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From the President



DEAR members, we have had another great year of bridge at Arana. This is the final TrumpIt newsletter of the year. Thank you, Michael Walker, for your sterling work as Editor throughout this and many previous years. Welcome to Kathleen Le Voi who has joined the editorial team as Deputy Editor. Please contact Kathleen if you have news items, jokes, bridge trivia or would like to suggest a club member to be profiled in an upcoming TrumpIt.

The 2018 Arana Contract Bridge Club **Pairs Championship** was won by Dorothy Gehrke and Errol Miller. The winners on handicap were Cynthia Sharp - Carol Bellis. The 2018 Arana Contract Bridge Club **Team Championship** was won by Pam Horton - Ann Smith - Dennis Sullivan - John Scrivens. Congratulations to our champions; I invite all members to join in these events next year.

2018 has been a busy one for the committee. We have been active in getting the club ready for the future. The Female and Male toilets have been upgraded – thank you for your patience during that disruption. We have installed solar panels on the

roof which makes the club largely self-sufficient in electricity.

We need to upgrade our computers which are currently quite old; one services the Bridgmate dealing machine and the other is for general office use. These computers are about 10 and 15 years old respectively. We have submitted a grant proposal for funding to replace these computers and await an outcome in February 2019.

We need to replace the time clock as it is so old. Some of you have experienced the testing of a computer time clock that Mike Le Voi designed. This computer clock app allows the clock to show on the existing TV monitor (North wall) and TV which is on the East wall (currently on loan from M. Le Voi). We would like to hear your feedback on this clock app – please direct your comments to committee members.

Jim and Deidre Taylor have again conducted beginner's bridge lessons twice this year. In addition, Jim has been teaching the 2 over 1 game force convention to all interested club members. This convention is relatively new and is recommended for all players, even beginners.

I'm sure all members recall how challenging it is to begin playing bridge, so I'm particularly pleased with Marianne McPherson's initiative to commence a Novice player's session on Monday afternoon. This has been a huge success and allows beginning players and those with fewer than 50 masterpoints to play bridge, with or without a regular partner and build both their confidence and their masterpoints. I invite you all to be active in attracting and supporting new members; perhaps by volunteering as a bridge partner for a beginner on Monday or Thursday afternoon – if you would like to volunteer, please contact Robyn Grills – Head Director.

Please actively recruit new members to our club – they are our lifeline and ensure our ongoing viability.

From the President (continued)...

In this regard we are seeking volunteers to introduce potential new members to the basics of bridge; just counting points and beginning play. We do this via a simple activity called Mini-Bridge. Our club volunteers have been running Mini-Bridge at the Arana Hills Library on the 2nd and 4th Saturday each month from 10:30 to 12:00 noon.

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The library provides tea and coffee. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the Mini-Bridge coordinator; Carol Bellis. You can learn all that you need to conduct these sessions in 30-40 minutes. I thank all the member-volunteers who do so much behind the scenes – you make this club run smoothly and keep cost to a minimum for the benefit of all. I especially thank committee members for their work and support throughout the year. The next **AGM will be held on Tuesday 12th February 2019.**

Nominations are open for committee membership; I invite you to nominate for the committee in 2019. Please contact the secretary Trish Lye to obtain a nomination form.

I wish you and your families a happy and peaceful Festive Season and I look forward to next year which will be full of bridge challenges, fun and friendship.

Robert Van Beest (President)

Advertising

A number of businesses have provided financial support for the club. In recognition of this we are carrying ads for them in The TrumpIt and the annual yearbook. Check them out!

Welcome New Members

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HANDLING REVOKES

IN bridge, a player's failure to follow suit, when they are in possession of the led suit, constitutes a REVOKE. It is frequently much more advantageous to correct the revoke before it is '*Established*'. A revoke becomes 'established, and may not be corrected, when the **offender or his partner have played, or lead to, the next trick.**

An established revoke can result in the transfer of tricks to the other side, usually the revoke trick, if won, and a subsequent trick. This could mean the transfer of 0, 1, or 2 tricks. Very costly.

A revoke that is discovered before it has been established may be corrected. If you are in the habit of immediately calling attention to the failure of your partner to follow suit, the correct card may then be played. So by asking your partner immediately whether they do have any of the led suit, 'No Diamonds?', for example, this allows them to replace this misplayed card.

Who May Ask?

Declarer may ask either Defender if he has failed to follow suit.

Dummy may only ask Declarer if he has failed to follow suit. [But not if he has seen Declarer's hand]

Either defender may ask Declarer, or his partner, if they have failed to follow suit.

If Declarer has revoked, he may simply return the card to his hand, and play the correct suit. No penalty.

If a Defender has revoked, and the correct card has been substituted, the revoke card must remain on the table as a Major Penalty Card. Declarer does not have a Penalty card; Defenders will have a Penalty card, as information has been wrongly given to partner about the offender's hand. This must be played at the first opportunity the offender has to lead or play to a trick, and if partner is on lead, lead restrictions may apply. [See Penalty cards, Trump! Feb and May, on Arana website].

Usually the substitution will be much kinder to the offending side. So try to get into the habit of asking, immediately there has been a failure to follow suit, 'No Diamonds?'

Please call the Director immediately [if established you will continue to play until the hand is finished], and **please do not discuss the revoke or start turning over all the cards. The latter** makes it difficult for the Director to work out what exactly has happened!

Robyn Grills

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ODE TO JEAN STONE

Died 10th Sept 2018

R. I. P. Dear Friend

JEAN was a member of the Arana Bridge club and my good friend.

She was an expert at knitting and crocheting and had donated a little of her work to the club to raffle. Jean gave up her nursing career to marry her 1st husband and produced her much loved children, the marriage struggled on until in Jeans own words "I got rid of the bastard." Caring and supporting her brood would not have been easy, however her work in real estate helped.

Jean's life changed considerably when she met and married Norman Stone. They travelled and enjoyed a full life together. Norman loved and cared for Jean until her last breath.

Jean Stone was the second partner I have sadly lost.

Now who wishes to be my next partner?

Pam Feehely

A poem that Jean wrote about her Australian childhood follows.

**THE AUSTRALIA WE REMEMBER - BY
JEAN STONE**

I remember the cheese of my childhood
And the bread we cut with a knife
When the children helped with the housework
And the men went to work – not the wife.

The cheese never needed a fridge
And the bread was so crusty and hot.
The children were seldom unhappy,
and the wife was content with her lot.

I remember the milk from the bottle
With yummy cream on the top.
Our dinner came hot from the oven –
And not from the fridge in the shop.

The kids were a lot more contented
They didn't need money for kicks,
Just a game with their mates in the road
And sometimes the Saturday flicks.

I remember the shop on the corner
Where a pen'orth of sweeties were sold.
Do you think I a bit too nostalgic?
Or is it I'm just getting old?

I remember the "loo" was a "lavvy"
And the bogey man came in the night.
It wasn't the least bit funny
Going "out back" with no light.

The interesting items we perused
From the newspapers cut in squares –
And hung on the peg in the "loo" –
It took little to keep us amused.

The clothes were boiled in the copper
With plenty of rich foamy suds,
But the ironing seemed never ending –
As Mum ironed everyone's duds.

I remember the slap on my backside
And the taste of soap if I swore
Calories and diets weren't heard of
And we hadn't much choice what we wore.

Do you think that bruised our ego?
Or our initiative was destroyed?
We ate what was put on the table
And I think life was better enjoyed.

But a huge fact not here to be mentioned
In this tale of "nostalgic" rejoice.
The reason we all "enjoyed" our lot,
Is because – there was simply – NO CHOICE!

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Also, as we have a special friendship with the bridge club, we have decided to add you to our Kick-backs Program. Meaning that every booking you/or your friends make with us, whether you're a club member or not, just by using this code #BRJ19 we will give a percentage back to the club!

Come ask us for more details, cannot wait to see you! We are near the Woolworths end at Brookside.

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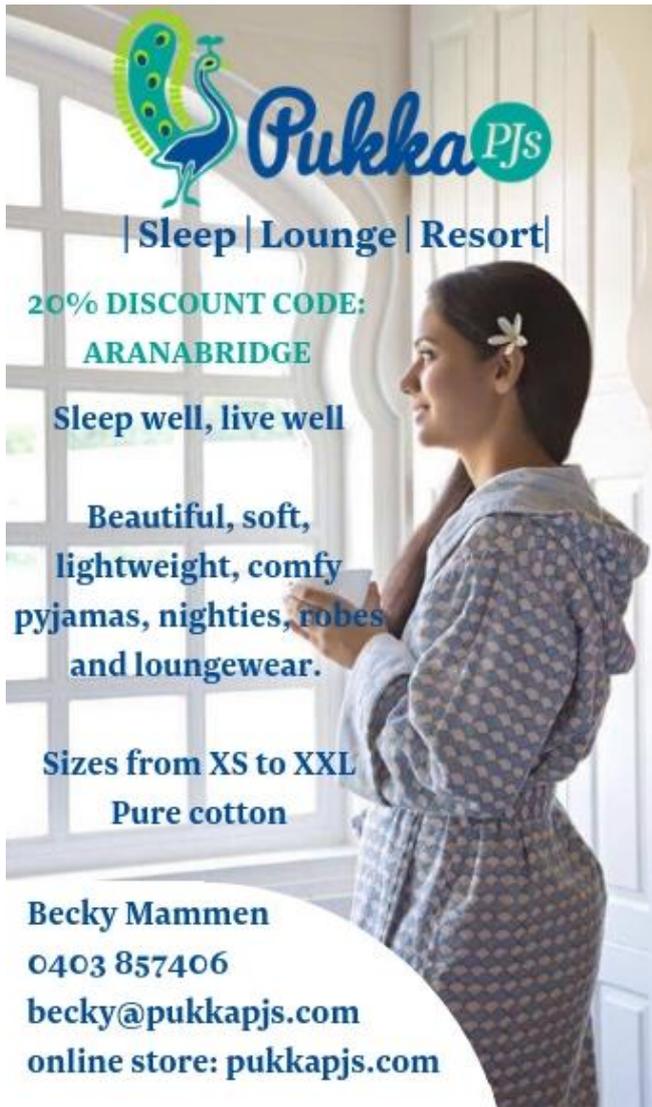
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Arana's New Session for Novices

Robyn Grills & Sue Norton

MONDAY 1st October saw the commencement of our newest session, an afternoon session designed specifically for our Novice players. Our first day was a great success, with eleven tables, helped, no doubt, by the fact that it was a public holiday. It is a shorter session, playing 24 to 28 boards, depending on the numbers on the day.

Other Novice players who may be interested would be most welcome. A partner will be found for you during the initial stages, if necessary, and it is pleasing to see some regular partnerships springing up. At this stage players will have a limit of 50 MPs

There was lots of enthusiasm, and excitement, as some of our players achieved their first matchpoints! Well done Sheridan Cannavan and Merv Parmenter, two of our regular players (below).



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Our Club Directors

THERE has been some dissatisfaction expressed over club directors being responsible for special club events, such as 2-week events, team and pairs club championships. While this is understandable, the club's governing body, in this case, the Arana committee, is solely responsible for appointing these directors for club events.

Our club directors are a mix of Club Directors accredited, and some very experienced players who are happy to take over this role. All quite legitimate.

For any Open events, such as the February Swiss Teams Congress, and in June the Arana Imp Pairs and the Arana Swiss Teams, we are required to access the services of Accredited Congress Directors, and this current year we have been fortunate to have the services of Chris Snook and Peter Busch. Once 30 tables have been reached a second director is required to assist, and this may certainly be a club director.

Directing can be a distraction to one's game, and we do, at times, make errors in our decisions, so thank you for your patience. You do have the right of appeal as a last resort should you feel unjustly treated.

Robyn Grills

Masterpoint movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members for the period to 31st October 2018

Graduate	Brian Pridham Kelvin Wheeler Bob Gannon Jane Easton
Club Master	Byron Lye Dawn Chappel
Local Master	Kathleen Le Voi Barbara Sheppard Bruce Hansen
*Local Master	Olivia Jackson Jo Mammen
**Local Master	Flemming Scholler Jeff Borg
*State Master	Carol Bellis
National Master	Jan McRobbie
**National Master	Deborah Dwyer

Robert Matthew (MP Sec)

Table fees rising in 2019

As of 1st January, fees will be

Members	\$6.00
Visitors	\$7.50

Please pay with exact money whenever possible.

Club Badges

I'm ordering club badges at the end of this month. I order them end November & May each year unless I get a big order.

Sue Norton

2018 Christmas Party

Saturday 15th December

At the Clubhouse.

Arrive 12.30 for 1pm start.

No partner needed.

Wear fancy dress.

Please make food to share.

Food will be served at the end of play .

Please use disposable plates to reduce washing up.

If you have questions and/or offers to help, please contact the event Coordinator, **Alan Norman**

(Coming Up in the next Edition All About Alerts)

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Brain teasers

Q. I weigh nothing, but you can still see me. If you put me in a bucket, I make the bucket lighter. What am I?

Q. I am a word that begins with the letter I. If you add the letter A to me, I become a new word with a different meaning, but that sounds exactly the same. What word am I?

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