REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT

November 2026

Hi Everyone,

There has been a lot of interest in Broccoli salad from Sandra Berns, so I have added it to the Trumpit.
After a quiet October, a lot of us are looking forward to the Melbourne Cup, always an enjoyable day. Then Christmas will be upon us.
Good bridging and keep smiling!



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Bridge Thought

Not every rare bridge situation needs its own special agreement.

When partnerships keep adding rules for problems that may come up once every 10 or 15 years, the system can become harder to remember than it is helpful.

The goal is not to have an agreement for everything. The goal is to clearly remember the agreements that actually matter.

Sometimes simpler really is stronger.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After a quiet October, we are all looking forward to the next two month, full of festivities. Our Aust. Wide Restricted Pairs competition went well, although only 6 tables competed. Waiting on results.
We had the sewerage system repaired, which cost us just over $10 000, but all flushing well. Our Summer team's competition will be held over two Mondays, so do not forget to put your names down.
The committee has been busy organising the Melbourne Cup and then the Christmas party next month, which is being held on the Saturday afternoon, would love to see as many members attend. Don't forget to register for our upcoming Teams Congress, registration closed on Thursday, 3 December.
We would like to remind members a courteous attitude should be always maintained. Should you encounter any remark, gesture that might interfere with the enjoyment of the game, please call the Director.

Michael Souter – Club President

CONGRESS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

I need help with the smooth running of the club's next Congress on Sunday 6 December. As it is drawing near, this is when I usually begin approaching members for assistance.
However, it will be difficult for me to approach members in person this time. I am medically unable to drive until 19 November and live a significant distance from the club, so I do not expect to return until after that date.
I am looking for three volunteers. Firstly, a caddy. The caddy will assist Chris Snook, the Congress Director, mainly in the distribution and collection of boards.
Secondly, I am looking for a house team—a standby team that plays if needed. This team would step in if there is an odd number of entries or if a team withdraws after the entry closing date.
Fortunately, Pat and Tom France have volunteered to be one half of the house team, so all I need now is another pair to play with them, if needed. My big thanks to Pat and Tom.
There are benefits for the volunteers. There is a free lunch for the caddy (and of course there are the fabulous all-day snacks and perhaps a glass of wine at the end of the day). There will also be some free game vouchers. The

house team, if needed, will not have to pay entry fees and will be awarded any red points earned and prize money, if eligible.
Please contact me via phone 0406 121 004 or email – littlefox1006@gmail.com if you are keen to assist.
Many thanks ***Jane***

ON THIS MONTH

Tuesday, 3 November Melbourne Cup (9 am)
Monday, 9 & 16 November, Summer Teams
Sunday, 6 December, Redlands Open Teams Congress
Sunday, 12 December Christmas Party (13.30pm)

70%ers for July

Dell Elkington & Anne Ormerod 74.2%
Michael Souter & Thomas France 73.3%
Dan Maher & moira Cunningham 70.2%

SEPTEMBER PROMOTIONS

Brendon Bazzo	Graduate
John Golder	Graduate
Theressa Fabian	Local
Di Mackenzie	Local
Helen Zerphey	Bronze Regional
John Bullion	State
Joshua Davis	Bronze State
Jane Whelan	Bronze National

Our Condolences to the family of



Mort Berns

The Laws
Rule 74
A Proper Attitude 1

1. A player should always maintain a courteous attitude.
2. A player should carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.

Bits and Pieces

Supervised Play

Sessions are held on **Wednesdays from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm** for new members and those who wish to refresh their skills.

Wanted: New Congress Convenors

To ensure the Club's Congress Programme continues smoothly in the future, we need to prepare one or two members to take on the Congress Convenor's role. I would like to begin that succession planning now, while there is plenty of time for a gradual and well-supported handover.

Over the next 12–18 months, I would like to help one or two younger members learn the role gradually and build confidence before taking over the reins. My aim is to provide practical guidance, share what I have learnt and make the handover as smooth as possible, so the club does not miss a beat when the time comes. I know that some of you are thinking "but I am not a good bridge player". Rest assured that this is not necessary at all. All you need is fundamental computer and organisational skills and a love of bridge

If you are interested in being a Congress Convenor, I would be very happy to talk with you about what the role involves. There will be opportunities to observe,

learn, and gain hands-on experience at the following congresses:

- *Open Teams — 6 December 2026*
- *Under 500 Teams — 14 February 2027*
- *Three other 2027 Congresses*.

As I hope to commence work on the February Congress by mid-November, now is the ideal time to commence learning the Convenor's role. Starting now will give you hands-on experience, from the opening of registrations to the Congress itself.

If you wish to contribute to the running of the Club's Congress Programme, please call me on 0406 121 004 by 8 November. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards Jane

Essential Bridge Conventions

The five most essential and foundational bridge conventions that every partnership should learn are Stayman, Jacoby Transfers, Takeout Doubles, Negative Doubles, and Blackwood.

Facebook·Bridge Unleashed by Tracey

1. Stayman

- **Purpose:** Used after partner opens 1 No Trump (1NT) to ask if they hold a 4-card major suit (hearts or spades).
- **How it works:** Responder bids
  Opener responds -- (no 4-card major),
  (4 hearts), or 2) spade (4 spades).
- **Why it matters:** It lets you find a 4-4 major suit fit right away.

2. Jacoby Transfers

- **Purpose:** Used after a 1NT or 2NT opening to show a 5-card or longer major suit.
- **How it works:** Responder bids the suit *directly below* their long major (shows hearts; shows spades). Opener is required to accept/complete the transfer by bidding the major suit.
- **Why it matters:** It places the stronger hand (the 1NT opener) as the declarer, hiding their hand strength from the opponents.

3. Takeout Double

- **Purpose:** Used when an opponent opens the bidding, you have opening-strength values and support for unbid suits, but no good natural suit to overcall.
- **How it works:** You double the opponent's bid. This tells your partner: *"I have values; please bid your best unbid suit."*
- **Why it matters:** It transforms a penalty double into an instructional tool to find a competitive fit.

4. Negative Double

- **Purpose:** Used when your partner opens the bidding, the opponent overcalls in a suit, and you need to show the unbid major suit.
- **How it works:** Instead of bidding at a high level, you double to show 4+ cards in the unbid major (usually with 6+ HCP).
- **Why it matters:** It keeps the bidding low and prevents your side from missing a major suit fit after interference.

Blackwood (or RKCB)

- **Purpose:** Used during slam exploration to ask partner how many key cards (aces or key cards including the trump king) they hold.
- **How it works:** A jump to 4NT asks for aces, and partner responds in steps showing 0/4, 1, 2, or 3 aces.
- **Why it matters:** It stops you from blindly bidding a slam (6-level or 7-level contract) when key controls are missing.

Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad with Curried Dressing

(Serves 8 – 10) **Sandra Berns**

This version of the layered salad elevates mayonnaise dressing with a taste of spice. It was enlivened by cooking teacher Sarah Mahammitt, who in 1939 sweetened mayonnaise and spiked it with curry powder. You can make the dressing the night before and assemble the salad later, but the salad should rest at least 8 hours before serving so the flavours can mingle.

8 slices bacon	1 cup mayonnaise
2 TBs cider vinegar	½ cup sugar
¼ - ½ tsp curry powder to taste	Salt
¾ cup toasted slivered almonds	¾ cup raisins

4 cups broccoli florets, trimmed and cut into bite-size pieces.

1. In a medium skillet, cook the bacon over medium-high heat until crisp, about 7 mins. Drain on paper towels and crumble when cool enough to handle.
2. In a small bowl, mix the mayonnaise, sugar, vinegar, curry powers, and salt to taste.
3. In a serving bowl, layer the broccoli florets,
4.
5. celery, and cauliflower. Pour on the dressing. Add a layer of raisins, then almonds, then top with the bacon. Cover with a tight-fitting lid or plastic wrap. Refrigerate for at least 8 hours or overnight. Toss before serving.

***Ten years ago**, Steve Jobs, Bob Hope and Johnny Cash were around. Now no Jobs, No Hope and No cash. Please God do not let Kevin Bacon die.*



Miss Beatrice, the church organist, was in her eighties and had never been married.

One afternoon, the new pastor came to visit. She showed him into her quaint sitting room and invited him to sit down while she prepared some tea.

As he sat facing her old pipe organ, the minister noticed a cut-glass bowl filled with water sitting on top of it. Floating in the water was, or all things, a sealed condom!

When Miss Beatrice returned with tea and scones, the pastor could not resist asking about it.

"Miss Beatrice," he said, "I wonder if you could tell me about this bowl?"

"Isn't it wonderful?" she replied. "I was walking through the park last autumn when I found this little package on the ground. The instructions said to place it on the organ, keep it wet, and it would prevent the spread of disease.

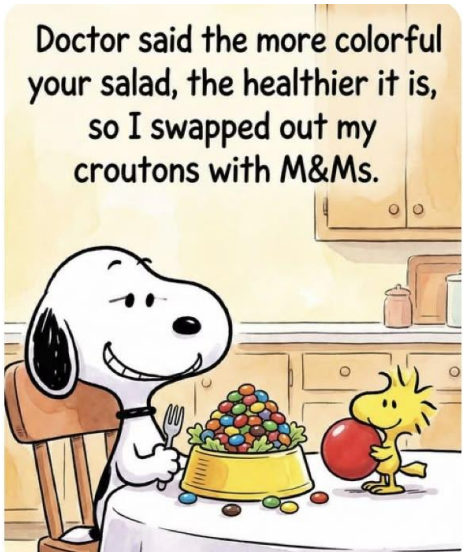
"Would you believe I have not had the flu all winter.

A bloke sees his boss arrive at work in a brand-new sports car and tells him how wonderful it is. The boss steps up to him and puts his hand on his shoulder and says: "Well, if you work hard, set goals, stay determined and put in long hours. I can get an even better one next year."





"I'm looking forward to flying this airline because they boast about having more leg room than any other."





Redland Bridge Club
Open Teams Congress
Sunday 6th December 2026

Venue	Redland Bridge Club, Pinklands Recreation Reserve, 190a Cleveland Redland Bay Rd, Thornlands. Phone: 3207 7296
Time	Arrive by 9:00am. Play starts at 9:30am.
Director	Chris Snook
Entries close	Enter via My ABF. If you are having difficulties in registering with or entering via My ABF, please contact the convenor Thursday 3rd December 2026
Entry Fee	$160 per team ($40 per player). Pay via My ABF or Bank Transfer: BSB: 124025. Account: 23205529. Reference: Name & Open Teams. Entries should be paid in full by the closing date or risk withdrawal from the event.
Format	**Red Point Event.** • QBA Regulations apply. • If the field is divided for prize purposes, divisions will be based on the Director's seeding. • Green, Blue & amp; Red systems plus Brown Sticker allowed. • Maximum 32 teams. • Late entries/refunds are at the discretion of the director.
Prizes	As we are cashless, prize monies will be paid by My ABF Credits or bank transfer. Please bring your bank account details (one account per team) with you.
Catering	BYO Lunch. Snacks/tea/coffee available all day, drinks and savouries at end of play.
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