

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



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Hi Everyone,

A very big thank you for all who came and helped with the recent Working Bee. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Thankfully there is only one more month of winter and we can look forward to the lovely spring weather that everyone enjoys. Over winter there have been a lot of covid and flu cases in our community. This has also affected several of our members which in turn, has resulted in lower attendances.

An important reminder that if you are suffering any flu-like symptoms please do not come to the club until you are better. Also, basic good hygiene such as washing or sanitising your hands will go a long way to help.

Good bridging and keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We've recently celebrated some significant birthdays. It's a fact that none of us are getting any younger. Nevertheless, I consider it really good that people in their nineties are capable of not just attending bridge sessions but also being competitive when they do. There is hope for us all when people who have reached these special milestones can enjoy the social and intellectual aspects of the game.

With the year this advanced, the next set of beginner lessons are just on the horizon. It's great to see some more of the beginners from previous classes actually getting to the normal playing sessions. I'm planning the next classes to start on 3rd September and running for six weeks each Wednesday from 2.00 – 4.00 pm. If you have any friends or family who might be interested in giving bridge a go, then have them get in touch – either with me directly or through the club email. We've been in touch with the local radio station and hope to have a notice in their Community News webpage, as well as some on-air notices. That seems to be the only advertising opportunity that's available to us.

The Club about to host the first major event in our club calendar with the Pairs Congress for under 500 master points as a graded competition. There are currently 20 pairs registered, many of them from the Redland Club. It's not as many as we would like. Hopefully a few more can be enticed to come so we can operate a reasonable Congress. There have been a lot of compliments from the visitors for the quality and quantity of the snacks that

*Logic will get you from A to B.
Imagination will take you anywhere.*

were provided in the past. Thank you everyone who helps by bringing food. We also need some volunteers who can join me to help to run the whole day.

The recent working bee was well attended, and the grounds look much better. The workers also did some spring cleaning in and on the club building. This all helps to present a good image of the club to visitors.

There's another Pairs Congress in our calendar for September. The flyer for this has been prepared and has been checked off by both the ABF and the director for distribution. We hope the good feedback that we got from the last Congress will translate into plenty of entries for the next one. Some entries have started arriving for this one as well. In both cases, we'll need a fill-in pair to be available in case of odd numbers.

By the time you read this, the Winter Teams will be just about finished. We had an odd number of teams, so the simplest way to run this is with a Whist movement. I realise some people would prefer a Swiss team's movement so they can check progress with their teammates after each round. If we can get a few more entries, then this may be possible.

Also, there are two other congresses, as well as the Melbourne Cup Day and Christmas Party to organise. These events take lots of planning to make sure everything runs smoothly.

The next significant event for club members is the Eddie Santagiuliana Trophy which is taking place this month. This is held on Saturday 16th, so get your partner organised and put your names down.

Please be especially nice to your partner and try to avoid criticism at the table. It may be a bit hard to understand their actions occasionally, but they're doing their best. The middle of a round is not the place for either impromptu lessons or post-mortems. We all have an occasional brain-fade or senior moment. They are on your side. Really.

Nigel Cleminson – Club President



When the Opponent's Overcall 1♦

Gary Brown



The 1♦ Overcall does not impede you from doing what you would have done had RHO passed, so let that be your guide. The 1♦ overcall actually offers you some benefits.

The Auction:	<u>Partner</u>	RHO	You
	1♣	1♦	?

Bids You Could Make and What They Would Mean:

- Pass*: 0-7 and no clear action to take. *A pass could be a 'Trap Pass'. (see explanation below).
- Double: After both minors have been bid, a 'Negative Double' shows 4+ cards in both majors.
- 1♥: Promises the same as if RHO had passed. You show 4+ hearts and 6+ points. You could also have 4 spades - although you probably would have made a negative double.
- 1♠: Ditto. 4+ spades and 6+ points. If only a 4-card spade suit, you deny holding 4-hearts or you would have bid 1♥ or made a negative double.
- 1NT: 6-9 (10) HCP with a balanced type of hand and a stopper in diamonds.
- 2♦: Cue-bid. By agreement, shows a limit raise in clubs with 11+ points.
- 2♥/2♠: Jump shift in a major shows a weak hand and a 6-card suit.
- 2NT: 10-12 points, balanced hand and a stopper in diamonds.
- 3♣: With some, this might show 11-12 points and club support. But with more experienced players it shows a weak hand with 6+ clubs. "A Jump Raise in Competition is Weak" (Remember, with a good hand and club support, you would bid 2♦ a cue-bid).
- 3NT: 13-15, balanced hand and stopper(s) in diamonds.

***Trap Pass:** If you held a hand like: ♠A2 ♥Q76 ♦AJ1084 ♣Q107 you might choose to bid 3NT. Not a bad bid. *But!* If the opponents are *vulnerable*, you might decide to pass. Why? You know LHO has nothing, partner is short in diamonds, and she may well respond with a take-out double. You can now pass - converting the take-out double into a penalty double!

BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

DUMMY

- Dummy can attempt to stop Declarer committing an infraction but cannot be the first to call attention to an infraction once committed.
- For example, if Declarer plays from the wrong hand by either calling a card from Dummy or playing incorrectly from their own hand, Dummy must not draw attention to this as the infraction has occurred.
- Dummy should not play a card until Declarer has called for it. This applies even when the card to play is obvious, for example, when Dummy has a singleton in the suit led.
- Dummy should only touch the cards when playing a card nominated by Declarer, or to reorganise them. Dummy should not move the cards to fill a space created by a suit void, as this is disruptive to Declarer and Defenders.

From ABF Rules and Ethics

COMPETITIONS

Nine teams are currently competing in the **Winter Teams Competition** with the final round to be held on Friday, 1st August.

Members are also making the most of Walk-ins for Thursdays and Saturdays with the numbers increasing for these sessions. They have also enjoyed playing in the **Nationwide Pairs** which fall on these days.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Friday, 1 August – Winter Teams (2/2) – Red Points

****Sunday 10 August – Redland under 500 Graded Pairs Congress - Red Points**

Saturday, 16 August – Eddie Santagiuliana Ximp – Red Points

Friday, 29 August – Australia Wide Open Pairs

****Monday, 1 September – Club Championship Pairs (1/2) – Red Points**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



**Neil Casey
Valda Hirst
Janette McDonald**

AND WE HOPE THAT YOU HAVE A LONG AND ENJOYABLE ASSOCIATION WITH THE CLUB

JUNE PROMOTIONS

Tala Badie	Graduate
Maree Walker	Graduate
John Clark	Club
Ole Mosegaard	Club
Anne Ormerod	Silver National

70%ers for July ★

Brian Gamble & Dan Maher – 73.7%

A bridge player's imagination never goes to waste



SPECIAL 95th BIRTHDAYS



*Congratulations to
Maureen Kelso & Dawn Lepinath*

SPECIAL 90th BIRTHDAY



*Congratulations to
Betty Bowdler*

Congratulations to our ladies celebrating their special milestones. The beautiful birthday cakes organised by Di were delicious as were as the savoury treats supplied by Glynis and Janet.



Pat and Dawn enjoying special baskets of flowers that were arranged by Jean Florence.

HELP WANTED

The **Redland Under 500 Graded Pairs Congress** will be held on **Sunday 10 August**.

To make this event successful we are again calling for helpers to assist on the day, and for donations of food etc. If you can help, please enter your details on the list. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Please see Avra if you have any questions.

Mark your calendar!

FUN SOCIAL EVENING

for

Members and Family/Friends

Saturday, 23 August - 1.00 pm to 8.00 pm

This fun activity includes a game of bridge (starting at 1.00 pm) followed by dinner and games

!! Action Trivia !! with prizes

Cost: \$20.00 per person. BYO Drinks and nibbles

Friends/Family (from 4.30 pm) \$15.00 per person

Bridge Only available at usual table fee at 1.00 pm

Menu:

Pizza, Double Topping, Thin Crust

Salad and Garlic Bread

Sticky Date Pudding & Cream

Please enter your registration on the notice board
by Wednesday 13 August.

Any queries phone Gabriel on 0478 588 533

Bits and Pieces

Sunday Bridge

Please note that due to the many events being held over the next few months, the Committee has decided to cancel the Sunday Bridge sessions for the rest of the year. This will be revisited early next year.

Supervised Play / New Lessons

Supervised Play sessions continue on **Wednesdays from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm** until **Wednesday, 27 August**.

New lessons commence on **Wednesday, 3 September**.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in learning to play bridge, please ask them to phone or text Nigel Cleminson on 0419 642 498. Alternatively, they can email the club: redlandsbridgeclub@bigpond.com.

Wednesday Night Play

Wednesday nights are still being held as “social bridge” sessions at no charge to members, with no formal scoring or points awarded, until numbers increase.

Note: Social bridge evenings now start at 6.30 pm and finish at 9.00 pm. The sessions are convened by Michael Clibbon and Dan Maher.

Thursday Play

Walk-ins are accepted on Thursdays. Mentoring can also be arranged for players with less than 25 points. Please contact Tom France or Max Latimer and arrive at least 30 minutes before play.

Saturday Play

Don't forget that you do not need a partner to play on Saturdays. However, if you don't have a partner, you need to be seated by 11.30 am or advise Max prior to the session.





A blonde female police officer pulled over a blonde lady for speeding. The blonde cop then approached the car and asked the blonde lady for her driver's license. The blonde lady asked, "What does a driver's license look

like?" as she searched through her purse. The blonde cop said, "It's a little thing with your picture on it."

The driver pulled out her powder compact, opened it, looked in the mirror and handed it to the officer. The blonde cop looked in the mirror, handed it back to the blonde lady and said, "If you'd told me that you were a police officer, we could have avoided all this."



In a dark and hazy room, peering intently into a crystal ball, the Gypsy Mystic delivered extremely grave news: "There's no easy way to tell you this, so I'll just be blunt. Prepare yourself to be a widow. Your husband will die a violent and horrible death this year."

Visibly shaken and with tears starting to appear in the corners of her eyes, the wife stared at the fortune teller's face, then at the single flickering candle, then down at her hands. She brushed away the tears, took a few deep breaths to compose herself and stop her mind from racing. She simply had to know. She met the fortune teller's gaze, steadied her voice and asked, "Will I be acquitted?"



Note: Nothing is Impossible!



How to wash a cat

1. Put both lids of the toilet up and add 1/8 cup of pet shampoo to the water in the bowl....
2. Pick up the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.
3. In one smooth movement put the cat in the toilet and close the lid. You may need to stand on the lid.
4. At this point the cat will self-agitate and make ample suds. Never mind the noises that come from the toilet, the cat is actually enjoying this!
5. Flush the toilet three or four times. This provides a 'Power Wash' and 'Rinse'.
6. Have someone open the front door of your home. Be sure that there are no people between the bathroom and the front door.
7. Stand well back, behind the toilet as far as you can, and quickly lift the lid.
8. The cat will rocket out of the toilet, streak through the bathroom, and run outside where he will dry himself off.
9. Both the toilet and the cat will be sparkling clean.

Yours sincerely,
The Dog.

A female reporter approaches a man and says: "I'm doing a little social experiment like a survey. Can I ask you a question?"

"Yeah sure, go ahead."

"So, if you were on a bus and a woman gets on, and there's no available seats, would you give up your seat?"

No.

Well, what if the lady was pregnant – would you then?

No, not even then.

What if it was an elderly woman? I hope you would then.

No.

That's terrible! You are a very selfish inconsiderate man, aren't you?

No Ma'am, I am the bus driver!