

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



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Hi Everyone,

Well, that's the end of our beautiful autumn weather, and winter is already producing much cooler conditions than we have been used to.

Sadly, there have already been an influx of flu and Covid patients in the hospitals. As the new strain of Covid is more contagious than previous ones, now is a very good time to have your booster vaccinations if you haven't had them yet.

On a happier note, Sunday bridge is up and running on **Sunday 1st June** and members can enjoy a free game of bridge, although any guests will still need to pay. It will be a very relaxed day and good to see Avra back on deck. Don't forget to bring a plate to share.

Good bridging and keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

The only person you should try to be better than...is the person you were yesterday.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The club rounds for the GNOT are being played this month on Fridays. This is a gold point event, and so it's one of the few opportunities to earn some gold points without going to one of the major congresses. The list for entries is on the board. If you can't make a full team, then find a partner and put your names up. We'll try to fill in any gaps.

We've added a new competition to our calendar. This year we have registered to play in the Australia-Wide Novice Pairs. This was scheduled for the last Tuesday in May and is limited to players with fewer than 100 MPs. AustralianBridge send us a deal file, so every club plays the same hands. It is run as an ordinary session at the club for green points, and then the results are sent off to be collated by AustralianBridge, who will then allocate additional red points. The results are withheld from our website until all participating clubs have completed their individual sessions so later players can't see them in advance. AustralianBridge are organising to have similar competitions for Intermediate and Open later in the year, and we intend participating in those too.

The most recent set of lessons has been completed. All beginners have now returned to supervised play, but we only have one or two tables of people who are trying to deal with the normal bridge hands from the Wednesday morning sessions. Thank you to all the volunteers who provide the guidance for these sessions. We are always looking for any others who would be interested in helping out.

The competition fields on Mondays and Tuesdays are now at very healthy levels, with up to fifteen tables. These are still our largest groups for play. Thursdays are becoming a little better attended.

We are seeing a few new players at the club. If you have someone at your table who you don't recognise, then please make them feel welcome. Look out for people wearing a "New Player" badge and treat them gently. Remember how daunting your first attempts were.

You may have noticed a bit more room between tables at the club. We only require all tables when we run a congress. We removed one row of tables and put them in storage. With more space between the tables, it's easier to move round, particularly for those who have mobility issues. Also, the talk at one table is less likely to impinge on their neighbours.

The Marie Currell Novice Pairs competition has been completed, and there were new winners this year. Congratulations to Su O'Mahoney and Michael Hawes. The results were very close, with the lead changing several times and the winners being in doubt until the last round.

On a sad note, a number of club members attended the memorial service that was arranged by the family of Graham Applegate at the Finncaire centre. It was well attended, and we learned a few interesting and amusing snippets about his earlier life. He was a lovely man, and we will all miss him at the club.

During the power-outage that came after ex-tropical cyclone Alfred, the alarm system at the club went flat and the electronics died. We've arranged to have a replacement system installed, so if you unlock the building and go inside, you'll now have to shut off the alarm. The turn-off code is the same as before. It can be done at the keypad or by a smartphone app (as everything is these days!).

It's cold and flu season now, as well as RSV and there are still some instances of Covid. If you have a virus and are unwell, then please be considerate enough to stay away from the rest of us.

Nigel Cleminson – Club President

Responding to a Takeout Double

Gary Brown



Always assume partner has a small Takeout Double (11-16) until you have reason to believe otherwise. (i.e. she makes another bid.) Now that you have an idea what partner has when making a takeout double, you must know how to respond to a takeout double. This is the suggested guideline.

0-8 Points

You should make a bid at a minimum level. Bid your longest suit. (1NT, although a minimum response, is an exception because it actually shows *6-9 HCP.)

***6-9 Points**

1NT is the only minimum response which promises values. If you have a stopper in the opponent's suit and a balanced type of hand with 6-9 points - respond 1NT.

9-10 Points

When in the 9-10 points range you can make a jump bid in your preferred suit.

1♦ - X - Pass 3♣ (or 2♥ or 2♠). These are all jump responses. *Note: You could have responded 2♣ or 1♥ or 1♠ to show 0-8 pts.* Hence the jump shows 9-10 pts.

11-12 Points

Your options with 11-12 points are to jump to a level just below game.

1♦ - X - Pass 3♥/♠ Tells partner you are close to game values.

1♣ - X - Pass 2NT Tells partner that you have close to game values with a stopper(s) in the opponent's suit.

With 11-12 and a minor suit, a jump to three of the minor will suffice as you do not want to go beyond 3NT unless you have the appropriate shape.

1♠ - X - Pass 3♣. Although just a single jump, this could be as good as 11 points. *Note: Lean towards a 2NT bid with a stopper in the opponent's suit (even with a 5-card minor), if the possibility of a No Trump contract is possible. I dislike going to five of a minor when 3NT is the best contract.*

13+ Points

Jump to game in a suit or bid 3NT. These bids are self-explanatory. You have the values for game opposite a takeout double. A cue-bid of the opponent's suit reveals game going values with no certain direction yet. This is forcing and gives the take-out doubler room clarify their hand further.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Marie Currell Trophy

Eighteen pairs competed in the annual Marie Currell Novice Pairs competition. A power struggle ensued between the first and second competitors, with the ultimate winners being **Su O'Mahony & Michael Hawes**. Congratulations to you both for a wonderful effort. Michael is pictured below (Su not available for photo).



Michael Hawes

Congratulations also to the second placegetters **Jan Davis & Turgut Manli**, who helped to make this an exciting event.



Jan Davis & Turgut Manli

Special mention also to **Colin Gorton & Sebastian Raciti** coming third and **Sandra Devine & Ronda Pomeroy** who also almost tied for third position.

The **Australia-Wide Novice Pairs** competition was held recently, and we eagerly look forward to the final results once all the competing clubs have taken part.

ANZAC Memorial Pairs

Turgut Manli, the Honorary Consul of Turkey proudly presenting the perpetual trophy to the winners - Molly O'Donohue and Philip Thompson.



Molly O'Donohue, Turgut Manli & Philip Thompson

BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

SYSTEM CARDS

System details are to be recorded on approved ABF System Cards. They must be legible to anybody and show the names of the relevant pair and an indication of the classification of the system.

For ordinary weekly Club events, each pair must have at least one relevant system card on the table during a session.

For Club Championships, Red point events and Congresses, each participating pair must have two identical cards on the table throughout the event.

Players who fail to meet these obligations may be required, by the Chief Director, to follow a very simple bidding system, specified by the Chief Director/Director, for the remainder of the session.

From ABF Rules and Ethics

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

**** Sunday, 1 June – Sunday Bridge ****
Members free, Guests visitors' fees

Monday, 2 June – Winter Eclectic – Red Points
Tuesday, 3 June – Winter Eclectic – Red Points
Wednesday, 4 June – Winter Eclectic – Red Points
Thursday, 5 June – Winter Eclectic – Red Points
Friday, 6 June – Winter Eclectic – Red Points
Saturday, 7 June – Winter Eclectic – Red Points

Friday, 13 June – GNOT Qual. Round 1 – Gold Points
Friday, 20 June – GNOT Qual. Round 2 – Gold Points
Friday, 27 June – GNOT Qual. Round 3 – Gold Points

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

Being a Good Bridge Partner

- *Never say anything to your partner unless you would want him to say the same to you.*
- *Let your partner know that you like them.*
- *Remember - you and your partner are on the same side.*
- *Do not forget that your partner wants to win as much as you do.*
- *Although it may be unfashionable, it really is okay to be pleasant to a partner with whom you also happen to live.*
- *Do not criticize or embarrass your partner in front of others.*
- *Never side with an opponent against your partner. If you cannot support your partner, say nothing.*
- *Trust your partner; do not assume they made a mistake.*
- *Sympathize with partner if they make a mistake.*
- *Unless your intent is to clear up a misunderstanding, avoid discussing the hand just played. If you cannot resist, be discreet.*
- *If you feel the urge to be nasty, sarcastic, critical or loud – excuse yourself and take a walk.*
- *Have a good time, and make sure your partner does also.*
- *Remember that bridge is only a card game.*

Marty Bergen

APRIL PROMOTIONS

Sue Sherrell	Club
Chris Niemand	Silver Local
Neil Niemand	Silver Local
Neal Healy	Regional
Su O'Mahony	State
Bev Brecknell	Bronze National
David Earnshaw	Bronze Life

Bits and Pieces

Sunday Bridge

Sunday bridge is on **Sunday, 1 June**, 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 **6 July**.

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 be held in September; more details will be advised when available.

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 will start at 7.00 pm and finish at 9.30 pm and will be convened by Michael Clibbon and Dan Maher.

Reduce your mental errors, take advantage of your opponents' mistakes.



The CEO of Inghams manages to arrange a meeting with the new Pope at the Vatican.

After receiving the papal blessing, he whispers, "Your Eminence, we have an offer for you. Inghams is prepared to donate \$100 million dollars to the church if you change the Lord's Prayer from 'give us this day our daily bread' to 'give us this day our daily chicken'."

The Pope responds, "That is impossible. The Prayer is the word of the Lord. It must not be changed.

"Well," says the Inghams man, "we anticipated your reluctance. For this reason, we will increase our offer to \$300 million dollars. All we require is that you change the Lord's Prayer from 'give us this day our daily bread' to 'give us this day our daily chicken'."

Again, the Pope replies, "That, my son, is impossible. For the Prayer is the word of the Lord and it must not be changed."

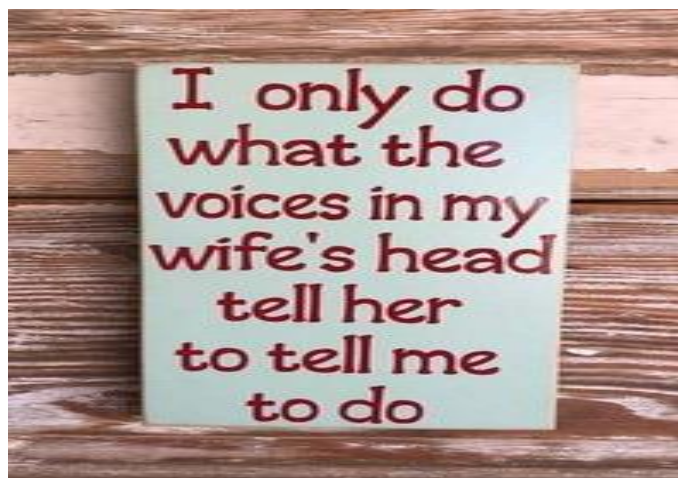
Finally, the Inghams guy says, "Your Holiness, we at Inghams respect your adherence to your faith, but we do have one final offer. We will donate \$500 million – that's half a billion dollars – to the great Catholic church if you would only change the Lord's Prayer from 'give us this day our daily bread' to 'give us this day our daily chicken'. Please consider it." He then leaves.

The next day the Pope convenes the College of Cardinals. "There is some good news," he announces, "and some bad news."

"The good news is that the Church will come into \$500 million dollars."

"And the bad news, Your Eminence?" asks a Cardinal.

"We're losing the Tip Top account."



Boyfriend: What do you want for your birthday?

Girlfriend: Give me a ring, that's enough.

Boyfriend: From a landline or a mobile?

A man met a beautiful blonde lady and after a short courtship asked her to marry him.

She said, "But we don't know anything about each other."

He replied, "That's alright, we'll learn about each other as we go along."

So, she consented, they were married, and off they went on a honeymoon at a resort.

One morning they were lying by the pool, when he got up off his towel, climbed up to the 10m board and did a two and a half tuck, followed by three rotations in the pike position, at which point he straightened out and cut the water like a knife. After a few more demonstrations he came back and lay down in the towel.

"That was incredible!" she said.

He replied, "I used to be an Olympic diving champion. You see, I told you we'd learn more about each other as we went along."

So, she got up, jumped in the pool and started doing laps. After 75 laps she climbed out of the pool, lay down on her towel and was hardly out of breath.

He said, "That was incredible! Were you an Olympic endurance swimmer?"

"No." she replied, "I was a prostitute in Brisbane, but I worked both sides of the river."

Without freedom of speech, we would not know who the idiots are.

Your fingers have fingertips, but your toes don't have toetips. You can tiptoe but not tipfinger.

Grandparenting

is the stage in life when you finally understand the true meaning of the best is yet to come ...

because you've reached it.

Two old mates were chatting about the good old days. One said to the other, "If you had your time over again, from which would you abstain – Women or Wine?"

His mate replied, "I would have to know the year!"

A guy meets a lady at a bridge club, and they decide to play in the evening duplicate. Their styles seem to mesh; they both like to play 2 over 1, five card majors, short club, short diamond, etc.

They have a big game, and they win. Afterwards they go out for a bite to eat, and find they are really enjoying each other's company.

She invites him back to her apartment for a drink and he accepts. They are sitting on the couch, and things start to heat up.

Suddenly clothes are flying around the room and in the middle of all this passion, he says "Alert!"

She says, "Yes, what?" He says, "It could be short."



If we wanted to boldly send billionaires where no billionaires have been before, we could have just sent them to The Tax Office.

I phoned my wife earlier and asked her if she wanted me to pick up fish and chips on the way home from work, but she just grunted at me. I think she still regrets letting me name the twins.

**Husband Hack:
Next time you're
in a fight with
your wife, start
undressing.**

**She will instantly
have a headache
and fall asleep.**

3 Deadly Terms Used by Women

#1 Fine

THIS IS THE WORD WOMEN USE TO END AN ARGUMENT WHEN SHE KNOWS SHE IS RIGHT AND YOU NEED TO SHUT UP.

#2 Nothing

MEANS SOMETHING AND YOU NEED TO BE WORRIED.

#3 Go Ahead

THIS IS A DARE, NOT PERMISSION. DO NOT DO IT.

Cheryl accompanied Wayne her bridge partner, to the doctor's office.

After his check-up, the doctor called Cheryl into his office alone. "Wayne is suffering from a very severe stress disorder. If you don't follow my instructions carefully, he will surely die. Never point out to him any mistake he makes. Be pleasant at all times. Don't burden him with conventions and bidding systems. Always give him a hug when he feels down and never discuss the hands. If you can do this for the next few months, I think Wayne will regain his health completely."

On the way home, Wayne asked Cheryl, "What did the doctor say?"

She replied: "He said you're going to die."

A little old Jewish lady is flying out of New York City on her way to Maimi Beach. She looks at the businessman sitting next to her and asks him, "Excuse me sir, but are you Jewish?"

The man responds politely, "No, ma'am, I'm not Jewish." After a little while she again queries him, "You're really Jewish, aren't you?"

Again, he responds, "No ma'am, I am not Jewish."

Barely 10 minutes later, the little old lady asks him once more, "Are you sure you're not Jewish?"

To which in exasperation, and in a final effort to shut her up, he replies, "Okay. Yes, ma'am, I am Jewish."

"Funny," she says, looking puzzled, "You don't look Jewish!"