

## REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

# TRUMPIT



JULY 2025

*Hi Everyone,*

*Looks like we have a fairly busy month coming up. The new Nationwide Pairs competition is now underway, and many of our members have already competed.*

*Our first Congress for 2025 will be held on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> August. This is a Graded Pairs competition for those with under 500 masterpoints. Don't forget to get your entries in early.*

*To prepare for the Congress, a Working Bee will be held on Sunday, 13 July between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. This will be for a general tidy up both inside and outside the clubhouse. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.*

*Good bridging and keep smiling!*



*Robina Cooper*

*Don't take life too seriously...Nobody gets out alive anyway.*

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

We only had eight teams who competed for gold points in the GNOT rounds this year. With an even number of teams, we could run a round-robin movement where every team played every other one. Because of the low numbers that registered, we are only allowed to send two teams on to the next GNOT zone elimination round in late August. Congratulations to those who competed in the GNOT (p3). One problem that came up during the competition was an incorrect score that was entered and accepted at the table. This took a lot of sorting out and affected the final result for the competition. Whenever you are checking that a result has been entered in Bridgmate, it's your responsibility to actually check the result. Please don't blindly press the Accept button.

Last year at this time, we were setting up for the first major event in the club calendar, a graded Pairs Congress for players with less than 500 master points. This year it clashed with a QBA event, so we had to reschedule it. The flyer has been published, and the first entries have arrived. We would certainly like to see more of our members taking part. It would be helping the club and can usually provide some interesting games against people who have different systems or styles of play.

Carradine has calculated the Winter eclectics and is busy collating all of the results for the quarter. Once these are tallied and approved, the ABF will distribute everyone's masterpoints and will send out notifications of any promotions that have been earned.

Club members recently participated in the Australia Wide Novice Pairs competition. This was open to anyone with fewer than 100 MP, and we played a set of boards

where the deal file was supplied by the ABF. There was also a booklet for competitors that did an analysis of the individual hands and gave the optimum contracts. A few of our competitors did really well and can look forward to collecting some red points eventually.

We've also arranged a working bee to spruce up the outside area so that visitors can see a clean and tidy area rather than a collection of weeds and dead shrubs. This is scheduled for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>. If you're able to contribute, it will spread the workload as well as being a more pleasant day.

More events are coming up, with the Winter Teams accepting names already for the competition later this month. We have also started taking part in a fortnightly Nationwide Pairs competition that is run by the Queens Slipper card company. In future, these will be played on either Thursdays or Saturdays. Just like the Australia-Wide Pairs, all participating clubs play the same boards as a regular session for green points, then the results are sent off to the organisers who then distribute red points.

People come to our club both to socialise and compete. This is a game - no sheep stations, no life-or-death situation. Everyone likes to have an enjoyable day, so please bear that in mind when at the table. Please remember that one of the rules relates to maintaining tempo while bidding and playing the cards. If a player has a long pause before passing, it can convey information to their partner. If this happens at a major event, then your opponents may appeal to the director, and you could have your score reduced. We make some allowance for newer players who often aren't sure what to do.

There is supposed to be at least one System Card for every pair, so please make sure you have a card set up. If you're having difficulty setting up your card, then approach one of the directors or experienced players for help. We also have some beginners who are making their first attempts at competition play. We try to make it easy for them by giving a "New Player" badge. If you see someone with one of these, then please welcome them and make it as easy as you can for their first steps.

Speaking of badges, I've heard that some people have lost the magnetic bar from their name badge. The club has purchased several replacements, and these are available at cost.

**Nigel Cleminson – Club President**

## Tips on Leads

**Gary Brown**



### Leads Against a Suit Contract

- If you insist on leading a suit which contains the Ace, then lead the Ace.
- Do **not** under-lead an Ace against a Suit Contract. (**A864**, **AQ83**).
- Lead the top of touching cards or a sequence (**KQ754**, **QJ95**, **KJ108**).
- With an honour (no sequence) lead low or your 4th best. (**Q82**, **K964**, **Q1097**).
- With 3 or more rags lead MUD. (**8642**, **972**, **98642**).

Consider this Auction:

North	East	South	West
♣ 1	Pass	♠ 1	Pass
♠ 3	Pass	♠ 4	Pass

Sitting West - which card would you lead from the following 5 hands?

♠ Q5	♠ AK832	♠ AQ94	♠ 432	♠ AQ83
♥ K862	♥ 753	♥ QJ107	♥ 74	♥ KJ104
♦ K862	♦ 1053	♦ 94	♦ 843	♦ 1095
♣ 1063	♣ K8	♣ 1085	♣ Q9863	♣ K3

### Leads Against a NT Contract

- Against a NT contract it is okay to under-lead an Ace. (**A972**, **AK864**, **AQ842**)
- Leads against NT are similar to leads against a suit contract; however, the strategy is different. Lead your long suit unless one of the opponents has bid that suit.
- From **KQ872** and **AK863** lead your 4th best rather than the top card. If you are to set this suit up, you will need some help from partner by way of an honour card or at least 2-cards in the suit (so partner can return the suit if she gains the lead).

Consider this Auction:

North	East	South	West
		1NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	

Sitting West - which card would you lead from the following 5 hands?

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# COMPETITION RESULTS

## GNOT Rounds

Eight teams competed in the qualifying rounds for the GNOT competition. This was held over two weeks with a total of seven rounds.

Congratulations to the winning team of **Brian Gamble, Loren Leader, Agnes and Barry Kempthorne.**



Brian Gamble & Lorin Leader



Agnes & Barry Kempthorne

Second were **Philip Thompson, Gill Ross, Molly O'Donohue and Michael Souter.**

Third were **Kiku Mukai, David Earnshaw, Diane Elliott and Jenny Boxer.**

Members agreed it was fortunate to have an even number of teams. This enabled players to return to their home tables at the end of each round to see how their team was progressing. This is more enjoyable than a whist movement, which is more like playing pairs. Congratulations to everyone who competed and gained some gold points.

The GNOT Brisbane Zone finals will be held at QCBC on Saturday/Sunday, 23/24 September. Good luck to our representatives.

## Teams of Three

Congratulations to **Liz Lovering, Sue Sherrell, Theresa Fabian** who with their captain/mentor **John Gough**, won the **B Section** of the **QBA Teams of 3** Competition held at the Sunnybank Bridge Club.

It is so good to see our novice members doing so well. We are very proud of your efforts – well done ladies!



Liz Lovering, Sue Sherrell, Theresa Fabian & John Gough

## BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

### ASKING ABOUT A REVOKE

Dummy may ask Declarer about a possible revoke.

Either Defender may ask their partner about a possible revoke. The usual form is "No spades, partner?"

It is not necessary for a player, when showing out, to state "having none", and this can indeed be irksome to the opponents.

### REVOKE

When attention is drawn to a revoke, the Director should be called. The Director will determine whether it is established or not.

If the revoke is established, the Director will determine rectification after the play of the hand is completed. There are statutory trick adjustments laid down in the laws that cannot be reduced, but the Director can award more tricks to the non-offenders if more damage has been caused by the revoke.

*From ABF Rules and Ethics*

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



**Sandra Clarke  
Anni Haig-Smith**

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

## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

**\*\* Sunday, 6 July – Sunday Bridge \*\***  
*Members free, Guests visitors' fees*

Thursday, 3 July – Nationwide Pairs

**Sunday, 13 July 10.00 am - 12 noon – Working Bee**

Saturday, 19 July – Nationwide Pairs

Friday, 25 July – Winter Teams (1/2) – **Red Points**

Thursday, 31 July – Nationwide Pairs

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

**\*\* Sunday, 3 August – Sunday Bridge \*\***  
*Members free, Guests visitors' fees*

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

### ***(More on) Being a Good Bridge Partner***

- Bridge is for fun; it is not to show how smart you are or how dumb someone else is.
- Trust your partner; do not assume s/he has made a mistake.
- Think twice before verbally analysing a hand. Do not embarrass yourself with a hasty, inaccurate comment. Remember: "The worst analysts and the biggest talkers are often one and the same." (Bridge columnist Frank Stewart).
- If you think you are too good for a partner, and do not enjoy playing bridge with them, do everyone a favour and play with someone else. However, be careful before burning bridges - another player's grass may not be any greener.
- Learn your partner's style, regardless of how you feel about it. Do not expect your partner to bid exactly as you would. When partner makes a bid, consider what s/he means from their perspective.
- Try to picture problems from partner's point of view. Seek the bid or play that will make their life easiest.
- When there is time between hands, do not discuss Bridge.
- Do not give lessons, unless you are being paid to do so.

**Marty Bergen**

## ***Bits and Pieces***

### **Sunday Bridge**

Sunday bridge is on **Sunday, 6 July**, and will be free for members. Guests will need to pay the regular visitors' fees. If you don't have a partner, Avra will try to find one for you. *Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.*

Next month **Sunday bridge** will be held on **3 August**.

### **Supervised Play**

Supervised Play sessions have resumed on **Wednesdays from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm** for new members and those who wish to refresh their skills.

**New lessons** are planned to commence on 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](mailto: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.

The sessions include informal coaching and skills development aimed at attracting newer players as well as established players. Social bridge evenings start at 7.00 pm and finish at 9.30 pm and will be 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.

### **Socially Motivated?**

Do you have any ideas on social events that the Club could hold? Gabriel Ruhland is forming a Social Sub-committee and would welcome any suggestions.



## WORKING BEE

A Working Bee will be held at the club on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> July from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.

Volunteers are called to help with a general tidy up of all areas both inside and outside. The aim is preparing the club to welcome visitors for the next congress which will be held early in August.

If you keen to help, please register your name on the notice board. If you have any questions, please have a chat with Tom France.

*Ever since I started playing bridge it became impossible to have any free time.*



"Congratulations my boy!" says the grooms uncle.

"I'm sure you'll look back and remember today as the happiest day of your life!"

"But I'm not getting married until tomorrow."

"I know," replies his uncle "That's exactly what I mean."

*A police officer in a small town stops a motorist speeding down High Street.*

*"But officer," the man says, "I can explain."*

*"Just be quiet," snaps the officer. "I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back."*

*"But officer, I just wanted to say...."*

*"I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail!"*

*A few hours later the officer looks in on his prisoner and says, "Lucky for you the Chief's at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back."*

*"Don't count on it," answers the fellow in the cell. "I'm the groom!"*

A couple return from their honeymoon and its obvious to everyone that they are not talking to each other. The groom's best man takes him aside and asks what is wrong.

"Well," replies the man, "when we had finished making love on the first night, as I got up to go to the bathroom, I put a \$50 note on the pillow without thinking."

"Oh, you shouldn't worry about that too much," says his friend. "I'm sure your wife will get over it soon enough, she can't expect you to have been saving yourself all these years!"

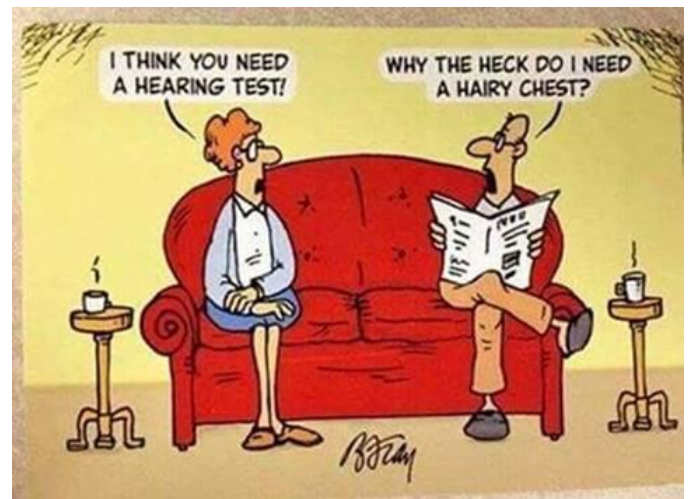
The groom nods gently and says, "I don't know if I can get over it though. While I was in the bathroom, she gave me \$20 change!"

- I'm best man at my buddy's second wedding. Just wondering if it is appropriate to open my dinner speech with "Welcome back everyone."
- The girls were having a get together and were discussing previous partners. One says "My ex was from the land down under. Her friend asks, "Australia?" The reply: "No, Hell!"
- Woman complains to her therapist "I'm finding it impossible to get any alone time lately." The therapist asks, "Have you tried dating a golfer?"



## Glossary of Management Terms:

<b>Delegate:</b>	Pass the buck.
<b>Pending:</b>	What the hell do we do with this?
<b>Delayed:</b>	Forgotten
<b>Urgency:</b>	Panic
<b>Extreme Urgency:</b>	Blind Panic
<b>Frank and open discussion:</b>	Flaming Row
<b>Analytical Projection:</b>	Guess
<b>Forecast:</b>	Guess
<b>Long-range forecast:</b>	Wild guess
<b>Scheduled:</b>	Hoped for
<b>Deficiency analysis:</b>	Pointing the finger
<b>Ambitious:</b>	Ruthless
<b>Strategy:</b>	Low cunning
<b>Shrewd:</b>	Devious
<b>Profit:</b>	Profit
<b>Profit before tax:</b>	Loss
<b>Deficit:</b>	Staggering loss
<b>Industrial by-product:</b>	Our waste
<b>Environmental pollution:</b>	Other people's waste
<b>Pilfering:</b>	Theft by the employee
<b>Fringe benefit:</b>	Theft by the executive
<b>Terminal payment:</b>	Golden handshake
<b>Supplementary statistical information:</b>	Padding



I was shocked to read in the papers today that a dwarf had been pickpocketed, and I just thought to myself "how can anyone stoop so low?"

### Three simple rules in life

1. If you do not GO after what you want, you'll never have it.
2. If you never ASK, the answer will always be NO.
3. If you do not step forward, you'll always be in the same place.



#### Rest Your Mind

I know you have been laying awake at night wondering why baby diapers have brand names such as "Luvs", "Huggies," and "Pampers", while undergarments for old people are called "Depends".

Well here is the low down on the whole thing.

When babies crap in their pants, people are still gonna Luv'em, Hug'em and Pamper' em. When old people crap in their pants, it "Depends" on who's in the will!

Glad I got that straightened out so you can rest your mind.

Remember when  
"a new hip joint"  
meant someplace you  
wanted to go on Friday night

A cabbie picks up a Nun. The cab driver stares at her. She asks him why he's staring and he says, "I've always had a fantasy to kiss a nun." She says, "I'll kiss you if you're single and Catholic." The cab driver says, "I'm both!" The nun says, "Pull into an alley." The nun then kisses him in a way that would make a hooker blush. Back in the cab, though, the driver starts crying. "I lied. I'm married and Jewish." The nun says, "That's OK. My name is Kevin and I'm going to a Halloween party."