

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



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Hi Everyone,



So glad that winter is over and spring is finally here! This is my kind of weather.

We certainly had a busy month in August with our first Congress for 2025, the final of the Teams event, the Eddie Santagiuliana Trophy, two teams representing our club in the GNOT Brisbane Zone finals at QCBC, as well as the Australia Wide Open Pairs. Thanks to all who made these events so successful.

September is also shaping up to be a busy month, with our second Congress as well as other competitions. See page 5 for what's happening. Don't forget to mark your calendars for Tuesday 4th November for the Melbourne Cup and Saturday 13th December for our Christmas Party.

Good bridging and keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our Pairs congress for people with fewer than 500 MP was a resounding success. We've modified the format from previous years when the second grade was for novices (<100MP). We had plenty of positive comments about the environment, the way it was run, and the amount and variety of wonderful food that was provided. Jo Neary ran a very smooth operation as director, and everyone seemed to have a good time. Thank you to everyone who helped with running the event, and especially those who ensured the catering was both plentiful and delicious.

We have eight names for the next set of beginner lessons. The starting date is Wednesday 3rd September. If anyone from the previous classes would like to have another run through the basic lesson material, you're welcome to come along at no charge. We'd also welcome anyone who's played in the past and would like to pick it up again. The classes run for six weeks each Wednesday from 2.00 – 4.00pm. If you have any friends or family who might be interested in giving bridge a go, then have them get in touch – either with me directly or through the club email.

The next Pairs Congress in our calendar has been accepting nominations for some time. We hope the good feedback that we got from the last Congress will translate into plenty of entries for the next one. At this stage we have about 42 entries, so could any of you who would like to experience a congress in familiar surroundings please consider signing up and having a go. We can accept up to 64 pairs. This is an Open congress

Your value doesn't decrease based on someone's inability to see your worth.

for Pairs, using Cross-IMP scoring. Alan Gibson will be the event director this year. We hope to have the same sort of support from you that we had at the last congress. It is a great way to present the club when we have some great nibbles for our guests and enough helpers to allow smooth operations. We are maintaining an extremely high reputation for the quality of the congresses that we run. Partly this is from the initial organisation from our congress convenor Jane Whelan. It also comes from the amount and quality of the snacks that we produce compared to other clubs. Just as important is the atmosphere and sense of enjoyment that we generate.

The zone finals of the GNOT have been completed. We were only able to have two teams in the field this year. The second team had to be cobbled together because so many players were unavailable. This is always a very strong competition. Playing against stronger players and seeing how they manage their games is a good way to learn and improve our own techniques.

The Winter Teams competition was held at the beginning of August. This was played using two rounds of a Whist movement and combining the results. The winners just held off a fast-finishing second team. See a full report late in the Trumpit. The Eddie Santagiuliana Trophy was also played in August. We managed to come up with a field of 18 pairs. With the limited number of red-point events that we're allowed, this was played as a single-winner Mitchell movement with a couple of arrow-switch boards at the end. The event was won by Agnes and Barry Kempthorne, with Judith Corney and Jane Whelan second.

I've been told that some players are bidding new suits at the 2-level when they only have 6-9 high card points, and sometimes less. The Standard American system that most of us play is carefully designed to avoid bidding up to a level that exceeds the combined strength of both hands. If you consistently promise your partner that you have at least 10 HCP by bidding 2 of a new suit with less than this, then you are courting disaster. The whole point of bidding is to inform your partner of the strength of your hand as precisely as possible. If you fib to your partner, then they can't trust your bids and you will frequently overbid and go down. I strongly recommend using the much better 1NT response so you're being much more truthful about your hand.

Nigel Cleminson – Club President

Counting Hands

Gary Brown



By counting the cards held by the opposition, you can work out where the missing cards are likely to be, which greatly helps your game.

Hand 1

	South	West	North	East
		1♠	pass	pass
	2♥	pass	3♥	pass
	4♥	All pass		
♠ A53	<p><i>West leads 6♠. With 23 HCP accounted for – there are 17 missing. Who has them? West opened the bidding and East passed. The lead suggests that West does not have both the KQ♠ (if he did, he would not have led the 6♠!). Also, the A♣ and K♣ seem to be split or surely West would have led one of them if he held both. Hence, East seems to have a high spade and a high club! As she passed 1♠ – she has less than 6HCP. East has the Q♠ and K♣.</i></p>			
♥ A962				
♦ J643				
♣ Q6				
♠ J82				
♥ KJ1053				
♦ AK10				
♣ 102				

Hand 2

	South	West	North	East
		1♠	pass	2♣
	3♥	pass	4♥	All pass
♠ Q5	<p><i>West leads 6♠. Dummy's Q♠ gets covered by the K♠ and you win the A♠. You have a combined total of 21 HCP. The opponents have 19. East is known to have 3 points in spades. Since West did not lead a club, he does not have both the A♣ and K♣. Therefore, East has one of those cards. That makes 6 points in the East hand. East cannot hold the K♥ as that would her 9 HCP, meaning West opened the bidding with a 10 count. So, there is no reason to take the heart finesse. The key to the hand is the Q♦. I would play West for that card. Play a diamond to the 10♦ and close your eyes. If it wins, cash the A♦, and play a heart to the Ace. If the K♥ drops, great! If it doesn't, play the K♦ and throw away dummy's small spade.</i></p>			
♥ Q976				
♦ A10				
♣ 95432				
♠ A7				
♥ AJ10854				
♦ KJ3				
♣ 108				

COMPETITION RESULTS

Redlands Under 500 Graded Pairs Congress

A successful Congress was held with a total of eighteen pairs with nine each Section.

Visitors came from many other clubs including QCBC, BBC, Northern Suburbs, Sunnybank, Toowoomba and Goondiwindi. Thank you to all the Redlands members who helped to make this a great competition.

Congratulations to **Lilly Jia and Davis Zhang** from the Sunnybank Club who were the winners in the **A Grade Section**.



Nigel Cleminson RBC President, with Lilly Jia & Davis Zhang

Second were **Shanaal De Zoysa & Hema De Zoysa**.
(photo not available).

Third were **Kiku Mukai & David Earnshaw** from the Redlands Club.



Kiku Mukai & David Earnshaw with Nigel Cleminson

Nine pairs competed in the **B Gade Section** with the first three positions going to Redlands Club members. The winners were **Susan Rankin & Michael Clibbon**.



Michael Clibbon & Susan Rankin

Second place went to **Neal Healy & John Bullion**.



Neal Healy & John Bullion

Third place went to **Neil & Chris Niemand**.



Chris Niemand & Neil Niemand

Winter Teams Competition

The **Winter Teams Competition** was held over two weeks with nine teams competing. The competition was won by the team consisting of **Michael Souter, Loren Leader, Molly O'Donohue, Gill Ross and Philip Thompson** (not available for photo).



Michael Souter, Gill Ross, Molly O'Donohue & Loren Leader

Second placegetters were **Brian Gamble, Dan Maher, Agnes Kempthorne & Barry Kempthorne**.



Barry & Agnes Kempthorne, and Dan Maher & Brian Gamble



Third place went to **Irene Mullan, Robina Cooper, Eric Geise, Lynda Wealleans & John Florence**.

Eddie Santagiuliana Trophy

Eighteen pairs competed for the honours in this annual competition. Congratulations to the winners **Agnes & Barry Kempthorne** who are pictured below.



Agnes Kempthorne & Barry Kempthorne

In second place was **Judith Corney & Jane Whelan**.



Judith Corney & Jane Whelan

Third place went to **Robyn Green & Jenny Boxer**.

Brisbane Zone GNOT Final

Our Club was represented at the GNOT Brisbane Final by two teams comprising of:

- Team 1. Agnes Kempthorne, Barry Kempthorne, Brian Gamble and Loren Leader.
- Team 2. Anne Ormerod, Phillis Rankin, Turgut Manli and Sue Sherrell.

This was an extremely competitive competition, with 44 teams competing. Many thanks to our teams for representing us so well.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

1 Monday, 1 September – Club Championship Pairs
(1/2) - **Red Points**

Thursday, 4 September – Nationwide Pairs

1 Monday, 8 September – Club Championship Pairs
(2/2) - **Red Points**

Sunday 14 September – Redland Graded Swiss Pairs
Congress - **Red Points**

Saturday, 20 September – Nationwide Pairs

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Ewa Kowalczyk
Moira Cunningham

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

JULY PROMOTIONS

Phyllis Rankin

Bronze Regional

Turgut Manli

State



Bits and Pieces

A Big Thank You

As Congress Catering Convenor, I would like to sincerely thank club members for the tremendous support they gave at the last congress. The goodies provided (so many were deliciously homemade), were a tremendous success and of exceptional quality and quantity. The partakers of the delicious fare had much to say about it, all complimentary.

Special thanks to my cheerful and competent volunteer helpers, some of whom stayed the whole day with me. Lots of laughs were had on the day. I am so grateful for your help and support. We keep maintaining our high standard and reputation, ensuring successful events. All thanks to you, the volunteers.

We will again be asking for your assistance for the next congress coming up quickly on 14 September, as well as the final one on 7 December. It seems the next two have larger attendances than the last one.

Would you please enter your name and details of your contribution on the notice board near the storeroom. I look forward to your continuous support and some new faces.

Avra Bowler

Lessons / Supervised Play

New lessons commence on **Wednesday, 3 September**. If you know of anyone who may be interested in learning to play bridge, please ask them to phone or text Nigel Cleminson on 0419 642 498. Alternatively, they can email the club: redlandsbridgeclub@bigpond.com.

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**.

I am not sure whether glory or masterpoints is first on the list, but I know learning to play better is definitely last.



After fishing at dawn, the husband left for a meeting and as it was a beautiful sunny day his wife decided to take his boat out into the bay, drop anchor and read her book. A Fisheries Inspector in his boat pulls up alongside the woman.

He says, "Good morning, Madam. What are you doing?"
"Reading a book." she replies.

"You're in a Restricted Fishing Area." he informs her.

She says, "I'm sorry, but I am not fishing, I am reading".

"Yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in."

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault." says the woman.

"But I haven't even touched you." says the Fisheries Inspector.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."

They called it quits!



A young couple were taking their baby for a walk in his pram.

As they left the house a neighbour was just returning.

After inspecting the infant, she gushed "Isn't he a beautiful baby. Did you adopt him?"



A guy stands over his tee shot for what seems an eternity, looking up, looking down, measuring the distance, figuring the wind direction and speed, driving his partner nuts.

Finally, his exasperated partner says, "What's taking so long? Hit the blasted ball!"

The guy answers, "My wife is up there watching me from the clubhouse. I want to make this a perfect shot."

"Forget it man, you don't stand a snowballs chance in hell of hitting her from here!"

- The irony for mankind is that a computer program asks a human to prove that they're not a robot!
- Have you ever noticed that all instruments searching for intelligent life are pointed away from Earth?
- Remember when we used to line up at a fair and pay to see a fat tattooed lady? Now they're everywhere!
- Working at an unemployment office has to be a tense job.....knowing if you get fired, you still have to come in the next day.
- Why do eggs come in flimsy Styrofoam cartons and batteries come in a package that only a chainsaw can open?
- The first bottle of Coca-Cola from 1894 contained around 3.5 grams of cocaine. Explains why our parents and grandparents could walk to and from school, uphill, both ways, in the snow, barefoot.
- Have you ever been crazy about somebody back in the day, and you see them now and you think glad I missed that ship!
- Practice makes perfect.....but nobody's perfect..... so why practice?
- If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?
- Never put off the work till tomorrow what you can put off today.

A brief example to explain different forms of social organisation:

- Socialism: You have two cows; the government gives one to your neighbour
- Communism: You have two cows; the government takes both and gives you the milk
- Fascism: You have two cows; the government takes both and sells you the milk
- Nazism: You have two cows; the government takes both and shoots you
- Bureaucratism: You have two cows, the government takes both, shoots one, milks the other and throws away the milk
- Capitalism: You have two cows; you sell one and buy a bull
- Economic rationalism: You have two cows; you mortgage them both to buy a bull and sell all milk to cover repayments.