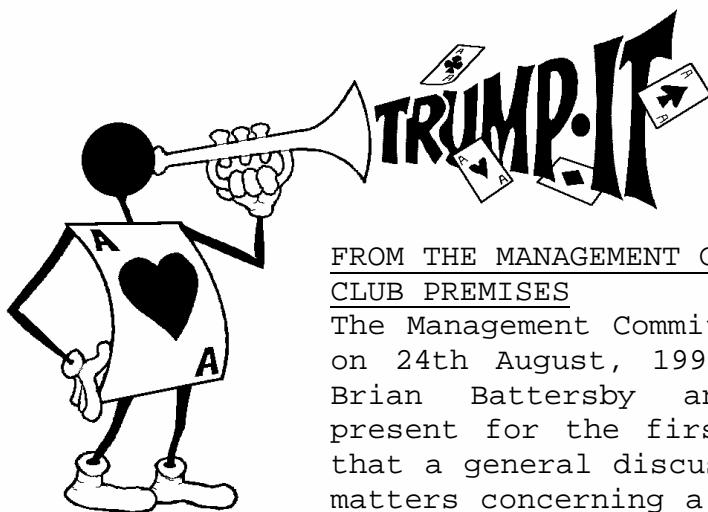


# ARANA CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INC



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## FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING CLUB PREMISES

The Management Committee held its last meeting on 24th August, 1992. Pine Shire Councillors Brian Battersby and Gail Henderson were present for the first part of the meeting so that a general discussion could be held on all matters concerning a site that may be suitable for our new club house. The land at Chinook Street is now out of the question because of restricted parking space. The Council is now looking at James Drysdale Park as a suitable alternative and the Committee was in agreement that a letter should be forwarded to the Pine Shire Council, as soon as possible, expressing our interest in taking up a ridge position in this park. It will take some time before it is known whether our application has been successful but we will keep members informed, through the Trump-It.

## FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

The fund Raising Committee have been working overtime to come up with new ideas for fund raising. We thank members most sincerely for supporting the various raffles and hope that similar backing will be given to their future ones. Keep in mind that all money raised goes to a good cause - our own club rooms.

A reminder that the "white elephant" stall in the Ferny Grove market will be held on Sunday morning the 18th October. Merilyn is collecting member's donations to the stall on Tuesday and Deslei Wednesday night. Don't forget to price the article.

## INTERCLUB TEAMS MATCH

While I was conducting Seminars at the Sunnybank Contract Bridge Club, I suggested to them that an Interclub Teams Match would give both clubs good experience in teams play. This has been organised for the 15 September (Tuesday night), when 5 teams will travel to Sunnybank to compete. If this is a successful night, a return match will be organised. As it was impractical to have more than 5 teams, those who missed out this time will be offered a spot in the return match, if it comes to fruition.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As it may be of interest to members to know the financial position of the club as at August, it is -

Cash Bank Book Balance -	\$33,463
Investment	\$29,000
Cash Balance	\$ 4,463 (Further \$4,000 to be placed in investment)

## NEW MEMBERS

The following are the new members ratified at this meeting.

Katherine Patrick	Joan Fitz-Herbert	Patricia Curran
Doreen Van Wunnik	Kathleen Carroll	Judith Homan
Catherine Percy	Gloria Cruice	Gill Lycette
Margaret-Ann Welldon	Betty Hall	Audrey Crisp
Valerie Cran	Patricia Smythe	Alexander McRae
Frances Wildt-Pavlu	Eric Collard	Fay Collard
Dorothy Jones	Paula McMahon	Patricia Spencer
Francis Luiten	Janet Adam	

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## HOW DO YOU BID?

This hand was supplied by Muriel Miller who has asked that a bidding sequence be given.

86		Muriel and partner arrived at	
J1098732		7S via the following bidding	
J1085		sequence.	
void			
AKQ752	J9	<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
void	AK6		1NT
AQ3	K974	3S	3NT
A987	KQJ5	7S	NB
1043			
Q54			
62			
106432			

Playing teams, I agree entirely with the above bidding sequence. It is sensible teams tactics to arrive at the safest possible slam because the 10 point difference between major and NT scores zero IMPs. However, pair tactics is a different story. Matchpoints are allocated to the top score and the 10 point difference between 7S and 7NT could result in a bottom board if the field elects to play in 7NT.

Muriel, the vital key card for 7NT is the heart Ace. If partner holds this card, it is irrelevant what other picture cards are held for the NT opening, and the Grand should be a lay down, after the spade suit has been tested. If 7NT fails, so too will 7S as both slams are dependent on the spade suit being divided favourably. Your bidding sequence was correct up to the 3NT bid by East. Blackwood (4NT), by West, will now get you the answer you want - 5D (1 Ace) and 7NT closes the auction.

The following hand was submitted by Joan Sadlier who was interested in knowing how to approach the bidding from the South position after East had pre-empted. Joan also asks if the double (X) of a pre-emptive bid is for penalties or take-out.

		<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
73		NB	3D	X	NB
KQJ963					
K95		4H	NB	5C	NB
J7		NB	NB		
K954					
A10872		J62			
10		54			
1085		AQJ8632			
		4			
AQ108					
void					
74					
AKQ9632					

Generally the double (X) is for penalties after a pre-empt unless the partnership has a special arrangement where double (X) is for take-out. Obviously the N/S pair are playing double (X) for take-out.

The correct approach to bidding the South hand is the Cue Bid of 4D that is not only for take-out but shows a much stronger hand than the normal take-out bid. 4C is the lower minor take-out for hands that aren't quite as strong. Unfortunately, all players, no matter what method of take-out bid they use, are in trouble with this hand the moment East pre-empts 3D. Pre-empts are meant to put a spoke in the works and this hand is no exception. 5C cannot make and this is where the hand is heading to. Unfortunately, even those players who are using X for take-out over pre-empts will miss the only makeable contract of 3NT because there is no way that North is not going to bid his good heart suit and South, who has no tolerance for hearts will bid his solid club suit. Although the game in clubs is not making, I believe that the par spot in a pairs event will be 5c - some may even get to 6c. I suggest the bidding should start with the Cue Bid of 4D - North will bid 4H and South will convert to 5C.

If you have a problem in bidding or playing a hand and you feel that others may be interested in hearing the comment, please record the entire hand with dealer, vulnerability, and your bidding sequence or, if a play problem, the line of play taken, and I will produce it through the Trump-It. Jenny Lewis is the hand recorder so if you have any difficulty in writing down your play problem, see her and she will give you every assistance.

#### LIBRARY

I hope that members are taking advantage of the variety of new books available in our library. I would appreciate "Book Reviews" from anyone who is reading one of these new additions. Select one of the hand examples, from the book, and write the author's comments. State whether you found the book helpful and any other comments that may be of interest to readers.

#### OBITUARY

The news of Peggy Staniland's death reached us via a member who met her husband in a shopping centre. Not a great deal is known about the Stanilands, other than they were on a visitor's permit from South Africa. They were members for only a very short time and played on Wednesday night.