

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



MARCH 2025

Hi Everyone,

Sunday Bridge has returned. The first session for 2025 is being held on **Sunday, 2nd March at 1.00 pm**. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. The session for next month will be held on Sunday, 6 April.

The annual Membership booklet will be printed shortly. The list of phone numbers on the notice board. Please check to see if your number is correct, and either tick, or enter your correct details.

The year is slipping by very quickly, and here we are ... the first day of Autumn already. Hopefully we can look forward to enjoying less humidity and cooler nights for sleeping.

Good bridging and keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

*If you don't have time to do it right ...
what makes you think you have the
time to do it twice?*

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's nearly time again for the Annual General Meeting, where the present management committee come to the end of their elected time in office and a replacement committee is elected. It's also the time when members of the committee report on events and activities that have taken place during the last 12 months. This year the **AGM will be held on Sunday 16th starting at 10:30am**. It will be followed by a light lunch and a free bridge day for those who wish to stay and play. I encourage all members to come to the AGM. This is your club, and you should have a say in how it is to be run. Nominations for the committee positions closed on Wednesday, 26 February.

This club couldn't operate without the major contributions from volunteers who complete all the tasks that are necessary for smooth functioning. I would like to thank all the people who are so generous with their time and skills. The number of boards that are played every week is huge since we have at least six ordinary sessions as well as major events and congresses. All of these are redealt by a small, dedicated group.

We also have people who take care of banking the table money, who look after assigning Master Points and calculate eclecticics, who look after morning tea supplies, who look after petty cash, memberships, name badges, and who manage all the libraries. This monthly newsletter is a big undertaking. Our directors give their time and expertise. You all know who you are, so please accept thanks from me and all the club members.

The annual Club Championship Teams event was held on two Fridays last month. We had a field of 11 teams, so we were able to conduct a whist movement competition. With this sort of movement nobody knows who's leading until the final boards are played. See page 3 for results.

We are in the process of setting up the Presidents Pairs event, which will be run on two Wednesdays this month. Currently there are quite a few pairs who have nominated. More will always be better - as long as we have an even number to balance the draw. The natural method for this event will be Swiss Pairs, where the opponents for each round depend on how well a pair has done in the previous one. The only other constraint is that you can't play against the same pair more than once.

Supervised play has finished until after the new lessons. We had been getting 2 or 3 tables of people at these sessions for beginners and players who wish to refresh their skills. I have several assistants, and their help is greatly appreciated. The next set of lessons will start on the 5th of March. If you have any family or friends who might like to learn, then ask them to get in touch.

The annual Gold Coast Congress was run last month. This is almost certainly the last Congress of its type, since the managers of the Convention Centre haven't been able to schedule a suitable time for next year. The club had a number of players competing in the various grades and competitions. I hope the people who entered enjoyed the experience and acquitted themselves well.

Nigel Cleminson – Club President

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



**Peter Hasenkam
Michael Hawes**

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

Opener's Second Bid

Gary Brown



An opening bid of 1♣, 1♦, 1♥, or 1♠ has a point range of 13-21 points. Opener's second bid enables her to 'limit' the strength of her hand to a minimum (13-15), medium (16-18) or maximum range (19-21).

Opener has six options for a second bid. (Pass is also an option if responder's bid was limiting).

- 1) Raise responder's major.
- 2) Bid a new suit "up the line"
- 3) Bid a new suit at the two-level.
- 4) Re-bid your suit with 6+ cards.
- 5) Bid No Trump.
- 6) Raise responder's minor suit.

The first priority is to raise responder's major. Say you opened the bidding 1♥ and partner responded 1♠. With four-card support you could raise to 2♠ (13-15), 3♠ (16-18) or 4♠ (19-21). The level you choose will reflect the point range you hold.

Bid a new suit 'up the line'. The dictum that responder should bid four-card suits 'up the line' also applies to opener's second bid. You hold: ♠ AQ54 ♥ 65 ♦ A87 ♣ KJ32. You open 1♣ and partner responds 1♥. With no heart support you should continue "up the line" with a 1♠ bid. Bidding 'up the line' refers to bidding at the one-level, is relative to partner's last bid suit, and is a structured bidding style that makes it easy to locate a 4-4 major suit fit.

Bid a new suit at the two-level. If your second bid is at the two-level it must be in a lower ranking suit, than your first suit. You promise at least four cards in the that suit and a minimum to medium strength hand (13-17 total points).

Re-bid your suit with 6+ cards. If one of the above priorities is not available, you can always re-bid your first suit with 6+ cards in your suit.

Bid no trump. If opener's second bid is in no trump, it generally shows a balanced hand, while denying the other priorities: support for responder's major suit, a new suit "up the line" or 6+ cards in the original suit.

Raise responder's minor suit. If partner's response was a minor suit, you should follow the above priorities if possible. With an unbalanced hand and support for responder's minor suit, you can always raise responder's suit.

The Redland Bridge Club's **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, 16th March 2025** commencing at **10:30 am**.

Nominations for the positions on the Management Committee closed on **Wednesday, 26th February**.

One nomination for each of the four (4) office bearer positions has been received, and six (6) nominations for the positions of general committee members. Accordingly, no elections are necessary.

The agenda for the AGM has been emailed/posted to members.

The Apology Book is available at the front desk to sign if you cannot attend the meeting.

Alternatively, you can email secretary.bridge@outlook.com or phone 0406 121 004.

Jane Whelan – Club Secretary

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Sunday, 2 March – Sunday Bridge

Wednesday, 5 March – President's Pairs 1/2,
Red Points

Wednesday, 12 March – President's Pairs 2/2,
Red Points

Sunday, 16 March 10.30 am
followed by lunch & free bridge game

**** Sunday, 6 April – Sunday Bridge****

JANUARY PROMOTION

Gill Homan

Club

70%ers for February 

Dianne Elliott & Ros Putland – 70.0%

COMPETITION RESULTS

Club Championship Teams

This competition was held over two weeks with eleven teams competing. It was held as a whist movement as there was an uneven number of teams.

The winning team was **Michael Clibbon, Susan Rankin, Chris Niemand and Neil Neimand**. Well done, and *Congratulations Team!*



Michael Clibbon & Susan Rankin



Chris & Neil Neimand

In second place was **Molly O'Donohue, Gill Ross, Michael Souter and Loren Leader**.

Third placegetters were **Agnes Kempthorne, Barry Kempthorne, Brian Gamble and Dan Maher**.

Thank you to everyone who competed, and for making it a successful event.



We are still in dire need of more Directors and Dealers.

Directors – Please talk to Nigel if you are able to direct any sessions or are interested in learning how to direct.

QBA Director Training. Training/Workshops for the New Director to be held on Saturday 22nd March 9:00- 12:00 and 1:00-4:00 online via Zoom.

Dealers – Please talk to Carradine if you are interested in learning how to operate the dealing machine.

Both of these positions are very crucial to the operation of the club, as without their help our playing sessions would be very limited.

Bits and Pieces

New Lessons

New lessons will commence on **Wednesday, 5th March**. There are still places available for newcomers. If you know of anyone who may be interested in learning our wonderful game, please ask them to phone or text Nigel Cleminson on 0419 642 498. Alternatively, they can email the club: redlandsbridgeclub@bigpond.com.

Supervised Play

Supervised Play sessions will take a break while the new lessons are being held. They will resume from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm on **Wednesday, 16th April**.

Intermediate Level Bidding Lessons

Nigel will be conducting a session on Bidding at the Intermediate Level. This will be conducted on **Monday, 3 April at 10.00 am** before normal Monday play, and will be repeated on **Tuesday, 4 April at 1.30 pm** after the Tuesday morning play.

Mobile Phones

Please turn your phone off or put it on silent while playing. This is very distracting to players sitting nearby. Don't forget you (and therefore your partner) can be penalised for flouting this rule.

Name Badges

As we welcome our new members and encourage them to play in the sessions, we get to know them with the help of their name badges. It is also helpful for the new members if we show them the same courtesy by always wearing our own name badges. Official club name badges are available for \$13.50. Please see ask the Director for an order form to fill out with your details. Payment to be made when ordering. The badges are generally available within a couple of weeks.

Sunday Bridge

The first session for 2025 is being held on **Sunday, 2nd March at 1.00 pm**.

Don't forget to mark your diary for **Sunday, 6th April** for next month's session. Please enter your name on the booking list or contact Avra Bowler. Could you also bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.

Wednesday Night Play

Don't forget to use the Watts App to advise if you will be playing on Wednesday night. Please contact Michael Clibbon for information.

Gold Coast Congress

The 63rd and final Gold Coast Congress was held last month. This very successful event attracted many visitors from interstate and overseas, especially our New Zealand friends.

As usual, Kim Ellaway (who came out of retirement for the event), was the driving force behind the success of the Congress. She was assisted by her husband Ray, Barry Rigal, Barbara Travis, Lauren Travis to name a few.

She thanked the many helpers behind the scenes who donated their time which helped to make this one of the best bridge competitions in the world. 3,500 people played at the Congress, with 36,000 boards being dealt. She also thanked the sponsors, and all players in the Teams competitions were presented with a bottle of wine to commemorate the Congress.

Daily presentations by Celebrity Speakers provided various tips to help improve bridge play, with the \$5 contribution for attending being donated to ABF Youth Bridge.

A number of our members competed in the various levels of pairs and teams' events. As you can imagine, the competition was very strong, but everyone came away with some gold and/or red points.

In the Open Teams Competition, **Ian Afflick** and his team were named as the **Best Queensland Open Team**, and in the Intermediate Pairs, **Nigel Cleminson** and his partner were named as the **Best Queensland Intermediate Pair**. Congratulations to all who competed!

There is a *slight* glimmer of hope that the Congress will be held next year. *Watch this space!*

*A good bridge mix
always includes
four nuts.*



**Everyone talks about leaving a
better planet for our children.
Why doesn't anyone try to leave
better children for our planet?**

- The only time the word “incorrectly” isn’t spelled incorrectly is when it’s spelled incorrectly.
- I saw an elderly man at the supermarket collecting the trolleys. He must have been pushing seventy.
- I tried making reservations at the library, but they were completely booked.
- I got thrown out of my local park after arranging the squirrels by height. They didn’t like me critter sizing.
- There was a fire drill at IKEA today. We all assembled in the car park.
- I was so bored last night that I memorised 6 pages of the dictionary! I learned next to nothing.

Just noticed two large bumps on my car battery. Had them tested and one came back positive.

Hope it’s not terminal.



I just had a physical.

The doctor said, “Don’t eat anything fatty”

I said, “Like bacon and burgers?”

He said, “No Fatty, don’t eat anything!”

I want to go on a diet,

But I feel like

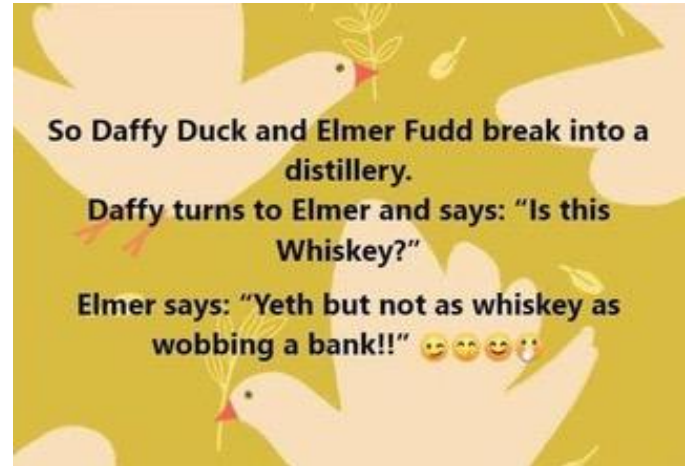
I have way too much

On my plate right now.

A British man arrives at Sydney International Airport from England.

The Australian immigration worker reviewing his documents inquires if he had a criminal record.

The British man responds: “No. Is that still required?”



Receptionist to man who comes to the counter:

Do you drink?

I drink ...

You smoke?

2 packets a day.

Do you eat fatty foods?

I eat enough.

Will you stop doing all this?

No!

Then why did you come to the gym?

To fix the air-conditioning ...

That's enough reading for now. Keep smiling.

