

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



August 2026

Hi Everyone,

*It's been nice to have some sunshine, without the rain.
The Club has been busy, so it keeps us all occupied.
There are always some challenging events coming up to
keep us on our toes, plus the brain working.
Thanks to the Convenor and Director, plus all the behind-
the-scenes people for making the Congress such a
success.
Good bridging and keep smiling!*



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*Lead the ace from ace-king.
Standard carding signals exist for
a reason.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This month's report highlights a successful Under 500 Graded Pairs Congress, acknowledges the many volunteers who made it possible, and looks ahead to a club visit, club events and upcoming competitions in August and September.

The Club's main event for July was the Under 500 Graded Pairs Congress. Forty-two pairs competed in another successful day, and congratulations go to all winners and placegetters. John Bullion and Neil Healy were pipped at the post and came second, while Annie Henderson and

Ian Dart finished third in the B Grade. It is worth mentioning that Ian had just over one point as of 30 June. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who made the Congress run smoothly and efficiently. First, our thanks go to Chris Snook, the Congress Director. Chris was very patient when managing the last-minute withdrawals and changes of partners caused by the nasty cold going around Brisbane. Thanks also go to our volunteers, without whom the Congress could not have been held. Nigel was our hard-working caddy and Recorder; Avra oversaw the catering; and Judith Corney, Anne Ormerod, Jo and Louise Tavlian, Irene Mullan and Louise Nowland assisted in the kitchen. Of course, the excellent variety of food would not have been possible without the members' donations. Tom and Pat France, as our house pairs, deserve a special mention. Due to withdrawals and a late entry, Tom and Pat were told by Convenor Jane Whelan that they were not playing, then playing, then not playing, then playing again. Once again, Jane worked tirelessly as Convenor. It is worth noting that the Convenor's work begins months before the Congress. Lastly, I would like to express my appreciation to the volunteer who worked behind the scenes, John Bullion.

Kim Ellaway, the Secretary of the QBA, is retiring in December 2027. Before her retirement, she plans to visit every bridge club in Queensland. After discussion with Kim, it was agreed that she will visit us on a Tuesday. Kim and her husband Ray will join us for a game, and there will be an opportunity for questions during morning tea, which will be provided by the club. By the time you read this edition of the Trumpit, the winners of the Winter Teams will be known. Looking ahead to August, the Marie Currell Novice Pairs will be held on Tuesdays, 11 and 18 August. If there is enough interest, a separate game will be held for those who do not qualify or do not wish to play in the event. Please put your name on the

notice board if you wish to play in either section. Please also note in your diary that the Australia Wide Open Pairs will be held on Friday 28 August. Registration will open soon. August is also the month when three teams will participate in the GNOT Zonal Finals. We hope they play well over the two days and earn themselves some Gold Points.

Looking further ahead to September, the club is holding the Graded X-Imp Pairs Congress on Sunday 13 September. I encourage our novices to enter, as it is a good learning experience and is fun too. Entries are now open on My ABF and close on 10 September. At club level, we have the Club Championship Pairs on Thursdays 10 and 17 September. Tim Freeman will be the non-playing director.

Happy bridging. Remember, a bad day at bridge beats a good day doing chores around the home.

Michael Souter – Club President

Breaking news: Congratulations to Turgut Manli on passing his Directors Exam.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Under 500 Graded Match Point Pairs Congress

B Division: 1st L Neil & P Neil

2nd Neil Healy & John Bullion

3rd Ian Dart & Annie Henderson

Winter Teams – Red Points

1. Team Kempthorn. Barry and Agnes Kempthorn, Molly O'donohue, and Phillip Thompson.
2. Boxer team. Jenny Boxer, Peter Neville, Carmel Denaro, Pam Rupp and Sandra Clarke.
3. Green team. Robyn Green, Jane Whelan, Judith Corney and Nigel Cleminson.

NEW LUNCH DATE.

Tuesday 1 pm on 25th August.

(Changed due to Mary Carroll pairs 11th & 18th August)

Please place name on Lunch List on notice board if coming, and your lunch order on menu list, so food service will be timely.

The Roof Cafe closes at 2.30pm, Bridge will finish by 12.45.

All newbies particularly welcome!

UPCOMING EVENT: Redland Graded

Swiss X-Imp Pairs Congress

Sunday, 13 September

Redland Bridge Club:

How to Enter **via My ABF** - \$80 per Pair
Entries close **Thursday 10 September - Red Points**

Convenor – Jane Whelan

ON THIS MONTH

Marie Currell Pairs (100 Mps, Red Points)

11 & 18 August (Tuesday),

Australia Wide Open Pairs

28 August 2026



70%ers for July



Philip Thompson – 73.7%

Moirra Cunningham – 72.0%

AUGUST PROMOTIONS

Jane Horvath	Local
Rachel Milton	Bronze Local
Peta Flanagan	Silver Local
Susan Rankin	Silver Local
Ronda Pomeroy	Bronze Regional
Pam Rupp	Bronze State
Robina Cooper	National

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW
MEMBERS**



Gene Jones

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

Bits and Pieces

Supervised Play

Supervised Play: Sessions are held on **Wednesdays from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm** for new members and those who wish to refresh their skills.

BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

HESITATION

1. Hesitation is not an infraction in itself. An infraction occurs when their partner is influenced by the hesitation in the action they take.
2. Hesitation generally reduces the options available to partner. They may not take any action that is suggested by the hesitation where other logical alternatives to that action exist.

INSUFFICIENT BIDS

1. It is never in a player's interest to:-
 - a) alter an insufficient bid before the Director has advised them of their options;
 - b) announce to the table what they meant to write.
2. Many insufficient bids can be corrected without further redress once the Director has assessed the situation.

From RBC Bridge Play By-Laws

CLUB WELLNESS SURVEY

Final Results Update

Q4. The questionnaire showed a disparity between participation at Club Competition level and Congress level (which indicated half of club rate). At our last Congress 22 members competed (approx 12% of total club membership). We understand that some of our past competitors now find Congress sessions lengthy, as they mature age wise.

The Club would like to encourage our developing members to consider participation, and specifically in the next Club Congress being held on Sunday, 13th September. A Congress information session to this end will be held before bridge on a Tuesday at 9.00 am. to be advised.

Phyllis Rankin kindly shares her experience of Congress play.

Many thanks to all who participated in the Club Wellness Questionnaire. We hope this proactive response by the Committee has helped strengthen our Club ethos going forward.

Cheers, **Gabriel.**

CONGRESS PARTICIPATION

Participating in a bridge congress helps novice players to develop their skills in a structured fair competition and provides valuable opportunities to meet, laugh and share "triumphs and disaster" stories with other players who share the same passion for bridge. If you have played at any other clubs then it's a good way to catch up with friends, and you can make new ones. It is an exciting step to a higher level of play where you meet others from various bridge clubs around Brisbane. The sessions are graded into 3 sections A, B and C considering individual players master points. Even at the lower grades, people will have different approaches and styles that you can learn from – both their successes and mistakes. Doing well in these events relies on a combination of good play (especially defence) and luck. When I first took the step to enter a bridge congress, I was anxious but that was unwarranted - I was made to feel welcome and didn't feel intimidated as experienced players were more than willing to help if you ask. As mentioned in the July Trumpet, bridge is an addiction but a "good addiction" a sport that gives a great workout for your brain.

My message to new players is to "*Keep Coming Back*" and take that next step from your usual club sessions to give a congress a go - you will not regret it.

FREAK



noun. A bridge hand with extreme, highly unusual distribution, such as one with a very long suit (8 or more cards), voids, or singletons, which often leads to wild bidding and play.

Why do cows have hooves instead of feet? - Because they lactose

What do you call a factory that makes okay products? A satisfactory.

What kind of music scares balloons? Pop music.

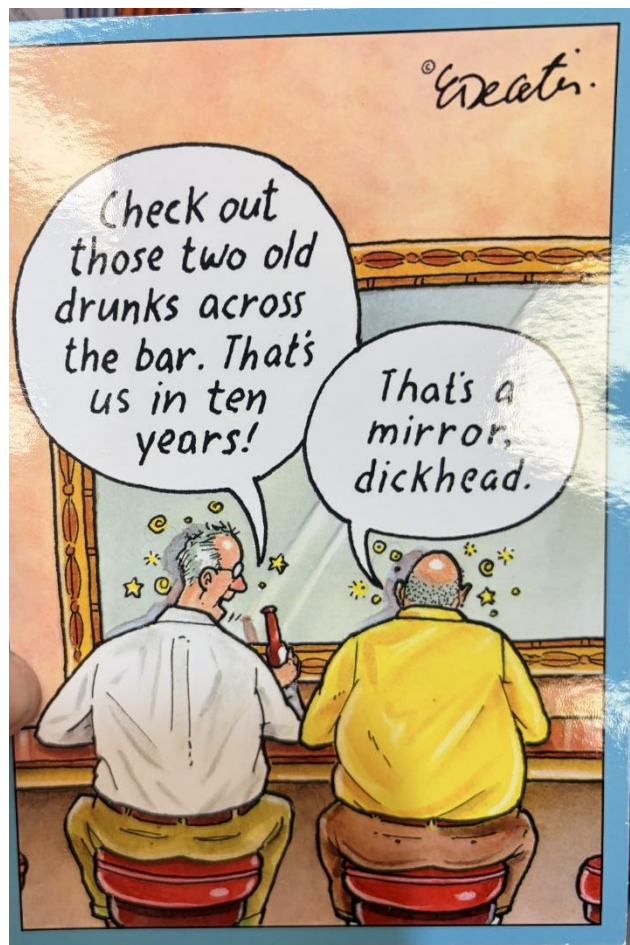
What sounds like a sneeze and is made of leather? A shoe.

Why shouldn't you trust trees? They seem shady



What do you call a dog magician? A Labracadabrador

Paddy goes to a first aid course
The instructor asks, What would you do if your child swallowed the front door key.? Paddy said I'd climb through the window.



MY BRAIN JUST LOGGED ME OUT
DUE TO INACTIVITY AND NOW I
CAN'T REMEMBER MY PASSWORD.

