

# REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

# TRUMPIT



OCTOBER 2024

Hi Everyone,

The last **Sunday Bridge session** for the year will be held on **6<sup>th</sup> October**. Don't forget to place your name on the notice board or contact Avra if you need a partner to play. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea and enjoy this relaxing social event.



Details for the annual **Melbourne Cup Day celebrations** on **Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November** are on page 4. Organise your tables and enter your names on the notice board list.

Good bridging and keep smiling!



**Robina Cooper**

*A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you.*

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The Pairs Congress held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> was very successful. We had eleven tables in each of the two divisions, which is an increase on last year. We ended up with plenty of catering supplies – enough to provide some morning tea for the next couple of club sessions. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to making this such a good day. That includes those who supplied food, those who competed, and those who gave their time and labour. Alan Gibson was the event director, and everything ran very smoothly after he'd done a complete update of the Compscore program. See page 3 for results. We have another congress in December as well as the Inter-Club Teams event in November, and hope that these will be as successful.

We have started the next set of lessons. There are now eight beginners in the class, with a couple of people having a second go. This is an easy size to manage, and we're using the usual combination of presentation slides and practice hands to introduce the concepts. The last lesson is scheduled for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of October, and supervised play will resume the following week.

Within the club, the next event is the Spring Graded Pairs which is held over two Mondays – the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of October. The entry sheet is on the notice board for this event, so organise a partner and give it a go.

The other event that will be happening soon is the Melbourne Cup Day. Also, our Christmas party isn't too far away as well. As you can appreciate, there is a lot of planning that goes into these events.

We are fortunate in having dedicated and competent volunteers who put in lots of hours so the rest of the club can have a good time. The year is flying past.

We have a number of people who have relocated to the area and have been in touch with us about joining the club. We are always happy to have an increase in our numbers. When you see someone you don't recognise, please make them feel welcome.

It's very easy to look at a fairly good hand when you pick it up and fall in love with it. What follows tends to be the triumph of hope over reality. This can lead to some seriously negative scores for your side. Try to keep some vestige of objectivity in your bidding. Asking yourself "What could go wrong?" is a good way of bringing your expectations back to earth. I'm aware that I should follow my own advice sometimes.

*Nigel Cleminson – Club President*

## **BRIDGE TOPIC OF THE MONTH**

### **ALERTING STAYMAN BIDS**

1. A response of 2C after a 1NT opening bid is not alertable in an uncontested auction, no matter what the meaning.
2. However, normal alerting rules do apply if (a) the opponents have entered the auction, or (b) Stayman or similar is used in any other sequence e.g. following a 2NT opening or a 1NT response.
3. Normal alerting rules also apply to all responses to Stayman and other asking bids.

### **ALERTABLE BIDS**

The general principle is to alert agreements that opponents may not fully understand or may reasonably misinterpret. All apparently natural bids at the three or lower level but including conventional opening bids at the 4-level such as Namyats and other 4-level Transfer Pre-empts, that convey a meaning that opponents may not expect, must be alerted. This includes strong bids that sound weak, weak bids that sound strong, and all other calls that convey meanings different from, or additional to, their normal meanings.

*From ABF Rules and Ethics*

## **Making a Plan in a Suit Contract**

**Gary Brown**



Thoughtful declarers rely on a number of things to achieve their contracts. Knowing how to handle typical card combinations is one key. It's also vital to predict the

distribution of longer suits in the opponents' hands. Clues from their bidding, leads and play must all be considered.

Try and look at the hand as a whole. Develop an overall plan to make your contract. Instead of winning tricks at a rapid pace and then stopping to think, it's better to have a clear intent at the get go. Here are some basic guidelines when declaring a suit contract:

1. When dummy hits the table - stop and think about the lead. What does it reveal? Why did LHO choose that card? Does it help me? Does it hurt me?
2. Count your potential losers. Ask yourself: "How many tricks can I afford to lose?" and then ask yourself: "How many potential losers do I have?"
3. If you can afford to lose 3 tricks – but discover that you may have 5 losers - that is okay. Just relax. Breathe easy. There are tools available to get rid of excess losers.
  - Establish Side Suits: Throw excess losers on an established side suit.
  - Finessing: Trap the opponents' honours.
  - Trumping Losers: If you can trump a loser in the hand with the short trumps, you are getting rid of a loser/gaining a trick.
4. Decide which option(s) you will employ to make your contract.
5. Should you draw trumps? Delay drawing trumps? You may have to trump a loser(s) with the hand that has the short trumps.
6. Generally, if you can afford to lose 3 tricks and you can only see 3 losers - go ahead and make your contract! However, you often will have more losers than you can afford, and you will have 'work to do'.
7. If there is 'work to do' - you will have to organize a plan to get rid of your excess losers.

Count the opponent's trumps. If you have 8 trumps - you are missing 5 trumps. When you draw two rounds of trumps and both opponent's follow, there is only one trump outstanding. If it is a winning trump, you can leave it and go about your business. They can score their trump winner whenever.

## COMPETITION RESULTS

### Redland Graded Pairs Congress

The Congress was a very successful event with 22 pairs competing in each of the A Grade and B Grade sections.

A good representation from various clubs competed, with players from the Queensland Bridge Club taking out the top three honours in the A Grade section.

Winners in the **A Grade** were **Murray Perrin and Neville Francis** (pictured below). **Terry Strong and Jill Magee** were second, with **Tony Hutton and Richard Ward** in third place.



Murray Perrin & Neville Francis

Winners in the **B Grade** were **Margaret Giebels & Mick Fawcett** from the Kenmore Club (photo unavailable).

It was very pleasing to see many of our club members competing and doing so well. Second placegetters were **Paul and Dell Elkington**, with **Max Latimer and Geoff Saxby** coming third. Thank you to all competitors.



Paul & Dell Elkington

### Club Championship Pairs

Twenty-four pairs competed in the annual **Club Championship Pairs** competition held over two weeks. The winners were **Molly O'Donohue and Philip Thompson** pictured below.



Molly O'Donohue & Philip Thompson

Second place winners were **Thomas France and John Bullion** (who stepped in when Patricia France was unable to play). **Michael Clibbon and Joy Pulford** made up the third place. Well done to all who played.



John Bullion, Patricia & Tom France

### WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

\* **Sunday, 6 October – Sunday Bridge** \*

**Monday, 7 October – Spring Graded Pairs 1/2**

**Red Points**

**Monday, 14 October – Spring Graded Pairs 2/2**

**Red Points**

\*\* **Note: Tuesday, 5 November – Melbourne Cup** \*\*

# MELBOURNE CUP 2024



**Tuesday 5 November at 9:00 am**

\$30 members; \$35 spouses/partners;  
\$40 non-members,  
includes bridge, lunch and wine.  
Fun is free!

Doors open at 8.00 am for sweeps - last  
tickets sold at 8:50 am!

**Bridge starts at 9:00 am**

Auction of horses during lunch.

Fashion Prizes awarded.

Lucky door and table prizes.

Tickets available from Molly.

Ticket sales close Monday 28 October



**Come along and enjoy the fun!!!**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW  
MEMBERS**



**Karen Hornsby  
Richard (Wiggy) Wiginton**

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

## **AUGUST PROMOTION**

Dan Maher

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### ***Bits and Pieces***

***A Big Thank You*** to everyone who assisted in making our Congress a great success. We appreciate everyone who contributed food, and especially those who helped in the kitchen. This help greatly added to the accolades which we received. Well done!

***New Lessons*** are underway for beginners, and will finish on **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October**.

***Supervised Play*** will recommence on **Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm** for new members and those who wish to refresh their skills.

### ***Sunday Bridge***

The last session for the year will be held on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October**. The session starts at 1.00 pm (please arrive by 12.30 pm), and finishes approx. 4.15 pm. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. If you need a partner, contact me and I will do my best to find one for you.

**Avra Bowler** Ph: 0407 207 732

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

This year the ABF Levy and QBA Levy have both increased to \$23.30 per annum. The Committee have kept the Redland Bridge Club subscription at \$20.00, but with rounding to the nearest dollar, will be \$20.40. Making a total of **\$67.00** for the **2025 Home club** subscription.

**Renewal notices** will be emailed to members during October with instructions for paying by *direct debit, which is the preferred payment method*. **Note: Please use your Club No. as reference for your payment.** The Treasurer will email a receipt to you within 3-5 working days of receiving your payment.

**Members with no email address.** A printed copy will be available at the front desk of the club for a period, and then posted if still not collected.

Payment can be made at the club:

- Cash – put it in an envelope, with your renewal notice inside (complete with your updated contact details) and your name and club number on the outside. **Place in the locked wooden box behind the director's table.** When the money is deposited in the club bank account, the treasurer will email a receipt will to you.
- EFTPOS - please follow the Director's instructions. **Note:** *Bring a printed copy of the renewal notice you received via your email.* The director will attach it to your EFTPOS receipt. If cannot print your renewal notice, please contact Colin (details below).

**Important:** Please complete your details on the lower portion of the renewal form and return it to the club. This can be done by email, by mail to PO Box 515 Cleveland 4163, or by placing it in the large wooden box behind the director's table at the clubhouse. Updated members' information is essential to maintain contact with you, and to have your correct emergency contact details.

For **Away club** members (members who have full membership at another club), the levy is **\$20.00**. For **Honorary Life** members, no levy is payable, but we would appreciate you returning the form with your contact details.

Early payment of your renewal would be appreciated to enable the completion of our Membership List to meet ABF requirements.

For any questions, please contact the Treasurer, Colin Gorton, at [treasurer.bridge@outlook.com](mailto:treasurer.bridge@outlook.com)

## BRIDGE BOOK REVIEW

by Cathy Mathieson



The Redlands library also has several books on Acol and Precision for those who play these systems.

Borin, Jim & Norma	Our Precision Style
Cohen & Lederer	Basic Acol
Crowhurst, E.	Precision Bidding in Acol
Crowhurst & Kambites	Understanding Acol
Goren, Charles	Precision System
Wei, C.C.	Simplified Precision Bridge
Wei, C.C.	Precision Bidding in Bridge
Jannersten, Eric	Precision Bridge
Horton & Seagram	25 Bridge Conventions for Acol Players

The library also has books covering single topics:

Hardy, Max	Splinters
Klinger, Ron	Bidding to Slams
Klinger, Ron	Practical Slam Bidding
Bishop, Keith	A Strong Club

Whatever your interest, the Redlands Bridge Library has a good selection of books to improve your game.



*The ultimate in bridge is learning to play with poor cards.*

*It's OK to talk to yourself....and OK to answer yourself. But sad when you have to repeat what you said because you weren't listening!!*

*Two things to make your day better:*

- *Do not watch the news.*
- *Stay off the bathroom scales.*

*Our town is so small, we don't have a town drunk, so we all take turns.*



**Quotes from Church Bulletins:**

*(These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services).*

- The Fasting Prayer Conference includes meal.
- Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- The sermon for this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water'. The sermon for tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

*I was asked what I look for in a relationship ... apparently "A Way Out" wasn't the right answer.*

*I've found marriage to be very educational. For example, I had no idea there was a wrong way to put milk in the fridge.*

- My girlfriend says I'm cheap, so I took her out for tea and biscuits. It was quite exciting as she had never given blood before.
- Non-alcoholic beer is like watching porn on the radio.
- My wife wants me to wear a bracelet that belonged to her grandfather. It says, "Do Not Resuscitate."
- It's been months since I bought the book, 'How To Scam People Online.' It still hasn't arrived yet.
- If you have a red wine stain on your carpet, get some white wine and drink it until you don't care anymore.
- Vitamins are good for what ails you and Viagra is good for what fails you.
- One good thing about being wrong is the joy it brings to others.
- I think racism is bad and you should treat all races the same whether Brown, Black, Asian, Latino or normal.
- Even rarer than a doctor who can't stand the sight of blood is a lawyer who can't stand the sight of money.
- If your palm itches, you are going to get something. If your crotch itches, you've already got it.

