

# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

## TRUMPIT



MARCH 2024

Hi Everyone,



*As usual the year seems to be slipping by very quickly and **Easter** is fast approaching. Take care have a safe and happy time. Don't forget the club will be closed on Good Friday.*

*The **Annual General Meeting** will be held this month – see details on page 2. This year an election will be necessary as more nominations were received than positions vacant.*

Several of our club members entered in the various grades and competitions at the **Gold Coast Congress** held last month. Congratulations to everyone who competed as this is a really tough competition. *Report on p.3.*

*Good bridging and keep smiling!*



**Robina Cooper**

*Talk is cheap -  
Supply exceeds demand.*

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

It's nearly time again for the Annual General Meeting, when the present management committee come to the end of their elected time in office and a replacement committee is elected. It's also the time the committee reports on events and activities that have taken place during the last 12 months. This year the AGM will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:30am. It will be followed by a light lunch and a free bridge afternoon for those who wish to stay and play. I encourage all members to come to the AGM. This is your club, and you should have a say in how it is to be run.

We are in the process of setting up the Presidents Pairs event, which will be run on two Wednesdays – 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March. At the time of writing, we have 20 pairs nominated. More will always be better - if we have an even number to balance the draw. The natural method for this event will be Swiss Pairs, where the opponents for each round depend on how well a pair has done in the previous one. The only other constraint is that you can't play against the same pair more than once.

ANZAC Day isn't too far away. The WW1 campaign at Gallipoli forged a link from the bravery and tenacity of soldiers from both countries. This year we are planning a Memorial ANZAC Competition. A trophy is being created by Turgut Manli, who is the Honorary Turkish Consul and a club member. We plan to arrange a single winner event on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2024, and in future years for it to be held either the day before or the day after ANZAC Day. Further information will be provided as we get closer to the date.

## Annual General Meeting

will be held on  
**Saturday, 16 March 2024**  
commencing at **10:30 am**.

Nominations for positions on the Management Committee closed on **Friday 1 March 2024**.

Two (2) nominations each for the positions of President, Vice President and Secretary have been received, along with nine (9) nominations for the positions of general committee members.

Accordingly, an election will take place for the three (3) office bearer positions and the six (6) general committee positions.

Nominations received are as follows:

*President:* Nigel Cleminson, Janelle Williamson

*Vice President:* Ros Putland, Michael Souter

*Secretary:* Cathy Mathieson, Jane Whelan

*Committee Members:*

Sandra Berns, Avra Bowler, Robina Cooper, Dianne Elliott, Tom France, Max Latimer, Carradine Lucas, Merit Morgan, Gabriel Ruhland.

If you are unable to attend the AGM, you may lodge an absentee vote. Absentee voting forms are available from the Secretary, Cathy Mathieson at each play session next week. These will need to be signed for in person in the book provided. The completed absentee voting forms must be returned to the Secretary prior to the AGM. No proxy voting will be allowed for the elections.

The Apology Book will be available at the front desk to sign if you cannot attend the meeting.

The agenda and annual reports will be available prior to the meeting for the perusal of members. A light lunch consisting of sandwiches and cold drinks, will be provided after the meeting.

A free bridge afternoon will follow.

***Cathy Mathieson – Club Secretary***

## TIPS FOR DECLARER

Gary Brown



### General Advice

1. Don't play to the first trick too quickly. Force yourself to stop and think when dummy comes down.

Look ahead and plan your play to at least the next few tricks.

2. Concentrate on the opening lead for a few seconds so you'll remember it later. Decide what it tells you about the leader's length or strength in that suit.
3. Mentally review the bidding. If one of your opponents has bid, try to come up with a general picture of his point-count and his length in the suit bid.

### Suit Contracts

1. Count your losers. Decide which ones can be disposed of or turned into winners (by trumping, by finessing or by discarding them on a side suit).
2. Double check by counting your winners. Look at each suit and estimate how many tricks it offers -- top tricks and tricks that will be good after you establish the suit.
3. If your plan calls for trumping one or more of your losers in the short-trump hand (usually dummy), do that before you lead trumps -- even if you have to give up tricks to set up the trumping position.
4. Next, lead trumps, counting as the opponents follow to each trick. Pulling trumps will usually be your best plan if you have good honour strength and/or length in one or more of the outside suits.
5. After you've collected all the opponents' trumps, lead your longest side suit. Give up your losers early.

### No Trump Contracts

1. Count your winners and potential winners. If you don't have enough top tricks to make your contract, decide which suit offers you the best chance of creating more winners.
2. Lead that suit first (it will usually be your longest side suit). Give up the tricks you must lose - early.
3. Stick with one suit at a time. Keep leading it until you've established your tricks (count the defenders' cards as you go), then cash your winners in the suit. When you move to a different suit, start counting again.
4. Last, cash honours in your short suits.

## BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH

### CONDUCT AND ETIQUETTE

#### COUNT YOUR CARDS

*Players should count their cards before looking at them.*

If missing or extra cards are discovered once play commences, affected players can be disadvantaged. For example, a missing card is deemed to be part of the hand at all times and a revoke may have occurred.

#### REMOVING AND REPLACING CARDS

- Cards should not be removed from the board until at least one player from each side is present.
- This also applies to the sit-out pair – they must not remove the cards from boards on the sit-out table.
- Cards must be shuffled before being returned to the board.

#### RECORDING RESULTS

- When you're on opening lead, your first priority after the auction is to make the opening lead.
- This should be done before entering the contract into the Bridgmate or writing on your personal scorer.
- The same applies to dummy – after the opening lead is faced, spread your hand before doing anything else.

*From ABF Rules and Ethics*

## COMPETITION RESULTS

### Club Championship Teams

The annual Club Championship Teams event was held on two Fridays last month. As we had a field of 10 teams, we were able to have a complete round robin competition. The lead changed a couple of times during the matches, and although the strongest team ended up winning, they didn't have everything their own way.

The winning team consisted of **Bill Morgan, Ian Afflick, Barry and Agnes Kempthorne**. Congratulations team!



**Bill Morgan, Agnes Kempthorne, Barry Kempthorne & Ian Afflick**

Second placegetters were Philip Thompson, Molly O'Donohue, Loren Leader and Michael Souter. Third place went to Graham Applegate, Dan Davis, Jenny Boxer and Peter Neville.

### Gold Coast Congress

The 62<sup>nd</sup> annual Gold Coast Congress was run last month. Good to see that it was back to full strength after last year's event had table number limitations. Kim Ellaway who has managed the Congress for 28 years, has finally stepped away from this role. She and her husband Ray will take a well-earned holiday and they look forward to being players at this event from 2026 onwards.



**A small section of the Restricted Pairs in action**

**Cathy Mathieson & Annie Shotter** came third in the Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs Novice event from 44 pairs. They also played in the Novice Teams event, and along with their partners came 9th out of 30 teams. This resulted them in being the Top Queensland Team for this event! Well done ladies!

Congratulations also to **Bill Morgan, Deirdre Giles, Daniel Chua & Di Rigano** who came 8th out of 50 teams competing in the Under 1500. This also resulted in them being the Top Queensland Team for this event!

Further to that, **Bill Morgan & Daniel Chua** were the Top Queensland Pair in the Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs Open event.

## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Wednesday, 6 March – Presidents Pairs 1/2,  
**Red Points**

Wednesday, 13 March – Presidents Pairs 2/2,  
**Red Points**

10.30 am Saturday, 16 March – Annual General  
Meeting followed by afternoon bridge.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Annie Henderson  
Martin Skitmore

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

## FEBRUARY PROMOTIONS

Ian Argent

Bronze National

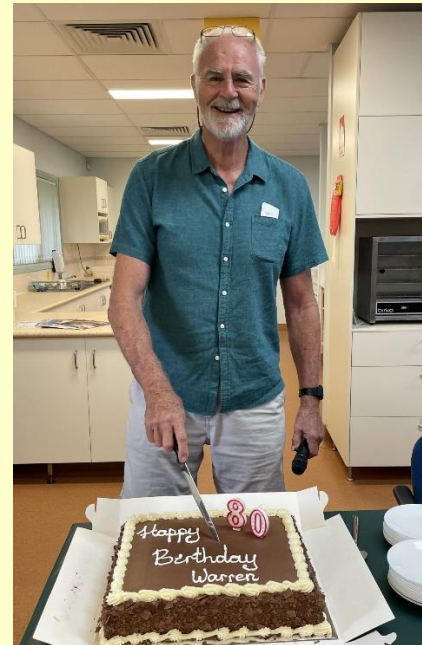


### 70%ers for September



Turgut Manli & Nigel Cleminson – 70.0%

## SPECIAL 80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY



*Congratulations to  
**Warren Moore***

## Bits and Pieces

**Supervised Play** continues Wednesdays, from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. until the end of March. We are getting 2 or 3 tables of people at these sessions. Beginning players are welcome to come and refresh their skills. We have a number of new helpers in this task, and their help is greatly appreciated.

**New Lessons** will begin on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April. If 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](mailto:redlandsbridgeclub@bigpond.com).

*Luck is what you  
have left after you  
have tried your  
very best.*



***A sign of the times – nothing is private.***

Caller: Is this Gordon's Pizza?  
Google: No sir, it's Google Pizza.  
Caller: I must have dialled a wrong number. Sorry.  
Google: No sir, Google bought Gordon's Pizza last month.  
Caller: OK. I would like to order a pizza.  
Google: Do you want your usual, sir?  
Caller: My usual? You know me?  
Google: According to our caller ID data sheet, the last 12 times you called you ordered an extra-large pizza with three cheeses, sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms, and meatballs on a thick crust.  
Caller: OK! That's what I want.  
Google: May I suggest that this time you order a pizza with ricotta, arugula, sun-dried tomatoes and olives on a whole wheat gluten-free thin crust?  
Caller: What? I detest vegetables!  
Google: Your cholesterol is not good, sir.  
Caller: How the hell do you know?!Google: Well, we cross-referenced your home phone number with your medical records. We have the result of your blood tests for the last 7 years.  
Caller: Okay, but I do not want your rotten vegetable pizza! I already take medication for my cholesterol.  
Google: Excuse me sir, but you have not taken your medication regularly. According to our database, you only purchased a box of 30 cholesterol tablets once, at Drug RX Network, 4 months ago.  
Caller: I bought more from another pharmacy.  
Google: That doesn't show on your credit card statement.  
Caller: I paid in cash.  
Google: But you did not withdraw enough cash according to your bank statement.  
Caller: I have other sources of cash.  
Google: That doesn't show on your last tax return unless you bought them using an undeclared income source, which is against the law.  
Caller: WHAT THE HELL?!!!  
Google: I'm sorry, sir, we use such information only with the sole intention of helping you.  
Caller: Enough already! I'm sick to death of Google, Facebook, X, WhatsApp and all the others. I'm going to an island without internet, cable TV, where there is no mobile phone service and no one to watch me or spy on me.  
Google: I understand sir, but you need to renew your passport first. It expired 6 weeks ago.



Two women in a bus fighting bitterly over the last available seat. The conductor had already tried unsuccessfully to intervene when the bus driver shouted to the conductor, "Let the ugly one take the seat". Both women stood for the rest of the journey. Argument done!

The best thing about being over 50?



We did all our stupid stuff before the invention of the internet, so there's no proof!

*A woman sees this beautiful blue and gold parrot in the shop, and she says to the man,  
 "He's gorgeous! How much?"  
 He replies, "Fifty dollars".  
 "Really? He's beautiful."  
 Yeah, I know. I'm sorry, but he's got form.  
 He's got a history. He was in a brothel, you see. And, to put it delicately, he's got quite a colourful vocabulary."  
 "Oh, I don't mind. I'll take him now if that's OK?"*

*So, she takes the parrot back to the apartment, takes the cover off, and the parrot looks around and says,  
 "New place. Very nice".  
 The woman's two daughters walk in, and the parrot says,  
 "New place, new girls. Very nice."  
 Her husband walks in, and the parrot says,  
 "Hello, Keith!"*

### ***Some great signs, by Vince the Sign Guy***

*I wanted to get my pants hemmed quickly.  
 So, I called Taylor Swift.*

*I finally watched the documentary on clocks.  
 It was about time.*

*I made a Chicken Salad last night.  
 Apparently, they prefer grain.*

*Fruit farmers eat what they can,  
 and can what they can't.*

*Taking steps to overcome my hiking addiction,  
 I'm not out of the woods yet.*

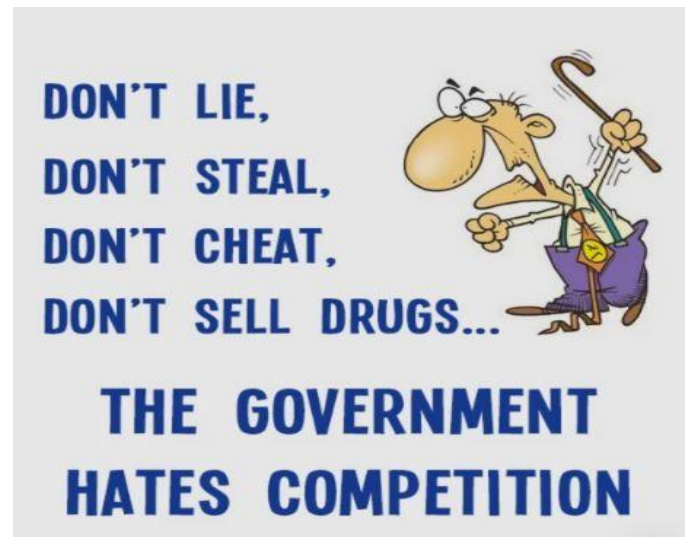
*The Doctor said I have high nitrates,  
 so, I'm switching to day rates.*

*I have a black eye in Karate.*

*I bought a fake Koi fish.  
 It's my Dekoi.*

*Great hide and seek players  
 are really hard to find.*

During a lady's medical examination, the doctor says:  
 "Your heart, lungs, pulse and blood pressure are all fine.  
 Now let me see the bit that gets you ladies into all kinds of trouble."  
 The lady starts taking off her underwear but is interrupted by the doctor.  
 "No! No! Don't remove your clothes ..... just stick out your tongue!"



The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing and stopped at the lights, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman behind him was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer.

The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, giving the guy in front of you the finger and cursing at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the boot, so naturally I assumed you had stolen the car.