

# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

# TRUMPIT



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Hi Everyone,

Hope you are all enjoying the beautiful autumn weather even though we have had to contend with a cyclone, loss of electricity and lots of rain. Although it has caused some problems at the club, at least it was nothing major and we were able to return to play fairly quickly.

April will be a busy month with Easter which will be closely followed by ANZAC Day.



Daylight Savings finishes in the other states this weekend and the school holidays start, so many of you will be on 'grandparent duty'.

Enjoy Easter and stay safe.

Good bridging and keep smiling!



**Robina Cooper**

*The meaning of life is to find your gift..... the purpose of life is to give it away.*

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

In contrast with last year, the election of the committee at this year's AGM was a non-event. There were exactly the number of nominations required to fill every position, so all nominees are now on the committee. 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.

The main issues that had to be dealt with at the AGM were several motions that had been placed on notice for the required time ahead of the meeting. All of these were passed by show of hands, although not all were accepted unanimously.

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), Colin Gorton (Treasurer), Jane Whelan (Secretary), Avra Bowler, Gabriel Ruhland, Turgut Manli, Tom France, Max Latimer and Tala Badie, and we are already in action.

One change that was endorsed at the AGM was approval for a paid non-playing director for significant club events such as honour board and similar. We are still operating with only three qualified directors at the club. 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.

The President's Pairs annual competition was held last month over two Wednesdays. We had twenty pairs eventually, after a couple of late additions and late withdrawals. This was run as an eight-round Swiss competition. Brian Gamble and Loren Leader worked their way to the top early on and weren't dislodged. Congratulations to both of them.

There have been some after-effects of the power outage that followed Cyclone Alfred. There are battery backups for the alarm system and for the emergency lighting that enables people to evacuate the building in an emergency. The alarm system has become inoperable, so we'll have to look at installing a new one. Two of the emergency lights failed the legal illumination duration, so they'll also need replacing. The other item that failed recently is the session timer on the Eastern wall. We are considering a new system with a couple of large TV screens, similar to those used in other clubs to replace the countdown timer.

Beginners' classes started last month at the usual time of 2-4 pm on Wednesdays. The first lesson was supposed to be on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March, but with the after-effects of the cyclone it was postponed a week. The classes go for six weeks, followed by supervised play.

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. You may remember that a named ANZAC Day pairs event was run for the first time last year. A new perpetual shield has been donated by Turgut Manli, and this red point event will be held later in the month. Good luck to all of you playing in these events.

May your finesses work at least half the time.

***Nigel Cleminson – Club President***

*Bridge - a test of your skill versus opponents' luck.*



## Meet your new Committee

The Management Committee for 2025 were elected at the Annual General Meeting as follows:

<b>President:</b>	Nigel Cleminson
<b>Vice President:</b>	Michael Souter
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Colin Gorton
<b>Secretary:</b>	Jane Whelan
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Tala Badie Avra Bowler Tom France Max Latimer Turgut Manli Gabriel Ruhland



Front Row L-R: Jane Whelan, Nigel Cleminson, Colin Gorton, Michael Souter  
Back Row: Max Latimer, Gabriel Ruhland, Turgut Manli, Tala Badie, Tom France and Avra Bowler

Following the Annual General Meeting, the President made a small presentation to outgoing committee member Carradine Lucas and thanked her for her contribution to the committee.



Carradine Lucas

## One No Trump Response by Partner

Gary Brown



We are always asking ourselves two questions on any auction. How High? What in? Asking ourselves these two questions keeps us focused. If

we can answer these two questions, we will often land in the correct contract.

### 1♣ - 1NT

1NT shows 3-3-3-4 shape. With a 4-card suit above clubs she would have bid it. So, she has a 4-card club suit i.e. ♠ J 7 5 ♥ 9 7 3 ♦ K 8 3 ♣ A 10 7 3. If she had 5+ clubs, she could have bid 2♣ instead of 1NT.

### 1♦ - 1NT

Denies 4-hearts or 4-spades, but she could have long clubs. i.e. ♠ 8 2 ♥ 3 ♦ J 8 3 ♣ K Q 8 7 4 3 2.

### 1♥ - 1NT

Denies heart support or 4+ spades, but she could have long diamonds or clubs.

### 1♠ - 1NT

Denies spade support, but she could have long hearts, long diamonds or long clubs!

In all the cases above, the reason responder did not bid their long suit is because they had less than 10 points. If you have a hand where you have to add your length points to get your way up to 10 points, it might be best to respond 1NT for now, (limiting your hand) and then bid the long suit at your next opportunity.

*An interesting hand:*

North ♠A97542 ♥AK3 ♦AK3 ♣7

South ♠83 ♥J10986 ♦J83 ♣A85

1. North opens 1♠ (nice hand worth 19-20 points).
2. South holding 6+ points must respond and bids 1NT.
3. Opener wants to be in game and must make a forcing bid that responder cannot pass. She can't rebid spades. 2♠ shows a 6-card spade suit but limits her hand to minimum strength (13-15) and can be passed. 3♠ is a jump but limits her hand to medium strength (16-18) and can be passed. She can't jump to 4♠ as South has not promised any spades. 3NT is not viable as she cannot see partner's hand.

4. A jump shift is forcing to game, hence 3♣, 3♦ or 3♥ would be forcing which suggests holding a 4+ suit - which opener does not have. They are all fibs. A 3♣ bid is out of the question, so it has to be either 3♦ or 3♥. 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 responds.
5. Bridge is not a perfect game, especially when it comes to the bidding. However, we can only do what we think is best. Here we are feeling our way in the dark a bit. Our focus at this point is on making a forcing bid. 3♦ leaves open the chance for responder to reveal more about her hand. She might now bid 3♥ to show a 5+ card heart suit. That would be nice. Or she might bid 3♠ showing simple preference, showing 2-card spade support. We could deal with that! If she raises diamonds to the 4-level, oh dear, it was not what we're hoping for, but we can now counter with a 4♠ bid to tell partner we have six.
6. As it happens, Responder does bid 3♥ showing 5+ hearts. We now have the answer to the question: What in? Answer: Hearts. How High? Game. So - we can now bid 4♥. *Whew!*

## BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

### DECEPTION

- You cannot attempt to deceive an opponent except in your bids and cards played.
- This includes things like deliberating for a few seconds before playing a singleton to make an opponent think you have a choice of cards to play or hesitating when an opponent is finessing through you in order to make them think you have the missing honour.
- Bridge is not poker – bluffing is not allowed!

### WHEN IS A CARD PLAYED?

- For a Defender, a card is played when it could have been seen by their partner. It doesn't matter whether or not partner did see it, nor does it matter if Declarer saw it.
- For Declarer, a card is played when it is placed on or near the table in the played position. It doesn't matter whether or not a Defender has seen it.

*From ABF Rules and Ethics*

## COMPETITION RESULTS

### President's Pairs

Twenty pairs competed for honours in the annual President's Pairs competition. The usual jockeying for positions kept it interesting, but there can only be one winning pair.

The winners were **Lorin Leader & Brian Gamble**.



Lorin Leader & Brian Gamble

Second placegetters were **Agnes & Barry Kempthorne**.



Agnes & Barry Kempthorne

Third placegetters were **Philip Thompson & Molly O'Donohue**. Thank you to everyone who competed, particularly the novice players. Well done!

### WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

**Sunday, 6 April – Sunday Bridge (cancelled)**

**Wednesday, 9 April – Doris Kerr Trophy  
Red Points**

**Wednesday, 23 April – ANZAC Memorial Pairs  
Red Points**

**\*\* Sunday, 4 May – Sunday Bridge \*\***

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER



**John Clarke**

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

### FEBRUARY PROMOTIONS

Ron Ruhland	Graduate
Sue Sherrell	Graduate
Caroline Attard	Local
Colleen Briggs	State
Dov Berns	National



*Our sincere condolences go to the family of Bev Tucker who passed away recently*



Bev was a Life Member and former President of the Redland Bridge Club and was instrumental in obtaining leased land from the Redlands Council to build the clubhouse.

She devised a plan to borrow money from members in order to fund the building. She also served on the Management Committee for many years in a variety of roles.

*Rest  
in  
peace*

*Our sincere condolences also to the family  
of Jan Hickling who passed away recently*



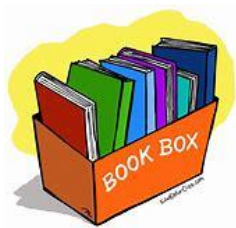
**70%ers for March**



**Shirley Burgess & Jenny Boxer – 70.08%**

## ***Bits and Pieces***

### **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 others 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.

### **New Lessons**

New lessons commenced on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March and will run for six weeks. If you have any queries about the lessons, please phone or text Nigel Cleminson on 0419 642 498.

### **Supervised Play**

Supervised Play sessions are taking a break while the new lessons are being held. They will resume from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm on **Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April**.

### **Sunday Bridge**

Unfortunately, Sunday bridge, which was to be held on Sunday, 6th April has been cancelled.

Please mark your diary for **Sunday, 4th May** for next month's session, and enter your name on the booking list or contact Avra Bowler. Could you please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.

### **Wednesday Night Play**

As our numbers have fallen for Wednesday night play, it was decided at the Annual General Meeting that Wednesday nights will be held as "social bridge" sessions at no charge to members. There will be no formal scoring or points awarded.

The sessions will include informal coaching and skills development and aimed at attracting newer players as well as established players. Social bridge evenings will start at 7.00 pm and finish at 9.30 pm and will be convened by Michael Clibbon and Dan Maher.

If at any point twelve or more players are convened to play, then formal bridge will be played i.e. minimum 24 boards, scored and points awarded. Normal rules will apply and the usual charge of \$7.00 per member or \$9.00 per visitor, will apply.

### **Local Hero Award**

Congratulations to **John Bullion** was recently presented with the **Redland City Council's Australia Day Local Hero Award**. He was nominated for the award by Brendan Smith, principal of the Birkdale State School.

John has single-handedly compiled a written record of the school's 108-year history with photographs, artefacts, personnel and student records and records of events. He has also given countless hours of his own time to assist with musical, sporting, cultural and artistic school occasions. Thanks to John's hard work and dedication the school has one of the most complete histories of any school in the Redlands – possible in Queensland.

Brendan acknowledged John's significant contribution to the school's 75<sup>th</sup> and Centenary celebrations, in 1991 and 2016 respectively, and says that John embodies everything associated with being a local hero – humility, respect, kindness and generosity.

We endorse that! Well done, John, you certainly deserve this accolade!

Singers of the 60's are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate baby-boomers. New releases include:

*Herman's Hermits:*

Mrs Brown, You've Got A Lovely Walker

*Ringo Starr:*

I Get By With A Little Help From Depends

*The Bee Gees:*

How Can You Mend A Broken Hip?

*Roberta Flack:*

The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face

*Johnny Nash:*

I CAN'T See Clearly Now

*Paul Simon:*

Fifty Ways To Lose Your Liver

*The Commodores:*

Once, Twice, Three Times To The Bathroom

*Leo Sayer:*

You Make Me Feel Like Napping

*Helen Reddy:*

I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore

*Lesley Gore:*

It's My Hormones & I'll Cry If I Want To

*Willie Nelson:*

On The Commode Again

**I tried to come up with a  
carpentry pun that woodwork.  
I think I nailed it but nobody saw it.**

A young priest arrives in a new parish, and he was only there for 6 days, and found his bicycle had been stolen. He is very annoyed and complains to the Parish Priest. The Parish Priest was a wise and counselled old man who said to him, "Don't worry about recess, don't get all het up about it, I'll tell you what to do. On Sunday, as part of the Sunday Mass, do The Ten Commandments, and when it comes to 'thou shalt not steal,' have a good look around the congregation, and you will spot the guilty face."

So, after Sunday Mass, the Parish Priest says to the young priest "Did you do The Ten Commandments, and when you came to 'thou shall not steal,' did you find your bicycle?"

The young priest answers, "Well to tell you the truth Father, I did not get that far. I only got as far as 'thou shall not commit adultery' and I remembered where I left the bike."

Morris, an 82-year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous woman on his arm.

A couple of days later the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?"

Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, Doc: Get a hot mumma and be cheerful."

The doctor exclaimed, "I didn't say that! I said, you've got a heart murmur; be careful."

The little boy greets his grandmother with a hug and says, "I'm so happy to see you Grandma. Now maybe daddy will do the trick he has been promising us."

His grandmother is curious.

"What trick is that my dear?" she asks.

The little boy replies, "I heard daddy tell mummy that he would climb the bloody walls if you came to visit again."

- A tombstone with a typo? Well, that's a grave mistake!
- Swarms of flying insects threaten town! Police deploy the Swat Team.
- The guy who stole my diary has died. My thoughts are with his family.
- To ride or not to ride? That is the equestrian.
- What do you call a belt made out of hundred-dollar bills? A waist of money.
- The best murder weapon would be a Tupperware lid because no one would ever find it.
- I told my boss I needed a pay rise as three other companies were after me... He asked which ones. I said "gas, water & electric."

My wife and I got stuck in an elevator and when we got home, we told the story to our kids. They just looked at us and said,

"Sooooo.....  
...did ya get out?"

My wife and I looked at each other and made a pact to go ahead and start drinking away their college fund.