

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



APRIL 2024

Hi Everyone,

Hope you all had a safe and very happy Easter and that you didn't overdose on hot cross buns and chocolate Easter eggs! (Well, maybe a little!)

At this time of the year, it is good to reflect on the sacrifices made by our predecessors. We are very lucky to have had people whose hard work and dedication resulted in us being able to enjoy our own club, and we should all strive to make it a harmonious environment.

Some of those people are recognised by Honour Board Trophies dedicated to their memory. The first of these competitions is being held this month. See p.3 for a little of our history regarding the Doris Kerr Trophy. Don't forget to add your name to the list on the notice board.

Good bridging and keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

Just because you are right, does not mean that I am wrong. You just haven't seen life from my side.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I've been told that the election for the management committee at last month's AGM was the most complex in our history. There was certainly plenty of interest in the outcome, judging from the number of people who attended and the large number who pre-voted.

I would like to thank all who endorsed me to continue in the role of President. I hope that the committee will be a constructive and harmonious one. Meanwhile, we can now get back to concentrate on the main purpose of the club, which is to enjoy playing the game that gives us both pleasure and frustration.

The new Committee is as follows: Nigel Cleminson (President), Mike Souter (Vice President, Anne Ormerod (Treasurer), Cathy Mathieson (Secretary), Avra Bowler, Robina Cooper, Di Elliott, Tom France, Max Latimer and Carradine Lucas, and we are already in action.

There has been a significant change in the number of directors operating at the club. Chris Mayfield has retired to go travelling. At the same time, I was notified that Ros Putland, Warren Moore and Neil Casey have decided that they don't wish to continue directing. This will throw a lot of the work of managing the club events back on to the remaining directors. It may be necessary to revert to a single director for ordinary sessions and have two directors for significant events. If anyone is able to assist with directing, even on an occasional basis then we would appreciate your help.

Beginners' classes are starting this month at the usual time of 2.00 -4.00 pm on Wednesdays. The first lesson

will be held on the 3rd of April and the classes go for six weeks, followed by supervised play. If you know of anyone who may be interested in these lessons, please ask them to phone or text me on 0419 642 498. Alternatively, they can email the club: redlandsbridgeclub@bigpond.com.

We have several red point events lined up in the near future. These include the Doris Kerr this month and the Marie Currell Novice Trophy next month, as well as various eclectics. Good luck to all of you playing in these events.

May your finesses work at least half the time.

Nigel Cleminson – Club President

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2024

The Committee for the current year was elected at the Annual General Meeting held 16 March 2024.

Positions are as follows:

President:	Nigel Cleminson
Vice President:	Michael Souter
Secretary:	Cathy Mathieson
Treasurer:	Anne Ormerod
Committee Members:	Avra Bowler
	Robina Cooper
	Di Elliott
	Tom France
	Max Latimer
	Carradine Lucas

Bridge partners are like parking spots, the good ones are taken, and the available ones are handicapped.



1NT BID by RESPONDER

Gary Brown



Always ask yourself these two questions on any auction. *How High? What in?* If we can answer these two questions, we will often land in the correct contract.

Opener

♠A97542

♥AK3

♦AK3

♣7

Responder

♠83

♥J10986

♦J83

♣A85

1. Opener has a hand worth 19-20 points and opens ♠1.
2. Responder, holding 6+ points must respond and bids 1NT. A ♥2 response would promise 5+ hearts which she has, and 10+ points which she *does not* have.
3. With the 1NT response, opener wants to be in game, and makes a forcing bid – *one responder cannot pass*.
4. She cannot rebid spades as a ♠2 re-bid shows a 6-card spade suit but limits her hand to minimum strength (13-15) and can be passed. A ♠3 re-bid is a jump and promises a 6-card spade suit but limits her hand to medium strength (16-18) and can be passed. She certainly can't jump to ♠4 with that suit as responder has not promised any spades. Conclusion: Opener cannot rebid her spades at this point. 3NT is too far out to even warrant a comment.
5. A jump shift is forcing to game. Hence a jump-shift to ♣3, ♦3, or ♥3 would all be forcing responder to bid again. All three bids suggest holding a 4+ card suit *which opener does not have*. Hence, they are all fibs! She can dispense with ♣3 as that would be too weird, so it must be ♦3 or ♥3. As she does not know if responder holds any hearts at all, a jump to 3-hearts really must promise 4-hearts. You may have heard the phrase "*if you have to fib, don't fib in the majors.*" So, the correct bid here is ♦3 with the aim of dealing with whatever responder answers.
6. ♦3 leaves open the chance for responder to reveal more about her hand. She might now bid ♥3 to show a 5+ heart suit, or she might bid ♠3 showing simple preference with 2-card spade support. If she raises diamonds to the 4-level, we can now counter with a ♠4 bid to tell partner we have six. As it happens, responder does bid ♥3 showing 5+ hearts. We now have the answer to the question: *What in? How High? Game*. So – we can now bid ♥4.

BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

PENALTY CARDS

- Whenever a card, other than the card being played, is accidentally or intentionally exposed by a defender, it becomes a penalty card. The Director must be called when this occurs.
- Whether it is a minor or major penalty card will be determined by the Director. Player obligations differ depending on which it is, and the Director will inform the table of everyone's rights and obligations.

CALL THE DIRECTOR

- Whenever an infraction occurs at the table, you must call the Director.
- Players cannot make their own rulings. If they do, the Director has the right to have players forfeit rights to rectification they would otherwise have had.

From ABF Rules and Ethics

COMPETITION RESULTS

Presidents Pairs

Twenty-two (22) pairs competed in the Presidents Pairs competition. This was a very exciting finish with only one matchpoint separating the winners.

The winning pair was **Leigh Dominikovich & Barbara Mackay** who said it was good to finally win after "being the bridesmaids" for a number of years. They were very closely followed by **Bill Morgan & James Williamson**. Third place winners were **Brian Gamble & Dan Maher**. Congratulations to all winners and to those who competed.



Leigh Dominikovich & Barbara Mackay celebrating their win.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Wednesday, 10 April – Doris Kerr Trophy 1/2,
Red Points

Wednesday, 17 April – Doris Kerr Trophy 2/2,
Red Points

Friday, 26 April – ANZAC Memorial Trophy
Green Points

Next month: Novice Members (under 100 MPs)
Tuesday, 7 May – Marie Currell Trophy
Red Points

A little Club history....

Doris (Dorrie) Ella Kerr who was a very keen bridge player came from Townsville to live with family in the Redlands. In 1991 she was the driving force behind the day session which was played at the Uniting Church in Victoria Point. This session probably would not have survived without her support.

Dorrie was a little old lady with irons on both legs and walked with double walking sticks. She welcomed any guest with a big smile and was willing to partner anyone. She had a great sense of humour and was noted for pushing the opposition, enjoying a chuckle when they went 'off' four and they were vulnerable.

She died within two years of the commencement of daytime bridge and a week before her 90th birthday. Her family donated \$500 to the Club for a perpetual trophy in her honour, which was the first Honour Board Trophy for day sessions. Her family stated that the club had made an old lady very happy towards the end of her life.

MARCH PROMOTION

Su O'Mahony

Silver Local

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW
MEMBER**



Robert Bland

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



70%ers for March



Barbara Luxton & Patricia Carroll – 94.1%
Daniel Chua & Greg Nolan – 82.1%
James Williamson & Bill Morgan – 80.0%
Frances Bourke & Neil Casey – 79.3%
Brian Gamble & Dan Maher – 78.6%
Chris Mayfield & Kay Justice – 77.9%
Leigh Dominikovich & Barbara Mackay - 77.1%
and 71.4%
Anne Ormerod & Dell Elkington – 74.3%
Turgut Manli & Tom France – 74.3%
John Bullion & Dan Maher – 74.0%
Annie Henderson & Su O'Mahony – 73.6%
John Bullion & Graham Craven – 71.4%
Jenny Boxer & Robyn Green – 70.7%
Jan Deaville & Jane Whelan – 70.0%

Bits and Pieces

Supervised Play is taking a break during the new lessons and will recommence on Wednesday, 15 May from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

Dishwasher – When putting your dirty cups in the dishwasher, please check to see that you are not putting them in with clean ones that may not have been taken out yet. This results in the wasteful exercise of the whole load having to be washed.

Mobile Phones – Please turn your phone off or put it on silent while playing. This is very distracting to players sitting nearby. Don't forget you (and therefore your partner) can be penalised for flouting this rule.

BRIDGE BOOK REVIEW

by Cathy Mathieson



Introduction to Bridge by Paul Marston

If you are a novice bridge player and want to reinforce the concepts that have been learned in your beginner's class, this is the book for you.

Paul Marston takes you through the points required for you to open, how many points your partner needs to respond and whether you have enough points for game. It covers very basic concepts such as when to open in No Trump, how to respond when the opposition interferes and the correct time to double.

The challenge of bridge is to communicate with your partner in a way that is unambiguous. A bid is an undertaking on behalf of the partnership to make a certain number of tricks. A bid is also the only way to communicate to your partner the strength and shape of your hand. Your bid and your partners responses must have very set and well understood point ranges for the auction to be successful. Paul Marston's Introduction to Bridge teaches those exact point ranges.

This book covers such important topics:

- Exact point ranges for every level of bidding
- Responding at the correct point level
- The difference between high card points and total or distributional points.
- Reassessing your hand once you have a fit.
- What to bid when you don't have a fit
- The basics of when to double.
- Tips on card play.

The fastest way forward in mastering this challenging game is for BOTH you and your partner to understand each other. It is unproductive for only one partner to know and understand the valuable information in this book. Study it together.

Paul Marsden is a very successful bridge player with more than 50 national and international titles to his credit. He runs the Grand Slam Bridge Centre in Sydney and has many useful YouTube videos online.

Do you ever wake up, kiss the person sleeping beside you, and feel glad that you are alive? I just did and apparently will not be allowed on this airline again....

Rule of Eleven:

The inevitable trick total whenever you bid a slam.

Eight Ever, Nine Never:

The status quo whenever you raise 2NT to 3NT.

Second Hand Low:

The easiest way to lose your aces on defence.

Leading Through Strength:

A sure-fire way to make your queens disappear.

What "Richard Says":

Tips that work on lesson deals, but never in real life.

A man goes to his psychiatrist and says, "Every time I drink my coffee, I get a stabbing pain in my right eye," The psychiatrist says, "Well, have you tried taking the spoon out?"



A woman noticed her husband standing on the bathroom scales, sucking in his stomach. "Ha! That's not going to help," she said.

"Sure it does," he said. "It's the only way I can see the numbers!"

*The more you weigh.
The harder you are to kidnap.
stay safe,
EAT CAKE!*

Some more great signs, by Vince the Sign Guy

The first 5 days after the weekend are the hardest.

Laughing out loud is forbidden in Hawaii because it's a Low Ha State.

All desirable things in life are either Illegal, Banned, Expensive or Married to SOMEONE else!

Camping:
Where you spend a small fortune To live like a homeless person.

Take care of your body.
It's the only place you have to live in.

An elderly man goes to the doctor for his annual check-up. The doctor is impressed that this man is in even better health than he was the year before. Curious, he asks him what he does for mental stimulation. The man answers that he plays duplicate bridge. The doctor, who is a bridge player, says that's great, and asks him what he does for physical stimulation. "I sit East-West" was the reply.

Bob and his wife started dieting a week ago.

Bob's wife proposed that they should have a cheat day today.

She brought home McDonald's and KFC wings. Bob brought home his secretary.

From his hospital bed, Bob is wondering when he will ever begin to understand women.

Police have confirmed that the man who tragically fell from the roof of an 18th floor nightclub was not a bouncer.