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*An Open Letter
In Memory of Margarette Golden*

On the 6th January, not only did I lose a bridge partner, but also a good friend.

It had been obvious to me that my Monday partner was unwell and had been for a period of time.

Margarette Golden loved Arana Bridge Club almost as much as she enjoyed playing the game of bridge. She was no champion, however, that did not deter her efforts. Frequently Margarette would hand me a book on a new system that was to lift our game magically. My husband was often amused when I relayed I had homework for bridge, but alas! to no avail. We never quite achieved those conjuring tricks [maybe it was just me].

Arana Bridge Club will surely miss Margarette Golden. Most of you will remember her stint as secretary, as the handicap scorer and for getting Harry to organize our results via his computer instead of waiting a week for same. The little coffee tables were the result of my partner collecting a sample from Toowong Bridge Club and taking it to the furniture manufacturer for a quote! And, of course, she donated our water cooler.

Margarette Golden was a genuine, delightful and intelligent lady. I, like the club, will miss her dearly. I miss her already.

*Sincerely
Pam Feehely*

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**ARANA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2003

Have your say in the running of the club. Attend the AGM, run for an office, volunteer for a committee. It is our club and we are the members who will make a success or failure of it.

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QUEENSLAND WIDE PAIRS

A total of 309 pairs competed in the Wednesday night event. In this situation you are playing against the whole field from all over the state. There are many prizes to be won, and the Arana winners were:

North-South
12th over all – Geoff Gulley / Tony Lye – \$50
15th over all – Betty Willson / Carol Wilson – \$30

East-West
19th A. Norman / Bev Quine – “Mind Games”

**MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS AS OF
31 December 2002**

<i>Graduate</i>	Marion Arnold Kathy Burgess
<i>Club</i>	Muriel Prasad
<i>Local</i>	Patricia Spencer

Local * Gloria Bissell
Mary Gillies
Peggy Whittaker

Congratulations.

FROM THE SCORERS

JUST a reminder to all N-Ss, it is your responsibility, to enter the correct names and handicaps of all players at the table on the travelling scorer.

It is E-W's responsibility to check that these details have been entered correctly.

No names run the risk of forfeiting masterpoints. No handicaps get the minimum 50%. Arana updates masterpoints monthly, so check your rank regularly and update your handicap accordingly.

If the bidding on a board goes pass, pass, pass, pass, you can enter either NO BID or PASSED IN.

If you run out of time and cannot play a board, take it to the Director who is the only person permitted to award an AVERAGE (or any other adjusted score). All such scores must be signed by the Director. A zero score is awarded if this procedure is not followed.

Richard McLauchlan

A PUZZLER

From Vonnice Wallace

This hand, written by Ian Fleming, challenges you to arrive at the best contract. (The results will be printed next month.)

Deal – North

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

GOOD LUCK !!!

ARANA CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

7:30 pm 19th November 2002
Clubhouse Ferny Grove Parklands

(The following points were brought up in the meeting, but are historical so are only mentioned in passing- editor)

Car Park; Web Site; 2003 booklet; Melbourne Cup Day; Christmas Parties; Interclub Teams.

New Members – The following new members were ratified by the committee –

Trevor Parkes
Natalie Bloch
Ibrahim Diallo
Carol Cunningham
Bob Cunningham
Geoff Doyle
Keith Howman
Charles Johnson
Margaret Shaw

And welcome to all.

Annual General Meeting

To be held on Tuesday 11th February 2003 at 9.00 am. Pam Horton, Gay Hull and Peter French have indicated they will be stepping down from the committee.

Papers covering the AGM to be presented to members by 28/01/03. Invoice for 2003 fees to be included with meeting advice.

A notice requesting nominations for vacancies in the 2003 is to be posted on the Notice Board.

2003 Lessons

Cost fixed at \$55 plus textbook. Same as 2002. Advertising to commence four weeks prior. Geoff Gulley to liaise with Liz Marshall. Geoff to confirm starting date with Lorraine Fredericks.

Club Events

Our QBA event in March to be a Swiss Teams, BYO lunch.

Composition of our June Congress Events to be finalized at the next meeting.

Head Director

If Daphne Buse is unavailable Bob Pearce is to be approached. A roster for the first six months of the year it to be finalized by the director.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14th January at 7.30 pm.

Geoff Gulley, Secretary



LIBRARY LINES
by Ilene Bishop
Arana Bridge Club Librarian

The study of conventions serves a dual purpose according to the authors of Bridge – Classic and Modern Conventions (B27) edited by Magnus Lindkvist. First, it allows the partnership to reach the best contract with hands difficult to describe with more natural methods or to prevent opponents from finding their best contract. Second, it lets a partnership understand the opponents' bidding in order to choose the best defence.

This is the first of three volumes and concentrates on systems and natural one level openings and responses. "When choosing a convention there are three considerations:

1. Ruling out of some natural bids by the artificial ones
2. Incompatibility
3. Frequency of utilisation....

Conventional bids are forcing for at least one round... unless the convention makes a provision for the pass response."

Before the beginning of an auction and during its development, it is necessary, of course, to evaluate and re-evaluate the strength of one's hand. Hands, according to distribution are divided into balanced and unbalanced. Some of the probable percentage frequencies are as follows:

4432	27.5%
5332	15.5%
5431	12.9%
5422	10.6%
4333	10.5%

Different evaluation methods are explained fully.

A specific convention is to be found by chapter or in the alphabetical index. Sometimes an alternate convention is suggested. The simpler conventions are described in more detail for the beginner or intermediate player while the more complex conventions are left more open for the experts, as they will adapt them to their own style.

(This book) "deals with more than 500 conventions, most of them useful, clearly explained and very well organized. Actually it is frighteningly complete" Eddie Kantar

P.S. donated books:

Bridging My Way (B30) donated by Betty Willson for Beryl Merce
Basic Bridge Guide to Good Acol Bidding & Play (B31) donated by Beverly Quine
Precision Bidding for Everyone (P12) donated by Beverly Quine



Bridge Hand of the Month

By Ron Klinger

Vul – All

Deal – N

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

W	N	E	S
	P	P	1♥
P	2♥	P	4♥
P	P	P	
lead: K♣			

The bidding is straightforward. After North's raise, South is entitled to count 3 points for the singleton holding plus the high-card points. That gives South 20 points, enough to bid game opposite 6-9. Another approach is to count losers; South has five losers and North's 6-9 points should provide two winners. Five losers minus two winners leaves South with three losers and thus an expectation of ten tricks.

South could draw trumps, cross to the ♦K and lead a spade to the king. If that loses to the ace, South can still lead a spade towards the jack. This gives

you a good chance for success. If either the ♠A or ♠Q are well-placed, you are home. There is a better line, one that is foolproof. Win the ♣A and ruff a club high. Draw trumps, cross to the ♦K and ruff dummy's last club. Cash the ♦A and exit with a diamond. Whoever wins that has to lead a spade or give you a ruff-and-discard. On a spade lead, play second-hand low and you are assured of one spade trick.

Trap: If South fails to ruff a club at trick two, dummy lacks the entries to eliminate the clubs.

Tip: When you can make your contract via one or two finesses, see whether you can improve your chances by forcing the opponents to lead the critical suit(s) for you.



Important Phone Numbers –

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 Vice-President – Gay Hull – 3300-2444
 Secretary – Geoff Gulley – 3851-3687
 Treasurer – Warren Holmes – 3300-6654
 Partner Contact – Betty Willson – 3355-2519



Important Dates

- 25 Jan – Sat. Townsville Aust Day Pairs
- 26 Jan – Sun. Northern Suburbs Swiss Teams
- 2 Feb – Sun. Toowong Swiss Pairs
- 9 Feb – Sun. QCBC Novice Teams (0 – 99)
- 11 Feb – Tues. **Arana AGM**
- 15 – 22 Feb QBA Gold Coast Congress



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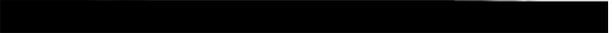
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