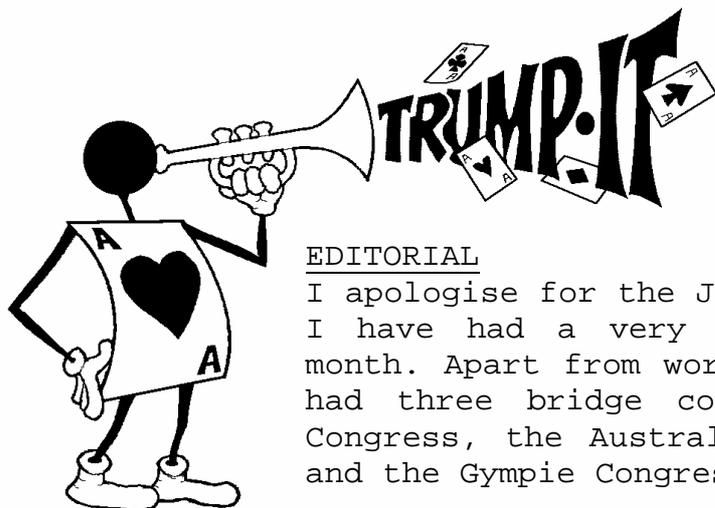


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## EDITORIAL

I apologise for the July Trump-It being late but I have had a very heavy work-load this last month. Apart from working at the office, I have had three bridge commitments - the Bundaberg Congress, the Australian National Championships and the Gympie Congress (reports in this issue).

The student classes (24 weeks) have now concluded and all those who finished the course have put forward their names for ratification as members at the next Management Committee Meeting. We welcome them and hope that they have many enjoyable hours of bridge at the club. From September, both the Tuesday and Wednesday student groups will play in a transition movement - a proper duplicate game (but at a much slower pace) where sessions are scored and masterpointed. Whilst in this movement, players may seek help with bidding and play problems.

Judy Valentine (Editor)

## THE BUNDABERG CONGRESS

by Judy Valentine

Held on the week-end 11-12 July, this congress attracted 18 tables (usually between 21 and 24 tables) of regular supporters. The Australian National Championships, held this year in Brisbane, had an affect on the number of Brisbane players who normally support this very friendly congress.

Arana was well represented again this year - Bob & Ann Pearce, Philip & Ailsa Smith, Pam Horton & Jenny Lewis, Trevor & Daryl Cullen and Nora Towler who partnered Jessica's husband Ian Mortess. Unfortunately, Nora took ill on the Sunday and was unable to play in the finals.

Hand 3  
Dlr. S  
E/W Vul

K43  
AQ82  
A105  
KQ2

J106  
J973  
976  
874



AQ95  
1054  
KQ8  
A105

872  
K6  
J432  
J963

This interesting hand appeared in the 1st qualifying round and of those who played in the slam of 6NT, only Ian (South) made the contract to score top matchpoints.

With a combined point count of 33, it was surprising to find that most of the field failed to bid 6NT and of those in 3NT, most were unsuccessful in making 12 tricks. Declarer needs to find the correct play of the heart suit for the contract to make.

At the 1991 Play Seminar (morning session), I taught the skills to make this contract: the Intra-Finesse.

Declarer must play a low heart from hand, and if West plays low, insert the 8. This is the Intra-Finesse. It is obvious, from the results on the hoard, that most declarers played low from hand and inserted the Queen at the first play on the suit (the most likely scenario) or West played the 9 that stopped declarer from using the Intra-Finesse (most unlikely scenario). Declarer, by playing low towards the Queen finesse, places all the eggs in the one basket - the King must lie with West for the contract to make 12 tricks and declarer has one shot only. By using the Intra-Finesse, declarer has two shots. If the play of the 8 does not produce the vital card, i.e. the King, declarer can then return to hand and take the finesse of the AQ at the second play of the suit.

I told you in the Seminar that there are many instances where the Intra-Finesse is a critical play and, in fact, there were two hands, that I know of, in this Congress that required the Intra-Finesse to be taken for the contract to make. Players must become aware of all the different types of plays involving the intermediate cards if they aspire to become good bridge players. The Intra-Finesse is one of many.

From a West point-of-view, the play of the 9 is crucial if the contract is to be defeated. Believing that declarers always intend to finesse an AQ holding is not reality and good defenders can make contracts difficult or impossible for declarers if they play the right card at the right time.

THE ANC - BRISBANE 1992

by Judy Valentine

The 1992 Australian National Bridge Championships and Australian Teams Trials were held at the Parkroyal, over a two week period the ATT 17-26 July and the ANC 27 July - 1 August. I have produced the Daily Bulletin for the past three ANCs that have been held in Brisbane but this was the first time that I did not have my old soul-mate with me. McNeil, due to ill-health, had to forgo his usual role as Editor. Mind you, you can't keep the old boy quiet - he made sure that he had a "Letter from McNeil" in the first bulletin produced. In his usual way, he began maligning my reputation by bringing up the subject of the "black nightie" again without explanation as to how the topic came into being. It is amazing how a story grows out of proportion and when I received a message that a young fellow was seeking me out because he believed I wandered the hotel in the "black nightie", I telephoned McNeil and let go with appropriate abusive words. He felt no remorse - he simply laughed. The origin of the "black nightie" goes back many years, in fact to 1985. He telephoned and said "Get a leave pass from David, pack the black nightie and be in Sydney on October 23 because we are doing the bulletins for the Far Eastern Championships". From then on, the infamous "black nightie" has been part of McNeil's scally-wag articles.

The Editor of this year's ANC Daily Bulletins was Keith McDonald, President of the Queensland Bridge Association and known to many of you from his visit to our club some years ago. We worked well together and had no trouble in obtaining articles from players. The bulletins were heralded as the best in many years. I have included two full sets in our library and members may borrow them on a weekly basis.

I owe a very sincere thank you to Pam Horton, Jenny and Albert Lewis who worked many hours each day, helping with the photocopying and collating of the bulletins throughout the ANC week.

### THE GYMPIE CONGRESS

This Congress was held on the week-end 8-9 August. Again, numbers were down following the ANC in Brisbane with 18 tables of players present. Bob Pearce & Richard McLauchlan and Philip & Ailsa Smith were the entries from our club.

Pam & Jenny were commandeered to help me run this event as Barometer scoring takes 3 workers to produce the round-by-round results. I hope they enjoyed the experience of behind the scenes and I again must say a big thank you to them for their friendship and assistance.

Only four N/S pairs, in the entire field, bid to the superb slam in spades on this board in the last final session.

Board 18  
Dlr. E  
N/S Vul.

A2  
K84  
A6  
AK9752

54  
10752  
KJ52  
Q63



1097  
QJ63  
Q873  
J8

KQJ863  
A9  
1094  
104

3 out of the 4 N/S players who bid to 6S were in the Championship section, the other pair were in the Consolation.

After 3 passes, North will open the bidding with 1C. After the 1S response, North should take the bit between the teeth and rebid 3NT (19-21). The short-fall of the 1 point needed to make this bid is more than compensated by the club length.

South now will have no trouble in bidding the 6S that makes 13 tricks. Opposite a passed partner, North is

fully justified in not disclosing his 6-carded club suit but making a serious attempt to score game points via 3NT. If North rebids 3C (showing 16+), South rebids 3S but over North's 3NT, the slam is harder to bid.

### THE TEAMS OF 4 CHAMPIONSHIP

by Judy Valentine

Our second, championship for the year attracted 12 teams. The movement chosen was a Round Robin where every team meets every other team but once. The event was conducted over 3 consecutive Wednesday nights.

The Cullen Team, apart from winning the Open Team event, also won the Handicap event by 1 point from the Nottingham Team, however, club policy allows a team to win one trophy only.

We congratulate the winners -

OPEN CULLEN TEAM  
(Trevor & Daryl Cullen, Val Acklin & Joyce Rosser)

HANDICAP NOTTINGHAM TEAM  
(Peter Nottingham, Kevin Simpson, Tony Agar,  
Sharon Agar, Betty Willson, Joan Sadleir)

### JUNIOR MASTERPOINT STATUS

The following members received their Junior Masterpoint certificate.

Alan Box	Judy Perkins	Muriel Miller
Beth Douglas	Perry Hooper	Lorraine Martin
Bob Pearce	Rita Wood	Ted McGrath
Wella Hooper	Johnnie Baker-Finch	Deborah Dwyer

### FUND RAISING: FOR OUR FUTURE CLUB-HOUSE by Deslei Den Haan

The raffle for the bottle of wine and dinner for two at "Le Bressan" french restaurant was won by Daryl Cullen. We would like to thank all those who supported the raffle.

Merilyn Wright has joined the Fund Raising Committee as the Tuesday representative .

We now propose to have a "white elephant" stall in Ferny Grove market on Sunday morning the 18th October. So please everybody, start clearing out your cupboards. Small donations (with price on please) can be brought to the hall any Tuesday morning or Wednesday night between now and the 18th October and will be collected on Tuesday by Merilyn and Wednesday by Deslei. Larger items can be delivered directly to our stall at the market before 8 a.m. on the 18th October. Unsold items will be given to charity.

### EXTRA PLAYING SESSIONS

The extra sessions of play offered to our members on Monday morning and Friday nights, are attracting a very small field of 3 or 4 tables. While the Committee is prepared to allow sufficient time for growth rate, this can not go on indefinitely. We urge you to support these extra session as it would be a pity to see them fold due to lack of support.

Bob has arranged for further Friday night sessions, so please add these to your booklet.

Friday - October 23  
          October 30  
          November 6  
          November 20

### OBITUARY

by Judy Valentine

#### JOHNNIE BAKER-FINCH

While I was typing this Trump-It, I received a telephone call from Helen, the daughter, to say that Johnnie had passed away on Sunday 16 August.

I was very saddened to hear the news, as you all must be, as Johnnie was a favourite with us all. A lady in the true sense of the word, she brightened our club by her presence and her friendly manner was endearing to us all. Always willing to do what she could to help ease the work-load of others, she took on the role of club Librarian. She was a keen student of the game, never missing a Seminar or a chance to improve her ability. She truly loved her bridge.

She will be remembered, by us, with warm thoughts for the very GRAND and gentle lady she was.