

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



MAY 2025

Hi Everyone,

It's been a busy month with competitions and pleasing to see that they have been well subscribed. This month the novices (with under 100 MPs) get their turn to shine with their own special competition in honour of Marie Currell.

For newer members who may not know both Marie Currell and Doris Kerr (who was honoured last month), were two of the many people who, because of their love of our game of bridge, helped to promote bridge and were involved with the formation of our club over twenty years ago.

Our many founding members worked tirelessly and even loaned their own money to build our club house. We should all be so grateful that we can enjoy the fruits of their dedication and hard work.

Good bridging and keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

You're going to be judged no matter what, so be who you want to be.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The number of Red Point events that the club is allowed to have each year depends on the number of green points that we award. This in turn depends on the numbers of both players and scoring sessions. Since we have relatively small player numbers on Thursdays, and only a few scoring sessions on Sundays and Wednesday evenings, we have had the number of red point events cut back by the QBA. One of the consequences is that the Doris Kerr pairs competition was run over a single Wednesday session last month. A full report on this will be later in the Trumpit, but I'd like to congratulate the winners, Shirley Burgess and Jenny Boxer, as well as everyone who took part. There have been some modifications made to the Compscore program during upgrades, so the problem that we used to have with the lead card not being accepted has been resolved.

In spite of the small number of directors operating at the club, the committee have tried to set up a system of non-playing directors for these honour-board events. A motion at the AGM has been approved, and now we can use an increase in table fees to cover the cost of a paid non-playing director. This may not always be possible. External paid directors are either unavailable or very expensive to engage, so we are forced back on our own limited resources.

In future, where the club has to pay for a director the table fees will have to be increased to \$10 to cover the costs. This situation applies to our own club directors too.

One comment that was received about the event relates to the problem where some tables finish their boards much earlier than others. With Swiss movements, we can't go to the next set of boards until all results are in. If you've finished playing, please keep the noise level down while others are playing. In particular there shouldn't be any discussion about the boards just played. If you want to do this, then please take yourselves outside.

We also played our annual ANZAC commemorative pairs event during April. The relationship between Turkish and Australian people has evolved into one of friendship. This event was played on the 23rd. Again, I congratulate the winners, Molly and Phillip. I particularly thank Turgut for his generosity in providing a fine shield for this competition. This will be a perpetual trophy, with the winner's names engraved on it each year.

During a recent committee meeting, the issue of biscuit supply was raised again. The committee have accepted the ongoing request, and we will have a trial period to see how it works out. We hope you will use the opportunity to have more social tea breaks.

As I mentioned last month, we have had problems with the timers. The main problem was corrosion in the 240V power outlet, so this has been replaced. We are still intending to switch over to a TV screen with the numbers being large enough to be easily read anywhere in the room.

Remember that at Thursday sessions you no longer require a partner. We're trying to get the player numbers up across all events. The same applies to the Wednesday evening game and Tuesday. If there are enough people attending on Wednesday evening then it can be run as a normal scoring session, but this requires more than three tables. If there aren't enough attending the evening will still go ahead as a social game. The clock isn't used, and beginners can use the opportunity to get some mentoring.

Speaking of beginners, the latest class has been completed. We have now resumed supervised play session on Wednesday afternoons. If you would like to come along to get some practice at bidding and play, everyone is welcome.

Nigel Cleminson – Club President

Takeout Doubles

Gary Brown



A Double by you is for Takeout when:

The opponents have opened the bidding in a suit.

Neither you nor partner have bid yet (other than to pass), and the auction is still below game level.

Requirements for Takeout Double:

- Opening bid values (11-16 points).
- Shortage in opponent's suit.
- Support or tolerance for un-bid suits.
- Generally, promises 4-cards in unbid **major(s)**.
- 17+ points you can have any shape – and you intend to bid again.

(With 15-18, a balanced hand and a stopper in opponent's suit, overcall 1NT).

The fewer cards you hold in the opponent's suit, the less points you need for a 'Take-out Double'.

If you make a Takeout Double *and then*:

- Bid a new suit – you show approx. 17-19 points.
- Bid 1NT – you show 19-20 points and a stopper in opponent's suit.
- Raise partner's minimum suit response, shows 4+ trumps and 17-18 support points.
- Jump raise partner's minimum suit response, shows 4+ trumps and 19-21 support points.
- Jump to game after partner's minimum suit response – you are possibly facing 0 points in partner's hand – so you had better have a fantastic hand!

Note: One more thing. The suit you overcall in should be a good suit, as it suggests to your partner to lead your suit if the opposition wins the contract.

Doubler's Second Bid:

Add your values to the values your partner has revealed and take appropriate action. If there are values for game, bid it. If there is still a chance for game invite partner to bid again. If there is no chance for game, simply pass.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Doris Kerr Pairs

There was a very good turnout for the Doris Kerr Pairs Competition with twenty-six pairs competing.

The winners were **Shirley Burgess & Jenny Boxer** who are pictured below.



Shirley Burgess & Jenny Boxer

Second placegetters were **Dan Maher & Brian Gamble**.



Dan Maher & Brian Gamble

A tie for third place ensued between **Sue Sherrell & Don Lewis** and **Agnes & Barry Kempthorne**.

Thank you to everyone who competed, particularly the novice players. Well done!

*Bridge is a game
where you have to
think of other
people's hands in
order to succeed.*



ANZAC Memorial Pairs

This competition was also well subscribed with 26 pairs competing. This competition has now become an annual event with a perpetual trophy organised by Turgut Manli, the Honorary Consul of Turkey.

Congratulations to the winners **Philip Thompson & Molly O'Donohue** who are pictured below.



Philip Thompson & Molly O'Donohue

Second placegetters were **Roy Martin & Greg Nolan**.



Roy Martin & Greg Nolan

Again, there was a tie for third place. This time between **Agnes & Barry Kempthorne** and **Judith Corney & Annie Henderson**. Thanks again to everyone who competed.

Other Competitions

Congratulations to **Agnes and Barry Kempthorne** and their team members who won the recent QCBC ANZAC Teams Competition.

Congratulations also to **Sandra and Dov Berns** who came second in the BBC Easter Pairs.

BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

SLOW PLAY & POST-MORTEMs

Players should endeavour to avoid any delay to the completion of a round by excessively slow play, prolonged post-mortems or social exchanges. All boards should be played and scored within the time limits set by the Director.

Players should move as soon as possible after the Director has called for a change of seats. Unnecessary delays, apart from those due to slow play by other players, may lead to a failure to complete subsequent rounds in the allocated time and to incur penalties.

At any table, if for the first time, bidding on the board has not been completed nor the lead card placed on the table by the three-minute warning signal, then, at the discretion of the Director, both pairs may be required to cease play and have an AVERAGE score awarded for any uncompleted board/s. After a pair is given an average score because of their slow play in two rounds, any subsequent slow play by the same pair will result in an Average Minus (40%) being given to the offending pair.

On subsequent occasions where the same pair is found to be late in completing a round, the play of any uncompleted board/s will be terminated at the discretion of the Director. Offenders will be awarded an AVERAGE MINUS (40%) SCORE WITH AN AVERAGE PLUS (60%) score being awarded to the non-offending opponents.

Discussion of hands played at the table is not recommended and is to be discouraged even if all boards in a round have been played and scored and there is no likelihood of delay to the progress of play. In any event, discussions must not be audible to players at other tables and must not be continued to another table in the presence of new opponents. Any violation of these requirements may incur a penalty from the Director.

COUNT YOUR CARDS

Players should count their cards before looking at them. If missing or extra cards are discovered once play commences, affected players can be disadvantaged. For example, a missing card is deemed to be part of the hand at all times and a revoke may have occurred.

From ABF Rules and Ethics

70%ers for April

Sammy & Wilmy Ziada – 70.04%

MARCH PROMOTIONs

John Clarke	Graduate
Theresa Fabian	Graduate
Liz Lovering	Graduate
Susan Rankin	Local
Jenny Boxer	Bronze State
Michael Souter	Life

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Sunday, 4 May – Sunday Bridge

**Tuesday, 4 May – Marie Currell Novice Trophy
(under 100 MPs) Red Points**

**** Sunday, 1 June – Sunday Bridge****

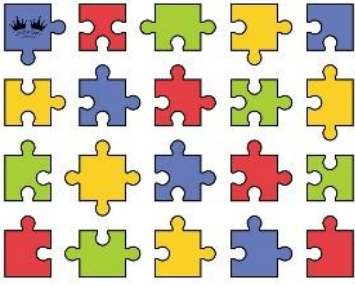


Our sincere condolences go to the family of Graham Applegate who passed away recently



Bits and Pieces

Jigsaw Puzzles Library



Members are enjoying the many jigsaw puzzles that are available to borrow from our library.

You will notice when borrowing a puzzle that the pieces are in a sealed plastic bag inside the main box.

Please remember that it is very important to return the puzzle pieces in the sealed bag, so that if the box does become accidentally opened, the pieces remain intact.

ABF Membership Cards

The ABF has advised that they are no longer printing the small membership cards at the end of March each year. They had hoped to have digital replacements ready by April, but this has not been possible so far.

Supervised Play

New lessons have now been completed and 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.

Sunday Bridge

Sunday bridge is planned for Sunday, **4th May**. Please enter your name on the booking list on the wall near the restrooms. If you don't have a partner, still register as Avra will find one for you. Sunday play is very relaxed and there is plenty of yummy food to enjoy. *Could you please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.*

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.

Good Housekeeping

A gentle reminder that at the end of a session, it is the responsibility of north/south players to place the bridgmates 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. When chairs are left haphazardly sticking out, it not only looks very untidy but is a tripping hazard. One of our members recently had a nasty fall when catching her foot on a chair that had been left out.

This resulted in a trip to the hospital which took several hours as she needed stitches in her lip, plus she was left with a nasty bruise.



Lovely vintage English sterling silver bridge pencils in a set of 4, in their original case.

Each pencil measures 8.5 cms and is marked with a heart, spade, diamond or a club. The set is complete with replacement leads.

Similar sets are currently being advertised on the internet for \$300. Offers from \$100 will be accepted. See Talia Badie or phone her on 0450 460 131.



Mujibar was trying to get into the UK legally through Immigration.

The Immigration Officer said, "Mujibar, you have passed all the tests except one. Unless you pass it, you cannot enter the UK."

Mujibar said, "I am ready."

The officer said, "Make a sentence using the words Yellow, Pink and Green."

Mujibar thought for a few minutes and said, "Mister Officer, I am ready."

The Officer said, "Good, go ahead."

Mujibar said, "The telephone goes; 'green, green, ... green, green, ... green, green, and I pink it up, and say, 'Yellow, this is Mujibar.'"

Mujibar now works at British Telecom. You've probably spoken to him. I certainly have.

Hetty went to the cemetery every day in her village to water the flowers on the grave of her deceased husband, Harry.

When she was finished, she always walked backwards when leaving the grave.

One day her friend Leila asked, "Hetty, why do you always leave the cemetery walking backwards?"

Hetty answered, "When Harry was alive, he always told me 'You've got such a great ass; it could bring a dead man back to life!' So, I'm not taking any chances!!"

My neighbour was working in his yard when he was startled by a late model car that came crashing through his hedge and ended up in his front lawn.

He rushed to help an elderly lady driver out of the car and sat her down on a lawn chair. He said to her "You appear quite elderly to be driving."

"Well yes I am," she replied proudly. "I'll be 97 next month, and I am now old enough that I don't even need a driver's licence anymore."

"The last time I went to my doctor, he examined me and asked if I had a driver's licence. I told him yes and handed it to him. He took scissors out of the drawer, cut the licence into pieces, and threw them in the bin, saying, 'You don't need this anymore.' so, I thanked him and left!"



Where do bad rainbows go?

To prism. It's a light sentence, but it gives them time to reflect.

Did you know deer can jump higher than the average house? It's because of their strong hind legs and the fact that the average house can't jump.

Man (fed up with his wife shopping), came across a friend while they were in a shop. He said: "I'd like to introduce you to my second wife, but I'm still stuck with the first one."

My doctor told me my prostate was good. I was deeply touched.

Two blood cells met and fell in love alas, it was all in vein.

You can't ruin friendship with sex. That's like trying to ruin ice cream with chocolate sprinkles.

What do Kermit the Frog, John the Baptist and Vlad the Impaler have in common. The same middle name.

