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From the President



IN this, my first report as President of the club, I must start by once again thanking Val Acklin for her outstanding contribution over the years. Val has had two stints as club President. Under Val's most recent tenure, along with an efficient and hard working committee and a small army of other tireless contributors, the club has gone from strength to strength.

As most of you will be aware the Gold Coast Congress has recently taken place. From my personal experience it was an extremely well run and enjoyable event. Arana was well represented at all levels and congratulations to all those who took part.

The strength of a club can often be judged from its bookends.

Competing in the open divisions against the very best players from Australia and overseas our top performers were:

Pairs – Val Acklin and Diane Wilkinson

Teams – Judy Valentine, Jessica Mortess, Pam Horton, and Helen McLauchlan

Perhaps of even more importance for the future of the club it was great to see that we were well represented in the Novice sections. Our best performers there were:

Pairs – Ross Shardlow and Gary Ypinazar.

Teams – Ross and Gary again along with Bev O'Hara and Sue Kennard

I hope that all those less experienced players will draw strength from having survived the Gold Coast and tackle our own Arana Congress on the 1st and 2nd of June. Perhaps you can also persuade fellow novices who have yet to take the plunge that this congress caper is really not as daunting as they might think.

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Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS to Terry Nowitzki and Allan McIntyre for their win at the Gold Coast Congress in the Restricted pairs C grade. Could it be they are the first persons since the inception of our club to win a category on The Coast? (ed.)

Masterpoint movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members for the period to 28th February 2013

Graduate Master	Penny Baker
	Adam Krajewski
	Philip Chappel
	Russell Skennerton
Club Master	Susan Ogden
Regional Master	Jennifer Walker

Robert Matthew (MP Sec)

Our New Committee (2013)

President	Allan McIntyre
Vice President	Ross Shardlow
Secretary	Tony Agar
Treasurer	Gay Hull
Committee Members	Terry Nowitzki Jan McRobbie Mike Wills Bev O'Hara Jill Warnecke Jim Taylor Jenny Walker

Important dates

- Friday 18 April Red point session
- Sunday 5 May Club Teams Championship
- Wednesday 15 May Red point session

Please note: the 2013 Members' Booklet (yellow cover) has a calendar of events for each month of this year, as does the club website (www.aranabridgeclub.com).

Director's Corner (Law 17 E.2)

THE following hand appeared at a recent Arana Bridge Club session and caused a bit of a stir - not so much for the players - but for the club directors who were 'puzzled' by the incident and sought help from the Brisbane "expert on such matters", Jan Peach.

The Deal

	♠ Q9	
	♥ K82	
	♦ A62	
♠ J	♣ A9853	♠ A1087632
♥ AJ863		♥ 7
♦ 10853		♦ K J
♣ K102	♠ K54	♣ J74
	♥ Q1054	
	♦ Q974	
	♣ Q6	

The Bidding

South	West	North	East
P	P	1C	1S
X	1NT	P	
P*	P		

*South's Pass here was out of turn and 'Director' was called – W was given the option to 'Accept' the bid, the option was taken and W 'Passed' – 3 Passes had then been achieved so that the auction was ended and the 1NT contract was proceeded with. EW went 1 off for an equal bottom on the hand - most pairs played the hand in 2/3S and made 9/10 tricks. Subsequently the decision was 'discussed' by the Directors and Jan Peach's advice sought on the matter.

The situation is that Law 17 E.2 applies :-

“When a call has been followed by three passes the auction does not end if one of those passes was out of rotation, depriving a player of their right to call at that turn. When this occurs the auction reverts to the player who missed their turn, all subsequent passes are cancelled and the auction proceeds normally.”

ie., in the case in question, South's Pass should have been cancelled (by the Director) and the bidding reverted to East, who would probably have bid 2S and probably won the auction.

Suppose South's out of rotation (o-o-r) pass had been X or 2C which West accepts and passes, as does North. Now East clearly has the chance to bid. Under Law 17 E.2, E has that same option, the o-o-r pass essentially being treated the same as X or any other bid.

Two other points: West and East cannot discuss between them whether to accept the o-o-r pass or not. It is entirely West's decision. Also, after West accepts the o-o-r pass, she can make any legal call, ie., a bid greater than 1NT.

It's always fair at Arana - Justice will be done - the players disadvantaged won the comp that day despite the director's unfavourable decision that cost them at least 4, possibly 9, points!!

(Author:- John Martin, who acknowledges help from Val Cran and Richard McLaughlan)

Dorothy Jones: My Life - Instalment 2

(As told to Jenny Walker)



BACK home from Papua New Guinea and now back in Bowral, Glyn bought a hire truck business. He was also a qualified electrician. He and I decided to expand and we opened a locksmith business, "Southern Highland Locksmiths", which became, at that time, the only locksmith between Sydney and Canberra.

At that time, too, I also ran day surgery at Bowral Hospital. I would not let patients go home unless they promised to supply a cake for the upcoming cake stall! Come fete day, there would be hundreds of cakes to sell!

As usual, we moved again, this time to Brisbane's warm climate. We bought a newsagency, the Alderley Drive-In Newsagency, and I started playing bridge at Toowong, learning with Judy Valentine in March 1992. Life moves on, the marriage broke up, and at that time, I continued to work at North West Private Hospital.

After the newsagency was sold, I was really looking for something to do. I had this big map of the world: I turned around twice, stuck in a pin, and it said Saudi Arabia. So I said, right, that's where I'll go! Paul was at this time already at boarding school at Churchie, and the girls had grown up. Thus I went to Saudi Arabia, nursing. I was there for several years. I even played bridge there, although I remember thinking the Arabs were big cheats at bridge! But I couldn't say anything about it then. Now, I think that their bidding style was different to what I had been used to at Toowong and they probably weren't cheating after all. I had a wonderful time in Saudi Arabia. Once again, it was a completely different lifestyle to what I was used to. I went backwards and forwards to England every three months, as

one of my daughters, Michelle, lived in England at that time.

In Saudi, I met a Swedish man, also working there, who became my 'Swedish Weekend Lover'. We spent our so-called weekends, Thursdays and Fridays, hiking and camping in the desert with other expats. We camped in tents or caravans. The men would take out their big amps and have campfires and dancing and drink homemade alcohol... beer or wine. Spirits they would smuggle in by the carton. The Arabs knew about this but turned a blind eye as long as we kept to ourselves and didn't have anything to do with the locals.

After seven years, I had had enough, and wanted to move on. The Swedish Weekend Lover went back to his wife (in Sweden), and I moved to England.

In London, I worked at the Middlesex Hospital. I started work at 7am, and would go around opening all the windows on the ward for some fresh air. Within five minutes, the English girls would have closed them all again! I lived in Bow, within listening distance of the Bow Bells' chimes. I loved the quaint little pubs of London.

My daughter Michelle was living in Ireland by now, so I moved to Dublin, and worked there for a year.

Back home in Brisbane, this time for good, I moved into the unit I had bought as an investment property in Everton Park, never for one moment thinking I would eventually live there one day. It's marvellous, as I can walk to the Everton Park shops and library. And here I am today, still playing bridge.

Arana Bridge Club History – (Part 3)

In 1993, Peter Nottingham took the first steps in inquiring from the Brisbane City Council about land at the old Ferny Grove dump site. A few months later, Bob Pearce attended a meeting called by the Department of Recreation and Health concerning the development of sports fields on the dump site. At this stage it seemed that the needs of a bridge club did not at all fit into their sporting fields plan.

A month later the Pine shire Council asked if we were interested in Strata title ownership of one floor of a multi-level building to be built

by the Council – but they would not say where.

The first plan of a clubhouse was drawn up by Don Cutmore and Ray Rooney and presented to the committee in April 1994. The plan showed room for sixty five tables and a large parking area. This was forwarded to the Pine Shire Council.

Throughout 1994 the committee sent letters and held meeting with the Pine Shire Councillors as well as various heads of departments – all along stressing our preference for a stand-alone clubhouse but giving consideration to a joint facility.

In 1995, the Pine Shire Council was pushing for the site at James Drysdale Reserve, but the Club was not that interested.

Sunday 24th March 1996 – Our club celebrated its 10th birthday with Judy Valentine as the club’s special guest. – 84 people play and the champagne flowed.

The committee continued to investigate sites proposed by the Brisbane City Council, including Gibson Park, Hickey Park, once again the site at Ferny Grove and a church in Buller St., Everton Park.

In 1998 the Brisbane City Council asked for a formal “expression of interest” in the Ferny Grove site and the Pine Shire Council also asked for an “expression of interest” in the James Drysdale Reserve.

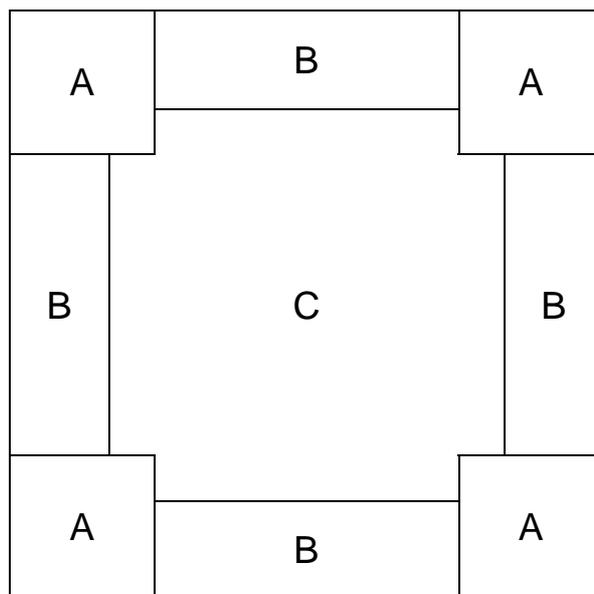
The Club decided to go with the Ferny Grove site.

MySpace@TheTable

A place for everything and everything...

I AM continually surprised by some player’s inability to find tidy space at the table for boards, bidding slips, Bridgemates, convention cards, personal records, dummy, played cards and quitted tricks. It’s really not that difficult as the table consists of only THREE separate areas.

A: CORNERS are the place for system cards, table numbers (not used much now), Bridgemates (if on the table) and personal records (preferably not exposed to opponents and under system cards). Teams scorers are particularly messy and should be on side tables.



B: YOUR SPACE for played cards and quitted tricks... and yes there is plenty of room without impinging on the corner space. Dummy does not belong here nor in the corners.

C: GENERAL AREA for boards, bidding slips and dummy... there is room for all. Dummy’s cards (yours too if you play them in the C zone) should be removed from here when played and quitted in the B zone.

A stitch in time saves...

Being in control of the table, North-South play a major part in keeping the game up to speed. A lot of time can be saved simply by being organised in respect to table overheads, especially with regard to Bridgmate (BM) operation.

When opponents arrive, check the BM for correct opponents & boards. Place the first board on the table and enter the board number into the BM.

As soon as the auction has ended, enter the final contract into the BM.

Since most of the data has been entered, once the board has been played all that is needed is the number of tricks made and verification by E-W.

While this is being done, the bidding slip can be removed, as can the board (once the cards have been returned to the pockets) and the next board can be placed on the table.

Entering the BM data as it becomes available can save at least half a minute per board compared to waiting until a board has been played before any data (number, contract, tricks) has been entered.

Richard McLauchlan