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Editor's Desk

TEAMS, teams, teams: a top effort from Pam Horton, Jenny Lewis, Joyce Rosser and Joan Sergeant in the Brisbane zone finals of the gold point knock-out teams. They just missed making the national finals by a whisker.

Some of us in the gold point finals didn't fire in the club championships. The fresh blood in the CULLEN team (Helen McLauchlan and Marilyn Wright) kept Trevor & Darryl on line for a win.

A big month for Marilyn as she also managed a win on Tue in the HORTON (Pam, Jenny, Ailsa) team. Ailsa too was in the money twice with a handicap win on Wed.

Great to see Mondays attracting 10 to 11 tables. It sure helps the cash flow.

Judy is still wanting feedback on likely seminar dates and attendances. A lot of preparation is required to produce material and notes. Proceeds from the seminars will offset Judy's Caloundra/Arana travelling costs. Sign up on the notice board.

The QBA is still refining the new alerting regulations. They are also promoting the active ethics of bidding and questions during the auction.

Richard McLauchlan

Management committee

ITEMS of interest from the management committee meetings of 24 July include:

Tue teams: 1st HORTON Pam Horton, Jenny Lewis, Marilyn Wright, Ailsa Smith; handicap DWYER Deborah Dwyer, Rosemary Porter, Allan Box, Ted McGrath, Joan Sadleir, Anita Tindal.

Wed teams: 1st CULLEN Trevor & Darryl Cullen, Helen McLauchlan, Marilyn Wright; handicap SMITH Philip & Ailsa Smith, Jan Rae, Paul Yates, Lillian Kemp.

Some grumbling over teams events with non-entrants getting no play for 3 weeks. Do members want teams championships?

Finance: \$9 280 cash + \$78 000 invested.

Second copy of the 'Bridge Director's Companion' has been received.

New members: Carol Vardy (Val Acklin's sister).

Club's personal scorers have almost all disappeared. These are club property, please return if you have one – they have Arana CBC written on the top. Scorers may be purchased for \$1 – see Pam Horton.

Tables are starting to show their age. Please pack away in cupboard with vinyl to vinyl and legs to legs to minimise wear.

New cards and a new set of boards to be purchased.

Councillor Battersby has been invited to attend the next meeting to discuss land & clubhouse options.

Guess who's mum...

IS A very proud mum? The mother of Cherril Hurst, our very own Muriel Anderssen, that's who. And why is Muriel such a proud mum? Well not every mum's daughter is named Queenslander of the year.

Cherril, who is Vice-Chancellor of QUT, received the award in recognition of her research into breast cancer. She was presented with the title by state governor Leneen Forde in June.

Active ethics

ETHICS are at the very heart of bridge. Some of the most common areas involving active ethics include the following –

Asking questions during the auction. Ask questions during the auction only if you need the answer in order to decide your action at that turn. If you intend passing, don't ask.

Save your questions until you are to make the opening lead or until partner has selected his face down opening lead.

How do I ask? The only time you may ask about a specific bid is at your first turn to call after an alerted or self-alerted bid. At all other times, you must ask about the whole auction, eg 'Would you explain the auction please'.

Questioning all (self-) alerted bids. The Tournament Committee disapproves of such an arrangement by partnerships. It is time wasting, often discourteous and may amount to harassment. Players will inevitably forget to ask, raising problems of propriety.

Before starting a match. Check your opponents 1 level openings – suit length and strength. Also check their responses to 1NT, especially transfers and Stayman. Inform your opponents about any unusual meanings or treatments of your self-alerted calls, particularly where they may be disadvantaged in the bidding by assuming a more common meaning.

During the auction. Don't alert self-alerting calls. Alert any other call by partner which by agreement conveys a meaning which the opponents may reasonably misunderstand. This applies to all calls, not just conventional calls.

After the auction. If you are the declaring side, offer a full explanation of your auction. Defenders declining to hear such explanation will have no redress.

Reg Busch (QBA)

Congress revisited, again

OF the many congress helpers, one who missed honourable mention in the last Trump-It was Carol Wilson who also assisted in the kitchen & food areas.

Lillian Kemp & Carolyn Garden and Jan Rae & Isabel Bailey also deserve mention as having qualified for Consolation 1.

Masterpoint movements

NEW rankings for the June quarter for members whose home club is Arana are:

*National**

Val Acklin

National

Pam Horton

*Local**

Muriel Miller

Wella Hooper

Local

Deslei Den Haan

Liz Marshall

Club

Ilene Bishop

Marie Harvey

Des Husband

Graduate

Paula McMahon

Pat Spencer

Jenny Lewis MP Sec)

Qld graded pairs

THIS is a Swiss event at QCBC, with pairs graded according to MP status. Bob Pearce & Helen McLauchlan and Joan & (sister-in-law) Maria Sadleir entered the 13 table nil-regional section. Joyce Rosser & Betty Willson and Pam Horton & I contested the 22 table state-national grade. No Aranans were in the life+ section. Board 5 was typical of our (E-W) morning form.

5/N/NS		N	E	S	W
	K J 10 6 4	1S	2D	2H	3D
	A K 10 5 2	4H	5C	/	/
	Q 10	5H			
A 5 3	4	9 7			
8 3		7			
K 7 4		A J 8 6 3			
J 7 6 5 2	Q 8 2	K Q 10 8 3			
	Q J 9 6 4				
	9 5 2				
	A 9				

My 5C bid was an attempt to show Cs & Ds. It should go off on a S lead but can make on any other. Fearing the worst, N bid 5H vul! I led the DA, 2, 4 (encouraging), Q! I switched to CK to set up a C trick. N won, cleared trumps, and led a S which Pam won. Faced with the choice of a C or a D, Pam returned the C which N ruffed, making 11: score 42-0 to them.

The afternoon was somewhat better and we all scored some MPs without troubling the winners.

Richard McLauchlan

Bundaberg 95

ARANANS among the 20 tables at Bundaberg this year were Pam Horton & Jenny Lewis, Ailsa Smith & Helen McLauchlan, Deborah Dwyer & Jan Rae, Trevor & Darryl Cullen, and Bob Pearce & yours truly.

Qualifying was typical with mixed results. Bob & I comfortably qualified while Pam & Jenny just managed to grab the last spot in the c'ship field. Ailsa & Helen and Trevor & Darryl qualified for the plate, while Deborah & Jan carried the flag in the consolation.

Unfortunately, the form and the luck deserted us in the finals. Board 13 against Mortess-Young was typical. We have played Jessica & Peter several times and the scores were always tight, usually ± 5 , but not today.

13/N/All		N	E	S	W
	97	1D ¹	1S ²	1NT	2S
	743	3C ³	/ ⁴	/	3S ⁵
	KJ9	/	/	4D ⁶	
J 6 5 2	A K 9 6 5	A Q 10 3 2			
K 10 8 2		Q 5			
A Q		10 8 5			
Q J 10	K 8	8 7 4			
	A J 9 6				
	7 6 4 3 2				
	3 2				

1. Precision 1D, 11-15, 0+ Ds.
2. Threadbare overcall but it pays to interfere with Precision bidders.
3. Club suit, minimum.
4. I'm outta here; 1S was too much.
5. I'm not; about the best hand in the game.
6. I prefer Ds.

Now this is a lot of bidding on 8-9 loser hands with all vul, but the gods were with the opposition. A H lead (Q or x) should put them off but I led the SA, then the S2 was won in dummy. The D2 was grabbed by Bob who led the DQ won by Jessica. The CA, CK, C5 ruffed dropped Bob's Q. A D to the J pulled my last trump and Hs were discarded on N's C9 & C6. They lost SA DA HK for +130 and a second top.

Pam & Jenny were faring a little better but with no real excitement. Helen's claim to fame was bidding board 18 to 7H, making. Deborah and Jan found life in the consolation quite pleasant and picked up a bottle of wine each for winning the morning session. Trevor & Darryl were the only ones to finish in the money when they grabbed third in the plate, 1 point off second and 1 in front of 4th.

Despite some minor hiccups like the power going off a half hour before lunch, taking the lights, computer and kitchen out of action, and the printers mucking up 2 sets of hand records, we all had a lot of fun in a typical Bundy weekend.

Richard McLauchlan

Gold point teams finals

FOUR Arana teams progressed to the 27 team finals on Friday nights at Toowong – A: HORTON, B: McLAUCHLAN, C: CULLEN, D: DWYER. The A team led the way in the first 2 weeks and qualified 3rd of the top 8, beating the #1 team along the way. The D team called it quits after losing the first 4 matches but winning 2 the following week.

The championship final was a knock-out: you had to win 2 x 16 board matches to finish in the top 2 and progress to the national finals in Sydney. The A team lost its first match narrowly, mostly due to board 1 where Pam (W) opened 1D on this 18 point unbalanced hand. Pass / / and Pam made lots of tricks, especially after she found the CA tucked behind the CJ. A 2NT opener gets 3NT and a par score. They bounced back to win their last match and finished 5th overall.

The consolation was over 4 x 8 board matches. The C team won 3 and lost 1 to finish 3rd while the B team's 2-2 effort earned a 6th of 16. A great result from the Arana teams, especially from Pam, Jenny, Joyce and Joan who went within a whisker of making the national finals. Nice to see that it is getting harder for the QCBC and BBC heavyweights to win this event.

Q 7
A Q 9
A K Q 8 3
J 10

BBC's new home

ONE of the rare benefits of being President is the occasional invitation to special events at other clubs. This occurred when the Brisbane Bridge Club held a special nibbles/ drinks/ bridge/ welcome night in their new premises at the South Brisbane Club in Annerley Road (opposite the Boggo Road jail) on Thursday 20 July.

Helen & I duly attended and played in an 18 table (x 2 boards) skip Mitchell. The smoke breaks after every round ensured only 14 rounds were played. I get the feeling somebody

pressed the 'make them interesting' button on the computer dealer. We had a good session, finishing 4th against some very strong players.

BBC plays on Tue and Thu evenings but be warned, you will find: table fees are \$5; coffee is 50¢ a cup (\$1 for bottomless cup); no smoking at the tables but frequent smoke breaks; several wine drinking players.

Richard McLauchlan

Sunnybank teams

THE annual Arana Vs Sunnybank teams match is on Wed 13 September at Arana.

Sunnybank are expected to field 5 or 6 teams. The current plan is to select the required Arana teams from those present on the night. The remaining tables will play a separate pairs movement of 4 to 6 tables (assuming we get an average 10-11 table turnout).

We will play straight through with a supper and score up at the end. Julie Cutmore will be asking all attending to bring a plate.

The two clubs purchased a very nice trophy last year and I would really like to see Arana win it. If we can field most of the teams who figured in the Gold Point and Club Championship events, we should be more than competitive against Sunnybank.

Please keep the date (13 Sep) in mind. Sunnybank has been very hospitable when we played there and the more members who participate, the better.

Director's perspective

DURING and after the teams championship, several people voiced some concerns regarding the running of the event. I therefore feel it appropriate to explain how the tournament was run.

In a teams event, the fairest method is for each team to play each other in a round robin. This means that with 16 teams (as on Wed night), 15 rounds have to be played. With 3 weeks set aside for the tournament, that adds up to 5 x 8 board matches (40 boards) per session – impossible! Even more would have to be played on Tue where 18 teams entered.

One solution is to play a Swiss movement. In a Swiss, the field is seeded (using club handicaps) only for the first round. Then in a 16 team field, team 1 plays team 9, 2 plays 10, 3 plays 11 and so on.

After round 1, all teams are then ranked in order of their results from round 1. The top team then plays the second team, 3rd plays 4th, and so on. However, no team can play another team twice. As the competition progresses, it becomes more difficult for the director to find teams which have not played each other, so if the top team has already played the 2nd and 3rd teams, they have to play the 4th team.

What tends to happen is that teams play other teams doing as well as themselves. A winning team will play teams that are also winning. Conversely, teams not doing so well should still play teams in a similar situation.

The main negative aspect in a Swiss movement is the fact that each team does not play every other team. One team may do well, or even win the event, by having the luck to meet weaker teams that were also winning at the time.

As I have said before, the Swiss is not a perfect movement, but with the large fields we are now getting in the club, it is the most workable solution.

Trevor Cullen (Director)

Silly old moo?

MURIEL Miller's son Scott is studying vet science at UQ. On a recent farm visit, he performed an autopsy, cleared an eye infection on a cow, and assisted in the birth of a calf. When informed the calf was female, the owner asked for Scott's mother's name and promptly dubbed the calf 'Muriel'.

Important dates

- Mon 7-9/8 red point sessions
- Sat 12-13/8 QCBC men's & women's pairs
- Sat 19-20/8 Surfers Paradise congress
- Sun 20/8 Toowong novice teams
- Sun 27/8 BBC Swiss teams
- Sat 2-3/9 Maryborough congress
- Sat 2-3/9 Warwick congress
- Mon 4/9 management committee meeting
- Sun 10/9 Sunshine Coast teams
- Wed 13/9 Arana vs Sunnybank teams
- Sat 16-17/9 QCBC Warana congress