



# ARANA

## *Contract Bridge Club Inc*

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### AGM 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 9:00 AM

#### **IT'S TIME TO MOVE IN!!**

Playing sessions begin the first of February with the inaugural session being played on the 4<sup>th</sup> at the regular time. A mud map with general directions appears at the back of the TRUMPIT.

#### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

There are a heap of small tasks to be done to get the new clubrooms up and running, with four meetings scheduled for next week alone. Overall the new facility looks very promising, although quite a bit remains to be done to the kitchen and office spaces before they are fully equipped. Chairs and tables have been ordered for delivery by 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, and Pam is also arranging delivery of dishwasher, refrigerator and microwave. We will certainly be able to start full operation on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February, and start the new Friday session soon after. The official opening of the facility is provisionally scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> March.

One area which will be a problem for many months is parking. We have around forty spaces already available on site, but we get close to seventy cars on a Tuesday session, and we hope to increase this further. The City council has committed \$30,000 in funds for improved parking, but these funds will not be available until after July. Even then, \$30,000 will not be enough for a full solution.

Our interim solution has been to put in a lockable pipe gate near the clubrooms on the left. Over the next few weeks we intend to organise a working bee to mark out a vehicle path to the large spaces on the bridge side of the building. Interestingly, parking spaces on the site cannot be sealed because sealed areas would not allow the methane gas from the site to escape. Improving car parking will be a priority because it will allow us to schedule year-round Saturday play.

I have been very impressed by the number of members who have approached committee members, offering to make donations to fit out the clubrooms. We have not forgotten these offers, and will discuss them fully at this week's committee meeting. It speaks well of the club that so many have approached us to offer assistance, both financially and as committee members and other volunteer helpers.

Bob Dancer

#### **RESULTS FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTIES PARTNER DRAW**

##### **Monday –**

**First** N/S: Geoff Gulley and Marj Ryder  
E/W: Joan Hill and Peter Van Eden

**Last** N/S: John Andrews and Pat Curran  
E/W: Ray Gledhill and Marion Arnold

##### **Tuesday –**

**First** N/S: Val Cran and Lorraine Steele  
E/W: Fay Collard and Bob Dancer

**Last** N/S: Pat Andrews and Anne Gulley  
E/W: Margaret Bell and Catherine Scheikowski

### **Wednesday –**

**First** N/S: Bob Dancer and Tony Lye

E/W: Julie Cutmore and Peter Gill

**Last** N/S: Frank Hoult and Pam Horton

E/W: Garry Bathis and Alison Fulwood

A good time was had by all and everyone is looking forward to the next set of parties in our own clubhouse.

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### **NEW MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2001**

Graduate	Joan Kenny
Club	Caroline Black
Local	Gloria Bissell Anne Gulley
Local**	Geoff Gulley Noel Haysom Beverly Quine Lorraine Steele

Congratulations to every one.

**Helen McLauchlan, Masterpoint Secretary**

### **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE RESULTS**

Drawn 18<sup>th</sup> December

#### **First Draw**

Christmas Hamper won by Maxime Hoare

#### **Second Draw**

Card Table Cloth and Playing Cards donated by Frank Hoult and won by Lorraine Steele

#### **Third Draw**

Fruit Tray donated by "Bazil the Fruiterer" Arana Piazza won by Maxime Hoare

#### **Fourth Draw**

Video Cassette donated by Carol Wilson won by Val Acklin

#### **Fifth Draw**

Bottle of French Champagne won by Gloria Cruice  
Profit for the Club \$260.00

Again we would like to thank the club for the wonderful participation in all of the raffles we have run over the years.

**Deslei Den H. an and Allison Fulwood**

## **ARANA VISITS NORFOLK ISLAND**

Early last December eight very eager Arana members left Sydney Airport for Norfolk Island to spend seven days of bridge tuition with Bridge Guru Ron Klinger and his wife.

The members were Val Acklin, Beth Douglas, Jenny and Albert Lewis, Jan Rae, Kath Rooney and Ailsa and Philip Smith.

Norfolk is a scenic island haven with caves and "chooks" roaming free having the right of way over motorists. The Klingers organized numerous outings including sight seeing, early morning walks for the more energetic (namely Ailsa and Philip), picnics and a fabulous fish dinner followed by a view of the sunset over the ocean from a rugged cliff top.

Each morning Ron gave a very informative bridge lesson, he organized competitive play for most afternoons and evenings. The team competition was held over two nights. The first evening Val, Beth, Kath and Jan won, thanks to Beth's courageous re-double! Our other team Ailsa & Philip, Jenny and Albert came Third in the final.

For some, Bridge was secondary to the lure of Christmas shopping. Prices were very attractive being GST and Sales Tax Free.

It was a top week and we would recommend it as an enjoyable Bridge / Holiday destination.

**Jan Rae**

## **QUESTIONS FOR THE DIRECTOR**

### **A touched card is a played card.**

Answer: Defender: Law 45C1 says that a defender's card must be played if it was held so that it was possible for partner to see it's face. It is not relevant that partner was not looking. If he could have seen it had he been looking, then it must be played. If a defender detaches a card from his hand then decides to change it, the fact that declarer saw the first card is declarer's good luck but does not compel the play of that card unless fellow defender could have seen it's face.

Declarer: Law 45C2 says that declarer must play the card if it is held face up, touching or nearly touching the table, or maintained in such a position as to indicate that it had been played. What does the last phrase mean? A declarer may for example,

have a (bad) habit of not facing his card on the table but holding it face up several inches from the table, but showing its face to the other players. Obviously this is an indication that the card has been played. If declarer's card does not meet these criteria, then it need not be played even if a defender has seen it. Other situations where a card must be played are: where declarer deliberately touches a card in dummy except to rearrange dummy's cards or to access another card: where a player names a card as the one he proposes to play or where a card is a penalty card (subject to Law 50).

**Daphne Buse**



### **LIBRARY LINES**

**by Ilene Bishop**

**Arana Bridge Club Librarian**

I have decided to start the new year with a selection of humorous tales from the book ***"Have I Got a Story For You"*** (H2) by **Patty Eber and Mike Freeman**. They state in the preface that they have tried to represent some of the funnier moments in Duplicate Bridge from the local to the national level.

Following are samples from this collection:

#### **A Polish Review**

I was playing with three very intense individuals in the Swiss Team event at a Central States Regional in Chicago, Illinois. We were comparing scores after the third round, and unfortunately, it was a lost cause. Searching for a scapegoat, one of my male team mates growled, "What happened on board six?" My partner, a very petite young woman, responded, "It was passed out." "Passed out!" he shuddered. "How could that be? How did the bidding go?" Very slowly and methodically, she replied, "Pass... pass... pass ... pass."

#### **Overexposure**

In the team game at a tournament in Minneapolis, my partner was declarer in a spade game. After capturing the opening lead, she began pulling trumps by first playing the ace and then the king. Both opponents

followed, and everyone turned over their cards. However, declarer turned her king of spades back up and asked to see the spots again. Evidently no one heard this request as LHO produced a new spade, dummy followed suit, and RHO sluffed a club. The director was called in short order. His verdict: "Make your own ruling! Three dummies cannot have penalty cards."

#### **Playing With a Stacked Deck**

I was called to the table by a very comely young woman wearing a blouse that had a lot of back and very little front. By the time I arrived, everyone was laughing, and when I inquired as to what had happened, she said, "The gentleman on my right... well my partner bid one club and then the gentleman on my right said 'one boob',". Not having been confronted with this type of bidding irregularity before, I pondered before I offered a ruling. Finally, I gave her the following options: "Madame, you may either accept his pass or you may double to make the bid sufficient."

#### **Reaching the Breaking Point**

A few years ago at a regional in Indianapolis, a gentleman was playing with a female partner who managed to endplay him three times before ten cards had been played. He was a little exasperated but struggled to retain his composure. A trick later, he was thrown in for the fourth time, however. At that point, no longer able to control himself, the man took his remaining four cards, ripped them up, and threw them on the carpet. The opponents were so shocked by this behaviour that they called the director. After he came to the table, looked on the floor, and saw the torn cards, the director asked what has happened. The man politely responded, "I'm very sorry but when I was endplayed for the fourth time by my own partner, I was so upset that I threw my cards on the floor and they broke."

Have a great year and many enjoyable reads.



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## Bridge Hand of the Month

By Bobby Wolfe

Vul – Both  
Deal – South

♠ K J 7	
♥ 8 6 4 2	
♦ 8 7 2	
♣ J 9 5	
♠ Q 10 5 4	♠ A 9 6 2
♥ K	♥ A 10 7
♦ 10 5 4 3	♦ J 9 6
♣ 7 6 4 3	♣ 10 8 2
	♠ 8 3
	♥ Q J 9 5 3
	♦ A K Q
	♣ A K Q

W	N	E	S
			1♥
P	2♥	P	4♥
P	P	P	

Opening lead: 4♠

*“Problems worthy of attack prove their worth by hitting back” – Piet Hein*

How do you play today's trump combination? Unless you're aware of the probabilities involved, you're a favourite to make the wrong move.

West led the 4♠. Dummy's J♠ forced East's ace, and a spade return was won by dummy's king. A low trump was led and East played the 7♥. What card should South play?

The choice is between an honour (Q♥ or J♥) and the 9♥. If the trumps are 3-1, no play will win if West holds ♥A K 10. If West holds a singleton ace or king the play of the 9♥ wins. If West holds the singleton 10♥ the play of an honour wins. Since a singleton ace or king with West is twice as likely as the singleton 10♥, the odds favour the finesse of the 9♥ by exactly 2-1.

You should familiarise yourself with this reasoning and remember it. It will come in handy when you play this combination correctly and partner demands to know why you lost to a singleton 10.

### Important Dates

- At this time the QBA has not published the 2002 calendar
- 16-28 January – Summer Festival of Bridge in Canberra

- 12 Feb – Arana AGM
- 16-23 February – Gold Coast Congress

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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.



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