



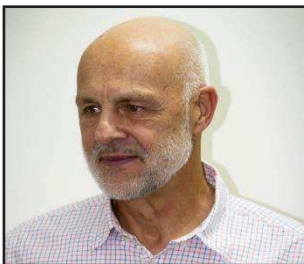
# *Trump·It*

## *Arana Bridge Club Newsletter*

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### From The President



I would like to thank all the players, volunteers and Committee members for last year's input. Your efforts have made my position very enjoyable. The Club is doing well.

Christmas party at the end of the year was a huge success. Some volunteers retired but there were new ones putting their hand up.

We are still waiting for the new lease. The building needs more levelling but the job is too big for the Club. This year I will investigate the option of moving to the Bowls Club. This will take time and lots of planning.

We had tests carried out on the air quality in the Clubhouse. As a result, we need to improve our air conditioning system.

The new Constitution was passed at a Special meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Many thanks to Simon Wood, our Secretary, for his hard work in updating the Rules. Thank you also to John Scriven for his input and Carla Webb for proof reading.

I am honoured and a little embarrassed about my nomination for the Life membership. I will dedicate my time and knowledge to the Club for as long as I am able.

Happy Bridging Everyone for 2023

Robert van Beest

President

### Around the Club

- **Thursday Afternoon Session**

Thursday afternoon bridge is now a normal masterpoint session replacing Social Bridge.

- **Bridge Classes for Beginners**

Bridge classes for beginners have commenced on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Jim Taylor, Kit and Trish are sharing the teaching. Thirty people have registered their interest and most are attending.

Saturday mornings also have a group who have recently completed the beginner lessons. These members are keen to reinforce the concepts they have learned through practice and further instruction. Supervised play is their next step, leading into playing in a regular session. They will be looking for a helpful partner to reinforce what they have learnt.

Sue Norton

### New Members

Warm welcome is extended to our new members – **Leanne Arnold, Grace Donato, David Heywood, Adrienne Naismith, Leanne Rigby, Rosemary Solomon and Sarah West**. We hope that you enjoy playing bridge at our Club.

### Badges

Wearing a badge helps new players to feel more at home. If you would like to order a new or replacement badge, the cost of Arana name badge is **\$10.00** (including freight).

Orders require a minimum of 6 requests.

There are envelopes at the front of the clubhouse. Please write your name (how you would like to have it printed on your badge)

and place it in the wooden box at the front of the room. Payment is either by cash (in the envelope) or by eftpos.

### Masterpoint Movements

Congratulations to the following members on their recent promotions:

|                        |                               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Graduate</b>        | Jen Hocking                   |
| <b>Local</b>           | Peter Rhind                   |
| <b>Regional</b>        | Jo Mammen<br>John Murphy      |
| <b>Bronze National</b> | Carol Bellis<br>Cynthia Sharp |
|                        | <b>John Murphy (MP Sec)</b>   |

### Need a Bridge Partner?

Contact **Natalie Bloch** either by email [aranabridgeclub.partnerrequest@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Please keep this partner request alive and working. We would really encourage players just out of lessons to initiate a partner request. A lot of experienced players will be happy to do some "coaching".

**Kay Lehmann** has been recently inducted to the Australian Hall of Fame for her achievements in hockey. Kay represented Queensland from 1964 to 1971 and 1973. She was Captain in 1971 and Vice Captain in 1968/9 and 1970. She represented Australia from 1965 to 67 and 1969 to 70. In 2008 she was inducted to the Queensland Hall of Fame.

**Bev Quine**

### Kenmore Congress

Carol Bellis, Cynthia Sharp, Anna Green, Jo Mammen, Jeff Borg, Olivia Jackson, Gay and John Hull all won red points.

### Coming Events

- **GNOT – 3 week event**

Commences on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

No paper entries accepted. Either enter online or email an entry to the Convenor at [Entries@aranabridgeclub.org.au](mailto:Entries@aranabridgeclub.org.au)

Members only. \$12 per person per session.

## Arana CBC One Day Swiss Teams

### Convenor's report, 13 February 2023

Here it is again, the day after Arana's February one day teams. I can't say I'm sorry that it is over for another year as it is a big job, but one I enjoy immensely. It was great to have a full house again. I can't remember the last time we had 36 teams for this event but certainly before covid 19 hit us. Wonderful to see some Arana members in the winners' list. Congratulations to Ann, Pam, Tony, and Wayne.

The winners for 2023 are:

1<sup>st</sup> overall: EVANS: Peter, Tony Treloar, Therese Tully, Richard Ward

1<sup>st</sup> B grade: PEREIRA: Eugene, Mick Fawcett, Lyn Tracey, Winny Chan

2<sup>nd</sup> B grade: SMITH: Ann, Pam Horton, Tony Agar, Wayne Lambley

1<sup>st</sup> C grade: DAVIES: Bob, Siobhan Davies, Bob Hannam, Ian Pitts

My heartfelt thanks go to **Norma Hansen** who was the providore and caterer for this event without whom the hungry horde of bridge players would have gone hungry. I couldn't have pulled it off without you Norma. Second, thanks to **Bruce Hansen** who supported and helped Norma and myself and backed up Julie Jeffries and David O'Gorman our directors, on the floor.

The home baked goodies went down very well. Thanks to all those who contributed.

I thought the event went smoothly. I didn't receive any complaints about the air conditioning this year although I did see a number of jackets in use. The only complaint I did receive was that the table numbers were upside down and didn't correspond with the "N" sign on the wall.

It was lovely to see a lot of familiar faces and heartening to see so many new ones. Thanks to **Sue Norton** for encouraging five "newbies" to form a team and get some experience in the wide world of bridge. Three of the five earned their first masterpoints, red ones.

Entries were received in a steady stream after the flyers went out. The job of gathering entries and entering them onto the website was made much easier by Richard setting up access to the "entries" email address on our computer at home. We had some changes to team members in the last week but no last-minute withdrawals which made my life much easier.

**Helen McLauchlan**



1<sup>st</sup> overall: EVANS: Peter, Tony Treloar, Therese Tully, Richard Ward



Runners up in B Grade – Arana’s SMITH team – Ann Smith, Tony Agar, Pam Horton and Wayne Lambley



Noel’s Werth’s wife, Carole, is a great cook. She is one of many who generously donate delicious home made biscuits and slices for our Congresses. Thank you, Carole.

## The Gold Coast

The Gold Coast Congress was on once again from 17<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February. Here are some of the Arana members who attended:



Merv, Jane, Jeannette and Olivia played in Novice teams. Jeannette made those lovely bridge bags.



Jeff, Ian and their team members did very well in Restrictive teams.



Cynthia and Carol played with their friends from Perth.

**TBIB**  
TRAVELLING AGAIN?

You can purchase your Travel Insurance online at [www.abfinsurance.com.au](http://www.abfinsurance.com.au) - you can call TBIB on 07 3252 5254 or you can email them to [abf@tbib.com.au](mailto:abf@tbib.com.au) and talk about your travel plans.

ABF Members' Travel Insurance is live and ready to go.

**Tony's Tip**  
**MISFITS**

In cases of misfits, which partner should be first to pass?

We have all witnessed, or been involved in, bidding like this:

|        |           |
|--------|-----------|
| OPENER | RESPONDER |
| 1S     | 2H        |
| 2S     | 3H        |
| 3S     | 4H        |

and so on till one or the other is X'd.

**So who should be the first to quit?**

1. The player who can buy the contract at the cheapest price, even if an inferior contract, but undoubled, is preferable to a superior contract that is doubled and down. It is probable that neither hand will fulfill a contract at the 3 or 4 level. So it is better for the player with the higher ranking suit, in this case Ss, have priority as the hearts must bid to a new level to buy the hand.
2. The player with the **most** high card points, ie the stronger hand, should be willing to become **dummy**. This permits the player with the long suit to be declarer. This is similar in responding to a strong 1NT and you transfer partner to your long suit. If your hand is weak, you will pass and the contract will be played in your long suit.

In the case of:

|     |    |
|-----|----|
| 1H  | 1S |
| 2H  | 2S |
| etc |    |

Responder's 2S bid is likely to show a hand that is 6 carded with 6 to 10 points, the equivalent of a weak 2S opening. Opener can now reassess her hand and make a judgement whether there is any point pressing on had partner been first to open the bidding

with 2S. In not, pass is the preferred action. Even if you hold 0 or 1 spades.

**An example of a thoughtful pass with a misfit is the following hand:**

|              |         |        |        |
|--------------|---------|--------|--------|
| S KQ10x      | H AQxxx | D none | C AJxx |
| Bidding went | 1H      | 2D     |        |
|              | 2S      | 3D     |        |

?

Opener knows partner has no fit in the majors and cannot have anything much in Clubs. Opener's bidding reveals a strong hand, 16+ points. Yet his partner is unwilling to settle in a secondary fit in either major by bidding 3D. Opener therefore deduced that his partner must hold a pre-emptive type diamond suit. He made a fine pass. Partner held:

|      |      |            |      |
|------|------|------------|------|
| S xx | H xx | D AQ10xxxx | C Qx |
|------|------|------------|------|

**Opening leads.** One of the preferred opening leads is recognised as an A from a suit headed by AK. However if you hold in another suit QJ10 x, then lead out the Q, preserving your AK to capture an opponent's Q. Of course, if the AK will set the contract, obviously take your 2 tricks.

**Tony Agar**



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