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Arana Bridge Club Newsletter

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From The President



We have arrived at the festive season and that means the end of another year. 2023 has been a better year without any COVID interruptions. This doesn't mean that it is not around anymore, so we still have to stay home with colds and flu.

Our membership numbers were reduced at the start of the year, but they improved throughout the year as we welcomed new members.

In the last 2-3 months we have connected to some retirement villages. We think this will result in new members joining us next year as well as a continuing sponsorship for our club. Grants and sponsorship helped the club to maintain a positive result for the year.

Our lease is still not renewed - this will be my main effort for next year. As soon as I know what's going on, we will take steps to improve some facilities and update the appearance of the inside of the building.

Our Christmas party will be a catered lunch and entertainment. Looking at the numbers, it will be a fun day.

I wish all our members a happy Christmas and New Year and thank all our volunteers for helping the committee to continue making Arana a fine and happy bridge club.

Robert



From the Committee

As 2023 draws to a close, we would like to thank all those who have helped to make Arana the friendly and welcoming Club it is.

- Our directors
- The bridgemate operators
- The card dealers
- Natalie who is our partner request co-ordinator
- Norma and Bruce who replenish our supplies
- Kelvin who cleans the air conditioning filters
- Members who wash the teatowels, tablecloths and table covers
- Our masterpoint secretaries, John and David, who keep tabs on masterpoints earned
- Phil Chappel – master at applying for grants
- Jim, Kit, Sue and Trish who conduct the bridge lessons
- And to many others who quietly make their contribution to our Club.
- Thank you and best wishes for 2024

2023 Committee

New Members

We would like to welcome **Stuart Stoddart, Herold Rienstra, John Hayes, Monica Armstrong, Collette and Neil Walsh, Dale Ludwig, Budi Maher, Grant Schwulst and Fiona Curry**. We hope that you enjoy playing at Arana.



Masterpoint Movements

Congratulations to the following members on their recent promotions:

Graduate	Karen Spicer
Club	Ross Hunter Michael O'Hara Russ Sowden
Local	Brigid Quinlan Kit Clarke
Bronze Local	David Brown Peter Rhind
Silver Local	Leonie Nugent
Regional	Jane Easton
State	Judi Sunman
Bronze State	Olivia Jackson Lynley Mason
Bronze National	Ibrahim Diallo
Silver National	Terry Nowitzki

John Murphy (MP Sec)

Results

Wednesday Pairs were played on 2nd and 9th August. The overall winners were Errol Miller and Sunil Mukherjee. Julie Cutmore and Mike O'Hara came 2nd and Judy Greenwood and Cherylyn Rigney were the handicap winners. Congratulations to all.



Monday Pairs played on 18th September were won by **Julie Cutmore** and **Richard McLauchlan**. **Willemina Hendriks** and **Warren McIlwraith** won on handicap.

Club Pairs were won by Greg Gosney and Margaret Plunkett. Natalie Bloch and Richard McLauchlan were 2nd.

Friday Pairs were won by Joyce O'Brien and Judi Sunman. Terry Nowitzki and Allan McIntyre were runners up.

Australia Wide Restricted Pairs played on 25th October



Results:

NS Judi Sunman and Kelvin Wheeler
Ian Franklin and Olivia Jackson

EW Martin Wu and Peter Munro
Jeff Borg and Flemming Scholler

We would like to thank Kit for directing. Congratulations to Martin and Peter who came first overall with 70.4%. Special mention to Judi and Kelvin who came 12th overall in players under 100 MP with 61.5%

Social Events

Jenny's Special Birthday

Jenny Lewis recently celebrated her 90th birthday with a special cake and best wishes from her many bridge friends.



Melbourne Cup was a fun day at Arana Bridge Club. The winners of the competition for the “Best Dressed Rooster and Hen” – Charlie was the best dressed Rooster; Maureen best dressed Hen. Trish won the 2nd prize.



Coming Events

Christmas Party is on Saturday 9th December 12.00 noon start. Lunch provided. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea. Entertainment by the Samford Community Singers. Lots of prizes. Bridge starts at 1.00pm. No partner required but **please enter online** to assist catering. RSVP by Monday 4th December.



General Business

Kitchen, cups etc

Dear members,

As we no longer employ a tea person, we expect members to clean up after themselves and to bring their own cups or clean the club cups after use. It doesn't take long to wipe down the benches and put biscuits, teabags etc away at the end of the break.

We are looking at replacing the steriliser with a dishwasher, this may solve some of the problems.

Badges

The cost of new badges has gone up to \$11.00. To order a new badge please write your name on an envelope and place it in the wooden box at the front of the room. Payment by cash or EFTPOS accepted.

Please wear your badges to help the new players feel more at home.

Increase in ABF affiliation fee

ABF affiliation fee has increased to \$20. So the membership fee for 2024 will be \$55.

The components are: Club fee \$15, ABF affiliation fee \$20 and QBA affiliation fee \$20. The invoices will be emailed from 1st January.

Need a Bridge Partner?

Contact **Natalie Bloch** either by email aranabridgeclub.partnerrequest@gmail.com or ring or text Natalie on **0402 255 020**. Please **do not** leave a voice message. Natalie will then send an email to all the members whose email addresses are on our club's database. No names will be published, just information about points.



From our Directors

Following is an extract from 2013 Trumplt – still very relevant today.

“BRIDGE! Some of you play it very well, some of us play it very badly. The one certainty is that without Directors none of us would be playing it at all. The Director's job is often a difficult one. It takes a lot of study to learn the plethora of regulations covering our game. A lot of attention has to be paid to setting up correct movements and then there are the often frequent interruptions to the Director's own game. These are all unavoidable facts of

the Director's bridge life. It is sometimes a thankless task. That is avoidable. Our Directors are all volunteers and we should all be constantly grateful for their efforts.

(...) Always remember that if Directors are seen to be getting a hard time then our chances of getting new recruits to the ranks diminish appreciably. Let's make Arana a Club where our Directors feel really appreciated.

Allan McIntyre “

So please consider the following:

- A Director arrives early to open doors and needs time to choose correct movement
- Bridgemate operator needs time to enter the movement into the computer
- We all would like to start on time – please be seated 15 minutes before start of session
- If a Director asks you to move, please cheerfully oblige
- If you need to call a Director during the session, please do so in a polite manner – “Director, please” – and remember that the Director is also playing and may not be immediately available.

Be a Good Sport

We all play bridge because we love it. Help make the game fun for everyone by observing the few simple proprieties that make bridge fair and enjoyable.

Play tough but fair

Play tough, be competitive, but be a good sport.

- Be pleasant to your opponents (and your partner). Welcome new opponents to your table. Don't conduct lengthy post-mortems.
- Slow players – make the effort to catch up; it's not fair to use more than your share of the clock, and finishing late disrupts the schedule. Claim if it is clear.
- Make beginners feel welcome. New players are the future of the game we love. Make special effort to explain your bidding fully to less experienced players and remember they may not know the methods and conventions you are using.

- Tell opponents what they need to know about your system
- Correct explanations as soon as you can

If partner accidentally mis-informs the opponents, you can't give a correction during the bidding (because you mustn't tell partner the correct explanation). If your side becomes declarer, you must give the correct explanation before the opponents make their opening lead. If your side ends up defending, apologise and give the correct explanation at the end of the hand. Call the director if opponents may have been damaged – that's why the Director is there!

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