

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

We had two lovely Christmas parties again last year. On the Tuesday we had about 50 people enjoying a relaxed morning of Bridge followed by an excellent Christmas lunch. Richard's two glazed hams were a hit as was that wonderful Plum Pudding made by John Clarke again this year. Members of the Committee did kitchen and bar duties and a special thanks to Sue Kennard and Janet Franklin for providing the entertainment at both the Tuesday and Friday functions – how good are they – and very much appreciated by both groups!

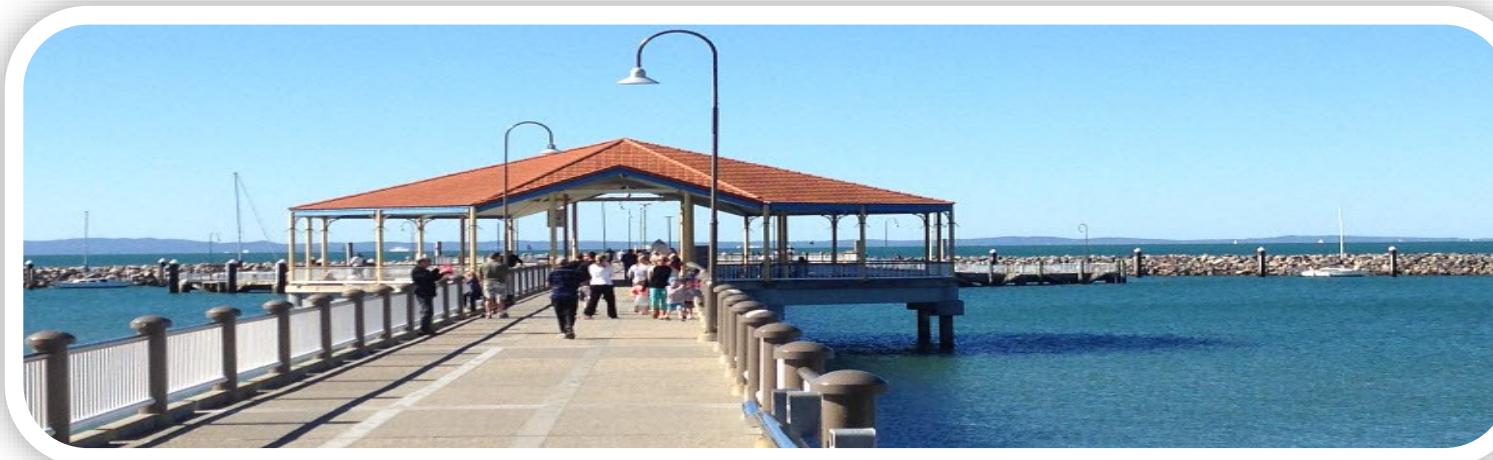


For Friday's Christmas party we had about 80 members for our morning of Bridge, followed by a lovely lunch that was provided by the Friendly Grocer this year. Then followed our entertainment - Sue and Janet's Christmas Carols and then Jill Hanley and Jennifer Bavage, looking fantastic as Christmas trees this year, gave out prizes for the best dressed. Ross Shardlow won for the best of the men and Muriel came first in the ladies, though Maree Filippini was a close second – see photos below. Our afternoon of entertainment was tinged with a little sadness this year, with Jill and Jennifer announcing it was their last year, but how lucky have we been to have had them providing us with so many laughs over the years. Thanks girls - you'll be greatly missed (though many of us are still hoping you'll have a change of heart!) And many thanks to the Tuesday players who kindly assisted in the kitchen – Helen Stewart, Midge Spice, Max and Lois Cameron.



## CHINESE NEW YEAR

Magdeline Wong recently invited bridge players to join her in celebrating Chinese New Year. Forty bridge players and their partners took her up on the offer and joined her for Yum Cha at the Landmark Chinese Restaurant at Chermide Shopping Centre during February.



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**BRIDGE BUZZ—March 2019**

### FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

It is great to see the best bridge club in Queensland (ours!) ticking along so nicely in this beautiful corner of the world. Over the past few months we have welcomed new members, held two very successful Christmas parties and while we did not cover ourselves in glory with the cards at the recent Gold Coast congress, we are certainly on the map when it comes to winning the fancy dress contest for the themed day! Our sun, sea, surf contestants are to be congratulated on reigning supreme in a large field of other wonderful costumes.



The Committee have overseen the purchase of four chairs with arms and it is hoped that they will be useful for members who find it easier to get up out of chairs that have arms. We have also purchased four bidding boxes which may help those with arm or shoulder injuries, or have problems with their sight.

The President's Trophy Day in April will be supporting the Riding for the Disabled group here on the peninsula. This organisation also includes equine therapy for returning soldiers suffering post traumatic disorders. It is hoped that this will be a very successful and well attended session.

Keep on enjoying our wonderful game! And may all your finesses work!

*Sue Kennard*

### 3 WAY CHALLENGE—from Melissa Weber

The annual 3 way challenge between Moreton-Bribie, Redcliffe and Caboolture was held on Sunday 24 February, with Redcliffe aiming to retain the trophy after last year's win.

10 pairs from each Club competed at the Bribie Island clubrooms with Redcliffe Bridge Club ending up the victor at the end of the day after completion of 50 boards.

The best results for Redcliffe were Dorothy Gehrke and Annette Hendry finishing first East/West, with Annette Hyland and Carolyn Adcock in second place. Melissa Weber and Herold Rienstra finished second North/South followed by Gordon Gemmell and Wayne Parker who came third North/South.

It was a most enjoyable day with the right team winning at the end.



### MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS

Graduate	John Toomer
Local	Peter Godfrey
	Martin Grgic
	Lucia Grgic
Regional	Paul Hendry
Regional *	Alan Metcalf
State	Voyko Markovic
	Vesna Markovic
National	Ted Morriss
Bronze Life	Fay Jeppesen

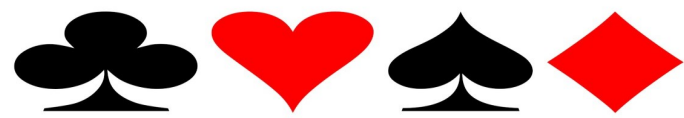
### 70 PERCENT CLUB

Sandra Routley & Carolyn Adcock – 71.9% in January 2019

**James O'Sullivan Award**—Annette Hyland won the QBA award for the most masterpoints in her category during 2018.

**Canberra Festival of Bridge—South West Pacific Team Congress**, Errol Miller and his team finished best for an all Queensland team.





### ROY'S COLUMN

This problem appeared in the Norman McCance bridge column in the Argus on the 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 1936.

It was a problem by 1930s champion Ely Culbertson, I came across it as a "Trove" hit when I was researching my Grandfather who was an avid bridge player. His name was mentioned as successfully solving the problem.

Test your declarer play, (Obviously W ducks the Spade K) - I gave up and looked at the solution!



**Dir: North** ♠ A65  
**Vul: All** ♥ QJ7  
 ♦ A543  
 ♣ AQJ

♠ K432      ♠ -  
 ♥ 65      ♥ AKT98432  
 ♦ JT98      ♦ 7  
 ♣ 974      ♣ 6532

♠ QJT987  
 ♥ -  
 ♦ KQ62  
 ♣ KT8

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT		
N	4	6	-	6	4	18	
S	4	5	-	6	3	4	7
E	-	-	2	-	-	11	
W	-	-	2	-	-		

#### Bidding:

W	N	E	S
	1NT	4H	6S
X	XX	-	-
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Lead 6H

#### Solution:

A commentary was provided on the problem and solution by Norman McCance.

*Interstate bridge experts awaiting the departure of the Adelaide express for the Centenary bridge championships on Wednesday discussed this problem and said that they could not possibly see how South avoided the loss of the guarded king of trumps.*

*Mr Culbertson hastens to relieve their anxiety by explaining that South must ruff the opening heart lead and finesse two rounds of trumps. A small diamond to the ace then another heart ruff. Two rounds of high diamonds, and three rounds of clubs then follow, ending with the lead in dummy. On the last heart from dummy South discards his losing diamond.*

*Whatever East now leads South ruffs. If West overruffs with the king, dummy's ace of trumps wins the trick otherwise North discards.*

### GOLD COAST CONGRESS – from Fay Jeppesen

The Gold Coast Congress was held on the 15-23 February at the Gold Coast Convention Centre. Players from USA, Canada, China, New Zealand, Great Britain, Ireland, other European countries together with Australia's best, participated in the event, which is recognised as the largest (and best run) congress in the world. It can be an overwhelming feeling for players, who for the first time, walk into the convention centre and see over 1000 players in the room, playing in the various divisions. Directors from around the world, recorders, scorers, caddies, the amount of boards that are dealt, result screens - the room is abuzz.



Congratulations to Melissa Weber, who achieved the most gold points from our Club over various events with 12.19 points. Redcliffe was well represented with 32 (home and away players), and well done to Errol Miller, Annette Hyland, Fay Jeppesen, Abby Wanigaratne, Herold Rienstra, Helen Chapman, Nigel Cleminson, Maree Filippini, Jennifer Bavage, Tony Davidson, Noreen Weyling, Sue Kennard, Max Kershaw, Ted Morriss, Annette and Paul Hendry, Vesna and Voyko Markovic, Martin and Luca Grgic, Lynda Bennion, Midge Spice, Ross and Robyn Church, Gary and Deborah Gibbards, Christine and Bob Thomas, Deanna Cruickshank, Janet Franklin, Desley Strik and Thea Hobson.



Our most newsworthy effort was by the Redcliffe Sun Sea and Surf team (the Congress theme day on Wednesday) consisting of Deanna, Janet, Thea, Desley, Annette and Paul, who were the overall winners for the best dressed and featured on the front page of the Daily Congress Newsletter, with special mention to our mermaid Abby and to Maree, Jennifer, Tony and Noreen for dressing up for the occasion, and also featuring in the Newsletter.

In all, though a long week for some, it was a great experience with all Redcliffe players getting some gold!

[ Our winning team—they painted and decorated the shirts themselves complete with sand and shells from Redcliffe ]

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 11 April [Thursday] President's Day:

This is our charity day for the year and this year the Club is supporting Peninsular Developmental Riding Centre, a totally voluntary and unfunded organization providing equestrian activities for young people with various disabilities, including returned soldiers suffering PTSD. We will be holding a multi draw raffle and all monies raised on the day go to this worthy cause. To make this day a success we require your support not only in buying raffle tickets, of course, but we are looking for donations of prizes – any Christmas or birthday gifts that you don't want, here's a chance for them to find another home! Of course the Committee will also be sourcing donations from local businesses.

19 April [Good Friday] —NO PLAY

25 April [Thursday] Anzac Day —NO PLAY

### THE LAW OF TOTAL TRICKS

How often do we find in competitive bidding, both sides have bid to the two level, and now you have to decide whether to pass or go to the three level. This is where the Law of Total Tricks comes into play. Your partner has opened one of a suit, you have three and 6-10 points and so you bid to the two level.

Now in competitive bidding with both sides bidding, the Law of Total Tricks states – **You are safe in competing to the trick level equal to your partnership's number of trumps. Avoid bidding beyond that level in competitive auctions.**

So therefore, if partner, say, has overcalled 1S, you know he has at least five spades and if you have three spades, 5 + 3 = 8.

**With only eight trumps you stay at the two level.**

If, however, you have four spades in response to partner's 1S, 5 + 4 = 9 trumps, and following The Law of Total Tricks, after bidding at the two level, you can in a competitive auction, **now take it to the three level.**

Of course there's no guarantee that you'll always get nine tricks but it's a good decision making tool.

### OUT AND ABOUT

Ann Fraser—Travelled to Scotland over the Christmas period

John & Elsa Arahill—have been to Fiji

Helen Stewart—went to Sydney Harbour to watch the start of the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race

Fay Jeppesen—went to Hobart to watch the finish of the Yacht Race

Peter Murray & Lorraine Bechly—Australian Open Tennis in Melbourne

Maurice & Jane Sanders - Australian Open Tennis in Melbourne

Deanna Cruickshank - Australian Open Tennis in Melbourne

Steve & Sue Woodrow – Off to India then Abu Dhabi and a cruise to Singapore

Maurice & Jane Sanders—New Zealand's Bay of Islands

Paula Cassin—South Africa and Norway

Janet Franklin, Deanna Cruickshank and Desley Strik are off to New Zealand to catch up with Gaylene Masters

### ROAD TRAFFIC SIGN UPGRADES

Players will be pleased to learn that the traffic lights on the corner of Oxley Ave and Klinger Road have been upgraded to include green turn right arrows thereby eliminating a serious blackspot and improving road safety.



We have also been advised by the Department of Transport and Main Roads that the intersection of Oxley Ave and Irene Street will have traffic signals installed with a signalized pedestrian crossing to enhance safety and reduce the risk of car crashes.

The right turn lane from Oxley Avenue into Irene Street will also be extended to cater for further vehicles. The work is scheduled to commence shortly after the design work is completed which will be around mid 2019.