

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



JULY 2024

Hi Everyone,

We have been lucky with our winter weather so far, and fortunately it was a great day for our Working Bee. Thanks again to all who helped to make our clubhouse and surrounds look neat and tidy in time for our Congress next Sunday, July 7th.

There is still time to register for the Congress (but please be quick), which is open to our novice members (less than 100 masterpoints) and for those with less than 500 masterpoints.

Please remember that all pairs should have a matching System Card which must to be available on the day. I hope our new players see this as a valuable experience and enjoy the day.

Good bridging and keep smiling!



Robina Cooper

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Then quit. No use being a damn fool about it.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We've now completed the GNOT rounds and Carradine has tallied up the Winter eclectics. Those of you who competed will have observed a different movement for the GNOT. The Whist movement is very old. When there is a limited field and an odd number of teams, it can be simple to set up, and only needs a single set of boards. It still allows every team to compete against all others. We are mustering three teams who can go to the next GNOT elimination round in late August. Congratulations to those who competed in the GNOT. (see p.3).

The next major event in the club calendar is a Pairs Congress for under 500 master points and under 100 Novices. At least, we hope it will be a major event. Entries have been somewhat slow coming in with only 23 pairs at the time of writing. It's no longer enough to distribute an advertising flyer to attract players to come to a congress. Jane Whelan, the principal Congress Convener, and I have been in contact with clubs in the Brisbane to Gold Coast area to try and drum up support. We hope our efforts don't prove fruitless. We would certainly like to see more of our members taking part. It would be helping the club and can usually provide some interesting games against people who have different systems or styles of play. We've also arranged a working bee to spruce up the outside area so that visitors can see a clean and tidy area rather than a collection of weeds and dead shrubs.

More events are coming up, with the Winter Teams accepting names already for the competition later this month. People come to our club both to socialise and compete. This is a game - no sheep stations, no life-or-death situation. Everyone likes to have an enjoyable day,

so please bear that in mind when at the table. There have been several instances of breaking the rules – some relate to bidding, system ID and alerting.

There is supposed to be at least one System Card for every pair, so please make sure you have a card set up. If you're having difficulty setting up your card, then approach one of the directors or experienced players for help. We also have some beginners who are making their first attempts at competition play. We try to make it easy for them by giving a "New Player" badge. If you see someone with one of these, then please welcome them and make it as easy as you can for their first steps. Speaking of badges, I've heard that some people have lost the magnetic bar from their name badge. The club has purchased several replacements, and these are available at cost.

Lastly, when you play it's a good idea to watch what your opponents do, and particularly observe whether they make any mistakes in bidding or play. Learning from the mistakes of others is a smart move. None of us is going to live long enough to make all of the possible mistakes

Nigel Cleminson – Club President

BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

HESITATION

1. Hesitation is not an infraction in itself. An infraction occurs when their partner is influenced by the hesitation in the action they take.
2. Hesitation generally reduces the options available to partner. They may not take any action that is suggested by the hesitation where other logical alternatives to that action exist.

INSUFFICIENT BIDS

1. It is never in a player's interest to:
 - a) alter an insufficient bid before the Director has advised them of their options.
 - b) announce to the table what they meant to write.
2. Many insufficient bids can be corrected without further redress once the Director has assessed the situation.

From RBC Bridge Play By-Laws

1NT RESPONSES

Gary Brown



This is a brief description of the Standard responses to partner's opening bid of 1NT. It is designed to find a major suit fit (should one exist) and to answer 2 questions:

What In? and How High?

Responder's First Bid

- 2♣ Stayman asking for a 4-card major (with 9+ points).
- 2♦ Transfer to 2♥, showing 5+ hearts any strength (even 0 points). The 1NT opener must bid 2♥. Responder can now pass with 0-8 pts, or invite with 9-ish or bid game with 10-15 pts, or explore slam with 16+ pts.

Say you hold: ♠ 62 ♥ J108764 ♦ 932 ♣ 54. This hand is a real dog. But the two questions What In? and How High? still needs answering.

Q: How High? A: Part-score. Q: What In? A: Hearts.

So, in response to 1NT, bid 2♦ (transfer to hearts) and when partner bids 2♥, you can now pass.

2♥ will almost certainly play better than 1NT!

- 2♥ Transfer to 2♠, showing 5+ spades and any strength. The 1NT opener must bid 2♠.
- 2NT Invitational to 3NT, showing about 9-ish type points with no 4-card or 5-card major. Holding ♠ Q86 ♥ K103 ♦ J1063 ♣ QJ9, I would bid 2NT in response to partner's 1NT opening bid.

- 3♣/3♦ Invitational to 3NT, showing a 6-card suit with 2 of the top 3 honours, and nothing else.

eg. ♠ 8 ♥ 743 ♦ AQ9732 ♣ 875.

By responding 3♦ to partner's 1NT opening bid – you are saying: "I have 6 diamonds headed by two of the top 3 honours". Yes, you only have 6HCP, but if opener has the ♦K, the diamond suit could be a source of 6 tricks, and she will bid 3NT. If she doesn't have the ♦K (only 2 or 3 small diamonds), she will pass and let you play in 3♦.

- 4♣ Gerber asking opener how many aces they hold.
- 4NT Invitational to opener to bid 6NT if they hold a maximum hand – pass with a minimum.

COMPETITION RESULTS

The **GNOT Qualifying Rounds** were contested by eleven teams who completed over two weeks on 14th and 21st 16th June.

The winning team was **Jenny Boxer, Peter Neville, Pam Rupin and Carmel Denero**.

In second place was Philip Thompson, Brian Gamble, Agnes Kempthorne and Barry Kempthorne, and in third place was Molly O'Donohue, Gill Ross, Michael Souter and Loren Leader.

Three teams will represent our club in the GNOT Finals for the Brisbane zone in August.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Sunday, 7 July – Redland Novice and under 500 Pairs Congress – Red Points
****[\(Register on the ABF website\)](#)**

Friday, 26 July – Winter Teams 1/2 – Red Points
Friday, 2 August – Winter Teams 2/2 – Red Points

SPECIAL 90th BIRTHDAY



*Congratulations to
Eric Geise*

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



**Margot Fabian
Jo Tavlian
Louise Tavlian
Maree Walker**

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

★ 70%ers for June ★

Sandra Berns & Nigel Cleminson – 71.4%
Molly O'Donohue & Philip Thompson – 70.0%



Husbands and wives make poor bridge partners – unless they happen to be someone else's husband or wife.

BRIDGE BOOK REVIEW

by Cathy Mathieson



Introduction to Bridge by Paul Marston

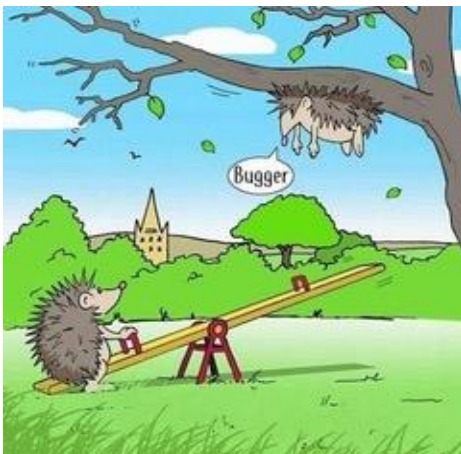
The challenge of bridge is to communicate with your partner in a way that is unambiguous. A bid is an undertaking on behalf of the partnership to make a certain number of tricks. A bid is also the only way to communicate to your partner the strength and shape of your hand. Your bid and your partner's 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 also has many useful YouTube videos online.



Bits and Pieces

Supervised Play

These sessions are held on **Wednesdays from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm** for new members and those who wish to refresh their skills. It will continue until Wednesday, 4th September.

New Lessons

The next lessons are planned to begin on Wednesday, 11th September. Cost of the lessons is \$50.00 which includes books and handouts.

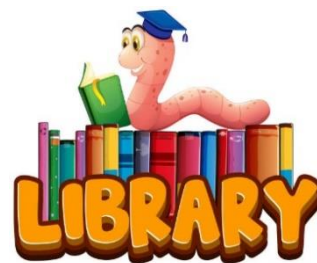
If you have any family or friends who might like to learn, please ask them to phone or text Nigel Cleminson on 0419 642 498. Alternatively, they can email the club: redlandsbridgeclub@bigpond.com.

Sunday Bridge

Please note there will be no Sunday bridge in July as our Redland Novice and under 500 Pairs Congress will be held on Sunday 7th July.

We look forward to seeing you on **Sunday 4th of August** where you can have a relaxed, enjoyable afternoon. The session starts at 1.00 pm (please arrive by 12.30 pm if possible), and finishes approx. 4.15 pm.

If you need a partner, contact me and I will do my best to find one for you. **Avra Bowler** Ph: 0407 207 732



**Calling all
Bookworms**

Our fiction library is enjoyed by many members of the club, and regular bookworms are finding that they have read most of the books. Our dedicated librarian, Betty Bowdler would like to do a revamp of the library and is calling for donations of more books – particularly those by male authors. If you have some pre-loved books, you no longer need, please bring them along.

WORKING

BEE



Many thanks to all the volunteers who came along and rolled their sleeves up and gave assistance at the working bee on Sunday. The weather was very kind, and it was wonderful to see so many helpers including some of our newer members.

Special thanks to Tom France who organised the day, and who has been busy over the last few weeks painting downpipes, weeding, and planting new plants etc. Tom, your hard work is appreciated.

Everyone's hard work has paid off, with the gardens and surrounds now looking refreshed and tidy.



Spreading the mulch



Cleaning the paths



Hard digging by Tom



Moving the mulch



Thanks also the inside crew who were busy wiping down tables, cleaning refrigerators, cupboards, etc.



Thanks to Avra Bowler who organised some welcome refreshments which were enjoyed by the helpers.

The couple was 85 years old and had been married for sixty years. Though not young, they were both in very good health, largely due to the wife's insistence on healthy foods and exercise for the last decade.

One day, their good health didn't help when they went on a rare vacation and their plane crashed, sending them off to Heaven.

They reached the pearly gates, and St. Peter escorted them inside. He took them to a beautiful mansion, furnished in gold and fine silks, with a fully stocked kitchen and a waterfall in the master bath. They gasped in astonishment when he said, "Welcome to Heaven. This will be your home now."

The old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost. "Why, nothing," St. Peter replied, "remember, this is your reward in Heaven."

The old man looked out the window and right there he saw a championship golf course, finer and more beautiful than any ever built on Earth. "What are the greens fees?" grumbled the old man. "This is heaven," St. Peter replied. "You can play for free, every day."

Next, they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch, with every imaginable cuisine laid out before them, from seafood to steaks to exotic deserts, free flowing beverages.

"Don't even ask," said St. Peter to the man, "this is Heaven, it is all free for you to enjoy."

The old man looked around and glanced nervously at his wife. "Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods, and the decaffeinated tea?" he asked.

"That's the best part," St. Peter replied, "you can eat and drink as much as you like of whatever you like, and you will never get fat or sick. This is Heaven!"

The old man pushed, "No gym to work out at?"

"Not unless you want to." was the answer.

"No testing my sugar or blood pressure or..."

"Never again. All you do here is enjoy yourself."

The old man glared at his wife and said, "You and your bran muffins. We could have been here ten years ago!"



I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there, I noticed 6 pallbearers walking about with a coffin. 3 hours later and they were still walking about with it.

I thought to myself, they've lost the plot!!



A husband suggested to his wife that they go separately to the pub to relive their first date.

The husband arrived first and when his wife saw him, she sidled up to him at the bar and said seductively "Can I buy you a drink Handsome?" He replied: "Get lost, I'm not falling for that again!"

If you think you are smarter than the previous generation...50 years ago, the owner's manual of a car showed you how to adjust the valves. Today it warns you not to drink the contents of the battery.

Look how instinctively, the mother croc carries the baby in its mouth. Nature is beautiful.

