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Editor's desk

A DOZEN or so hardy souls played right through the Christmas - new year period, some members getting their first experience of (3 and 4 table) Howell movements. Thanks for the support but is it worth opening over this week?

Arana fared well out of the Queensland-wide pairs played last November. Our 10 tables contributed \$140 to the QBA but with Jan Rae & Paul Yates topping the regional-state section (4th outright), Helen McLauchlan & Margaret Welldon 3rd outright, and Val Acklin & Betty Willson 6th outright (all E-W), we got over \$200 back in prize money.

Many thanks to Evelyn Walker who directed on Monday 11 January when Albert Lewis was away. Evelyn deserves special mention as she is not even a member (yet) but has played several times as a visitor.

On the subject of directing: if the Director asks you to move (to a different section, table or direction), club rules require you to do so without argument or dissent. You can further assist by sitting down at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start of play.

Alan Gibson is happy to run classes at Arana, starting in March. Details are yet to be finalised.

Richard McLauchlan

Management committee

ITEMS of interest from the committee meeting of 19 January.

We have had a good response to the request for nominations for committee members with 4 new volunteers. No names for secretary as yet - a position that really needs to be filled.

The AGM will be on Wednesday 10 February 1999 and all members are urged to attend if possible.

Committee nominations include:

President: Val Acklin

Vice-President: NIL

Secretary: NIL

Treasurer: Ailsa Smith

Committee: Bob Dancer, Carol Wilson, Gary Lynch, Ernie Harris, Marian Richardson.

Annual fees for 1999 are now due and payable by the first week in March. Shortly after that time, we must advise the ABF of our membership (late returns attract a penalty). Dues have remained at \$30.00 if Arana is your home club and ABF (\$7) and QBA (\$8) fees are being paid. Only \$15.00 if you pay those fees elsewhere.

No update on the Ferny Grove clubhouse site at this time. We are still waiting on core sample results.

Arana's participation in the GNOT (gold point teams) will be discussed at the AGM. The current fee structure is not covering costs which may need to rise.

Darlene Smith (Secretary)

Masterpoint movements

MASTERPOINT promotions as at the end of 1998 for members whose home club is Arana:

Club

Peter French Dawn Symons

Local

Mort Coleman Allan McIntyre
Lorraine Steele

Local *

Nora Towler

Local **

Bob Dancer Lillian Kemp
John Willson

Regional

Albert Lewis

Life

Richard McLauchlan

Jenny Lewis (MP Secretary)

InterClub teams

THIS is a 'friendly' contest between the Brisbane zone clubs who can field 1 team in each grade: A open; B less than 200 masterpoints; C less than 25 MPs. QCBC hosted the event on 24 January.

Arana's teams were: A - Pam Horton, Jenny Lewis, Helen & Richard McLauchlan; B - Don & Julie Cutmore, Bob Dancer, Gary Lynch; C - Margarette Golden, Pam Feehely, Carol Vardy, Lillian Kemp.

The A team had a tough start with TOFS (ultimately 2nd), then BBC (1st). Board 8 against BBC (Tony Jackman-Richard Wallis) could have gotten our name in Tony's Courier Mail column if Richard had been declarer. Modesty prevented Tony from naming his own fine play.

8/ Nil/ W	Q 7 5	
	A 10 2	
	K 7 6	
J 9 8 6 4	9 8 4 2	K 3 2
8 7 4		K 6 3
9 4		A J 5 3 2
J 5 3	A 10	K 7
	Q J 9 5	
	Q 10 8	
	A Q 10 6	

After 2 passes, I (E) opened 1D, Tony bid 1NT, and Richard's 3NT ended proceedings. Helen led the S6-5-K-A; the HQ ran to my K; I returned the S3-10-J-7 (ducked); Helen's S4 cleared the suit.

Now, Tony cannot let Helen in as she has 2 S winners, but he has to finesse in Cs, so C2-7-Q-3 was followed by a H to dummy's A and another C felling my K which Tony ducked (or Helen will get in with the CJ). I exited with a H but the D10 to dummy's K and my A was the end of the defence, Tony winning the remaining Hs, Cs and DQ for a well played game swing to them.

As the day went on, the losses got smaller and we eventually won a couple. The B team got away to a flier and led for most of the day until the last 2 matches dropped them to 3rd. The Cs fared worse than the As. I suggested they chalk it up to experience but Lillian seemed a little doubtful, muttering something about not really needing this much experience.

Sectional winners were Northern Suburbs (C grade), Western Suburbs (B) and TOFS (A). Overall winners were BBC for the nth time. Just as well, because they can never find the trophy. The 1999 event will be at BBC, probably on Sunday 12 December.

Richard McLauchlan

Northern Suburbs teams

THIS is a new event and it looks like many teams will use it as their last serious run before the Gold Coast. Aranans among the 50 tables (6 more were turned away) were Carol Wilson & Marian Richardson, Philip & Ailsa Smith; Kathy Patrick & Deborah Dwyer, Barry Mitchell & Frank Hoult (all Arana teams); and Liz Marshall-Julie Cutmore; Margaret Joyce-Vonnie Wallace; Helen & me in mixed teams.

Our only complaint was being (under)seeded at 26. So what, you ask? In a 50 table field, teams 1 to 25 play 26 to 50 in round 1. So as a nice easy start, we trotted off to play team 1: Andrew Pryde-Claire Green & Peter Hainsworth-Ralph Parker. I don't know how true this is, but Ralph told us later that Andrew checked the first round draw and informed his team that they were unlucky in having drawn a tough team first up.

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

Sitting E, you pick up this lovely 5-6-1-1, 8 hcp hand. What do you bid? After 10 seconds thought, I passed, as did S & E. Now Andrew tanked and 10 secs later, he passed! I'm sure my delay in passing influenced Andrew not to open. If he does open 1C or 1D, I will bid (at close to the speed of light) 2C or 2D showing both majors.

Ralph opened 1S, a bid he admits is systemically all wrong but they found game for 620 and too manyimps away. Next time, I will open 1H. We lost this match but won 5 of the remaining 6 to finish just behind the placings. Aranans were variously placed throughout the field, but none collected any prize money.

Richard McLauchlan

Important dates

- **Wed 10/2 Arana Annual General Meeting**
- Sun 14/2 QCBC novice teams
- Sun 14/2 Warwick swiss pairs
- Sun 14/2 Gympie teams
- Sat 20-27/2 QBA Gold Coast congress
- **Mon, Tue, Wed 1-3/3 Red Points**
- **Tue, Wed 2-3/3 Classes Start**