



# ARANA

## *Contract Bridge Club Inc*

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### From the President



We are in October and Christmas is only 9 weeks away. The Melbourne Cup is on the first of November and Ann Smith has volunteered to organise the day.

The big news is that finally our building will get repaired. The sad news is that it can take 7 weeks. During those 7 weeks we have to vacate the building. On Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> I have a meeting with the contractor and Council representative when I should get the details? Please watch and read the blackboards for the latest updates.

We are trying to find space around our area where we can continue to play Bridge. Again we will try to communicate those changes to all our members one way or another.

Because of this we have to look at Christmas planning differently, but as soon as we have more info I will call on some members who can organise our Christmas celebrating.

We had an issue with the Friday partner search. I apologise to all who were affected, which was due to human error. We will look into it to see if we can improve the way we send the partner search out.

Sunday Bridge will stop for the time being and we will make a decision to continue or not in the New Year because only 12 members came out to play where we had about 24 members indicated interest at the start.

Our AGM is coming up in February 2017. Election time coming up!

As a committee we put our time and heart in to manage your club the best we can. Tony Agar our Secretary for more than seven years has now indicated that he wishes to resign the Secretary function. Firstly I thank Tony for the contributions and commitment he has given to the club over all those years. Secondly I am happy that Tony indicated that he is happy to stay on as a committee member.

Terry Nowitzki has indicated that he will resign as a committee member. Terry has also been a valuable asset for years and helped the club forward. I thank Terry too for his time and commitment to our club.

This means we need a new Secretary and a new member for next year's committee. Please if you like to nominate a member or yourself let us know. More about elections in our next Trump it.

We are going into a difficult time for seven weeks but I will try my best to find a replacement space so we can continue playing Bridge. Happy Bridging to all of you.

**Robert van Beest (President)**

### Security

A member of our club wrote (on October 12):-

*"My very good white jacket was stolen on Saturday at the Northern Suburbs Bridge Club during the GNOTS on Saturday October 8 and has not so far been returned to me. I've left my contact details with the club. Let this be a warning to everyone. If they can steal a jacket, what else will they take... a purse from your bag? We usually are very trusting and just leave our bags lying against*

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*a wall or on a convenient chair. It takes just one dishonest person to lift something.*

*I am very upset at the loss of this jacket.”*

This speaks for itself. We need to take care of our valuables – in the clubhouse, and in our vehicles in the carpark.

**Michael Walker (editor)**

## Masterpoint movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members for the period to 30th September 2016

Club Master	Jeff Borg Lynne Nunan
**Local Master	Judith Cowie Peter Sanders
Regional Master	Barbara Hopley Carol Bellis Liane Morris
*State Master	John Black Carla Webb
National Master	Ross Shardlow
*National Master	Allan McIntyre
Bronze Life	Judy Wilkinson

**Robert Matthew (MP Sec)**

## Welcome

Welcome to Brian Horan who recently joined the club.

## Tony's Tip

### Opening Leads- The Trump lead

It is often said that “when in doubt lead trumps”. This is not sound advice. Certainly trumps should often be led but not when you are in doubt. The trump lead is most properly made when you think the dummy has a short suit. So if you start removing dummy's trumps immediately you are negating his trumping power, the main value of the hand.

Only the bidding will tell you if dummy will have a short suit. Say declarer has bid two suits, spades and hearts and dummy returns to spades. It is probable that dummy is short in hearts and declarer will plan to trump losing hearts in dummy. The lead of a trump will spoil his plan. Therefore it is reasonable to state that against two suited hands

(i.e. spades and hearts in this example) that a trump opening is indicated.

Another case suggesting a trump lead due to dummy having a probable short suit is where the bidding proceeds as follows:

Declarer	Dummy
1 spade	2 spades
4 spades	

If you are on opening lead and hold some values in high cards (you may even have an opening hand of your own but unable to enter the bidding), then you may deduce that dummy will have a short suit and therefore valued his strength on distributional values.

Declarer has a very strong hand because he has jumped to game as soon as he received a raise. You have good values so there is not much left in high cards for dummy to have. So his raise must have been made on distribution rather than high cards. Conclusion-lead a trump.

Trump leads are usually very effective when your partner has opened one no trump and the opponents subsequently play the hand. Your partner has the majority of the high card points. The opponents will therefore need to take advantage of a favourable distribution to be successful and therefore use their trumps for ruffing purposes. Therefore to stifle this power and to promote your partner's high cards, lead a trump and continue to do so unless something appears in the dummy that causes you to change your mind.

## Director's corner

FURTHER to last issue's article on covering the bidding slip, Robyn Grills has provided additional information. Robyn writes:-

“I have been checking up my statement re “anyone can ask what the contract was, but may not ask, in the case where it was doubled, who doubled or redoubled”. The following is separate from what we have discussed with the relevant QBA Guidelines reference about the covering of the bidding slip.

To make it clearer:”

Law 41B provides that:-

Before the opening lead is faced, the leader's partner, and Declarer [not Dummy] may require a review of the auction, or request an explanation of an opponent's call.

Declarer and either Defender at their first turn to play may require a review of the auction, but to be

aware that requesting this will not constitute unauthorised information (ref Law 16).

During play, Declarer and either defender have the right to request explanations during the play, each at his own turn to play.

Law 41C provides that:-

Once the opening lead is faced, Declarer and either Defender, at his own turn to play, is entitled to be informed what the contract is, and whether it was doubled or redoubled. However, they are not permitted to ask by whom was it doubled or redoubled.

**Thank you Robyn**

## Bravery

DESLEIGH Jones, **Lorraine and Ron Steele's** daughter, was commended for her bravery earlier this year by the Governor of Queensland, the Honourable Paul de Jersey. Desleigh swam to help a man in difficulties in the Brisbane River and assisted in his rescue. Lorraine and Ron must be very proud of their daughter.

## An old bit of fun

### JUST BID YOUR HAND

A competitor was called away on an emergency from a Bridge tournament, with still the last board to play. So the players asked a kibitzer to take his place although he knew nothing about the game. They told him "Just bid what you've got and follow suit"

Dealer: South            ♠ A9  
Vulnerable: All        ♥ AKQ65  
                              ♦ AK  
                              ♣ QT54

♠ KQT8		♠ 76542
♥ JT97		♥ 8
♦ QT		♦ J9
♣ KJ8	♠ J3	♣ 987632
	♥ 432	
	♦ 8765432	
	♣ A	

He sat South and the following bidding sequence ensued:

North	East	South	West
		1C	Pass
2H	Pass	2S	Pass
3C	Pass	3H	Pass
4NT	Pass	7D	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening Lead: ♠K

South took the lead of the king of spades with the ace, cashed the ace and king of trumps, came to hand with the ace of clubs and played all his diamonds.

On the last one, West was hopelessly squeezed in hearts and spades, and ultimately discarded a heart, whereupon South made the last four tricks in hearts.

When the opposition saw South's hand, they called the Director, who asked for an explanation of the bidding, and got the following reply...

"I was told to bid what I've got, and I have one club, 2 spades, 3 hearts and 7 diamonds!"

**Thanks Dawn Benes**

## THE HAIRCUT

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son: "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it. After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair ~ and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

You're going to love the Dad's reply

"Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"

## AMAZING, SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES:

1. Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold the vegetables while you chop.
2. Avoid arguments with the females about lifting the toilet seat by using the sink.
3. For high blood pressure sufferers ~ simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure on your veins. Remember to set a timer.
4. A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.

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5. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives; then you'll be afraid to cough.

6. You need only two tools in life – WD40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.

7. If you can't fix it with a hammer, you've got an electrical problem.

### WHEN INSULTS HAD CLASS

These glorious insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words.

The exchange between Churchill & Lady Astor: She said, "If you were my husband I'd poison your tea."

He said, "If you were my wife, I'd drink it."

A member of Parliament to Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease. "That depends, Sir," said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."

"He had delusions of adequacy." - Walter Kerr

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - Winston Churchill

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." Clarence Darrow

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." - William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." - Moses Hadas

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - Mark Twain

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends..." - Oscar Wilde

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend.... if you have one." - George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill  
"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one." - Winston Churchill, in response.

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." - Stephen Bishop

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator." - John Bright

"I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." - Irvin S. Cobb

"He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." - Samuel Johnson

"He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up." - Paul Keating

"In order to avoid being called a flirt, she always yielded easily." - Charles, Count Talleyrand

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." - Forrest Tucker

"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" - Mark Twain

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." - Oscar Wilde

"He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts...for support rather than illumination." - Andrew Lang (1844-1912)

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." - Groucho Marx

**ARE YOU AWARE** that all members of the Australian Bridge Federation are entitled to a very good deal on travel policies with TBIB, so much so that we have quite a number of members of our bridge club who do not play bridge at all but have joined solely to benefit from the deal.

If you are interested please visit

<http://www.tbib.com.au/abf-travel-insurance.php>

### OOPS

A couple were Christmas shopping. The shopping centre was packed as the wife walked through one of the malls she was surprised when she looked around to find that her husband was nowhere to be seen. She was quite upset because they had a lot to do. She became so worried that she called him on her mobile phone to ask him where he was.

In a quiet voice he said, "Do you remember the jewellers we went into about five years ago where you fell in love with that diamond necklace that we couldn't afford, and I told you that I would get it for you one day?" The wife choked up and started to cry and said, "Yes, I do remember that shop." He replied, "Well, I'm in the pub next door."

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