

# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

# TRUMPIT



DECEMBER 2024

Hi Everyone,



**Our Annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December. Cost: \$30 (incl. bridge) for members and \$40 for non-members & guests.**

**Note: Payments (cash or card) to Michael by Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, so numbers can be confirmed for catering purposes.**

**Bridge will commence at 1.30 pm and finish around 4.30 - 5.00 pm, when your spouses and friends should arrive. Dinner will be served at 6.00 pm. Nibbles and 2 bottles of wine per table will be provided & non-alcoholic punch will be available. BYO drinks if you require more.**

**Wishing you and you and your family a safe and happy Festive Season!**



Robina Cooper

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Have you noticed that the frenetic pace of Christmas is upon us? The stores are full of decorations, trees and toys. Shopping centre parking is becoming more difficult, and the bridge club Christmas party is just around the corner. The year has almost disappeared already. Before you know it, we'll have hot cross buns available.

The Summer Teams were held with nine teams competing. Because there was an odd number of teams and a relatively small field, this was run as a whist movement on each of the two days, and then the results were merged to give a final result. Congratulations to the winners who created a large enough buffer in the first session to withstand any late attack.

This year the Inter-Club Teams event was held at Redlands. This was a major undertaking because of the large number of entries. We had to rearrange the room to cope with thirty teams and still leave space for our director Julie Jeffries. It was the largest session that I've seen at the club and was a very successful day. This was mainly due to the large number of volunteers who prepared and presented food, and who helped to run the show. Redland teams excelled themselves to the point where they almost won the trophy. See pages 3 & 4 for a full report. The way the day unfolded was an excellent advertisement for the club and will certainly attract more people to come to our events. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who helped make it such a great day.

*The sheep will spend its entire life  
fearing the wolf, only to be eaten by  
the shepherd.*

The Open Teams Congress is taking shape for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of December. At the close of booking, we have 30 teams entered. We're providing snacks and coffee/tea all day as well as some drinks in the afternoon. The thing that would really help would be to have some assistance in the kitchen or to act as a caddy to locate boards for the players. If you're not playing, can you spare a few hours to help out please? We're hoping to enhance our reputation as a really good place to go. This means a combination of a well-run event with nice food and a pleasant atmosphere.

The Melbourne Cup Day was an excellent event. The organisers and people who helped to run it are greatly commended. Everyone seemed to be having a great time, and the food and drink were all good. Congratulations to the winners of prizes, and if you missed out then better luck next year.

Supervised play is continuing. We will have people to help the beginners for another few weeks. The last session for this year will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of December. There will then be a two-week break over Christmas before resuming on 8<sup>th</sup> of January.

We are planning to get the next club membership book printed much earlier next year. The calendar of club events has been settled. If any of your phone numbers have changed, could you please provide updated information to Carradine or Robina.

I wish all of you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. If you're travelling or having family gatherings, then make the most of the occasions. Come and play bridge when you can and may all of your finesses work at least half the time.

**Nigel Cleminson – Club President**

*The world is full of competent declarers, but the truly expert defender is a rare bird indeed.*



## ***Making a Plan in a NoTrump Contract***

**Gary Brown**



Count your **winners** as soon as dummy comes down. Don't play a card until you've formed a plan for making your contract. If you don't have enough top winners to make

your contract, make a plan to create more winners. You have two main ways to develop extra tricks:

- **Finessing** to trap the opponents' honours.
- **Developing long-suit winners**, which may require letting the defenders win a trick or two.

Decide which suit offers the greatest number of potential tricks and lead it first. In most cases, this will be your **longest** fit. Don't be afraid to give the opponents their tricks in your long suit if it will eventually set up tricks for you.

- Before you lead the suit, **make a plan** for how you'll set up and cash its tricks. Decide which hand you want to lead from first, how you will 'unblock' your honours, and whether or not you may be able to trap missing honours with one or more finesses.
- **Count the opponents' cards** as you lead your long suit. Keep track of the number of cards they still have so you'll know if and when your small cards are winners. Remember that the 13th card of a suit, even if it's a deuce, is always a trick in notrump.

Cash winners in your short suits **last**. Don't set up the opponents' small cards in these suits by cashing your tricks too early.

**In general**, be cautious about leading the suit the opponents chose for the opening lead. At least one opponent has length in that suit, so don't set up winners for them. The opponents will usually attack that suit again when they get the lead.

### ***Building Natural Tricks***

One of your main sources of tricks is in suits where you have honours. Some holdings - Aces, or AK and AKQ combinations - provide sure tricks that can be cashed without giving up the lead. You'll also need tricks from suits that **don't** have all the top honours.

One of the most common ways to build tricks is to drive out the opponents' aces and kings (and sometimes queens). When you form your plan, identify which honour combinations and suits offer the greatest number of potential tricks. Decide how and when you'll lead these suits, and don't be afraid to lose the lead.

eg. ♥KQJ - ♥432 - This heart combination is one loser and two winners. To actually get your two winners though, you have to force the ace out (lose a trick).

## BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

### CONDUCT AND ETIQUETTE

#### Proper Attitude

- A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.
- A player should carefully avoid any remark or extraneous action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.
- Every player should follow uniform and correct procedure in calling and playing.

#### Etiquette

As a matter of courtesy, a player should refrain from:

- Paying insufficient attention to the game.
- Making gratuitous comments during the auction and play.
- Detaching a card before it is his turn to play.
- Prolonging play unnecessarily (as in playing on although he knows that all the tricks are surely his) for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent.
- Summoning and addressing the Director in a manner discourteous to him or to other contestants.

*From ABF Rules and Ethics*

## COMPETITION RESULTS

### Brisbane Zone Interclub Teams

Our club recently hosted 10 Clubs for the annual Zone Teams Competition. All clubs had entries in each of the **A Grade, B Grade and C Grade sections** making it very competitive.

Congratulations to the **Queensland Contract Bridge Club (QCBC)** Teams who were the **overall winners** and are pictured below with the winners' trophy.

**The Redland Bridge Club** Teams were very credible second placegetters, with the **Kenmore Bridge Club** in third place.



Brisbane Zone Winners: QCBC Team

**A Grade** winners were the **QCBC**, with the **Kenmore Bridge Club** second and **Brisbane Bridge Centre** in third place. Our Redland team consisting of Agnes & Barry Kempthorne, Phillip Thompson and Molly O'Donohue were sixth. Well done team.



A Grade: Jan Peach, Richard Ward, Zac Ross & Kate McDonald

## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

**Sunday, 1 December – Redland Teams Congress**  
**Red Points**

**Saturday, 14 December – Christmas Party**

### 70%ers for November ★

**Agnes Kempthorne & Barry Kempthorne – 71.7%**  
**Chris Niemand & Neil Niemand – 70.2%**

**B Grade** winners were the **Redland Bridge Club** team. Congratulations to **Shirley Burgess, Jenny Boxer, Michael Clibbon & Thomas France**. In second place was **Arana Bridge Club** with **QCBC** third.



B Grade: Shirley Burgess, Jenny Boxer, Michael Clibbon & Thomas France

**C Grade** was also won by the **Redland Bridge Club** team. Congratulations to **Sammy & Wilmy Ziada, and Chris & Neil Niemand**. **QCBC** team were second and **Birkdale Bridge Club** third.



C Grade: Sammy & Wilmy Ziada and Chris & Neil Niemand

## Summer Teams

There were nine teams who competed in the Summer Teams competition held last month.

The team comprising of **Brian Gamble, Gill Ross, Anges and Barry Kempthorne** were the outright winners.

Second place went to **Loren Leader, Michael Souter, Molly O'Donohue and Philip Thompson**.

Third place winners were **Beverley Brecknell, Jane Horvath, David Earnshaw and John Bullion**.

Congratulations and thank you to all who played.

## Spring Graded Pairs

### Amendment:

*Pease note the final results shown in Trumpit last month were incorrect. The winners were as below:*

**A Section:** The winners were **Philip Thompson and Molly O'Donohue**, second place **Barry and Agnes Kempthorne**, third **Nigel Cleminson & Judith Corney**.

**B Section:** The winners were **Helen Zerphy & Sandra Devine**, second place **Timothy Freeman and Su O'Mahony** third **Jan Deaville & Jenny Boxer**.

### Thank You!

To all the people who stepped in to help at the very hectic *Inter Club Teams Congress*, a **BIG thank you** to you all. We needed many hands-on deck for this event as we had to also provide lunch, 135 rounds of sandwiches. I appreciate you giving of your Sunday time.

*Avra Bowler, Catering Convenor*

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**



**Judy Moore  
Sue Sherrell  
Julie White-Smith**

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



## Melbourne Cup celebrations

Our fun Melbourne Cup Day was a great social event. This could not happen of course without all the special people working behind the scenes.

Many thanks to Avra Bowler who organised the catering, Kay Justice for her beautiful decorations, Philip Thompson for auctioning off the horses with help from his wonderful bag-lady Val Watkins, Molly O'Donohue, Gill Ross and the many others who helped to make this an enjoyable event.



## Bits and Pieces

### Wednesday Night Play

Please note that Wednesday night play is taking a break during December and January. Many thanks to Clive Humphries who directs on Wednesday nights and is taking a well-deserved break.

Play will continue from **Wednesday, 29 January**.

### Supervised Play

The last session for the year will **18<sup>th</sup> December**, with a break over the Christmas and New Year period. These sessions will recommence on **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January**.

### HELP! No work involved!

Looking for donations of any useable Xmas paper that you can spare for the Xmas Party. Need it ASAP. Please leave at the front desk.

*Thank you. Avra*



My wife said, "For Christmas take \$200 and buy me a Nativity set and if there's anything left over you can spend it on fishing stuff!"



## The Twelve Days of Christmas



On the First day of  
Christmas, my true love said  
to me  
"I'm glad we bought a turkey  
and a proper Christmas  
Tree"

On the Second day of Christmas, much laughter could  
be heard

As we tucked into our turkey, a most delicious bird.

On the Third day of Christmas, the people from next  
door

Said the turkey tasted just as good as it had the day  
before.

Day Four, relations came to stay. Poor Granny's looking  
old. We finished up the Christmas pud and ate  
the turkey cold.

On the Fifth day of Christmas, outside the snowflakes  
flurried, but we were nice and warm inside.  
We ate our turkey curried.

On the Sixth day of Christmas, the Christmas spirit died.  
The children fought and bickered. We ate the turkey  
fried.

On the Seventh day of Christmas, I saw my true love  
wince  
When she sat down at the table and was offered turkey  
mince.

Day Eight and nerves were getting frayed – the dog had  
run for shelter.

I served up turkey pancakes with a glass of alka seltzer.

On the Ninth day of Christmas, by lunch time Dad was  
blotto.

He said he needed lots to drink to face turkey risotto.

On the Tenth day of Christmas, the booze had gone  
except the home-made brew, and if that wasn't  
bad enough, we suffered turkey stew.

On the Eleventh day of Christmas, the Christmas tree  
was moulting.

The mince pies were as hard as rocks. The turkey was  
revolting.

On the Twelfth day of Christmas, we had smiles upon  
our lips.

The guests had gone, the turkey too. We dined on fish  
and chips!

A priest and a rabbi were sitting next to each other on an airplane.

The priest turned to the rabbi and asked, "Is it still a requirement of your faith that you don't eat pork?"

The rabbi responded, "Yes, that is still one of our laws"

The priest then asked, "Have you ever eaten pork?"

To which the rabbi replied, "Yes, on one occasion I did succumb to temptation and tasted a ham sandwich."

The priest nodded in understanding and went on with his reading.

A while later, the rabbi spoke up and asked the priest, "Father, is it still a requirement of your church that you remain celibate?"

The priest replied, "Yes, that is still very much a part of our faith."

The rabbi then asked him, "Father, have you ever fallen to the temptations of the flesh?"

The priest replied, "Yes, rabbi, on one occasion I was weak and broke my faith."

The rabbi nodded understandingly and remained silent, and sat thinking, for about five minutes.

Finally, the rabbi said, "Beats a ham sandwich, doesn't it?"

***My kids and grandkids***

***keep laughing about***

***me losing my memory.***

***They won't be laughing at***

***Christmas when there's no***

***eggs under the tree!***

### WOMEN'S ASS SIZE STUDY

There is a new study about women and how they feel about their asses.

The results were very interesting.

**10%** of women think their ass is too skinny.

**30%** of women think their ass is too fat.

**60%** of women say they don't care. They love him. He is a good man, and they wouldn't trade him for the world.

### **It's a Man's world ... or is it?**

Dear God,

You gave me childhood...You took it away.

You gave me youth....You took it away.

You gave me a wife.....It's been 11 years now....

*Just reminding you....*

We found a leaflet in our newspaper this morning which read, "Are you an alcoholic? Call now. We can help.

My wife insisted I make the call.....

I called up.

It was a liquor shop offer: Buy 3 get 1 free.

Anyone who says marriage is an equal partnership is talking utter bollocks.

I gave up my mates, my motorbike, drinking, drugs, gambling.....

All she gave up was sex.

My wife told me that women are better at multi-tasking than men.

So, I asked her to sit down and be quiet.

She couldn't do either.

My wife asked me what the female version of a "Man Cave" would be.

I told her it's called "A Kitchen".

BTW, I need a place to stay for a few nights!

Sometimes, even after all these years, I wake up and look over at my wife sleeping peacefully beside me and I think, "Man is she lucky".

I still remember the day my mum and dad told me that Santa was fake.

I was heartbroken.

I jumped in my car and went straight to the pub.

A little boy asked his father,  
'Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?'  
Father replied, 'I don't know son, I'm still paying.'

A young son asked,  
'Is it true Dad, that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't  
know his wife until he marries her?'  
Dad replied, 'That happens in every country, son.'

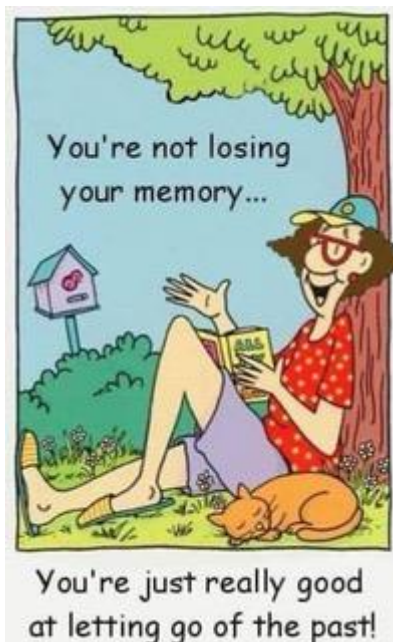
Then there was a woman who said, 'I never knew what  
real happiness was...until I got married...and by then, it  
was too late.'

Marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence.

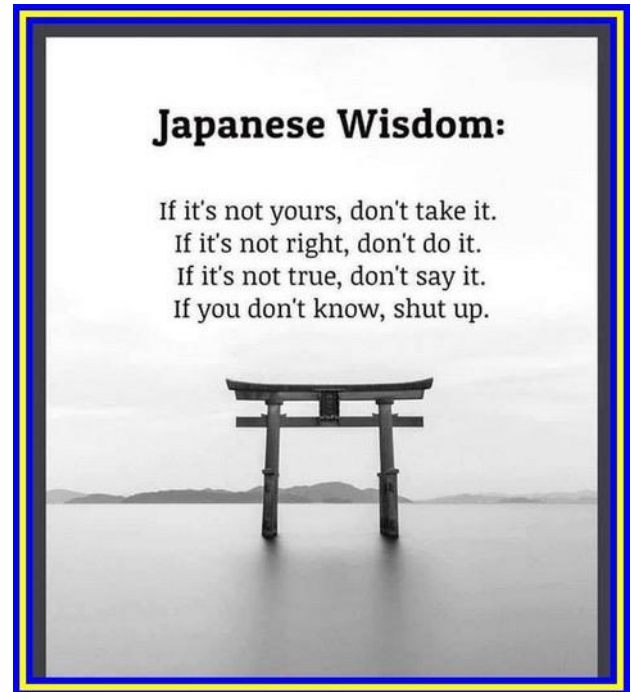
Just think, if it weren't for marriage, men would go  
through life thinking they had no faults at all.

A lady inserted an ad in the classifieds:  
'Husband Wanted'.  
Next day she received a hundred letters.  
They all said the same thing: You can have mine.

If you want your spouse to listen and pay strict attention  
to every word you say .... talk in your sleep.



A Woman's Prayer:  
Dear Lord, I pray for wisdom to understand a man, to  
love and to forgive him, and for patience for his  
moods. Because Lord, if I pray for strength, I'll just beat  
him to death.



Husband and wife are waiting at the bus stop with their  
nine children.

A blind man named Rudy joins them after a few  
minutes. When the bus arrives, they find it overloaded  
and only the wife and the nine kids are able to fit onto  
the bus.

So, the husband and the blind man decide to walk. After  
a while, the husband gets irritated by the ticking of the  
stick of the blind man as he taps it on the sidewalk, and  
says to him, 'Why don't you put a piece of rubber at the  
end of your stick? That ticking sound is driving me crazy.'  
The blind man replies, 'If you had put a rubber at the end  
of YOUR stick, we'd be riding the bus, so shut up.'

An elderly couple have been dating for some time and  
decide it is finally time to marry. Before the wedding they  
embark on a long conversation regarding how their  
marriage will work.

They discuss finances, living arrangements and so on.  
Finally, the old man decides it is time to broach the  
subject of their connubial relationship.

'How do you feel about sex?' he asks, rather hopefully.

'Well, I'd have to say I like it infrequently,' she responds.

The old guy pauses, then he asks, 'Was that one word or  
two?'

