

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



NOVEMBER 2025

Hi Everyone,

Don't forget that the Melbourne Cup function is being held on Tuesday. This is always a special day of fun, so dress up in the spirit of the day, and appreciate all the hard work that has gone on behind the scenes to make this an enjoyable day.

Doors will be open at 8.00 am for the purchase of sweep tickets. Remember players must be seated by 8.45 am, as bridge will start at 9.00 am.

Your guests should arrive around 11.30 am.

During lunch an auction of the horses will be held. Lucky door and table prizes, as well as fashion prizes will be awarded.

Good bridging and keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Spring Graded Pairs have been run and won. See later in the magazine for a report on the results. The movement for this is called a barometer (no idea why), but it allows every pair to play against every other pair using the same set of boards. It does require a lot of boards, so I'd like to thank Irene for preparing them for us. We're already setting up for the next club contest, which will be the Summer Teams. We're also making preparations for the Melbourne Cup special day which is almost here.

The next Congress will be an Open Teams event. It is scheduled to be held on Sunday 7th of December. Entries have been arranged via the MyABF website, and also via the QBA list of upcoming events. We had some enquiries before the event was published, and there are twelve teams entered at the time of writing. This promises to be another successful event.

This month we are sending teams to the annual Brisbane Zone Inter-Club Teams event. Any club in the zone can send a team for each of the three grades – Open, <400, and <100 Master Points. Last year we hosted the event. This year it's at BBC, and we're arranging our representatives.

We have completed the recent set of lessons and have now resumed supervised play for our learners. There were ten beginners in the class, but we had enquiries from people who'd gone through lessons elsewhere and were interested in coming to us for supervised play. This has given us a group of about twelve who are now attending the regular Wednesday afternoon supervised

Do what is easy and your life will be hard. Do what is hard, and your life will become easy.

play sessions. We would really like some additional help with looking after these people. Could you please let me know if you're able to provide this service? It is the main way of attracting new players and keeping player numbers up.

I'd like to take the opportunity to recognise and thank all of the people who work in the background to keep the club running smoothly. If you consider that we have at least seven regular bridge sessions every week, and each one requires at least one box of 36 boards, then you get an idea of how many cards are put through our dealing machine. On top of this, we have special events such as teams or congress events that will require five or six boxes of boards for each session. Our dealers do a fine job with machines that are occasionally cantankerous.

The other jobs that are particularly hard work are the treasurer and secretary, keeping our finances and correspondence under control. Other folk keep the morning tea supplies stocked, bank the cash from table fees, keep the membership lists current, look after the libraries, calculate and submit all of our master points, look after maintenance, partner liaison, jigsaw library, help with organising special events, and we mustn't forget the work of producing this Trumpit every month.

On the subject of Trumpit, Robina is looking to pass its' production on to a new editor. It requires some computer skills and reasonable English. Please contact Robina if you'd like to give it a go.

We also have a garden manager who's making the surrounds look great, and a collector and disposer of all our recycle waste. There's a lot that happens in the background that contributes to everyone's enjoyment of the games we play.

The game of bridge is often played online these days. We come to the club for the social side as well as the competition. Come and play to the best of your ability, but please try not to take away the enjoyment factor for other players at the table.

Also, if you see someone that you don't recognise at the table – visitor or newcomer – please make them welcome.

Nigel Cleminson – Club President

SIMPLE PREFERENCE REBIDS

Gary Brown



As responder you hold:

♠ AQ984

♥ J9

♦ J87

♣ 983

Partner opens the bidding ♥1 and you bid 1♠. Consider the following auctions:

Partner	You
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1♥	1♠
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1NT	?
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I would now pass and be happy to play 1NT with a balanced hand opposite a balanced hand. Partner may well have a doubleton spade so a rebid of 2♠ is a shot in the dark.

Partner	You
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1♥	1♠
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2♣	?
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You know of nine cards in partner's hand (5 hearts and 4 clubs) so don't insist on your 5-card suit, as partner rates to be short in spades! Show simple preference for hearts. Bid 2♥.

Partner	You
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1♥	1♠
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2♦	?
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Show simple preference. Bid 2♥, preferring a 5-2 fit over a 4-3 fit.

Partner	You
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1♥	1♠
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2♥	?
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Partner is showing a 6+ card heart suit and 13-16. You should Pass.

Partner	You
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1♥	1♠
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2♠	?
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Partner is showing 4-card spade support and a minimum hand (13-15). Pass. There are ways of uncovering 5-3 fits without rebidding a five-card suit. Try not to rebid your primary suit (first suit you bid) without having six cards in the suit.

When choosing which of partner's suits you prefer, opt for a 5-2 fit rather than a 4-3 fit! Reviewing the first auction above: 1♥ - 1♠ - 2♣, you expect partner to have five Hearts and four Clubs. So, you have a 5-2 fit in Hearts and a 4-3 fit in Clubs. A 5-2 fit is easier to handle than a 4-3 fit. In both cases you are missing six trumps. Six cards usually split 4-2 which means one of the opponents rates to have the same number of trumps as your partner if you play in a 4-3 fit. Hence, the 5-2 is preferred.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Spring Graded Pairs

The Spring Graded Pairs competition was recently held over two weeks. There were 12 pairs in Section A and 10 pairs in Section B.

Winners in **Section A** were **Agnes Kempthorne & Barry Kempthorne**, with **Robina Cooper & Derek Morris** second, and **Neil Casey & Loren Leader** in third place. Thanks to everyone who competed.



Agnes & Barry Kempthorne



Derek Morris & Robina Cooper

Some days I have a crush on the game of bridge. Other days I feel crushed by the game of bridge.



The winners of the **Spring Graded Pairs** in **Section B** were **Chris Niemand & Neil Neimand**. Second place went to **Jan Deaville & Jenny Boxer** with **Su O'Mahony & Tim Freeman** in third.



Chris & Neil Neimand



Jenny Boxer & Jan Deaville

Congratulations also to **Michael Clibbon and Margo Fabian** who won the *Brisbane Bridge Club Under 500 MPs Pairs* competition which had 20 pairs competing. Well done!



Michael Clibbon & Margo Fabian

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Tuesday, 4 November – Melbourne Cup

Thursday, 6 November – Summer Teams (1/2)
Red Points

Thursday, 13 November – Summer Teams (2/2)
Red Points

Saturday, 15 November – Nationwide Pairs

**** Saturday, 13 December – Christmas Party ****

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER



Jill Patterson

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

SEPTEMBER PROMOTIONS

Wiggy Wiginton	Graduate
Theresa Fabian	Club
Liz Lovering	Club
John Clarke	Local
Jennifer Mason	Local
Sue Sherrell	Local
Susan Rankin	Bronze Local
Sebastian Raciti	Silver Local
John Bullion	Regional
Chris Niemand	Regional
Neil Neimand	Regional
Brenda Wilson	Regional
Ronny Tollemache	Bronze Regional
Janet Wilkie	Broze Regional
Roy Martin	State
Robyn Green	Bronze National
Jim Williamson	Bronze Life

Bits and Pieces

2026 Subscriptions

This month Subscription Notices will be emailed to all members who have an email address, or will be available at the front desk for those who do not have an email address. *Please note that subscriptions are due on or before 31 December 2025.*

If you do not receive 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** for new members and those who wish to refresh their skills. The last session for the year will on **Wednesday 17th December**, with a break over the Christmas and New Year period. These sessions will recommence on **Wednesday, 7th January**.

Help Wanted

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

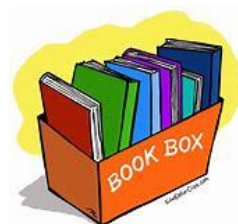
To make this event successful we are again calling for helpers to assist on the day, and for donations of food etc. If you can help, please enter your details on the list. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Avra Bowler

★ 70%ers for October ★

John Clarke & David Crocker – 70.0%

Library – Bridge Books



It is gratifying to see that members are making the most of our reference library to improve their bridge skills.

However, a gentle reminder that bridge books need to be returned

so that newer players who are waiting to borrow these books can enjoy them too.

Please check at home to see if you have forgotten to return any books you may have finished. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Christmas Donations Drive

Each year the Redland Community Centre calls for donations of gifts for children from 0 to 13 years old.

Our club will be accepting donations of brand-new gifts (unwrapped) from Wednesday 5th November. Please place in the box provided in the far corner.

Memorial Tree



A tree has been planted in memory of Life Member Bev Tucker, who passed away earlier this year. Bev was one of many founding members of the club and was also the first President. She and her husband Cec were very active members. Sadly, Cec also passed away recently.

Two things to make your day better:

1. Do not watch the news.
2. Stay off the bathroom scales.

- *One day I was walking along the beach with some friends, when one of them shouted, "Look at that dead bird!" Someone looked up at the sky and asked, "Where?" They walk among us!.....*
- *The safety conscious young driver has a lifesaving tool in her car designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped. She keeps it in the boot.....*
- *When older people say, "Enjoy them while they are young." They are talking about your knees and hips – not your kids!*
- *To get rid of unwanted junk during the holidays ... put it in an Amazon box and leave it on the front porch.*
- *Brain cells die, skin cells die, even hair cells die. But FAT CELLS....must have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour because they seem to have eternal life.*
- *Do you remember that before the internet, people thought the cause of stupidity was the lack of access to information? Yeah. It wasn't that.*
- *I lent my blind friend some money the other day. He told me he was going to pay me back next time he sees me.... Hey, wait a minute.....*
- *When I was young, I was scared of the dark. Now when I see my electricity bill, I am scared of the lights.*
- *I really think it's time to take the warning labels off everything and let stupidity work itself out of the gene pool.*
- *Once you understand why pizza is made round, packed in a square box, and eaten as a triangle, then you will understand women!*
- *Weight loss goal: To be able to clip my toenails and breathe at the same time.*
- *If you get a LOAN at a bank, you will be paying it back for 30 years. If you ROB a bank, you'll be out in 10 years...follow me for more financial advice....*

A woman approached the priest after the Sunday service and told him her faithful dog had died. She asked him if he would preside over a service to bury her dog.

"Oh, no, no, I don't bury dogs!" he replied.

She asked him if he knew of someone who might be willing to conduct a service. He replied that perhaps she could try the Scottish minister.

She thanked him for the suggestion, then asked "Do you know if it would cost very much – do you think \$1,000 would cover it?"

The priest replied: "Why didn't you tell me your dog was Catholic?"

In the year 2025, the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in Australia and said:

"Once again, the earth has become wicked and over-populated, and I see the end of all flesh before me. Build another Ark and save 2 of every living thing along with a few good humans."

He gave Noah the blueprints, saying: "You have six months to build the Ark before I start the unending rain in Queensland for 40 days and 40 nights."

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard - but no Ark.

"Noah!" he roared, "I've started the rain in Queensland! Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah, "but things have changed. I needed Planning Permission, a Building Permit, a Builder's Licence, Insurance, consent from my neighbours, a kerbside deposit, Site Survey, Engineering, Energy Efficiency Compliance Certificates, Fire Certification, and a full set of signed off working drawings.

I've been arguing with the Boat Inspector about the need for an on-board sprinkler system. My neighbours claim that I'll violate the neighbourhood zoning and By-Laws by building the Ark in my backyard and exceed the height limitations. We had to wait five months for a Council Planning Committee decision.

Then the Local Council and the Electricity Company demanded a shed load of money for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea.

I tried to tell them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it. Getting the wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the Greater Spotted Mopoke. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the Mopokes - but no go!

When I started gathering the animals the RSPCA took me to court. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They also argued the accommodations

were too restrictive, and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space.

Then the Environmental Protection Agency ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood. I was also stopped by Unions and the Building Commission for not using Registered painters, plumbers, and electricians.

Stopped again by Health and Safety because they wanted more scaffolding, ladders, harnesses, ramps and Hi-vis clothing. All my tools had to be tested and tagged by electricians.

Then the local Council demanded we provide Disabled Toilets, signs in Braille, wider passages and install ramps everywhere.

I'm still trying to resolve a complaint from The Human Rights Commission over how many minorities I'm supposed to hire for my building gang.

Everything then stopped when Immigration started checking the Visa status of most of the people who wanted to work. The Trades Unions even said I can't use my sons. They insist I must hire only Union workers with Ark-building experience.

To make matters worse, the Australian Taxation Office seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species.

So, please forgive me Lord, but it will take at least 10 years for me to finish this Ark."

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky.

Noah looked up in wonder and asked, "You mean you're not going to destroy us?"

"No", said the Lord. "The State Government and its ever-increasing rules has beaten me to it !!!!!!"



I discovered that answering the door naked helps deter trick-or-treaters. Ok, here we go again, there's two more, dressed as policemen....