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From The President



We are more than halfway through 2022 and COVID is still a health issue. With new variants appearing and the winter flu adding more pressure to individuals when deciding whether to play bridge or not. Please stay away and protect all other members if you feel unwell 🤒.

We have acquired two grants, \$5000 to assist with repair of our leaking roof and \$7800 to replace our bridgemates.

Recently, we measured the level of our building and found that, once again, there are problems. We are looking into the cost of levelling the building. However, before any action can be taken, we need to have a discussion with the Brisbane City Council.

I thank everyone for organising and assisting with the many bridge events which were all well attended and financially a success for the club.

Please keep enjoying playing bridge
Robert van Beest President

Farewell Bob Dancer

Many current members won't remember Bob Dancer who passed away recently after spending many years in a nursing home suffering from dementia. However, Bob is a

very important part of the club's history and I would like to say a few words about Bob the man and Bob's contribution to the Arana Bridge club.

I first met Bob in the 1990's when the club was playing its bridge at the Arana Hills Community Centre. He and I played together as partners on Tuesdays after he retired from his job as IT Manager at Paul's Ice Cream Company. This partnership also led to us becoming good friends and it would be hard to find a more decent human being than Bob. He was always very pleasant and I cannot remember a single occasion when he even slightly raised his voice in anger. He was a real gentleman in every way.

At the Arana Hills Community Centre, the room had to be set up for bridge prior to every game and the tables put away after every game. Furthermore, the hall was available for bridge only on Monday and Tuesday mornings and Wednesday nights. The club was therefore very keen to get its own building. Prior to Bob and I becoming the club's building sub-committee, a number of possible options had been investigated but proved to be infeasible.

Early in our building sub-committee tenure, the Brisbane City Council raised the prospect of the Bridge club joining with the Ferny Grove Falcons junior football club and the Ferny Grove junior cricket club in working towards a multi-purpose building at the site of our present clubhouse. Over the next more than three years, (Bob estimated that we spent in excess of 2,000 hours on this project and did not claim any incidental expenses), Bob and I

became even closer friends and spent many hours at each others' houses.

As a result, I got to know Bob's wife Margaret and his younger daughter Karen very well and developed enormous respect for both of them to accompany the esteem in which I already held Bob. The personal values that were readily apparent in the Dancer household would be an excellent example to any family.

The football and cricket club's did not have any surplus funds but the large sums of grant money involved was not available to a single club and they provided the needed credibility for our grant applications. As a result, Bob and I largely managed the project. The first task that we undertook was to carry out a very conservative feasibility study to ensure that the club could generate sufficient revenue to cover the operating costs of its own building given that it had been paying heavily subsidized rent at Arana Hills. Once satisfied on this matter, we commenced the many rounds of discussions with the State Government and the Brisbane City Council to secure the grants that finally resulted in the present building. We also had ongoing discussions with the football and cricket clubs.

In order to get our new building, we received a grant of over \$264,000 from the State Government, a grant of \$100,000 from the Brisbane City Council and a grant of \$21,500 from the Gambling Community Benefit fund. After the official opening of the club, Bob accepted the role of president for the next two years. The two \$15,000 loans that were provided by the ABF and the Queensland Bridge Association were paid out in full during his tenure as president and the financial position of the club has been very sound since then. The bridge club owns the building and the football and cricket clubs sub-lease their respective sections from the bridge club at no cost to them. Initially the club was granted a 20 year lease on the site and Robert is in current negotiations with the Brisbane City Council for a new lease. Bob and I continued to play bridge together for several more years until his dementia necessitated nursing home care.

Bob had other interests outside of bridge. In his younger years, he was heavily involved in

car rallies and for a period he was the navigator for Robert Matthews. Over the years, The Dancer and Matthews families maintained their close friendship and shared many a camping holiday in the country's national forests. It was in these types of surroundings that Bob practiced his other passion namely photography and the club also benefitted from this passion. The photographs on the rear wall of the club room were taken by Bob and donated to the club. As with everything that he undertook, the quality of the photos reflects his skill and attention to detail. The world has lost a very good man. May he rest in peace.

Gary Lynch

Masterpoint Movements

Congratulations to the following members on their recent promotions:

Graduate Club Local	Leone James Brigid Quinlan David Brown Bronwyn Macleod
Bronze Local Silver Local	Anastasia Watson Byron Lye Bruce Hansen
State Bronze National Life	Andrew Sokolowski Dawn Benes Allan McIntyre Jennifer Vickers

Robert Matthew (MP Sec)

Beginner Lessons

Learn to Play Bridge lessons are due to commence on **Saturday 17th September**.

Nine lessons on Saturday mornings. For further information contact **Kit Clarke** on 3289 4708 or KitClarkeBridge@Outlook.com



New Members

The following are new members to the Club: Trina Hickey, Karen Jenkins, Angela Knight, Helen Murdoch, Julie Ann Votan, Yolande Coroneo, Heather Douglas, Jane Farquhar and Midge Spice. A warm welcome is extended to you all.

Partner Request

If you require a partner, Natalie Bloch is the Club Contact. Either 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.

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".

Tony's Tip

Deduction

Every bridge player makes use of deduction to some extent but few exploit it to the limit. To the expert, every card tells a story and at times it seems as if they can see our hand by playing us for certain cards even though we have not made a bid. The process starts, naturally enough, with the opening lead.

Some inferences are obvious. For example, if the opening lead is an 8 or 9, it is highly unlikely that the player who led it holds any higher card in the suit, e.g.

♥Q62	
♥9 led W	E
♥A74	
Declarer	

There is no point in putting up the Q, as the King is almost certain to be with East.

Therefore it is better to play low in dummy and win with the Ace, preserving the value of the Q for the time being. If East is on lead later he

cannot re-open the suit without giving you a trick.

It is usual when on lead against a NT contract to lead the fourth best from the defender's longest suit. Thus, if a defender leads a 2, you can deduce it to be from a 4 carded suit. Furthermore, he has no 5-carded or longer suit; otherwise he would probably have led it. Similarly, against a suit contract, a player who has a strong sequence of honours will usually lead one. If he doesn't, you may safely assume that he has no such sequence. All these inferences are relatively obvious, yet they tend to be overlooked. Consider this hand:

N		
♠ J53		
♥ 82		
♦ AK7		
♣ 87543		
W		E
♠ 9764		♠ 2
♥ A106		♥ K9753
♦ 42		♦ J10853
♣ KJ92		♣ Q6
S		
♠ AKQ108		
♥ QJ4		
♦ Q96		
♣ A10		

South is playing in 4 Spades. West leads 4♦. Declarer has 9 sure tricks – 5 spades, 3 diamonds and a club. There various ways of promoting a 10th trick. However, the opponents may continue diamonds and get a third ruff before you.

A deduction from the opening lead enables declarer to employ a far safer method.

Since W did not open with ♥A, it is reasonable to assume that he does not have AK of the suit, for lead from this holding is surely one of the most preferred opening leads in anyone's book. This is all the information that declarer needs. Win the lead with the ♦Q, draw trumps and lead a heart from dummy, inserting the Q if East plays low. If the A or K is with West, then the other high honour is surely with East. When next in dummy, again lead towards your J securing a sure tenth trick.

Tony Agar

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From the Committee

- **The Gift to the Flood Appeal**

A while ago \$800 was raised on Wednesday for the Flood Appeal. The Committee agreed to increase the amount to \$1000. This was paid to Givit in April.

- **The Club Library**

Our library has a comprehensive collection of bridge books on various subjects. Have you borrowed a book and forgotten to return it? Please look at your home book shelves for any bridge library books which may be there.

- **Teaching Opportunity**

Dawn Benes has been presenting *Contract Bridge Basic Lessons and Etiquette* at the Albany Creek Library for many years. But she has decided to call it a day. The lessons are presented on the first Monday of each month from 2 till 3.30 p.m. and are advertised regularly in the Moreton Shire Council Library booklet and ECHO Local Newspaper. Dawn prepares handouts for the classes and pre-deals six to eight boards for the participants to play. Dawn is hoping someone may be interested in taking on presenting these classes. Over the years our club has benefited from new players. If you are interested you might like to contact Dawn (phone 0411 468 722) and discuss it with her, or you can contact the Library and advise you are interested in presenting the classes. The address of the Library is Ferguson Street, Albany Creek, phone 3264 5267.

- **Dickson Seniors Expo**

A Seniors Expo is being held at the South Pine Sports Complex on Monday, 22 August from 09.00 to 3.30. Our Club has arranged for a site at the Expo, thanks to the able

organisation of Warren Applegate. Warren has asked if anyone would like to help out on the day could you please give him a call on 0474 584 742. The address of the Expo is South Pine Sports Complex, 620 South Pine Rd, Brendale (enter via Cribb Street) The link to its website is:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/927637>

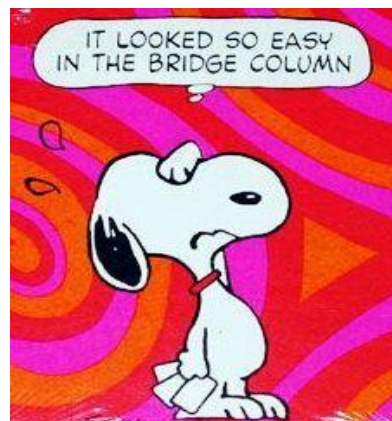
Coming Events

27th August – GNOT Brisbane Zone Final at QCBC (2 days)

5th September – Monday (am) Pairs – 2 week event. Members only.

24th September – Saturday Arana Pairs Championship

Humour Corner



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