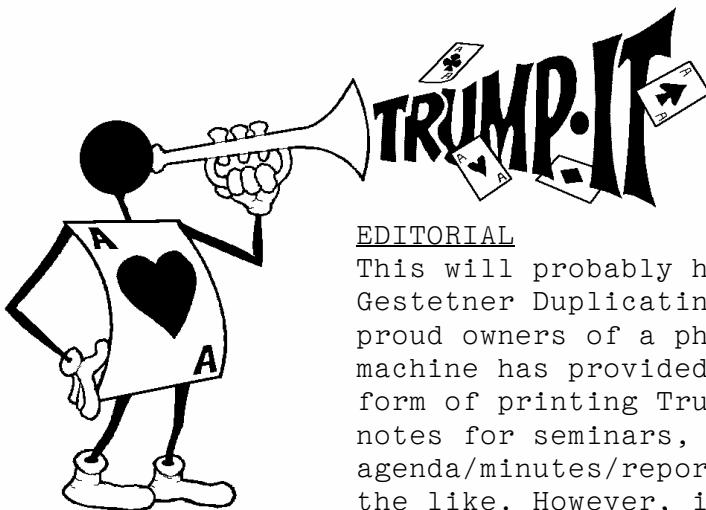


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EDITORIAL

This will probably be the last Trump-It produced on the Gestetner Duplicating machine. Reason - we are now the proud owners of a photocopying machine. The duplicating machine has provided a valuable service to our club in the form of printing Trump-Its, lesson sheets for beginners, notes for seminars, travelling score cards for club play, agenda/minutes/reports for our Annual General Meetings and the like. However, it was time to move on to bigger and better things.

Whilst it could be argued that the duplicating machine was adequate for our needs, it does have its drawbacks. The main one being the quality of reproduction. Another factor is that a stencil in constant use e.g. notes for beginners lessons, had to be stored for use again (messy), had a limited life and therefore had to be retyped (nuisance). With the photocopier, the original is easily stored and can be reprinted at any time. The photocopier also has a wide range of capabilities.

Judy Valentine

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REPORT ON THE TEAMS OF 4 CHAMPIONSHIP

The Teams of 4 Championship which commenced on the 6th, July attracted 9 teams. The Championship has been run over three consecutive nights and finishes this Wednesday night, 20th. Leading the field after two nights play is the ORFORD team (Neil & Frances Orford, Deslei Den Haan, Alison Fulwood, Beth Douglas) with a total score of 81 IMPS. Second place is presently held by the LONG team (Bob Long, Geoff Doyle, Nev & Pat Dixon) on 77 IMPS and third place is the PEARCE team (Bob & Ann Pearce, Sharon Burns, Stephen McDougal, Hazel Bitomsky) on 62 IMPS. Other results are -

McROBBIE (Jan McRobbie, Merilyn Wright, Eric & Violet Ferdinands) 51,
GOURLAY (Doris Gourlay, Muriel Anderssen, Carol Wilson, Annette Corkhill) 58
NOTTINGHAM (Peter Nottingham, Kevin Simpson, Joe McKenna, D. Solomon) 57
HORTON (Pam Horton, Jenny Lewis, Ilene Bishop, Albert Lewis) 54
SUENSEN (Theo & Marilyn Suensen, Philip & Ailsa Smith) 47
JAMIE (Cynthia Jamie, Bev Quine, Bill & Joan Hurrell) 44

With the two leading teams still to play each other (this will happen on the first match of the last night) and the remaining teams hot on their tail, the Championship is far from over.

Results from this Championship will be published in the next Issue of the Trump-It.

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BEGINNERS CLASSES

The last beginner's class for the year commences on Tuesday, August 2nd and Wednesday, August 3rd. If you are interested in participating in this course, or know of anyone who is, please give your name to Judy Valentine.

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BUNDABERG CONGRESS

It is very pleasing to see that 12 of our members will be playing their first congress at Bundaberg on the week-end of 30th-31st July. The Bundaberg Congress has always been a very friendly congress, attracting mainly country players with only a sprinkling of Brisbane entrants. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all those participating, good bridge and a very happy week-end.

BOOK REVIEW

"BRIDGE IN THE MENAGERIE" & "BRIDGE IN THE FOURTH DIMENSION" by Victor Mollo.

Both of these books are considered bridge classics. "Bridge in the Menagerie" was Mollo's first book in this series. He has since written a third which will become part of our library in due course.

The book is about the Griffins Bridge Club and its members. Let me tell you about some of its members and their famous quotes.

H.H. The Hideous Hog - "Please, please partner, let me play the hand. I assure you that it's in your best interest."

R.R. The Rueful Rabbit - "One gets used to abuse. It's waiting for it to come that is so trying."

PAPA Themistocles

Papadopoulos - "The essence of bridge is to see through the backs of the cards."

THE LEPRECHAUN

- "We have the greatest faith in luck. We've cultivated the habit for years."

OSCAR THE OWL

- SENIOR KIBITZER AT THE UNICORN "A curious hand. Both sides can make 4 hearts."

PEREGRINE THE PENGUIN - SENIOR KIBITZER AT THE UNICORN "A technician is a man who knows exactly what to do the moment he has done something else."

KARAPET A Free Armenian - "Again everything has happened to me."

THE GREMLIN - "Who says that crime does not pay?"

The characters in this book insist on coming to life, which is not surprising for they are drawn from life. A feature of the book is that it is not only the Hog, a master, but the Rabbit too - in his own estimation 'the second worst player in the world' - who executes all manner of brilliant plays guided by a guardian angel whose magic turns every blunder to his protégé's advantage.

Many other characters appear in the two books, and for those wanting to read bridge books for pleasure, rather than learning, both books have much to offer.

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This interesting collection of cards appeared in the Maryborough Congress held on the week-end 9th-10th July. I was the Tournament Director for the week-end. 20 different partnerships tackled the bidding and the results varied almost as many times as it was played. 4H was probably the most popular spot to play, with east persisting until partner surrendered. Club part-scores of 3C and 4C, game in clubs, 5H, 6H, 3NT, 3H - you name it, someone played it. Only one pair bid 6C.

8753		The point of printing this hand is to illustrate that by using 4th suit forcing, 6C can be reached with ease.	
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KJ3		<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
AKJ92	4	1S	2H
6	AKJ9873	3C	3D*
Q102	---	4D	4NT
A987	Q10652	5H	6C
Q106		West has shown 5 spades, 4 clubs and a minimum hand of 12-15 points. When East uses 4th suit forcing to find out the shape of west's remaining 4 cards, the hand is pinpointed at 5 spades, 4 clubs, 3 diamonds and a singleton heart. From this information, the heart slam is avoided. Via Blackwood, East finds out that partner has 2 aces and bids 6C. East has to bear in mind that asking for kings is dangerous as the response will take the auction beyond the safe 6C. With partner showing a minimum hand, it is probably unlikely he will hold both kings which is needed to bid 7C. Even if partner is able to show that he holds 2 kings, it is no guarantee that one will be the club king. 6C is the only makeable slam.	
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