



# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC.

# TRUMPIT



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## FROM THE EDITOR

**Current  
Membership:**  
  
**271**  
  
**New mem-  
bers:**

Hi Everyone,

Well the bees are singing and the flowers are all in bud and things in the garden area are coming along nicely. It has been a little hot for spring, but there are always jobs to do in Spring to reap the rewards later in the year.

I was very lucky to receive a bee hive for my birthday this year. Strange you might say? Well I was moaning about not having bees in my garden at the time the passion-fruit flowers need pollinating, with the result I didn't get any fruit off the passion-fruit vine which had grown up the tree in the front yard. I only got passionfruit off the vine in the back yard where I could use a brush to pollinate them myself. So my children decided to buy me a bee hive.

They are fascinating creatures and we have made them a bee house outside in which to house them.

I see the garden out the front of the Club house is looking well attended. There was a fairy there the other week applying fertilizer which has given it a spring a look.

I didn't get the Newsletter out before the Congress, but I know it would have gone

well and a big thank you to those who have given their time to make it successful.

This month Pat Back will have a tip for the Beginners in the "Beginners Corner." With Pat's vast experience, she will be an inspiration to us all.

Jean

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The quote for the kitchen update has been let to Gary Moore who trades as "Custom Designs" and who fitted out the original kitchen. The cost is approximately \$6700.00. We will not be going ahead with filling in the space at the eastern end of the servery. The water cooler may be moved if a suitable way of storing the water-cooler cup holders can be found.

The club is always looking at the possibility of additional sponsorship. We are currently trying to interest a company in advertising in the centre of our bidding pads in return for subsidizing our costs in purchasing them. The company concerned was brought to our notice by club members. If any other club member can bring to our notice a similar idea or company

**Special events**  
**GRADED PAIRS**  
**17/24 OCT**  
**MONDAYS 12 NOON**  
**INTERCLUB TEAMS**  
**30TH OCT**  
**SUNDAY 9.30 A.M.**  
**A RED POINT EVENT**  
**MELBOURNE CUP**  
**1ST NOV**  
**TUESDAY 9.30 A.M.**

interested in advertising, the committee would always be pleased to hear about it.

Please members if you know any friends, relatives or family members who could be interested in learning to play bridge, we are starting lessons on Oct.4<sup>th</sup> - details can be obtained from Deirdre or me.

If you require a partner for bridge, do not forget to put your name in the diary on the shelf on the left of the entrance to the club as you enter.

One of our club members went out to the club car park after bridge recently and found a large dent and "foreign" paint on the side of her car. No note had been left. It would be appreciated if the driver of the other car could contact me.

Happy Bridging

David

### DIRECTORS CORNER:



I am often asked what is correct procedure in regard to the play of a card. The law requires a player to detach a card from his hand at his turn to play. If a Defender holds his card so that it is **POSSIBLE** for his partner to see its face then it must be played to the current trick. Over the years I have been called many times to the table and told by Declarer "but I saw the card it was the 6 diamonds". It doesn't matter if Declarer or Dummy see the card - Law 45C1 states it must be played if it is **POSSIBLE** for his partner to see it.

Declarer must play a card from his hand if "it is held face up, touching or nearly touching the table or maintained in a position as to indicate that it has been played".

Another common problem I have noticed that some players raise a card up in their hand that they are planning to play before their turn to play or raise a card up then return it and play another card. This gives unauthorised information to your partner and if the opposition feel they are damaged they have the right to call the director.

The law requires that you play you cards at an even tempo.

At all times if you are not sure or are unhappy with what has happened at the table **ALWAYS** call the director.

We have the **Spring Graded Pairs** coming up on October **17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**. I encourage all players to enter especially the new lower ranked players. The more players that enter the more grades I can run. This allows players to play against their peers.

Good luck to all those players playing in the Redlands Graded Pairs Congress.

Good Bridging,

Val



### BEGINNERS CORNER

One of the earliest of all the opening bids that the beginner is taught is 1 no trump. This bid is confined to a limited range of hands, which however are quite common. The point range is specific, usually 15-17 or 16-18. The shape of the hand is also specific, having no singleton, and no more than one doubleton. Say you are playing a range of 16-18, and this is your hand as dealer

♠ A1092  
♥ KQ5  
♦ 98  
♣ AK97

This an excellent hand for a bid of 1 no trump. I have noticed that many players are reluctant to bid no trumps if the hand contains a small doubleton, but the 1NT bid does not promise stoppers in every suit. (Note: a stopper means an honour card in the suit.). In fact, the opening bid of 1NT only promises 4 tricks, not 7. As an example, the above hand contains 1 spade trick, 1 heart and 2 clubs. If you do not open 1NT with this hand, your partner will not believe that you have 16 points.

Pat Back

## TALKING TO YOUR PARTNER

Joan Butts' recent lesson on defence emphasized an important point about overcalling with a minor suit, namely it should be done with a good hand, and preferably a 6-card suit. It is unwise to make this bid with a 5-card suit and 10 points only. A recent Thursday duplicate featured a hand that illustrates this point well.

Dealer North

Both Vul

♠ A642

♥ K96

♦ 93

♣ K1084

♠ 1075

♥ J852

♦ 42

♣ J932

♠ KQJ98

♥ Q43

♦ J65

♣ A6

♠ 3

♥ A107

♦ AKQ1087

♣ Q75

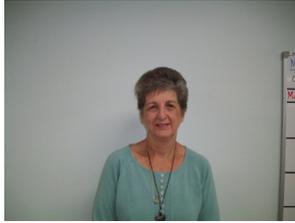
After East opens the bidding, South has an ideal overcall and shows a good opening hand. North should feel confident enough to bid at least 2NT, but 3NT is also reasonable. This is an easy game because of the solid diamonds. In this particular session, the majority of North-South pairs played in a diamond part-score. When your partner overcalls, try to visualize how the hands fit together.

Pat Back



## My Life Story

I was born the 2<sup>nd</sup> child of Ivo and Gwendoline Smith less than 12 months after my father returned from the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. He was captured by the Japanese at the fall of Singapore and was interned at Changi, Sandakan and finally Kuching. (He escaped the death march because as a warrant officer he was classed as an officer and transferred to Kuching ... from there he was finally liberated.) He was told he would not have any more children but my older brother Rodney(1940) was joined by Graham(1950) and myself(1946)



My father stayed in the army and went to officer training school and we lived in a few different places namely Townsville, Sydney and then Brisbane (all in married quarters.) My parents finally built their 1<sup>st</sup> home at Toowong (the suburb where my mother had grown up)

After a bit of a nomadic life and various schools and many teachers I finally completed my education at St. Peter's Lutheran College, Indooroopilly. These days were some of my happiest as I was able to make friends and not move on. These friendships are still maintained today although we all live in different cities of Australia but come together for school reunions..... Number 50 is not far away. I managed to come 2<sup>nd</sup> in the school in the Junior exam and won a Commonwealth scholarship in Senior which enabled me to do my Pharmacy degree at the University of Queensland. (My mother wanted me to be a short hand typist as women were supposed to get married and have children.. but I rebelled.)

After a pre-registration year in Brisbane I moved to the Gold Coast in 1968. I attended church at Southport Methodist the first night after my move and I had my first sight of Ian Dale as he took up the collection. I was later introduced to him by a customer from the pharmacy where I worked. We used to play squash and meet for coffee after church but our first official date was dinner at the Tower Mill in Brisbane and the rest as they say is history. We were married on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1970 at Southport. I continued to work up until our eldest son Andrew was born in 1973 and David in

1975. I continued in part-time work after that and Ian's parents who lived at our end of the coast loved to baby sit. On the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1986 Ian had a major coronary (his coronary artery was completely blocked) It was 4 days after his birthday. I lost the love of my life but I had 2 children to support, both of whom were in private schools so I went back to work full time supported by family and friends.

In 1990 I did a life-line counselling course and met Warwick Musto. We were married. The best thing I can say about those years was my love of travelling and of bridge was born. During this time I became manager of Pindara Pharmacy which looked after the supply of medication and advice to patients in Pindara hospital. (As a Pharmacist it was a most rewarding period). We moved from the Gold Coast to Auchenflower and then Victoria Point. Shortly after Warwick left me I did a trip across the Tamami with Marianne Ross. We had to pitch a tent each night and one night was spent with no ....I mean no amenities on the border of W.A. and N.T.

Another trip I took during this time was to visit Andrew and Sue who had moved to Thursday Island. I arrived when a cultural weekend was scheduled for newcomers to the workforce on T.I. For those who do not know, the islanders were cannabals prior to the coming of the London Missionary Society to Darnley Is. The Torres Strait area is known as the "Sieve for ships" so a ship-wrecked sailor could end up in a boiling pot on the beach. The influence of the coming of Christianity is still there today with a celebration called the "Coming of the Light" and the fact there are 13 churches on an island you can walk around in 2 hours.

I continued working, playing bridge and tennis, and being involved in the Cleveland Uniting church and choir until, as Frank and I called it, a "God-incidence" brought us together in October 2009. We fell in love and were married on

23<sup>rd</sup> December 2009 while all members of both our families were in Brisbane. We had a glorious 14 months together which included a “honeymoon” to Europe, Greece, the Holy Land and Jordan with a wonderful group of Christians. The highlight of this trip apart from being able to see the Passion Play in Oberamagau which only occurs every 10years was Israel. Whenever I read or hear the Bible now I am able to see those places in a different light. The Road to Jericho is very different to my childhood images and the desert into which Christ went after his baptism is very real and has to be seen to be believed. The only trees is sight these days are cultivated date palms near the Dead Sea. I swam in it but nothing would entice me back in it again. Frank called it the sewer of the Middle East. My time there gave me a different perspective on the Isreal/Palestine problem. (I am not sure there is an answer to that problem.)

Frank and I also enjoyed a trip up north to visit friends and family and Frank’s beloved Magnetic Island in the latter half of 2010.

Sadly for me he was called home on 27th February 2011 after a very short illness. It has been my joy to have had the love of two beautiful Christian men, and the love of my sons, and granddaughter Charlie Rose and the support of many friends.

Ros Putland

## NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to our two new Members:-

**MATILDA KITCHING**

**PETER HUGHES**

A big welcome to you both



## TUITION



Supervised Play will finish at the end of September. All new members are doing very well and are ready to join in regular bridge sessions.

Some of the players have already played and have achieved good results. As a novice player, it can be quite intimidating to play against experienced players, so please be welcoming and helpful when you meet them.

New Beginner lessons will commence on the 4th of October at 2p.m.. These lessons will be given by Joan Butts, who has been teaching at this club for many years and is very well respected throughout Australia as a teacher. If you know of anyone who might like to give bridge a try, this is their opportunity. Joan has also just completed a series of three intermediate lessons and has given us plenty of food for thought in the areas of defence and how to bid strong hands.

Deirdre

## WINNERS:

**Eddie Santaguiliana Trophy:**

**Peter Alp & Joy Sherrell**



**Red Point Saturday:**

**John Harris and Ron Khalad (N/S)**

**Sylvia Decker and Betty Bowdler (E/W)**

## WEDNESDAY EVENING



Wednesday evenings are becoming more popular. Those wanting to play bridge in the evening are most welcome. Beginners are catered for and are also most welcome. There is a light meal served at 5.30p.m. Please phone or email Vince or Avra for details. It is an enjoyable night out.

## CARD PLAY LESSONS

Card play lessons continue 10.00a.m. to 11a.m. on Monday's and 5.00 to 6.00p.m. on Wednesdays.

Vince said those attending are showing much improvement. All are welcome.

## SOCIAL CONVENOR



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Melbourne Cup Day is one of our very special days at the Club.

You can cheer your horse on whilst watching the race on the big screen, enjoy a game of bridge which will be followed by a free chicken and champagne lunch for members, (\$5 for visitors) win prizes for the best ladies race day outfit, the best dressed man, the most elegant hat and the most glamorous fascinator. There will also be a prize for the worst taste ladies or men's hat.

Bridge will start the day at 9.30 am. Val will be the director and has some surprises for you. Come early as we will have \$1, \$2, \$5, sweeps which you will need to buy before bridge. During the morning we will have an auction of the horses running in the race, so form a syndicate or buy your own horse. Trevor Topfer is our auctioneer and he will be assisted by his two delightful "bag ladies" Di Elliott and Val Watkins.

Other prizes will be given for the lucky door, the four people at the lucky table and the people who best cope

with the bridge tasks, so if you don't win on the races you won't go home empty handed.

This is one day when the committee likes to entertain members, everyone has a fun time and hopefully will win some money on the sweeps and the auction.. Any queries, see a committee member or Judy Blomfield.

## BITS AND PIECES

### STAMPS

Don't forget your used stamps for collection for Oxfam. There is a container at the front entrance.

### ITEMS NOT REQUIRED

I see there are still some items that are no longer required waiting for collection at the front entrance.

## TRUMPIT ON THE WEB

The Trumpit is now published on the Club Web Site which is [www.redlands.bridgeaustralia.org](http://www.redlands.bridgeaustralia.org)

This address is in the second page of the Redland Bridge Club Booklet.

The Trumpit is situated at the right hand side of the page. You just click on the sign and you are in. It is much easier to get to you all that way rather than by sending emails. First of all you have to collect the emails and get the addresses correct and then break them up into packages etc. There will be hard copies at the front entrance, but the web ones are better because they are in colour.

That is all for this month.

Have a good month and watch out for the Hay Fever.

Adieu,

Jean

