

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

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Hi Everyone,



It's that time of year for a little fun!

Next month the Melbourne Cup will be run, and as usual we will be celebrating

the day with a game of bridge followed by lunch and viewing of the running of the Cup. Don't forget to come early to buy your sweep tickets. See page 6 for details.

Several of our members are in or have been in hospital lately. You are in our thoughts, and we send our love and best wishes to you all. Hope we see you back in the Club shortly.

Good bridging and keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

*The world is full of good people.
If you can't find one ... be one!*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Pairs Congress held on Sunday 14th was very successful. We had a total of 28 tables and that allowed the director, Alan Gibson, to run the competition in three grades, which is a big increase on last year. See p.3 for results. Much of the work in setting up and running this type of event is done by the Congress Convenor and by the Catering Organiser. Jane Whelan has done a great job in the convenor role, as has Avra Bowler who looked after arranging the food and then managing the kitchen. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to making this such a good day, including those who supplied food, those who competed, and those who gave their time and labour. Lots of favourable comments were made by visitors about the club, particularly the snacks that are provided. Many stayed for drinks and nibbles at the end of the event. We hope our next congress in December will be as successful. Alan has said that he will direct again next year, but he expects that to be his last time.

The other significant club competition held recently was the President's Pairs. This honour-board event was held over two Mondays in early September. We arranged for an external director to control these sessions, and Julie Jeffries did an excellent job. We had new winners of this event in Neil Healey and John Bullion, who are becoming a consistently good combination at the bridge table, showing the benefits of time spent refining their system.

It was beneficial to have an external director for the President's Pairs as it can be quite distracting for a playing director to be simultaneously playing and directing such events. We are looking at persisting with

outside directors for significant competitions like this. We've had a suggestion that the Club Championship Pairs, Club Championship Teams and President's Pairs should be run on one day as a single session. This would make it easier to get someone to come and run them. We believe it would also allow us to run other sessions as red point competitions. We're still rebuilding membership numbers, and the available red point events are allocated depending on the numbers of green points we have awarded during the previous year. We'll be considering options later when we know how many red point events we're allowed next year.

Within the club, the next event is the Spring Graded Pairs which is held over two Mondays – the 6th and 13th of October. The entry sheet is on the notice board for this event, so organise a partner and give it a go.

The other event that will be happening soon is the Melbourne Cup Day, and also our Christmas party isn't too far away. There is a lot of planning that goes into these events. We are fortunate in having dedicated and competent volunteers who put in lots of hours so the rest of the club can have a good time. The year is flying past. The sheet for you to arrange your Melbourne Cup seating is now up.

We have a few people who have relocated to the area and have arranged to join the club. We are always happy to have an increase in our numbers. When you see someone you don't recognise, please make them feel welcome.

We have started the next set of lessons. There are now ten beginners in the class, with a couple of people having a second go. This is an easy size to manage, and we're using the usual combination of presentation slides and practice hands to introduce the concepts. The last lesson is scheduled for Wednesday 8th of October, and supervised play will resume the following week.

When I start a new set of lessons it reinforces the amount of detailed knowledge that we have accumulated in order to be able to play bridge. I tell the beginners that they won't really learn to play until they've been doing it for some time. Bridge is an activity that requires concentration and practice. We never stop learning with this game.

Nigel Cleminson – Club President

Negative Doubles

Gary Brown



A Negative Double occurs when your partner opens the bidding and RHO overcalls in a suit.

A double by you promises the other two suits.

If the unbid suits are the majors, you must have both majors.

If the unbid suits are a major and a minor, you must have the major.

If you do not have the minor, you must have support for partner's suit (a place to run).

Consider the following hands:

Partner opens \spadesuit 1 and RHO overcalls $1\heartsuit$ Your call?

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|----|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1. | \spadesuit AK74 | \heartsuit 64 | \diamondsuit Q983 | \clubsuit J84 |
| 2. | \spadesuit KJ876 | \heartsuit 86 | \diamondsuit 84 | \clubsuit AQ84 |
| 3. | \spadesuit AJ98 | \heartsuit J5 | \diamondsuit AJ8 | \clubsuit AJ54 |

- Double: Shows four spades. If partner bids clubs, you will prefer his diamonds.
- $1\spadesuit$: Shows five spades. (With only four spades you would have Negative doubled.)
- Double: Reveals your four-card spade suit.

Play negative doubles up to the three level. RHO has bid no higher than the three level. ($3\spadesuit$ maximum.)

Hand Strength

1 Level = 6+ 2 Level = 8+ 3 Level = 11+

Partner opened the bidding with $1\heartsuit$ and RHO overcalled $2\clubsuit$. What is your bid with the following hands?

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| \spadesuit 9872 | \spadesuit AK93 | \spadesuit AQ832 | \spadesuit KJ3 |
| \heartsuit 92 | \heartsuit KJ54 | \heartsuit 42 | \heartsuit 93 |
| \diamondsuit AQ65 | \diamondsuit 74 | \diamondsuit AQ8 | \diamondsuit KQT98 |
| \clubsuit K43 | \clubsuit K32 | \clubsuit 832 | \clubsuit Q62 |

COMPETITION RESULTS

Club Championship Pairs

This year there were 22 pairs competing for honours in this annual competition. Special congratulations to **Neal Healy & John Bullion** who had a very exciting finish to take the championship. Well done!

Many thanks to everyone who helped make this an enjoyable event.



Neal Healy & John Bullion

Redland Graded Pairs Congress

A very successful Congress was held recently with visitors coming from many south-east Queensland clubs. This resulted in almost a full house with a total of 56 pairs competing. Many thanks to Alan Gibson who was the Director for the day.

Grade A Section

Congratulations to winners **Ian Afflick and Paul Collins** with a win of 6-0-1.



Ian Afflick & Paul Collins



Second place went to **Agnes & Barry Kempthorne.**



Second place went to **Kim Morrison & Neville Francis.**



Third placegetters were **Molly O'Donohue & Philip Thompson.**



Third placegetters were **Richard Ward & Tony Hutton.**

Grade B Section

Winners in the B Grade Section were **Philip Thompson & Ada Krawczyk** from Redlands Club. Congratulations to you both!



Philip Thompson & Ada Krawczyk

Second placegetters were **Jim & Janelle Williamson**.



Jim & Janelle Williamson

Third placegetters were **Jeff Conroy & Daria Williams**.



Jeff Conroy & Daria Williams

It was very pleasing to see a good representation from our own club which helped to make this a great competition, as well as the kitchen helpers and the wonderful food that was most enjoyable.

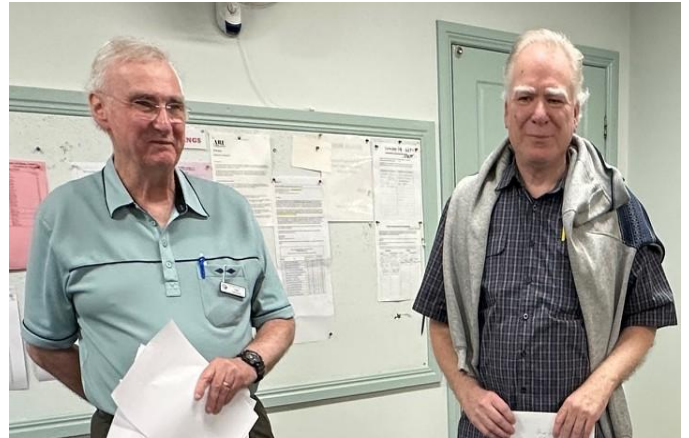
Grade C Section

Winners in the C Grade Section were **Sandra Berns & Dov Berns** from the Redlands Club. Well done to you both!



Sandra Berns & Dov Berns

Second place went to **Peter Munro & Jenny Thompson**.



Club President, Nigel Cleminson & Peter Munro

Third placegetters were **Dimity Burke & Lindell Day**.



Dimity Burke & Lindell Day

There are 3 kinds of Bridge players. Those who can count, and those who can't.



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Thursday, 2 October – Nationwide Pairs

1 Monday, 6 October – Spring Graded Pairs (1/2) -
Red Points

1 Monday, 13 October – Spring Graded Pairs (1/2) -
Red Points

Saturday, 18 October – Nationwide Pairs

Tuesday, 28 October – Australia Wide Restricted
Pairs <300MPs>

Thursday, 30 October – Nationwide Pairs

**** Note: Tuesday, 4 November – Melbourne Cup ****

AUGUST PROMOTIONS

Ada Krawczyk

National

Tom France

National

Bits and Pieces

Thank You

As Congress Catering Convenor, again I would like to thank the wonderful people who made goodies, donated money or brought other supplies to make things. Again, we put on a great show of hospitality. I know many are tempted to come because of our great spreads. We received many personal thanks from visiting members as well as our own members. Made my wonderful kitchen helpers happy for all their effort and support.

Looking forward to your support again for the December 7th Congress. It's always another big one.

Avra Bowler

Lessons / Supervised Play

New lessons commenced on Wednesday, 3 September.

Supervised Play is taking a break while the lessons are being conducted, and will recommence on **Wednesday, 15 October from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.**

Saturday Play

The trial period for Saturday Walk-ins has finished and members are now required to have a partner to play at these sessions.

Please note that as a Rodeo is being held at the Pinklands Sporting Complex on Saturday 11th October, at 12.00 noon, parking will be an issue. You will need to advise the attendants on duty near the club that you are playing bridge.

Whilst addressing a bunch of sleepy faces, the professor told his early morning class, "I've found that the best way to start the day is to exercise for five minutes, take a deep breath of fresh air, and then have a bowl of delicious cereal with raisins and almonds, a cup of green tea and finish with a cold shower ... then I feel rosy all over."
A sleepy voice from the back of the room said, "Tell us more about Rosie."

SPECIAL 80th BIRTHDAY



**Congratulations to
Barbara Richards**



Tuesday 4 November at 9:00 am

\$30 members; \$35 spouses/partners;
\$40 non-members,
includes bridge, lunch and wine.
Fun is free!

Doors open at 8.00 am for sweeps - last
tickets sold at 8:50 am!

Bridge starts at 9:00 am

Auction of horses during lunch

Fashion Prizes awarded

Lucky door and table prizes

Tickets available from Michael

Ticket sales close Monday 27 October



Come along and enjoy the fun!!!

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Kahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Kahoots with someone. I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore. I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm. Sometimes I'm in Capable and I go there more often as I'm getting older. One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age, I need all the stimuli I can get!

I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country that was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

My job is done! Life is too short for negative drama and petty things. So, laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly!



They weren't in my pockets. I realised I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition. He's afraid that the car could be stolen.

As I looked around the parking lot, I realised that he was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all to my husband: "I left my keys in the car, and it's been stolen." There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard his voice. "Are you kidding me?" he barked, "I dropped you of!"

Now, it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me." He retorted, "I will, just as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your damn car!"