

# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

# TRUMPIT



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Hi Everyone,



*It's hard to believe that another year has slipped by and here we are making new resolutions for the coming year.*

*On that vein, it is a good time to reflect on how to help to promote a happy enjoyable environment in which all members of the club can be assured that when playing at a session, they will be treated with courtesy and not be subject to disrespect.*

*Good bridging and keep smiling!*



**Robina Cooper**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

A happy new year to everyone. I hope you had a great time over Christmas, and you're looking forward to 2025. As predicted in last month's trumpet, hot cross buns have appeared in the shops already. I'm hoping to get some soon, although it does seem that any underlying significance has disappeared.

The Open Teams Congress was held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of December. We had a very large field of 30 teams entered. It turned out to be a great event, with very positive messages from the visitors about the environment, the food and the way it was run. The volunteers who contributed are all to be congratulated on their efforts. This sort of message will certainly encourage people to enter our congresses. On top of the Brisbane Inter-Club Teams event, this has been a very busy time for all club members who participated and assisted.

The Christmas party was well attended. After a free bridge competition, there were quizzes and music (thank you Molly), before a catered meal and some imbibing (thank you Avra for organising the meal). Everyone seemed to be having a good time, and we even had some dancing to round off the evening. There were enough helpers to put the tables and chairs back in place for the next bridge session on the following Monday.

The next event on our calendar is the New Year Graded Pairs. Just like last year we're holding this significant red-point event on Tuesdays.

*Actions prove who someone is, words just prove who they pretend to be.*

This will mean you'll need to have a partner and have your names on the nomination sheet to play on these two days – the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of January. Please remember that if you put your name down to enter a special event like this, then you're making a commitment to appear on the day. There won't be any other type of session on those two days, so I encourage you to give it a go. There will be either two or three sections depending on the number of entries. At the time of writing, we have 27 pairs entered. Our Tuesday sessions have been getting progressively bigger. A couple of weeks ago we had 16 tables, which was the largest club session since I arrived.

With the increased costs that keep trying to make a hole in our finances, the committee have decided we need to put up the table fees. This was approved at last year's AGM. From the 1<sup>st</sup> of January it will cost \$7 for members and \$9 for visitors. Please try to have the right amount if paying cash, and without small change please.

Supervised play is going to restart on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January, and the next set of lessons will take place around March. Some of the beginners from previous lessons have started playing in the regular sessions. The normal day for beginners to enter the fray has been Tuesday. This was originally set aside for those with very few master points. There has been a gradual change as players accumulated points, and there is now little difference with other sessions in terms of those playing. We still accept people without a partner. Some of the learners have been finding the supervised play a bit of a struggle, and they are able to attend the lessons again, since it's easier to pick up on the second go.

The calendar of club events has been settled, and if anyone wants a copy there are printed versions at the front desk.

**Nigel Cleminson – Club President**

*If bridge is just a game, then the Grand Canyon is just a hole in Arizona.*



## ***Developing Long-suit Winners in N/T***

**Gary Brown**



♦AKQ32 - ♦654. This diamond suit will provide five tricks if the 5 missing diamonds split 3-2 between the opponents.

What if the cards missing diamonds split 4-1? Well then - you will have to give up a trick to the opponents in order to establish the 5<sup>th</sup> diamond.

♦AK876 - ♦54. In No Trumps this diamond suit can provide three or four tricks, but only if you let the opponents win a trick or two. If the missing cards break 3-3, you can cash ♦AK and lead the ♦6, letting the opponents win this trick. (Probably best to duck (lose) the first diamond trick). If the missing cards instead break 4-2, you'll have to lose two tricks in order to establish the 5<sup>th</sup> diamond!

When you try to count winners in a long suit, you won't always know exactly how many tricks it will provide. You can make a good guess, though, if you know how the missing cards are *likely* to divide in the opponents' hands. When leading long suits, be sure you count the opponents' cards as they play to each trick. You'll need to keep track of how many cards are outstanding to determine whether or not your cards are winners.

### **UNBLOCKING PLAYS**

With some combinations, you must plan your play so that once you establish your suit, the lead will be in the correct hand. The order of your leads can be critical if one hand has more cards in the suit than the other. Whether you're building natural honour tricks or trying to establish a long suit, you will often need to plan to **unblock** the suit to be sure you can cash all the tricks you set up.

If you're leading a suit that's *unevenly divided* between your hand and dummy's, **play the high cards from the short suit first**. For example:

♥QJ102 - ♥K3 With this heart combination, you'll have three winners after you force out the ♥A. Attack this suit by leading the ♥K on the first trick (high card from the short suit). Now you can lead the ♥3 over to the ♥QJ10 and continue leading the suit, forcing the opponents to take their ♥A.

## PROMOTE ENJOYABLE BRIDGE WITHIN A PLEASANT CLIMATE



### Appropriate Behaviour

Greeting your opponents in a friendly manner

Thanking your opponents when the round is ended

Making your system card readily available

Praising good play or defence of opponents

Being a good "host" or "guest" at the table



### Inappropriate Behaviour

Criticising partner or opponents

Negative comments re bidding or play

Discussing hands after round is called

Badgering, rudeness, threats, profanity, insinuation

Disputing a Director's ruling during play (an appeal request is appropriate)

**Second Place:** Kim Morrison, Jake Luke-Paredi, Rachael Langon and Kate McDonald.



McDonald Team

**Third Place:** Paddy Taylor, Jill Magee, Pamela Evans, and James Evans.



Evans Team

## COMPETITION RESULTS

### Redland Open Teams Congress

This very successful Congress attracted 30 teams which provided some serious competition. There was a good spread of highly experienced players as well as those who hadn't played in a congress before.

**Winners:** Richard Fox, Maha Hoenig, Christine Newberry and Janeen Solomon pictured below with RBC President, Nigel Cleminson.



**Encouragement Award:** Top ranked winners from the lower half of the field. Vesna Markovich, Melva Leal, Voyko Markovic and Eugene Pereira (*not in photo*).



Markovic Team

**70%ers for December**



**Dianne Elliott & Helen Zerphey – 71.8%**

## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Tuesday, 7 January – New Year Graded Pairs 1/2,  
**Red Points**

Tuesday, 14 January – New Year Graded Pairs 2/2,  
**Red Points**

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Brendan Bazzo  
Lex Cogle  
Don Lewis

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

## Christmas Party

The Christmas Party was fun night to end the year in a relaxed social atmosphere. Special thanks to Avra for taking care of the catering and Molly for organising the quiz sessions and the music. Thanks also to all those people who worked behind the scenes to help make the evening a great occasion.

We were very happy to see that Life Member Keith Ormerod was able to join us for the evening. Good to see you, Keith.



Keith & Anne Ormerod

**Just had my first UFO experience.  
Told the wife her cooking was terrible.  
Flying saucers everywhere.**

A senior citizen said to his eighty-year-old buddy:  
'So, I hear you're getting married?'  
'Yep!'  
'Do I know her?'  
'Nope!'  
'This woman, is she good looking?'  
'Not really.'  
'Is she a good cook?'  
'Nah, she can't cook too well.'  
'Does she have lots of money?'  
'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.'  
'Well then is she good in bed?'  
'I don't know.'  
'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?'  
'Because she can still drive!'

## Bits and Pieces

### Wednesday Night Play

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

### Supervised Play

Supervised Play sessions will recommence from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm on **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January**.

### New Lessons

New lessons are planned for March (date to be set). If you know of anyone who may be interested in these lessons, please ask them to phone or text Nigel Cleminson on 0419 642 498. Alternatively, they can email the club: [redlandsbridgeclub@bigpond.com](mailto:redlandsbridgeclub@bigpond.com).

## Murphy's Other Laws

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
4. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
5. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
6. The things that come to those who wait, may be the things left by those who got there first.
7. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.
8. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
9. God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.
10. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people, who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

- I had a really bad day. First, my Ex got run over by a bus. Then I got fired from my job as a bus driver.
- The weakest part of a car is the nut holding the steering wheel.
- We all know that mirrors don't lie. I'm just grateful that they don't laugh.
- A woman with a salad walked past me in the restaurant and said, "You know a cow died so you could eat that beefburger." I said, "If you weren't eating its food, it might have lived!"
- I'm proud of myself. I finished a jigsaw puzzle in 6 months, and the box said 2-4 years!
- Never hike alone in bear country! Always hike with someone you can trip and outrun.
- Still trying to get my head around the fact that "Take Out" can mean food, dating or murder.
- Courage is knowing it might hurt and doing it anyway. Stupidity is the same. That's why life is hard!

**Inside every Older Person is a Younger Person  
wondering what the hell happened.**

**Do you know that awesome feeling when you get  
into bed, fall asleep all night and wake up feeling  
refreshed and ready to take on the day?**

***Yeah, me neither!***

**If slow old men use walking sticks, what do fast  
old men use? *Hurry canes!***

***You know, there are some  
things that you just never  
think of ..... like Mt. Rush-  
more from the Canadian side.***



Anthony Albanese was out strolling one morning along the harbour pathway near Kirribilli House in Sydney when he tripped, fell down the bank and landed in the water below.

Before the Security detail guys could get to him, 3 kids who were fishing pulled him out of the water. He was so grateful he offered the kids whatever they wanted.

The first kid said, "I want to go to Movie World in QLD". Albo said, "No problem, I'll take you there on my special Prime Minister's plane."

The second kid said, "I want a new pair of Speedo 'SHARK' bathers." Albo said, "I'll get them, and even have Ian Thorpe sign them for you!"

The third kid said, "I want a motorised wheelchair with a built in TV and stereo headset!"

The PM was a little perplexed by this and said, "But you don't look like you're handicapped." The kid said, "I will be after my dad finds out I saved you from drowning!!"

Two friends met after many years and reminisced about their past life and what they are doing now. One asks the other: "And how's your sex life??...."  
**"Good as Coca-Cola...."**  
"Oh great! Full of bubbles, eh?!"  
**"Nothing like that!...."**  
**Before it was 'NORMAL',**  
**Then it became 'LIGHT'**  
**And now it is 'ZERO'!!**