



ARANA

Contract Bridge Club Inc

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From the President 16.08.2003 ...

It was very pleasing to hear of the success of our congress, when I returned last month from our 17,000 km odyssey through Northern Australia. (We had a great time without playing a single hand of bridge, which means that my bridge is quite rusty and some work is required to bring it up to standard.) The field in the congress was the largest in recent memory. The events ran very smoothly, and the venue and catering seemed to be a great hit with everybody. Congratulations are due to all concerned.

The Arana Congress is always notable for the number of volunteers who help out, and this brings me to the point that the life of any club is determined not by its financial position, which is of course important, but by its ability to gather people of like interests, to work towards a common goal. If the members do not see the need to help out, then the club will soon be in decline. It is particularly important for new members to be aware that a great deal of behind-the-scenes work is necessary to keep the club functioning, and that inevitably they will be asked to help with this work. One of the dangers in any club is that too much is left to the club secretary, who is often run ragged taking up the backlog caused by a shortage of volunteers.

This brings me to the point that we need help from members in the mornings before play to ensure that tables are properly equipped with pencils and scoresheets, and we really could do with one more dealing team. Those interested should collar any committee member as soon as possible.

Of course it follows that we all should try not to create extra work for others, and I would like to emphasize that the club provides

facilities for coffee and tea-making for club volunteers, as well as for players in sessions too small to justify a tea-lady. It is of course very important that cups, etc. used in these sessions are not left on the sink for others to clean up, but are washed, dried and put away at the time. Our arrangements with our tea-lady do not allow for extra work created in this manner, and we have twice had to delay the tea-break in morning sessions because of this extra work.

I would like to commend the members of the new promotions committee for their work in raising the public profile of the club, and also report to the members that some good work by the committee has reduced our operating costs without any significant reduction in services to members. This means that our cash position is solid enough to enable us to continue with new initiatives.

Bob Dancer Arana President



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Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 29 July 2003
At Clubhouse ferny Grove Parklands

1. Gaming Grant/ Air Conditioner

The application for a gaming grant has been lodged by Gary Lynch. An answer is expected within three months. Gary is confident of a positive result. We received good references from both the Cricket and football Clubs. Our thanks to Ray Cowie who did an excellent job preparing the submission.

2. Cricket Club Update

Our relations with this club are now back on a good footing and the club has indicated that they

would book the hall in the coming months. Bob is to discuss with the club the outstanding invoices.

3. Ramp Painting

Warren is following up with the purchase of the paint.

4. Promotions Committee

A bridge demonstration has been organized for the Seniors Expo at the Albany Creek Library on Friday 8th August. Caroline Black, Neil Hamilton, Ilene Bishop, Peggy Whittaker and Bob Dancer will represent the club.

5. New members

The following new members were approved:

Thomas Peake
Anne Marie Withers
Maureen Mosely
Heather King
Helen Seymour
Alex Croot
Barbara Hopley
Rab Wright
Lorraine Dudgeon

Moved by Barry Mitchell seconded by Tony Agar

6. Web Site

Bob Pearce is working with Richard McLauchlan to design a new Web Site. Current changes to the site are to be carried out by Margaret Dancer. Bob will discuss with Margaret.

7. Misc.

- a) bidding slips have been ordered.
- b) telephone alarm has been installed.
- c) Treasurer presented a draft budget for the balance of the year.
- d) 2004 booklet – Geoff to discuss with Helen re early preparation for next year's Booklet.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 9 September 2003.



JUDY VALENTINE TEAMS

16 Teams fronted up for three weeks, 9, 16 and 23rd of July, to contest the Wednesday night teams event. Only 5 VP's separated the first three Gross finalists.

First – McLauchlan: Helen and Richard, Bob Pearce and Margaret Welldon.

Second – Gulley: Geoff, Tony Lye, Val Cran and Frank Hoult.

Third – Horton: Pam, Jenny Lewis, Joyce Rosser and Gary Lynch.

Handicap Winner – Orford: Neil and Frances, Gary Cran, Barbara Hopley and Ann Pearce.

It was a well-fought race and a good time was had by all.

Geoff Gulley – Secretary



EMERGENCY EVACUATION

Preamble –

The building is of Steel Construction and apart from floors and fittings there is minimal combustible materials. All electrical installations are protected by a modern circuit board which will shut down all electrical supply in the event of fusion. Only pure stupidity or arson would create a Fire Emergency. However, should a situation arise the following procedures are to be adopted.

Directions –

The Director shall call for an evacuation. He/ she will ensure all toilets are clear, members are to assist those in need of help. Exit by way of the rear or main door. Proceed in orderly fashion to North West corner of Football Fields. Do not congregate in car park as this might block Emergency vehicles. Find your partner and acknowledge presence. Notify the Director if your partner is not quickly located.

N.B. The club is protected by intrusion and smoke alarms which are on a 24 hour monitor.

Neil Hamilton – Committee



FRIDAY PAIRS

A two week event was staged for the Friday session players. A total of 20 pairs participated. The winners both Overall and Handicap were – **Val Acklin and Joyce Rosser.**

Well Done.



ALBANY CREEK – OVER 50'S DAY

The Arana Contract Bridge Club received an invitation to participate in a special promotion sponsored and held at the Albany Creek Library on Friday the 8th of August. We were asked to provide a Bridge Table and players to demonstrate the game of bridge.

We arrived early and set up the table in a prime position and commenced play at 9.30 a.m. Volunteer players were – Caroline Black, Peggy Whittaker, Ilene Bishop, Bob Dancer and Neil Hamilton. To date we have received two inquiries about the club and lessons, making the day a great success. To this end we will be looking at other situations where we can have a visual presentation to assist in recruiting new members.

We will give plenty of notice as 5 volunteers will be required – 4 to play and one sales person. It was, and will be fun for those who take the time to assist. Many thanks to those who worked this day.

Ask not what can the bridge club do for me – but what can I do for the bridge club.

Neil Hamilton.



ANOTHER PUZZLER

From Geoff Gulley

Contract – 7 Hearts – South

Opening Lead – King of Spades

<p>♠ -- ♥ A K Q J ♦ A 3 2 ♣ Q J 10 9 8 7</p> <p>♠ K Q J 10 9 ♥ 5 4 3 2 ♦ 7 6 5 4 ♣ --</p> <p>♠ A 8 7 6 5 4 ♥ 10 9 8 7 6 ♦ -- ♣ A K</p>	<p>♠ 3 2 ♥ -- ♦ K Q J 10 9 8 ♣ 6 5 4 2 3</p>
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How do you make your contract? Think about it?

Answer elsewhere in this issue.



LIBRARY LINES

By Ilene Bishop, Arana Bridge Club Librarian

There will be a lull in the appearance of Library Lines until the purchase of new and current bridge books is finalised. The Committee has allotted a sum for this purpose. It is suggested, in the meantime, that you refer to the QBA Bulletin or the ABF Newsletter for reviews of current bridge books.

On Monday, 4 August 2003, a total of 25 out of date Bridge Books were placed on the back table for sale. At the end of the day's session only three remained. They were subsequently sold. Thank you all for your participation in the sale.



BRIDGE HAND OF THE MONTH

By Eddie Kantar

Vul: N-S

Dealer North

<p>♠ K 6 5 ♥ Q 10 8 ♦ K 10 4 3 ♣ K 5 4</p> <p>♠ 10 8 7 4 ♥ K 7 6 4 3 ♦ A 9 ♣ J 9</p> <p>♠ A Q J 3 2 ♥ 5 ♦ 7 6 2 ♣ A 8 6 3</p>	<p>♠ 9 ♥ A J 9 2 ♦ Q J 8 5 ♣ Q 10 7 2</p>	
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W	N	E	S
P	P	P	1♠
P	2NT	P	3♣
P	3♠	P	P
Opening Lead: 4♥			

Bidding commentary: Sequences that start like this usually wind up in game, but this one didn't. After

a passed-hand jump response to 2NT, a new suit by the opener is forcing. However, after responder returns to opener's first suit, opener is allowed to pass. It appears you have made a good pass.

Defensive commentary: When holding four trumps, it is usually best to lead from your longest side suit in the hope of eventually forcing declarer to ruff and shortening his trump holding.

Play commentary: Your best chance to make this hand is to play West for the DA. Ruff the heart return, lead a diamond to the king, and if it wins, ruff another heart low. You are now in great shape. Play the CA, CK and a third club. No matter what, you can eventually ruff your fourth club with dummy's SK for your ninth trick.

The bottom line: When dummy has a high trump (K7) and you have a possible fourth-round loser (low club), your job is to try to arrange to trump that loser with your high trump - if you can afford to.

With a possible fourth-round side-suit loser, it is almost always wrong to draw all of dummy's trumps. What, oh what, are you going to do with that loser if the side suit does not break 3-3? A good declarer thinks about ruffing that fourth round loser in dummy. It can frequently be done.



CONGRATULATIONS

Playing in the SUNNYBANK BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS – August 2003 and taking home the PLATE – THIRD PRIZE –

Vonnie Wallace and Deborah Dwyer



Important Phone Numbers –
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 Secretary – Geoff Gulley – 3851-3687
 Treasurer – Warren Holmes – 3300-6654
 Partner Contact – Carol Wilson – 3353-2297



Important Dates

- 24 Aug Sun – BBC Swiss teams
- 25 Aug Mon – Forest Place Red Point Pairs
- 31 Aug Sun – Sunshine Coast Teams
- 1 Sep Mon – Monday green point pairs (wk 1)

- 6-7 Sep Sat/Sun – Toowong Teams
- 8 Sep Mon – Mon pairs (wk2)
- 13-14 Sep Sat/Sun – Brisbane Festival Congress (QCBC)
- 14 Sep Sun – Townsville Teams
- 20 Sep Sat – Caloundra Swiss Pairs
- 21 Sep Sun – Caloundra Swiss Teams
- 21 Sep Sun – Surfers Birthday Teams



Queensland Government

Getting more people active through sport and recreation

The Queensland Government provided \$263,900 to the Arana Contract Bridge Club for the development of the Ferny Grove Sports and Recreation Centre to get more Queenslanders active through sport and recreation.

Answer: As with the other puzzle, unblocking is the key.

Opening lead - K♠, discard 7♣ from dummy, take the trick with declarers Ace. Return the 10♥, overtake with the J♥. Lead dummy's A♦, discard your A♣. Lead dummy's 2♦, trump with 6♥. Lead 9♥, overtake with Q♥. Lead 3♦ and trump with 7♥. Lead 8♥, overtake with the K♥. Lead the A♥ taking W's last trump and discard the 5♣.



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