

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



DECEMBER 2025

Hi Everyone,



Our Annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 13th December. Cost: \$30 (incl. bridge) members, \$35 (spouses/partners), and \$40 non-members & guests.

Note: Payments (cash or card) to Molly or Michael by Wednesday, 3rd December, so numbers can be confirmed for catering purposes.

Bridge will commence at 1.30 pm and finish around 4.30 pm, when your spouses and friends should arrive. Dinner will be served at 6.00 pm. Nibbles and 2 bottles of wine per table will be provided & non-alcoholic punch will be available. BYO drinks if you require more.

Wishing you and you and your family a safe and Merry Christmas and a very happy 2026!



Robina Cooper

Normal is an illusion. What is normal for the spider is chaos for the fly.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The shops have been full of Christmas decorations, mince pies, trees and toys. Shopping centre parking is becoming more difficult, and the bridge club Christmas party is just around the corner. The year has almost disappeared already. At least the traffic situation is easing up as the school year gradually draws to a close. Before you know it, we'll have hot cross buns available. (This happened on Boxing Day last year.)

The Summer Teams were held with eight teams competing. We were able to set this up as a round-robin competition, where each team played against every other team over the two sessions. Congratulations to the winners who were trailing after the first session but came through strongly in the second. One feature of this competition was the number of substitutes that were needed to cover people's unavailability for one of the sessions.

This year the Inter-Club Teams event is being held at BBC on the last day in November. This was a big event for our club last year, and we almost won the overall competition for the first time. We've entered teams in each of the three grades and wish them every success. This will have been completed by the time Trumpit is printed,

The Open Teams Congress is taking shape for Sunday 7th of December. At the time of writing, we have 20 teams entered. There is another team's congress on the same day in Toowoomba, so the entries might be down a bit.

We're providing snacks and coffee/tea all day as well as some drinks in the afternoon. The thing that would really help would be some assistance in the kitchen and as a caddy to locate boards for the players. If you're not playing, can you spare a few hours to help out please? We're hoping to enhance our reputation as a really good place to go. This means a combination of a well-run event with nice food and a pleasant atmosphere.

The Melbourne Cup Day was an excellent event. The organisers and people who helped to run it are greatly commended. Avra coordinated the food, and Gabriel looked after the other activities. Tom made a good fist of auctioning the horses. Everyone seemed to be having a good time, and the food and drink were all good. We almost had a disaster when there was an electrical trip that took out the projector and one television just before the race, but some rapid changes to the power supply allowed it all to go ahead. Congratulations to the winners of prizes, and if you missed out then better luck next year.

Supervised play is continuing. We will have people to help the beginners for another few weeks. The last session for this year will be on Wednesday 17th of December. There will then be a two-week break over Christmas before resuming on 7th of January.

We are planning to get the next club membership book printed much earlier this year. The calendar of club events has been settled. If any of your phone numbers have changed, could you please provide updated information to Robina.

I wish all of you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. If you're travelling or having family gatherings, then make the most of the occasions. Come and play bridge when you can and may all of your finesses work at least half the time.

Nigel Cleminson – Club President



RULES FOR OVERCALLS

Gary Brown



A one-level overcall (1♣ on your right – 1♥ by you) promises:

1. A good 5-card or longer suit; and 8-16+ points. You can overcall 1♥ with as little as ♠762 ♥AJ1087 ♦K96 ♣43. 1♥ is feisty – but good lead director.
2. A non-jump two-level overcall (1♠ on your right – 2♣, 2♦ or 2♥ by you) promises a stronger hand and a 6-card suit - or a very good 5-card suit. The stronger your suit, the fewer points you need. If your right-hand-opponent opens 1♠, a 2♥ overcall would show a hand with as little as: ♠K6 ♥AQ10843 ♦1096 ♣3.
3. A jump overcall (1♥ on your right: 2♠, 3♣ or 3♦ by you) is a weak bid. It shows a long suit and 6-10 points.
Over the opponent's 1♥ opening bid - I would bid 2♠ with ♠KQ10943 ♥5 ♦643 ♣Q75.
4. A 1NT overcall shows the same strength as an opening 1NT (a balanced 15-17 points) but with the additional requirement you promise a stopper(s). Example: RHO opens 1♥ and you overcall 1NT. You promise 15-18, a balanced hand and a heart stopper:
♥K10xx; ♥Q9xx; ♥AJx; ♥K4; ♥J1094 etc...
If you're vulnerable make sure you have a 'chunky' suit. The penalties for going down are greater!

Responding to Partner's Major-Suit Overcall

Raise partner's major suit if you have fair strength and 3+ card support:

1. Raise one level with 8-11 pts.
2. Jump-raise with 12-14 pts.
3. Bid game with 15+ pts.
4. With no clear direction and 10+ points cue-bid the opponent's suit. *
*Advanced players play that a cue-bid of the opponent's suit shows a good fit for partner's overcalled suit.

Bid No Trump if you haven't got a fit for partner's suit - but you do have stoppers in the opponent's suit:

1. 1NT with 8-11 points
2. 2NT with 12-14 points
3. 3NT with 15+ points
Bid a good 5-card suit of your own if you don't have a fit for partner's suit. Shows 8+ points.
Pass if you have none of the above.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Summer Teams

The Spring Summer Teams competition was recently held over two weeks with eight teams competing. Several of the teams required substitutes to make up numbers.

The winning team consisted of **Brian Gamble, Dan Maher, Agnes Kempthorne & Barry Kempthorne**, and Subs **Molly O'Donohue** and **Philip Thompson**.

Second placed team included **Nigel Cleminson, Susan Callahan, Loren Leader** and **Michael Souter**.

Third placed team included **Sandra Berns, Janette Davis, Sue Sherrel** and **Cathy Mathieson**.

Brisbane Zone Interclub Teams

The Annual Interclub Teams competition was hosted by the Brisbane Bridge Centre (BBC). Our club provided teams in each of the **A Grade, B Grade and C Grade sections**.

A Grade: The winners were the **QCBA**, second was the house team from the **BBC** and third was **Kenmore**.

B Grade: The winners were from the **Redland Bridge Club**, second was the house team from **BBC** and third was **Toowong**.

C Grade: The winners were the house team from the Brisbane Bridge Club, second were **QCBS** and third **Kenmore**.

*The overall winners of the trophy were the **Queensland Contract Bridge Club (QCBC)**.*

Congratulations to the **B Grade Team winners** comprising of **Michael Clibbon, Margot Fabian, Derek Morris** and **Robina Cooper**. Well done team!



Michael Clibbon, Margot Fabian, Derek Morris & Robina Cooper

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Sunday, 7 December – Redland Open Teams Congress

Saturday, 13 December – Christmas Party

Saturday, 20 December – Nationwide Pairs

OCTOBER PROMOTIONS

Jill Patterson

Graduate

Sue Sherrell

Bronze Local

Janice Whiteside

Bronze Regional

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Ian Dart
Heather Pearce

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

Our sincere condolences go to the family of Gary Jenkins who passed away recently



Melbourne Cup celebrations

The Melbourne Cup celebration was a fun event and thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.

It would not be a successful event if it weren't for the hard work done behind the scenes, such as arranging the catering and drinks, providing decorations, selling sweep tickets, auctioning off the horses, etc. So, a big "Thank You" for all who helped.





Bits and Pieces

2026 Subscriptions

Subscription Notices have been emailed to all members with an email address or are available at the front desk for those who don't. *Please note that subscriptions are due on or before 31 December 2025.* Thanks to those who have already paid. If you have not received your notice, or if your contact details are not correct, please contact Colin Gorton: treasurer.bridge@outlook.com

Supervised Play

Supervised Play is held on **Wednesdays from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.** The last session for the year will be held on **Wednesday 17th December.** There will be a break over the Christmas and New Year period, and the sessions will recommence on **Wednesday, 7th January.**

Help Wanted

The Redland Open Teams Congress will be held on **Sunday, 7th December.**

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.

Avra Bowler

Good Housekeeping

A gentle reminder that at the end of a session, it is the responsibility of north/south players to place the bridgemates in the relevant boxes, and to return the playing boards to the boxes placed on a table by the director. East/west players are responsible for collecting the bidding slips at the table of the last round and place them in the bin at reception. It is *everyone's* responsibility to leave the table in a neat and tidy manner – especially pushing their chair in at the table.

Library – Bridge Books

Many thanks to those who have returned borrowed bridge books to the library. Unfortunately, there are still many outstanding returns.

A gentle reminder that newer players are waiting to borrow these books to improve their game.

Christmas Donations Drive



Thank you to everyone who has donated (new) gifts for children aged 0 to 13 years old. We have had such a good response that the Redland Community Centre has already picked up the contents of the donation box that was overflowing. Donations can still be made by Wednesday, 10th December.

The Redland Community Centre has presented us with a Certificate of Appreciation for our efforts. Keep up the good work everyone!

Trumpit Newsletter

This will be the last monthly edition of Trumpit. As no one has offered to take over the role of Editor, the newsletter will only be produced on a quarterly basis. The President's Report will still be provided monthly and will be emailed to members by the Secretary.

If you feel you would like the challenge of editing the newsletter, please contact either myself or Nigel. I will be happy to provide any assistance.

During my five years as editor, I have tried to keep you informed and entertained. I hope I have achieved this. Thank you for the lovely feedback that I have received over this time.

Robina Cooper

Wife crashed the car again today.....
She told the police the man she collided with was on his mobile phone and drinking can of beer !
Police said he can do what he likes in his own living room !



A little bit of Club History

Are you aware that each of the black square steel-framed chairs at our club has a small plaque on the rear of the top part of the chair engraved with a person's name?

When we were in the process of constructing our present bridge club building in late 2002, the club had timber folding bridge tables and white plastic chairs. You provided your own cushions to pad your back and bottom.

The club's finances were stretched. We had a mortgage of over \$400,000. Because we do not own the land on which the club building sits, we could not get a bank loan. We did get loans from the ABF and the QBA together with loans from members. One member, Marie Currell loaned \$100,000 and other member loans were also significant.

So, finances were tight, but the club president, Bev Tucker heard that Joan Butts, who was the official QBA bridge trainer was closing her private "cards bridge club" at Windsor and selling her bridge furniture. After a quote from Joan Butts and a few hasty phone calls, Bev had committee approval to purchase the tables and chairs.

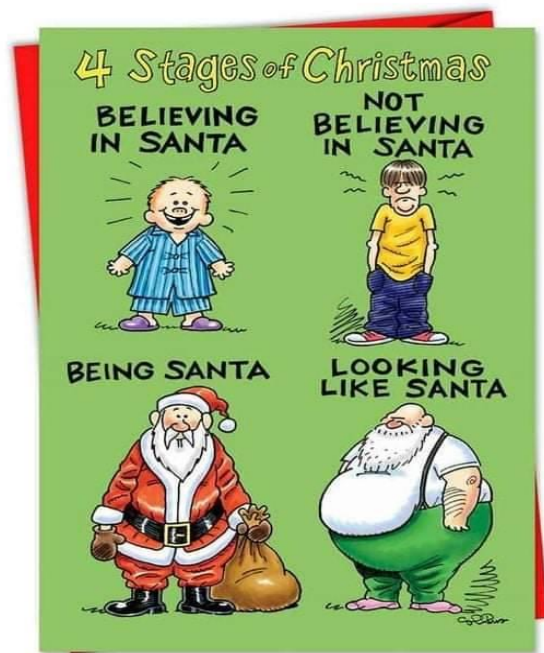
Col Sanger, Arie Weink and John Florence presented Joan Butts with a cheque for \$5,000 and loaded the tables, side tables and chairs into Col's van and John's trailer. The furniture was stored in John's garage for some months pending the completion of the club house.

Because of our financial stress, members were requested to buy a chair for \$50. In return they would have their name etched on a plate at the rear of their chair. All sixty odd chairs were sold in a few weeks.

In other money saving exploits the club decided to paint the club building themselves. We were just organising things when a new member Theo Bogaert relocated to the Redlands from Canberra. Theo had just retired as a painting contractor. Theo took charge and with many willing helpers the whole interior of the club building received 2 coats of paint in 2 days.

To raise further funds, bridge table fees were raised from \$2 to \$5, raffles were held at every bridge session with prizes of wines or chocolates, and ladies cooked beautiful cakes for congresses held at our club. With these fundraising efforts and good attendances, up to 18 tables on Mondays and Fridays, we repaid all loans and were debt free after 8 years.

John Florence



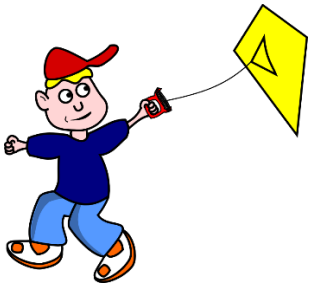
Black Friday Jokes

- What do you call Hunger Games in Australia? *Black Friday.*
- What is the day after Black Friday called? *Broke Saturday.*
- Black Friday shopping is cheaper than a psychiatrist.
- Black Friday: The day people spend money they don't have on things they don't need.
- It's Black Friday, and I just got an iPhone 14 for my husband. I thought it was a good trade.
- For some reason, Black Friday continues for the rest of the week, so I guess that makes today Black Sabbath.
- Black Friday deals are a scam. You should be mad at them for overcharging you 364 days a year.
- Fantastic Black Friday deal alert: Buy nothing and save 100% in every store!

A 100-year old man was asked for for his health secrets. The old man said: "I'll tell you a secret. I've been married for 75 years. I promised my wife when we got married that when two people quarrel, the loser has to walk for 5 kilometers. I've been walking 5 kilometers every day for 75 years."

He was then asked: "But how come your wife's very healthy as well?"

The old man answered: "I'll tell you another secret. She's been following me to make sure I really finish the 5 kilometers!"



A man in his backyard is trying to fly a kite. He throws the kite up in the air, the wind catches it for a few seconds, and then it comes crashing back down. He tries this a few more times, while

his wife watches from the kitchen window.

Muttering to herself that men need to be told how to do everything, she opens the window and yells to her husband, "You need more tail!"

The man turns with a confused look on his face and says, "Make up your mind. Last night you told me to go fly a kite!"



A golfer who was well into his golden years had a lifelong ambition to play one hole at Pebble Beach, California, the way the pros do it. The pros drive the

ball out over the water onto the green that is on a spit of land that juts out off the coast.

It was something he had tried hundreds of times without success. His ball always fell short, into the water. Because of this he never used a new ball on this particular hole. He always picked out one that had a cut or a nick.

One year he went out to Pebble Beach to try again. When he came to the fateful hole, he teed up an old cut ball and said a silent prayer. Before he hit it, however, a powerful voice from above said: "WAIT ...REPLACE THAT OLD BALL WITH A BRAND- NEW BALL."

He complied, with some slight misgiving, despite the fact that the Lord seemed to be implying that He was going to let him finally achieve his lifelong ambition.

As he stepped up to the tee once more, the voice came down again:

"WAIT ... STEP BACK ... TAKE A PRACTICE SWING."

So, he stepped back and took a practice swing. The voice boomed out again: "TAKE ANOTHER PRACTICE SWING."

He did. Silence followed. Then the voice spoke out again: "PUT THE OLD BALL BACK."

*Key card placement
is the name of the
game.*



Why I still read newspapers

(These are real newspaper headlines)

- *Diana was still alive hours before she died.*
- *Republicans turned off by size of Obama's package.*
- *'Girls' schools still offering 'something special' – head.*
- *Tiger Woods plays with own balls, Nike says.*
- *Statistics show that teen pregnancy drops off significantly after age 25.*
- *Federal Agents raid gun shop, find weapons.*
- *Marijuana issue sent to a joint committee.*
- *Homicide victims rarely talk to police.*
- *17 remain dead in morgue shooting spree.*
- *Worker suffers leg pain after crane drops 800-pound ball on his head.*
- *Bridges help people cross rivers.*
- *City unsure why the sewer smells.*
- *Study shows frequent sex enhances pregnancy chances.*
- *Meeting in open meetings is closed.*
- *Man accused of killing lawyer receives a new attorney.*
- *Barbershop singers bring joy to school for deaf.*
- *Hospitals resort to hiring doctors.*
- *Man with 8 DUI blames drinking problem.*

A wife wakes in the middle of the night to find her husband missing from bed. She gets out of bed and checks around the house. She hears sobbing from the cellar. After turning on the light and descending the stairs, she finds her husband curled up into a little ball, sobbing.

"Honey what's wrong?" she asks, worried about what could have hurt him so much.

"Remember, twenty years ago, I got you pregnant, and your father said I had to marry you or go to jail?"

"Yes, of course, she replies."

"Well, today I would have been a free man."

