



ARANA

Contract Bridge Club Inc

August 1998

Vol 12 No 5

Editor's desk

THE inaugural Forest Place pairs was quite successful with a nice lunch after play while the scoring was done. Winners were Ted McGrath & Allan Box (E-W) and Bob Pearce & Richard McLauchlan (N-S).

Not much excitement for Arana at the GNOT zone finals. Best performer was the Horton Team.

The Rosser and R-McLauchlan teams won the Tue & Wed club teams events. Handicap winners were Miller & H-McLauchlan.

Discussions with the BCC regarding a club house on the old Ferny Grove tip site are continuing. The council favours multi-use facilities which don't entirely suit us but a compromise may be negotiated.

Bundaberg is about to build a new club house. The sports club has bought them out and land in the reserve across and down the road is available.

Richard McLauchlan

Management committee

THE main points of interest from the Committee Meeting held on 28 July are:

The biggest item on the agenda was continuing discussion on a building. The Brisbane City Council has agreed to grant a lease for 20 years to ACBC and 3 sporting clubs. Their idea is to have one building with separate lock up rooms (to our design) for each club. The kitchen and amenities will be shared. The site is accessed by the driveway just past the Ferny Grove Bowls Club, and across the street from the Police Station.

These are preliminary ideas and the next meeting with the BCC on 25 August will continue negotiations along these lines. After the meeting, a special membership meeting will be called and a detailed ballot given to each financial member who can indicate their preferences. This will help the Management Committee and Building Sub-

Committee to proceed in accordance with the members' wishes.

We all regret the resignation of our Provedore, Carmel Steer, and give her our heartfelt thanks for a job well done. Margarette Golden has stepped forward to fill the void. Her offer to fill the job is much appreciated by the club.

At present, \$100 a month is being spent on refreshments for the three sessions per week. Any suggestions on ways to reduce costs will be appreciated.

We were happy to welcome three new members – Judi Sunman, Diane Irwin and Anne Griffiths.

Mort and Olga Coleman have been unable to play due to a severe car accident and a by-pass operation for Mort. They have been missed and we all hope they will be able to return fully recovered in the near future.

Forest Place Day was a success with 20 tables at play. A representative from Forest Place also attended to present the prizes. We look forward to another event next year.

I know everyone is very concerned, and I am pleased to announce that the Secretary did remember to bring supper for after the meeting. Next meeting is someone else's concern.

Darlene Smith (Secretary)

Important dates

- Sat 15-16/8 Maryborough congress
- Sun 16/8 Toowong novice teams
- **Mon-Tue-Wed 24-25-26/8 Red point session**
- Sat 22-23/8 Surfers Paradise congress
- Sun 30/8 BBC swiss teams
- Sat 5-6/9 Warwick congress
- Sun 6/9 Sunshine Coast teams
- Sat 12-13/9 Brisbane festival pairs (QCBC)

Forest Place pairs

FOREST PLACE sponsored the Tuesday 30 June session. All who put their name down to play were seeded according to their Tuesday results for this year. They were then divided equally between the red and blue sections and between N-S and E-W. Don and Darlene Smith dealt 33 random boards and duplicated them so everyone played the same boards.

At least, that was the theory used to make both directions and both sections equal in strength and to give everyone an equal chance. Funny how what looks even on paper doesn't look quite the same when the people take their seats. The blue section certainly had some very big E-W scores. For those who stuck around after play, lunch was provided – the sausage rolls were quite welcome on a coolish day – while the results were scored.

Red Blue

N/S

1. R Pearce – R McLauchlan	A Smith – M Wright
2. F McLaughlin – B Green	M Harvey – B Brandt
3. T Coker – S MacKay	L Steele – A Lewis

E/W

1. P Horton – J Lewis	E McGrath – A Box
2. C Wilson – M Richardson	J Cutmore – E Marshall
3. J Hill – Z O'Connor	D Cutmore – B Dancer

The scorers of the highest percentage in each direction were declared the winners. These were Bob & Richard and Ted & Allan who received \$15 each, courtesy of Forest Place.

Richard McLauchlan

Bribie congress

WITH some success in this event last year, Val Acklin & Betty Willson and Helen & I tried again. The 22 table swiss pairs on Saturday was quite a strong field. The locals were friendly, pushing all of us up into the top half after 2 rounds, where we stayed all day. With one round to go, we were seventh and needing a big round. A very nondescript last board of the day proved that you don't need big hands to get big scores.

25/ E-W/ N	7 3 2	
	A Q 10 8	
	A 6 4	
A Q 10 5	Q J 7	K J 9 8
J 7 3		K 5 4 2
K 9 5		Q J 3
A K 4	6 4	9 6
	9 6	
	10 8 7 2	
	10 8 5 3 2	

Helen (N) opened 1C and E passed. Since we do not pass in these situations, I am required to bid 1D (alerted as possibly promising 0 points and 0 Ds). Instead, I chose to bid 2C, an overbid which I knew Helen would take as 5 Cs and weak (but not expected as this weak). That kept the opposition out of their almost cold 4S or 3NT. Our -100 (2 off) was third top and the round score of 159 got us third spot by 3 (of 1306).

We missed the teams on Sunday but Joyce Rosser played. She tells me they won 4 of their 7 matches – the wins and the losses were both pretty big, ensuring a mid-field finish.

Richard McLauchlan

Graded pairs

THE graded pairs is an annual QBA event hosted by QCBC. The field is seeded by masterpoint rank: open, regional to national, below regional. Jenny Lewis & Joyce Rosser, Carol Wilson & Marian Richardson and Helen & I entered the middle section. A friendly start saw us go to first and N-S table 1 where we stayed until lunch. The round against the ultimate winners started the rot.

23/ All/ S	A 10 9 3 2	
	K	
	10 5	
K 5	K 9 7 6 5	J 4
Q J 8 7 6 2		--
K 6 2		A Q J 9 8 7 4 3
A 10	Q 8 7 6	J 4 2
	A 10 9 5 4 2	
	--	
	Q 8 3	

2D: weak 2H/ 2S (6-10 hcp) or 21-22 balanced
 2H: natural (dangerous - could be & is my suit)
 X: should be penalty showing Hs - must be Ss
 5D: gutsy when vul and void in partner's suit
 /: wish I hadn't opened 2D with 6Hs AND 4Ss

The likely bidding if I (S) pass on the first round is: / 1H 2H 5D 5S...(?), Helen's 2H a Michael's cue showing Ss and a minor (at least 5/5). With a good S fit, quick H trick, void in Ds and C support, I can bid 5S over E's 5D. On the actual auction, I was not keen to bid 5S on what might be a 4-4 fit with 3 possible C losers.

Worse was to come as I led the S6-5-A-4. Now E was home with 1S and 1C loser. A small H or C lead should put 5D 1 off. We hung around the top half dozen but couldn't make it back to table 1. No prize money this time.

Richard McLauchlan

Laidley

THE big hands appeared quickly and regularly through the day at the Laidley congress. We bid board 4 to 6H, one off on a finesse. That must have put our opponents off as they bid board 5 to 5NT with 12 tricks lay down. Our worst result of the day was in round 3 against Andrew Pryde & Claire Green, with some help from board 12.

A J 10 9 2	K 8 7 6	W	E
A K 3	8 2	2C	3D
--	A 10 5 4 3 2	3S	4S
A K Q J 10	4	5NT	7S

Andrew's 2C was a game force; 3D promised 5Ds, an Ace and a King; 3S & 4S natural; 5Nt said bid 6S with 1 S honour, 7S with 2 honours. He was not impressed when dummy laid down the single honour (SK). Claire's excuse was the extra S (she promised 3) and the singleton C. Helen's SQ was bare and 7S was cold for an outright top.

They don't come much bigger than board 3 in the afternoon. An inexperienced pair bid a rather unsophisticated 1C 6S. With 19 tricks, anyone not making 7S should give the game away.

5	A K Q 9 8 6 3 2
--	A K Q 2
K Q 8 6	--
A K Q 8 7 5 3 2	10

Picking up other's bad habits, we are trying roman key card Blackwood which suited board 22.

A Q J 10	K 8 4 2	2C	2H
A 8	K 10 7 4 2	3C	3S
A	Q J 3	4NT	5D
A K 10 7 4	6	5NT	6D
		6S	

2C forcing (max 4 losers); 2H 5-carded and 8+ hcp; 3C natural; 3S second suit; 4NT rccb setting Ss; 5D 1 or 4 key cards (SK); 5NT kings? 6D 1K. With all the aces, Helen knew that my key card was SK. Since no one told her that the trump K is counted only as a key card not in the kings, she thought my 1K was the SK and bailed into 6S. Had she realised I held 2Ks, she was headed for 7S – which I duly made by winning the DA, CA, C4 ruffed (S8), S to the 10, C7 ruffed (SK), draw trumps, run Cs and HA-K.

We had our most fun on board 12 where we bid to 6C. South, who had pre-empted with 3H and been supported by N, decided to save in 6Hx vul. Not a good decision: 6 down and -1700 was far worse than 6C non-vul (-920), and more so with the slam iffy. A poor morning put us into the Plate where we did manage to grab third.

Richard McLauchlan

Bundaberg 98

THE Arana contingent to Bundaberg included Pam Horton, Jenny Lewis, Bob & Ann Pearce, Frances Orford and me, not forgetting Director Judy. New tactic this year - start slowly, finish fast, but the Friday night friendly was almost too slow. A tour of the Bundy rum distillery on Saturday morning was a similarly pleasant but doubtful prelude to the qualifying sessions.

Q1 was relatively painless with Pam, Jenny, Bob and me in the placings. Another in Q2 easily put Pam & Jenny into the major final. Bob & I were not aggressive enough against some of the LOLs (little old ladies) and scraped in by 1 point.

First round on Sunday was against Pam & Jenny for a small win to us. A consistent session saw us 4th at lunch and moving forward. I put Bob into 4 slams on Sunday, only one of which was making, so I was surprised when we kept scoring well. F2's board 7 was the most unusual.

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

E's 4C was an A ask (a dreadful bid with 4 losers)! After getting over the shock, Bob tried 4D on his 4 loser hand. W's 4H (a total mis-bid) was DOP1 showing 2? aces (1A in their system but he meant to X showing 0); 5C was a K ask, so Bob tried 5S; X was 0 Ks. Bob clearly had a big hand (longer Ds than Ss) so I bid 6D. Pity... 6D drifted 1 off while 5Sx makes! We still beat them 33-17.

With one round to go, there were about 5 winning chances. We beat Jessica Mortess - Peter Young on the last round (28-22) and had enough in hand to hold off the fast finishing Smith-Thomson (41-9 winners) whom we had beaten the previous round. Our afternoon was very solid (62.4%), producing our first major championship win.

The tactics worked perfectly: 7th on Friday, 1st on Sunday. The cash and wine were nice and the masterpoints were just what Bob needed for promotion to the next level. Bundaberg expect to be in their new club house next year – we'll be there.

Richard McLauchlan