

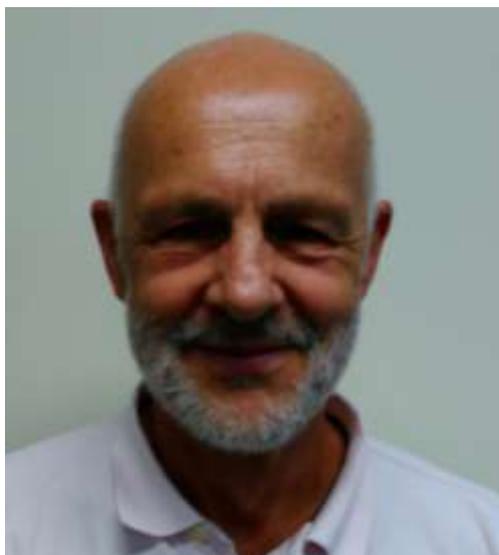
# ARANA

## *Contract Bridge Club Inc*

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### From the President



**Robert van Beest**

WELCOME to my first message as president of your Bridge club. I will do the best for all of you to continue to make the club stronger and friendlier in 2016.

Firstly I would like to thank Allan and his committee plus our volunteers for their commitment and time to assist the club to be where we are at this point.

Allan arranged that the council will do the levelling of our building which would have otherwise been a big impact on our budget. We are still waiting for a date that the council will do the work. When the building is level we can decide what is necessary to improve the inside.

Thank you to the many volunteers who took care of a successful congress with a special mention to Rosemary who worked on it for months. The result was that we made a profit from our congress.

Before I inform you how the committee and I see the future of our club, here is my story so far. Born in 1948 in Holland, I was one of five boys.

After I finished school I worked on a milk run for three years, and then moved to retail, first in grocery and later hardware. I married in 1970 (and still happy). My wife, Pieta and I, had three children, two girls and a boy. We emigrated in January 1980 to Australia and never looked back. We left when the temperature was -23 C and arrived here to a very hot 38C. Again I started working a milk run and after seven years started with Coles Myer for 16 yrs in management. I finished with Coles Myer and retired following a period in the hardware business. Our family lived for 35 years in Stafford Heights. All our children are now married and we have six grandchildren. Two weeks ago my wife and I moved to Stafford Lakes Tri Care at Chermiside West for health reasons. We are enjoying our day to day living with less house and garden maintenance and meeting new friends.

Firstly, I wish to congratulate Richard for becoming a **life member** of the club. Richard's commitment to the club has been and still is 24/7. When there is a computer issue he knows how to solve it. As a director, Richard keeps everyone confused with his unusual movements which keep all of us awake. Again, Richard thank you for your assistance in making the club what it is today and we look forward to many more years to come with you.

The committee had its first meeting with all new members attending. Last year we made a small shortfall with incoming money to cover our cost of running the club. With that in mind we decided not to increase our table fees for another year but would look for other ways to increase revenue. We will also look for better results in controlling our outgoings. The first suggestion that came up was if there is an interest in playing Bridge on a Sunday once a month and we can expand on that if there are enough players. The next item raised was if there is interest in playing

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other games (for example, chess, mah-jong, 500 and canasta) at times when the room is not in use for Bridge. We would like to hear from you if there is enough interest for both new initiatives.

Rosemary informed us that she wanted to step down as the person that keeps an eye on our library. Jill has now volunteered to take those responsibilities over. Please assist when you borrow a book to sign it out and when you bring it back sign it in, thank you. This year the club will celebrate its 30th anniversary. The committee will set up a subcommittee for planning the date and events. More information is available on our noticeboard. All suggestions are welcome.

Name tags can be ordered but we need sufficient quantities to be able to order them for around \$7 each.

For now I wish everyone a happy Bridge time and if there is anything that you like to communicate to the committee please put a note in the box with your name on it or if it is urgent you are welcome to contact me.

**Robert van Beest (President)**

## Revised publication dates for the Trump.It

Below is a **late update from the President**. Robert has discussed with me his wish to have the Club Newsletter, the "Trump.It" include updates on the Management Committee meetings. To achieve this, the publication dates of the newsletter have been reset from early in the even numbered months to the following. This edition is the first to follow the new schedule

**Editor (Michael Walker)**

### Late Update

Here I give you the **meetings schedule** for this year and when our **Trump.It** comes out.

Meetings	Trump.It
19-04-16	28-04-16
21-06-16	30-06-16
16-08-16	25-08-16
18-10-16	27-10-16
20-12-16	29-12-16
AGM 07-02-17	
21-02-17	02-03-17

We are also going to try sending the Trump.It by email to all who have supplied us with an email address. The Trump.It will still be placed on our website. Also there will be some hard copies printed which will be available at our club house.

## From the President: Committee Matters

This time a double message because of the way we put our meeting and the Trump.It closer together.

Our second committee meeting was Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of April. The following matters have been discussed or decided.

After a good response of the members Sunday play will be played every 4th Sunday of the month starting the 22th of May from 1pm till 4.30pm. No partner required. All are welcome.

Our 30th anniversary celebrations will be held on the 25th of June. Lorraine and a team of volunteers will organise the day. More info will be put on the notice board.

During some days of play we are going to organise raffles which will give us some extra cash for supporting our outgoings for parties and congresses.

Free tickets came up after we had an email from one of our members, but until we have looked a bit more into it, things will stay as is.

Another member emailed us to give our attention to system cards which in some instances are hard to read. We ask all members to check their cards.

I will organise that the names of directors and dealing persons go on the notice board.

Building work has no date yet but Allen is still in contact with the council.

We welcome Roslyne Hannell, Yvonne Stalling, Judi Sunman, Jo Neary, Brenda Evans, Robyn Summers, Barbara Hopley, Richard Duczmal, Flemming Scholler, Fay Jepperson & Anette Hyland as new members to our club. Please make them welcome.

The ABF has increased their yearly membership by \$1. As from 2017 their annual subscription will be \$15. If your personal details have changed in the last couple of months please send an email to [aranabridge@netspace.net.au](mailto:aranabridge@netspace.net.au) or drop a note in the wooden suggestion box at the end on the front counter.

I thank everyone for the support over the past 2 months and the volunteers that keep our club going and make us stronger as a club.

Happy Bridge time to all of you.

**Robert van Beest**

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## Library News

Hi folks. After many years of caretaking the library, Rosemary has handed over the responsibility to me. Our library is available to all members, with a recommended borrowing period of one month. I won't bore you with the details, as most of you already know how the system works. We have many excellent books, as well as Videos, CDs and a couple of CD ROMs. To more recent members of the club, I urge you to browse through our selection. If help is needed, please ask me or another member for assistance.

Good reading!

Jill W

Jill Warnecke

## Tony's Tip – 'Deduction'

### Deduction from the bidding

There is a tendency to assume that an opponent who has overcalled has automatically become a strong favourite to hold all the missing high cards. This may be reasonable enough so far as Aces and Kings are concerned, but most overcalls are based on winning tricks rather than high card values. So when it comes down to a Queen or a Jack don't conclude that these cards are necessarily with the over-caller. E.g. say you are declarer in a NT contract playing South and you must play this combination after West has overcalled in Spades:

	♦AK4	
	Dummy	
W		E
	Declarer	
	♦Q1063	

The soundness of West's overcall hardly depends on him holding the DJ. As West is long in Spades he may well be short in Diamonds. Needing 4 tricks from the suit declarer may boldly play AK and then finesse the 10. If West had not overcalled one may well have decide to play out AKQ hoping to drop the Jack.

Similarly, say you and dummy hold 9 trumps missing the Q. The normal percentage play is to lay down the AK, but if one opponent has overcalled, assume he is short in your trump suit. You then play his partner to hold Qxx of the suit.

### Deduction from the play

Dummy	AKJ	AK4
Declarer	T53	JT6

All examples have declarer sitting South. West leads low. In the first hand declarer has no

clue as to the position of the Q. West can see the AKJ in dummy and knows it costs nothing to lead the suit, for declarer can take the finesse at any time he likes whether it is led or not.

In the second case, it is unlikely the Q is with west as he would be unwilling to open with this combination holding the Q.

### Deductions from the defender's discards

Dummy KJ105

Declarer A42

Declarer is playing at NT and while he is running another suit each opponent discards from the above suit. You can deduce that the Q remains guarded as it would be improper to discard from Qxx. Therefore one defender started out with Qxxx, and you have to guess which.

### Playing on an assumption

Playing on assumption means that for your contract to succeed and you have no knowledge as to where the defenders' cards lie, you have to assume that they lie favourably in order to make your contract.

Dummy KQ10732

Declarer 64

Declarer is playing in 3NT which can only succeed if several tricks can come from this holding. Regrettably there is no other entry to dummy. Obviously the opponents will hold up the Ace if they can. Therefore the only way to get home is to assume that East holds the Ace singleton. Accordingly play low from each hand and if the gods are kind the Ace falls from the East hand. When next in, finesse the J in West.

## Director's Corner

### DECEPTION

You must not attempt to deceive an opponent in your bidding or by the manner in which your cards are played. This includes things like deliberating for a few seconds before playing a singleton to make an opponent think you have a choice or cards to play, or hesitating when an opponent is finessing through you in order to make them think you have the missing honour.

Bridge is not poker — bluffing is not allowed! There must be no secret agreements.

Your systems and methods must be transparent. Your opponents are entitled to know everything about your bids and plays that your partner does. This includes system agreements as well as matters of style, and also any agreed temporary departure from the system.

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All players must have systems cards, which must be made available to opponents during bidding, and opponents are entitled to ask questions of the player's partner about bids or plays, and are entitled to a full answer.

**Val Cran (Director)**

## Masterpoint movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members for the period to 31st March 2016

Graduate Master Linda Douglas  
Owen Marks  
Jeff Borg  
Philip Saunders  
Gwen Walker

Club Master Marie Gilbert  
Jill Gofton  
Helen Sitcheff

Local Master Robert James

\*Local Master Judy Cantamessa  
Judith Nelson  
Greg Davenport  
Sophie Quinlivan

\*\*Local Master Trish Waters  
Carol Bellis  
Margaret Corley  
Jan May

State Russell Skennerton

\*\*National Tony Agar

Silver Life Jan Rae

**Robert Matthew (MP Sec)**

## modern guru

Danny Katz solves your ethics and etiquette dilemmas.

**Q..** As my 90-year-old aunt is in an aged—care hostel, I smuggle in bottles of chardonnay for her. Sometimes I'm a bit careless and the bottles clink as I walk to her room. Some of the old dears glare at me with scorn. Should I glare back or hold my head high and just keep walking?

Jane Doe, ROZELLE, NSW

**A..** When I'm 90 years old and living out my days in the Gilded Goitre Aged Care Facility, I hope I have a sweet, thoughtful relative like you who sneaks me in bottles of wine. Maybe some mid—priced Irish whiskey, Also a case of pale ale. And a fully assembled beer bong with a hook so I can hang it from the handle of my bedside toilet commode chair.

Once you get past 80, you should be allowed to drink all you like. What's it going to do? Lower your life expectancy? Harm any foetus you might be carrying during pregnancy? Cause drink-driving fatalities when you're hurtling down the footpath on a mobility walker? In fact, this is the time for your aunt to go harder, try all the stuff she always wanted to: smoke ciggies, get a tattoo, enter a wet nightie competition and film it for a Grans Gone Wild DVD. Time to play internet poker, pop Es and have sex with every consenting post-80-year-old in the hostel, using a gardeners kneeling-pad for ease of getting up and down.

Who cares what a few dour dullard dearies think? Next time you visit, walk with your head held high, proudly carrying booze, pills, syringes, lubricants. sexy arthritis bras, tattoo guns and a pack of Werther's Originals, Never forget the Werther's Originals.

Email questions to... [guru@fairfax.com.au](mailto:guru@fairfax.com.au)  
(This clipping kindly provided by Gill Lycette)

## Ten Commandments for Bridge Players

1. Thou shalt not play any game other than Bridge whilst at the table.
2. Thou shalt not call a misdeal just because thou hast been dealt no picture cards.
3. Thou shalt never take the rules of Bridge in vain.
4. After losing three games, thou shalt not cry, nor stamp thy feet, nor set fire to thy Bridge table.
5. Thou shalt honour thy tournament director's decision, even though thou might find it unfavourable.
6. When thy partner makes a mistake, thou shalt not kill, nor cause him or her serious injury.
7. Thou shalt not resort to coughs, grunts, hand signals, meaningful looks or kicks under the table to instruct thy partner.
8. If thou breakest Commandment 7, thou must not get caught.
9. Thou shalt keep table talk to a minimum, unless thou hast some juicy gossip that will not wait.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy opponents' aces, nor their success at making seven no trumps doubled and redoubled.

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## A bit of fun

### Why?

WHY is a person who plays the piano called a pianist, but a person who drives a race car is not called a racist?

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

Do Lipton Tea employees take 'coffee breaks'?

What hair colour do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks, so I wondered what do Chinese mothers use, Toothpicks?

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?

Is it true that you never really learn to swear until you learn to drive?

Why, Why, Why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?

Why do banks charge a fee due to insufficient funds; when they already know you're broke?

Why is it that when someone tells you that there are one billion stars in the universe you believe them, but if they tell you there is wet paint you have to touch it to check?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why did Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose cruel idea was it to put an "s" in the word "lisp"?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

Why is it that, no matter what colour bubble bath you use, the bubbles are always white? Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why do people run over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach

down, pick it up, examine it and then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

How do those dead bugs get into the enclosed light fixtures?

Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

Why, in winter, do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

Do you ever wonder why you gave me your e-mail address in the first place?

And, a FAVORITE:

The statistics on sanity say that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends. If they're OK..? (then it's you!)

REMEMBER, A day without a smile is like a day without sunshine!

And a day without sunshine is, like.....night!

## Now that I'm older here's what I've discovered:

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and all-bran.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING BRIDGE

Sessions 9:30am to 1:30pm

For a friendly and relaxed game

Morning tea/coffee provided

**NO PARTNER REQUIRED**

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