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From the President



May already! Time is passing quickly when we have so much fun in playing bridge. As I said before we need a boost in membership to continue to be a strong bridge club. We are trying mini bridge at the Arana library and our regular free lessons at the club. The lessons are well attended (30-35) but mini bridge is struggling to get off the ground. Anyone who has any other ideas to get more members, please let the committee know.

Since the last Trumpit two valuable members have passed away. Arthur Pomery (one of our oldest members) and Lorraine Steele (a life member of our club). Our thoughts are with family and friends in their difficult times.

We have been notified that our application for grants to assist with the renovation of toilets and installation of solar power have been unsuccessful. The committee has decided that we will still go ahead with the upgrade of the toilets. We applied through another Council department again for a grant for the solar system. We are also looking to improve our kitchen facilities. This is still in design stage.

We are in the process of updating the quote for the toilets and as soon we are ready we will notify when work starts and how it will least interfere with playing bridge.

Alan is planning the June congress Saturday the second and Sunday the third of June. Again we ask your support to make those days successful.

The Trumpit will be published in the future in the last week of February/May/August and November. I am still looking to change the format but with time restraints and lack of support I will try to make the August one different. This time it is still the first week of May.

Thank you all for your support and making our club a happy Bridge environment.

Robert Van Beest (President)

Call the Director

PLAYING MAJOR PENALTY CARDS

A card incorrectly 'tabled', whether accidentally dropped, face up, or played at the wrong time, will become a penalty card. This may occur during the auction or during play. **Call the director immediately.**

To continue from the discussion in the previous *Trump-it*, of minor penalty cards, we now need to look at the treatment of Major Penalty cards [ie a **single honour card**, or **multiple cards**, or a **card deliberately tabled**

Only the Defenders will have a penalty card, as declarer is able to see, and play, both hands, the issue of 'unauthorised information' being received by declarer is not an issue.

A Defender with a major penalty card is required to play it at the first legal opportunity; this may be by following suit, or discarding, or trumping.

Should the offender's partner be on lead, the Declarer will have '**lead rights**' ie he may ask the partner to lead the penalty card's suit, or he may

forbid the lead of that suit. In both of these cases, the penalty card may then be returned to the offender's hand. [This is unauthorised information to the Defenders, not so to Declarer]. Think of it as partner effectively paying the penalty.

With no lead directions chosen, the penalty card must remain on the table, and this procedure will be repeated.

Should a Defender have **2 or more penalty cards**, Declarer may choose which card he wants played.

If **both Defenders have a Penalty card**, then the Defender on lead must wait before playing his, as Declarer is still permitted to exercise his 'lead rights' and this will take preference over leading out one's own penalty card.

It can be confusing, but it does not happen often, so please, you **MUST call the Director**.

Robyn Grills (Director)

Masterpoint movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members for the period to 30th April 2018

Graduate Master	Joan Byrne
Club Master	Anna Green Kit Clarke
Local Master	Robyn Woodrick
*Local Master	Jeff Borg Yvonne Zande Rosalind Geschke
**Local Master	Philip Saunders Michael Walker
State Master	Trish Waters
Regional Master	Thomas Peake
National Master	Carla Webb Susan Kennard Dawn Benes
*National Master	Terry Nowitzki Glenys Bobbermien Jo Neary
Silver life Master	Judy Wilkinson Jim Taylor

Robert Matthew (MP Sec)

Club Name Badges

Sue Norton advises she is ordering club badges at the end of this month. She orders them at the end of November & May each year unless she gets a big order. Those wanting badges, 'now is the time to order'!

Welcome New Members

The following are new members to the club. A warm welcome is extended to you all.

**Margaret Plunkett, Sunil Mukherjee,
Sue Drapes, Sobana Ponniah,
Lorraine Collins, Jennifer Vickers.
Dawn Gordon-Brown**

JAN PEACH & SEMINAR ON COMPARABLE CALLS

On Saturday 24 March Arana Bridge Club was delighted to host a very informative seminar conducted by the Chairman - Director Accreditation Jan Peach. It was to cover the perplexing new Law 23, which deals with COMPARABLE CALLS.



Jan mentioned that she had not offered such a discussion group recently, so it was pleasing for her to have such a responsive turn up on the day. We had twenty-three participants, which included, as well as a strong contingent from Arana, directors from nearby Brisbane clubs, and also from South Brisbane and Gympie.

Example after example to evaluate and discuss was most beneficial. It did seem to be that yes! understood! But then the next example would be different. We were certainly forced to evaluate each example thoroughly. I personally feel the need to 'study' a couple of different systems each year to improve my understanding of what is actually meant by the cancelled call.

Players may find themselves being asked to move away from the table, in order to explain their bidding system to the Director. The **Director will NOT tell you a comparable call**, but will simply accept the replacement call, or deny it.

At the finish Jan did express concern with filling the three hours allotted to these laws, but we certainly needed to rush along at the end to cover all her planned points. It was lovely to have Jan remain for the Saturday afternoon session, along with her bridge partner for the day - Steve Woodrow [Redcliffe], together with a few members from other clubs.

Robyn Grills

Help with Play

The following article by Jim Taylor was published in the 'Trump.It' last year as one of two parts (Feb-March and August-Sept). It is aimed at beginning players, but can serve as a useful reminder to more experienced players.

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DECLARER PLAY – MAKING A PLAN

As Declarer, it is too easy to rush into the play and, after a couple of tricks, realise too late that you didn't have a PLAN.

When the Opening lead card is on the table – PAUSE – do NOT let the opponents rush you.

You have a job to do – make a PLAN.

- Firstly does the lead give a clue to their attacking plan?
- How many tricks do you need?
- If the contract is No Trumps, how many sure winners do you have between you and dummy?
- If the contract is Suit, how many losers do you have?

The difference between what you have now and what you need presents a challenge.

When playing in No Trumps there are three techniques for creating extra winners – Promotion, Length and Finesse.

When playing in a Trump contract you have the advantage of two more techniques – Discarding and Ruffing.

Nearly all contracts must concede some tricks to the Opposition. Your Plan must ensure that, you can regain control if the Opposition win a trick. ie. When forfeiting a trick in order to promote winners in that suit, can your Opponents set (defeat) the contract by gaining control? Sometimes it is better to make a play like this earlier rather than later while you still control all suits.

DEFINITION OF SOME TERMS USED ABOVE

PROMOTION: To forfeit a trick(s) in a suit in order to establish future tricks.

LENGTH: Look for suits where your side holds the majority of cards (7 or more).

FINESSE: A finesse is a technique for taking tricks with a particular card (usually an honour) when the Opponents still hold a higher card. You can “trap” the Opponents higher card because of the way you play that suit.

TRUMPING: To play a trump when another suit is lead. This can only be done when the trumper is unable to follow suit.

DISCARDING: A player discards when he is unable to follow suit and fails to use a trump card.

LOSERS: A loser is a card which will not take a trick when lead. Take the first 3 cards in a suit combination using yours and dummy's and count the tricks that could lose to the Opponents.

WINNERS: A winner is a sure trick that can be taken without letting the Opposition gain the lead.

Further to the above article, immediately on seeing dummy declarer should count their **winners** when playing **NT** and count their **losers** when playing **suit**.

In order to establish enough winning tricks declarer can employ the following techniques:

Promotion, length and finesse for **NT** plus discarding and ruffing when in **suit**.

Jim Taylor

Vale

Arthur Pomery, Lorraine Steele and Betty Wilson.
They will be missed.

The Grills – 50 years

Fifty years ago, Richard Grills and Robyn Jensen were married on 20 April 1968 at Shorncliffe. Unfortunately the honeymoon was short as Richard was conscripted into the Army on the first of May. OUCH!! Mr and Mrs Grills saw very little of each other for the next six months. How well they have survived together to see a Golden Wedding Anniversary! Post army, they have lived in Tasmania [Queenstown] and the Northern Territory [Tennant Creek], before settling in Mount Isa for twenty years. Richard worked as a mining engineer and Robyn as a school teacher. Following fifteen years of wonderfully different lifestyle living in the Newcastle area, only an hour away from the Hunter Valley vineyards, Richard and Robyn returned home to Brisbane in 2008 to be closer to their two daughters and family.

On Saturday April 21st 2018, the Saturday players of the Arana Bridge Club held our own little celebration of Robyn and Richard's Golden Wedding Anniversary (see photo).



Robyn, as usual, cooked a lot of scrumptious food for us to enjoy along with some wine and beer. They brought in their photo album from their wedding 50 years ago, together with a slide show from their lives together over the years.



We loved comparing ‘then-and-now’ images of the happy couple. It reminded many of the people present of shared memories such as Morris Minor cars. We toasted them and wish them all the best for a long and happy life together.

Kathleen

Mike Levoi m Kathleen Fahy

Michael’s and Kathleen’s love story is one of two complementary people encountering each other at the ‘right’ time for them both. Enriched by their respective journeys to this point, they come to this relationship with the self-awareness to recognise and appreciate what they are looking for in a partner, the courage to be their authentic selves, and a determination to embrace life’s possibilities.

This meaningful paragraph was the introduction to Mike’s and Kathleen’s vows. The previous few weeks were an exciting time of preparation, of reuniting with friends and family, many who had travelled from over-seas to be with them at their wedding.



The ceremony took place at the United Services Club on Saturday 3rd February and was followed by a two-part honeymoon. Part one was a 14-day cruise to PNG. Part two was another 14-day cruise – this time to Vanuatu and Fiji.

All this sounds so perfect, BUT! a planned Hen’s celebration was cancelled as time disappeared. This was disappointing for those hoping to help celebrate in a small way. Mike and Kathleen suggested that a ‘bit of a party’ after Saturday’s bridge session would be a wonderful way to celebrate with their friends. And it was! We toasted the happy couple and shared their wedding moments with a slide presentation and accompanying wedding music.

Robyn

Mini Bridge

Our Bridge Club is running sessions of Mini Bridge at the Arana Hills Library, 2nd and 4th Saturday each Month, 10:30 - 12 noon. Want to play, go! Want to help? Contact Carol Bellis .

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