participating. Their positive feedback is encouragement that these sessions are definitely worth attending. Remember there is no partner required.

We can always accommodate you.

See you there,

Trevor Topfer.

NOTICES



Birds:- There is a problem with birds flying into the club house and landing on the table where food for human consumption is being prepared and eaten. It seems that feeding the birds inappropriate food such as biscuits and bread is being adopted and thus encouraging the birds inside.

Raffles:- Money received from raffles is not only relied on for the progress of the club but for the enjoyment of the Members. We are short of Members to help to sell the tickets. It takes only a short time on the day and means coming in a little earlier than normal to sit at the front desk and smile and greet everyone who comes through the door. How much you make will depend on how much you smile of course!!!

Neville Langford:- Neville's wife has donated a trophy in honour of Neville's memory and I will write about him next month.

That is about all. Don't forget to dress up for Melbourne Cup Day.

Adieu, Jean

