



# ARANA

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### FOREST PLACE BRIDGE DAY

The annual Forest Place day, held at the Arana Contract Bridge Club recently, was a most enjoyable and popular day. There were 25 tables, lots of lucky door prizes and generous cash prizes donated by Forest Place. Evette Locke, a PR consultant from Forest Place, gave us an update on developments within the group before play began. Everyone had an eye on the prizes and fought hard to be one of the eight winning pairs.

Colin Anderson directed proceedings, which involved two sections each playing identical boards (set by Frank Houlton) in a straight Mitchell movement. Play proceeded smoothly and concluded at lunch time when Harry Herriman took on the task of scoring the results. President Bob Dancer announced winners and Evette Locke presented the prizes. The overall North/South winners were Harry Herriman and John Prouse 1<sup>st</sup>, Daphne and Keith Buse 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rob and Rosemary Matthew 3<sup>rd</sup>, Gary and Judy Mitchell 4<sup>th</sup>, while the overall East/West winners were Penny Barrs and Wella Hooper 1<sup>st</sup>, Gayle McCarthy and Trish McCormack 2<sup>nd</sup>, Don and Darlene Smith 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ailsa Smith and Carol Wilson 4<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all the winners. The rest of us will be back next year to try again.

Liz Marshall      Publicity

### **Masterpoint Movements**

NEW rankings for Arana home club members:

Graduate      Caroline Black  
                    John Prouse

Club            Harry Herriman

Local            Peter French  
                    Gay Hull  
                    Marjorie Whimp

Local \*         Julie Hankinson

Local \*\*        Sommie Mackay

Regional        May Hassum

Silver Life     Val Acklin

Congratulations to all of these members. Remember that those with new rankings will change their Handicap for handicap weeks.

### **M. Golden (Masterpoint Secretary)**

#### **TUESDAY TEAMS**

A total of 22 teams participated in this year's Tuesday Teams Red Point event. This number made for an interesting grouping, as there had to be two groups of 5 teams sharing boards, while the balance only had the usual 4 teams sharing. However, since there were a total of 5 boards with each hand no one had to wait too long before the one they needed became available.

Pam Horton, once again, managed the task of scoring and seeding for the next round admirably.

The results were:

Team 1 – B. Dancer, G. Lynch, J. Cutmore and J. Rosser

Team 2 – V. Wallace, K. Patrick, P. French and M. Wright

Team 3 – P. Horton, J. Lewis, A. Smith and D. Cutmore

Team 4 – C. Vardy, V. Acklin, B. Willson and A. McIntyre

Handicap winner to be announced at a later date.

Congratulations to all and see you back next year.

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### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 19 June 2001

#### Building Committee

Development application awaiting environmental conditions to be imposed by council. Building application approval approximately two weeks after DA approval. **Building expected to commence mid to late July.** Tenders – invitation to tenders will take place on Friday 22/6 ( Six builders have agreed to tender)

#### Fit Out Sub Committee

Pam Horton to call for written quotes from suppliers of all fittings – fridge, P.A. System, etc. Bob Dancer will look at pricing for a new PC.

#### Suggestion Box

Bob Dancer to organise a club suggestion box.

#### New Club Rooms

Bob Dancer told the meeting that Judy Valentine would be honoured if our new premises were called “**The Judy Valentine Bridge and Community Hall**” and will send a message to be read on the opening day.

#### Bridge Lessons

The next lessons will be held around the 7<sup>th</sup> of August with publicity to commence in mid July.

#### Monday Teams

Geoff Gully was requested to poll Monday players to see if they wanted a Monday Teams Event to be held in 2002.

#### Score Sheet Form

After our current supply of score sheets run out, Harry Herriman is to ensure that the new sheets have provision to show the opening lead.

#### New Members for Ratification

Betty Barnes

Mary Moyler

Geoff Gulley, Secretary ACBC.

## GHESTEM OVERCALLS

At the Arana congress, a couple of opponents said they were playing Ghestem overcalls. That left partner a little bemused as he had not heard of them. Ghestem is similar to a Michael's cue bid showing two x five card suits.

With Ghestem, you cue bid their suit to show the extreme 2 unbid suits, bid 2NT to show the lowest 2 unbid suits, and bid 3C to show the highest 2 unbid suits. In a nutshell –

Them	Us	Shows
1C/D	2C/D	extremes = S + other minor
	2NT	lowest = H + other minor
	3C	highest = H+ S (majors)
1H/S	2H/S	extremes = C + other major
	2NT	lowest = C + D (minors)
	3C	highest = D + other major

There is an alternative over 1C, where 2C is natural, 2D is highest (majors), 2NT is lowest (D+H), and 3C is extreme (D+S). Note that this allows the majors to be bid at the 2 level.

Worth try?

Either convention was needed at Buderim's Honeysuckle Pairs when I held:

♠ -- ♥ 6 5 ♦ A K Q J 9 7 ♣ Q J 9 8 2

and LHO opened a weak 2S pass 3S. Now what? 3NT is to play. Double might get 3NT from partner (Ok) but what if she bids 4H? That could be Ok if she has 6Hs or even a good 5. Since I have enough to play 5C or 5D, I bid 4NT (minors).

So having heard the bidding 2S, /, 3S, 4NT, /, what do you bid holding:

♠ 8 4 2 ♥ A 8 7 2 ♦ 8 2 ♣ A 10 7 5

Considering that partner is prepared to play 5C or 5D against a passed hand and holds at most 1S, 6C is the best bid.

Helen bid 5C making 12 (she could have made 13 as the CK was on side). That was good enough to get us 8 IMPs as we scored 620 against the board average of 280. A 21 point grand... who said *points schmoints?*

Richard McLauchlan



### LIBRARY LINES

by Ilene Bishop

#### Arana Bridge Club Librarian

Mark Horton in “Step-by-Step Signalling” (S7) states that there are three basic signals which you may wish to give.

1. Count, where you tell partner how many cards you have in a suit.
2. Attitude, where you tell partner if you like their lead.
3. Suit Preference, where you try and tell partner which suit to switch to.

Since signalling is a defense tactic, he also discusses different leading methods among which are the basic fourth best from good suits and second highest from bad suits, normally a suit without an honour. MUD and ace-king or king-ace are also covered.

On Count signalling high-low (peter) shows an even number of cards, while low-high shows an odd number.

The basic premise in Attitude signalling is that a high card is encouraging and a low one is discouraging. Traditionally, this would apply when partner has led the suit and also when you are discarding. Use the most obvious card you can afford.

A Suit Preference signal can only be made when the Count or Attitude position is known or when the partnership has a special agreement. The most common forms are McKenny and Lavinthal.

These preceding explanations are only the basic methods of signalling. Horton develops these for the more advanced player with plenty of examples of real hands from tournaments and the reasoning for specific choices. The basic chapters have a quiz to test your understanding.

Throughout his book, Horton highlights “guiding principles”. Below is one of them.

Don't become a slave to your signalling method! Winning bridge players never stop thinking for themselves.



### DON'T EVER GIVE UP HOPE!

When the bidding goes wrong, as it sometimes will,

When the contract you're in seems impossible,  
 When the dummy reveals your partner's white lie  
 And you want to smile but you have to sigh,  
 When opponents smirk and look on with aplomb,  
 And confidently expect that you will succumb,  
 When things look the blackest just pause for a bit,  
 Think, plan and concentrate, but don't you dare quit!

#### Bridge Hand of the Month

By Bobby Wolff

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

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

♠ 10 5 4  
 ♥ K 5 2  
 ♦ Q 10 2  
 ♣ K 8 7 4

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

Dealer – North  
Vul – Both

N	E	S	W
P	P	4♠	P
P	P	P	P

*“Whenever you see a successful business, someone once made a courageous decision”*

– Peter Drucker

Routine declarer play will not land today's game. It takes a well-reasoned, courageous decision at trick one to collect ten tricks.

South's hand is too strong to preempt opposite an unpassed partner. However, since North passed as dealer, the preempt is an acceptable tactical move. West leads the ♥7. South ducks the opening lead in dummy and East's ♥K wins. Can South make this contract?

Before any decision, South must count his winners. He can see seven trump winners, two aces and the good ♥Q for ten tricks, but beware of

the illusion. If South holds on to his ♥Q, it will surely win a trick, but dummy's ♥A will be stranded – down one.

South's best chance is to jettison his ♥Q under East's king. East shifts to diamonds, and South wins his ace. South then cashes six of his trumps to pressure the defense. When nothing startling takes place. South leads to dummy's ♥10, the finesse wins and instead of one heart winner, South has two. Sometimes it's better to risk taking no tricks in a suit if a calculated risk will bring in two tricks for game and rubber.

## Important dates

- 18 July – Judy Valentine Teams Wk 2
- 21 – 22 July Noosa Butler Pairs
- 25 July Judy Valentine Teams Wk 3
- 28 – 29 July Bundaberg Congress
- 28 – 29 July Moreton – Bribie Congress
- 4 August QBA Director's Workshop
- 5 August Northern Suburbs Novice Teams
- 5 August Toowoomba Swiss Pairs
- 11 – 12 August Surfers Teams
- 11 – 12 August Maryborough Congress
- 11 – 12 August Townsville Pairs
- 12 August Sunshine Coast Novice Pairs