



REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC.

TRUMPIT



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**Current
Member-
ship:**

280

SPECIAL EVENTS

Melbourne Cup
(no partner)
Tuesday 5th
November
9.30 a.m.

Summer Teams
November
15/22nd
Friday 9.30 a.m.

**Queensland
Wide Pairs**
November
25/29th

FROM THE EDITOR



Hi Everyone,

One always knows when the end of the year is coming - when Melbourne Cup looms ahead. The fashions seem to be a mixed bag this year. Some are very plain colours, and some are a riot of colour. My advice is to wear what you feel comfortable in, and enjoy the day.

There seems to be a misconception with some Members of the Redland Bridge Club, that all the work about the Club House is to be attended to by the Members of the Committee. In other words that they were elected to do the work. The Committee over-sees the running of the Bridge Club, and do not necessarily do the work. If they were paid \$\$\$\$ to be on the Committee, it would be a different matter.

Our Bridge Club, like most clubs, rely on the Volunteering of ALL the Members of the Club to help in some way. The Club can only go forward if we all pitch in and help. We all have experience in different fields in our past life, and being a Member of our Bridge Club

is a place where you can contribute some of your knowledge and expertise.

If you look around, you will see that many of our Members are in the "Older" category and although they like to contribute, as they have for so many years, most of them I think would like someone to offer a helping hand.

If you are a gardener, a few flowers for the table would be gratefully received.

There is nothing like something alive and beautiful from nature, to get the spirits lifted.

A big HELLO to Kay.

Jean Florence

President's Report

Well the end of the year is fast approaching and the party season is nearly upon us. This is the time of the year I have to be diligent in using my diary as so many things are happening. As someone said the other day, once Melbourne Cup is

over the year rapidly descends into Christmas and New Year. We look forward to our **Melbourne Cup day (5th November)** and also the **Christmas Party (7th December)**. Both of these events are being catered for by the **Chefettes**, so if you are coming, please indicate on the respective lists.

There is also the **REDLANDS TEAM GRADED CONGRESS** coming up on the Sunday 1st December, so get your teams together, for this



usually large Congress. Margaret Hunt will require help in the kitchen and with catering. Please see Margaret if you are unsure what to cook.

On a different note, the committee has, on the recommendation of the Directors at the **Director's Meeting**, passed the following:- One Director each Monday will be a **Non-Playing Director** and will be paid for the day (\$50.00) He or she will be assisted by another Director, to help set up the room. That Director will as usual, get a free game.

Anne Ormerod has also indicated that she will conduct the **Red Point and teams events (non honour board)** for 2014. Val Roland will direct the Honour Board and GNOT events in 2014. Anne will be paid the same as Val (\$70.00 per session). If either Anne or Val require assistance on the day, by a non-playing person, they will also be paid \$20.00 a session. The Committee hopes that this will help keep the noise down, and prevent problems that sometimes happen on Mondays. The Director will be on the floor at all times. This arrangement for Mondays will commence from 28th October. We are still looking at replacing the ceiling tiles in the near future, with acoustic tiles.

Happy bridging

Ros Putland

Report: Graded Pairs Congress

29th September 2013

48 pairs entered the Graded Pairs Congress which was a pleasing result,. Outside entries made up the bulk of players for sections A and B, with Redland players mostly filling the C section. One pair got lost, so thank you to several of our "kitchen and committee staff" who filled in until they arrived, very late. It was great to see Redland players taking out first in the B grade and first and second in the C Grade. Everyone enjoyed the day and went home well pleased with their efforts

Winners were :-

A Grade: 1st: Tony Treloar/Peter Evans

2nd: Pam Schoen/Phil Hale

B Grade: 1st: Molly O'Donohue/Philip Thompson

2nd: David Pincus/Joan Pincus

C Grade : 1st: David Bessell/Michael Clibbon

2nd: Dennis Kennedy/Susan Harris

The raffles of a Wine Barrel and Perfume were won by 2 visitors to the club.

Thanks to **Alan Gibson** who directed the Congress, for ensuring that the day's play went so smoothly, and to **Margaret Wienk** 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 players and visitors, who look forward to coming to the Redland club to play, socialize, and enjoy our home cooked food.

The club made approximately \$900 on the event.

Many thanks again,

Marianne Ross, (Convenor)



TALKING TO YOUR PARTNER

Alerts – what to do

When an opponent alerts their partner's bid, it is wise to inquire what the alert means. I frequently notice that many players are disadvantaged by not understanding the bidding system being used. In addition, there are many bids that must not be alerted, and this can cause problems. An example is the double, which has multiple meanings and it is sometimes important to know what the opponent is trying to convey. Another example is the **cue bid** of an opponent's suit. Always ask for the meaning of this bid, which in some cases can be quite surprising. Understanding the opponents' bids is vital, particularly when you are defending.

Patricia Back

Keeping Control

When beginners are learning to play no-trump hands, there is a tendency to cash Aces and Kings before pausing to establish other tricks. For instance, when a suit is first led by an opponent, and you have A32 in one hand, and 654 in the other, **do not play the Ace** until the third round. This way you have a better chance of keeping control.

Patricia Back



Tuition:

Wednesday afternoon supervised play continues, with some more experienced players attending as well as the newer members.

Anyone who feels they need some help with their bidding or play can attend these sessions. We start at 2pm.

Beginner lessons will be held again early in the new year. If anyone has friends or relatives who would like to learn bridge, please contact me. **Deirdre**

Melbourne Cup Day



Programme for the day:-

8 a.m. tickets for the Sweeps will be available. Get in early as there are only a certain amount and last year the tickets ran out.

9.30 a.m. Start of Bridge play.

10.30 a.m. or there-about, morning-tea.

12md or there-about, the end of Bridge. The tables will be moved, at the direction of the President and the Director, table cloths put on the tables, and the chairs arranged according to the directions.

Then there will be "Fashions on the Field"

Meanwhile, the Chefettes will be preparing the food.

Canapés, both hot and cold will be served when the drinks are served.

After the "Fashions of the Field", the food tables will be arranged down the centre of the Club House, special table clothes put on the tables, and the food put on the tables.

The President will indicate when it is time for which table to start serving themselves with the chicken and variety of salads provided. There will be people to help serve the food.

Don't forget to collect your cutlery at the end of the table.

When everyone has had the Main course, the sweets will be served, and again, the President will tell you when to go to the table. There will be people to help serve the sweets.

There is plenty of food and I have made sure that it is food that most of you will like.

There are bins in which to put your used plate, wine glass and serviette, and the cutlery goes into the kitchen for washing.

Lunch should be over before the Melbourne Cup race. Hopefully the kitchen will be cleaned up as well so we can all sit and watch the Race.

I have placed the Menus on the board for everyone to see what food will be served.

I hope you have a good day and win lots of money.

(Bet responsibly???)

Jean



QUOTABLE QUOTES

“Most people do not listen with the intent to understand, they listen with the intent to reply.”

Stephen R. Covey

“Money can buy the husk of many things, but not the kernel. It brings you food, but not appetite; medicine, but not health; acquaintances, but not friends; days of joy, but not peace and happiness.”

Henrik Ibsen

Well, this is another short Trumpit. We are really getting to the end of the year. Everything seems to be winding down and everyone with it.

I will have pictures next Trumpit and there will be a story about one of our Members, Elvie Eaglesham, who has transferred from the Bargara Club in Bundaberg. She was a co-founder member of that club, and there is a write-up about her in the QBA Bulletin last month. I just thought I might be able to add something to the story, knowing what work she must have done over the years for the club there.

Well that is all. Have a good time at Melbourne Cup where ever you are for the day.

Adieu,

Jean

