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Arana Bridge Club Newsletter

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From The President



October already... it will be Christmas before we know it and that means the end of 2022.

COVID-19 restrictions have been relaxed further and all our members are allowed to play bridge at the Club. Proof of vaccination is no longer required. However, we still ask you to stay at home if you are feeling unwell. Mask wearing is a decision for each individual member.

Congratulations to Bert Luchjenbroers and Errol Miller, winners of the Arana Pairs Championships.

Congratulations to Mary Ryan, Sunil Mukherjee, Jane Farquhar and Yolande Coroneo, winners of the Arana Teams Championship of 2022.

Dawn Benes has resigned from her position as Director Coordinator. I would like to thank Dawn for her input and assistance. I have taken over this role until February 2023.

The Committee has decided to revert to the scoring of sessions on a handicap/non-handicap (outright win) basis on alternate weeks. Scoring for the week commencing on 3rd October will be on a non-handicap basis.

Melbourne Cup and the Christmas Party are coming up and we are asking for your ideas

and assistance with the organization of these events.

We are working on several improvements for the Clubhouse and we are still waiting to renew our lease with the Brisbane City Council.

Happy bridging

Robert Van Beest

From the Committee

• GNOTS – Team Membership

The Committee decided that membership of teams playing in GNOTS events conducted by Arana Bridge Club will be restricted to financial and affiliated members only. Arana was one of the few clubs which did not have restrictions as to the status of the team members.

• Pre-paid Vouchers

We decided not to introduce the pre-paid vouchers as their implementation would increase the administrative workload.

Masterpoint Movements

Congratulations to the following members on their recent promotions:

Graduate Brooke Anderson

Bronze Local Leonie Nugent
Barbara Sheppard

Silver Local Marianne McPherson

State Maureen Pears

Life Ross Shardlow

Robert Matthew (MP Sec)

Beginner Lessons

Learn to Play Bridge lessons commenced on **Saturday 17th September** with Kit Clarke instructing seven students.

Welcome to our club.



New Members

The following have been accepted as new members of our club:

Robyn White, Helen Baran, Deanne Gaskill, Jean Single and Vanessa Wells.

A warm welcome is extended to you all.

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.

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".

Coming Events

- **Australia Wide Restricted Pairs**

Wednesday October 26, 2022 starting 9.30am at Arana Clubhouse. For players under 300 MPS as at the end of August 2022. Standard table fees + \$5 surcharge, includes a booklet. Enter online, email an entry to Entries@aranabridgeclub.org.au or put your name on the sheet at the Club.

Convenor/Director Dawn Benes.

- **Melbourne Cup** Tuesday 1 November

No table fees, BYO lunch, drinks provided, sweeps and prizes.

- **Brisbane Zone Inter Club teams**

Sunday 20th November.

QBA Brisbane Zone red point graded teams event. Open: any MP rank; Restricted < 400 MP; Novice < 100 MP.

Entry fee: \$100 per team

A limit of 30 tables. A club can enter 3 teams. Arana, as host club, may enter additional 3 teams.

We will cater a light lunch, morning and afternoon teas.

Your help would be appreciated.

- **Christmas Party**

Saturday 10th December

Activities to start at midday with lunch, beverages and entertainment. Play to start at 1.00pm and finish at approximately 4.00pm.

Lucky door prizes. No partner necessary, partners determined by draw on the day.

Your suggestions and help will be much appreciated.





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Results:

- **Novice Pairs** competition was played on Wednesday 25th May. Here are some of the winners:



Perry Morgan and Andrew Sokolowski who won in East-West and Linda and Peter Neil (first in North-South).



Merv Parmenter and Jane Easton came second East-West. In Australia-Wide Novice Pairs for Pairs Under 50 MP they were placed 29th. Well done.

Merv and Jane were neighbours around 50 years ago. They moved and lost touch until they began playing bridge at Arana and formed a very successful bridge partnership.

- **Saturday Arana Pairs Championship** was won by Bert Luchjenbroers and Errol Miller. Dennis Sullivan and John Scrivens came second. Handicap winners were Deanne Gaskill and Geoff Saxby. Ann Smith and Pam Horton were placed third. Congratulations to all.



Tony's Tip

This is a summary I took from one of Charles Goren's books and found very helpful.

Responding to your partner's take out double.

By making a take out double of an opponent's opening bid your partner is announcing a hand of at least opening strength. Your response must include both high card points and any distributional values. Many inexperienced players are prone to underestimate the value of their hands. Here is a guide:

0 to 5 points, a poor hand. Bid as cheaply as possible.

6 to 8 points is a fair hand. Bid again if partner raises your response. If there is an intervening bid after partner's double, make a free bid if possible. Eg, 1D X 1H ? With a 4 carded spade suit bid 1s.

9 to 10 points is a good hand. With a good 5 carded major suit jump one level. If partner raises your response, bid to game. Eg, 1C X pass ? Bid 2H or 2S with a good 5 carded suit.

11 to 12 points. A probable game is on. Bid one more than is necessary to encourage partner to go to game even with a minimal double. However a jump response by partner

is not forcing on you to bid again and you may pass. You have shown the full value of your hand.

13 points or more. Game going hand. Jump directly to game. If however you first wish your partner (the doubler) to bid his suit or describe his hand, you may cue bid the opponents suit first.

Eg, 1H X pass 2H. Such a cue bid is 100% forcing on partner to bid again. You are telling partner you have game values and wish her to describe her hand. Be sure you have partnership agreement on this or matters may become confusing.

To put action to be taken by both doubler and responder into simpler terms:

If you are responding to a take out double it is recommended that you bid twice as much as you would normally. The strength of your partner's hand can range from opening strength to a possible slam. Partner will then know you are bidding the maximum value of your hand and can decide the next step.

If you are the take out doubler, bid about half as much as it is your habit to do (remember you are forcing partner to bid). Your partner may have a bust hand.

Tony Agar

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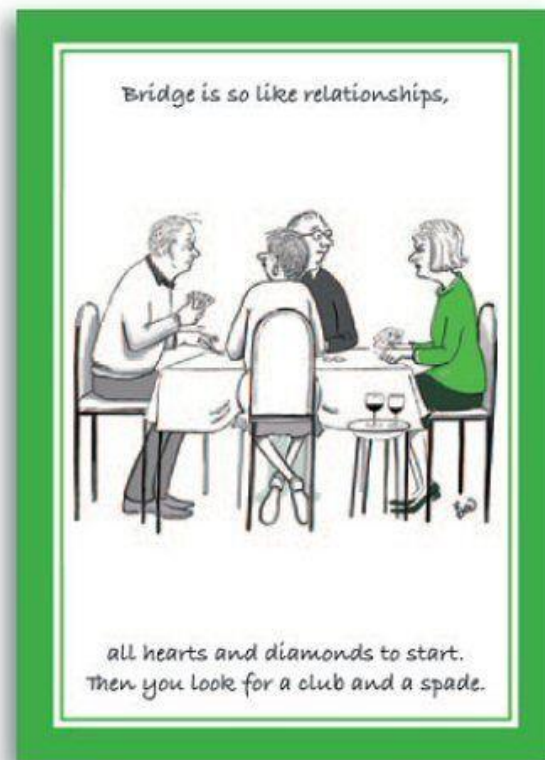
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