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NEW CLUBHOUSE PHONE NUMBER

3851 - 0299

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From the President....

The last few months have been exceptionally active both in terms of competition and equipping the clubrooms. Our annual congress was very successful from the competition point of view, although the final entry was significantly smaller than we expected. At first we thought we had made a very good profit from the competition itself but some costs have yet to be taken into account, and we will have to recheck our position when we have final figures to hand. There is still the possibility that some change to congress format is required. The raffle created a record profit of nearly \$900, and our thanks are due to Anne Gulley and Caroline Black who dug up an amazing array of prizes. Our thanks also go to the many club members and organisations who donated these prizes, which were separately acknowledged elsewhere.

As usual, a great number of hard-working volunteers contributed to the success of the function, and I would like to thank Helen McLauchlan (who did much of the convening work in Pam's enforced absence), Liz Marshall, Gay Hull, Margaret Dancer, Ann Fursman, and Deslei Den Haan. The landscaping team included gardeners Philip and Ailsa Smith, and prime movers Neil Hamilton and Peter French. There were so many other contributors they cannot all possibly be mentioned. Special thanks go to Frank and Ada van der Woude, who not only donated the impressive major prize for the raffle, but also organised the sandwiches which drew many compliments from visitors.

The competition was very successful for our club, with Judy Valentine and Jessica Mortess winning outright, and five other Arana pairs being scattered through the championship section. Betty Willson and Peter Gill were second in the plate, and Muriel Anderssen and her sister were third in the consolation. This was especially praiseworthy because Muriel no longer drives, and has little opportunity to practice. These results confirm the feeling that the very close competition we see in internal club events is helping to raise overall standards of play.

We are moving rapidly to finish the clubrooms, with our new cards having finally arrived, the kitchen being close to completion, and the computer and phone installed. The dealing machine will be delivered by the time this document is published.

Finally, a reminder about the club's first novice teams event on Sunday 13th October, regular Saturday afternoon sessions starting in October, and for something different, Caroline and Anne's social event at the woolshed later in the year.

Bob Dancer

TUESDAY TEAMS WINNERS

Twenty teams took part in the Red Point Competition beginning in early June and continuing for three weeks. The placings are:

First – Team 3: G. Lynch, B. Dancer, J. Rosser and V. Wallace.

Second – Team 2: C. Vardy, V. Acklin, B. Willson and P. Gill.

Third – Team 13: G Mitchell, J. Mitchell, G. McCarthy and T. McCormack.

Place	Team
4 th	11
5 th	7
6 th	10
7 th	4

8 th	1
9 th	8, 9 & 12
10 th	6
11 th	18
12 th	14
13 th	5
14 th	19
15 th	16
16 th	17
17 th	20
18 th	15

Handicap winner as posted on notice board.

CONGRESS RAFFLE WINNERS

Accommodation at Maiala Park Lodge –
John Prouse
Oil Painting – Tony Lye
Cake – Kath Downs
Dinner at Ferny Grove Tavern – Joyce Rosser
Dinner at The Gap Tavern – Deborah Dwyer
12 piece Stoneware Set – Fran Husband
Kambrook Battery Operated Toothbrush –
James Eckersley
Walther Glass Bowl – Donna Krosch
Fruit Platter – C. Chambers
Samford Valley Garden Centre Gift Voucher –
J. Bain
Samford Valley Landscape Supplies Gift Voucher
N. Devlin
Wine Winners are:
B. Douglas
R. Steele
C. Garden
T. Agar
J. Mitchell
D. Van Wunnick
Ray Cowie

Thanks to all who supported this raffle by buying tickets.

Caroline Black and Anne Gulley

FOREST PLACE PAIRS Red Point Day

A good turnout of 18 tables made for a good day of bridge on July 1st. When the play was finished lunch was served from a "bring a plate" selection. During that time the scores were input into our very own computer and printed once finished.

First – N/S – Col Anderson and Mary Gillies
Second - N/S – Bob Dancer and Geoff Gulley
Third – N/S – Rosemary and Robert Matthew

First – E/W – Judy Perkins and Carol Wilson

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Second – E/W – E. Faulkner and Wella Hooper
Third – E/W – Kath Patrick and Vonnie Wallace

Cash prizes to these winners. Congratulation to all the players for a great day and a special thank you to Forest Place for sponsoring this annual event.

ARANA CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

7:30 pm Tuesday 18th June 2002
Clubhouse Ferny Grove Parklands

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

KEYS - The purchasing of the security locks and keys has been put on hold until further talks are held with the football and cricket clubs.

DONATIONS - Plaques are to be made for the notice boards and water cooler as way of a thank you to donors for supplying same.

TELEPHONE - The cable has been installed to the toilet block at no cost to the Club. A cable is already laid from the toilet block to the Clubhouse.

BIDDING FRAMES - The frames are ordered and Geoff Gulley is getting quotes for the appropriate bidding slips.

DIRECTORS - Daphne Buses has indicated that she is now ready to resume her duties to liaise between the Directors and the Committee.

LESSONS - Beginner's lessons are to start on the 18th July. Ad's have been inserted in the North West News and the Westside News for a period of four weeks, at a cost of \$670. It was put forward for future consideration to copy Toowong and hold post-mortems of played club fixture games. This cannot be brought into practice until after hand records are available. Also, Helen McLauchlan has suggested she also do lessons before Wednesday night's play.

DEALING MACHINE/COMPUTER - Printer and Laser have already arrived, and the computer is expected within a fortnight. It is still not known when the dealing machine is to be delivered. It was noted that essential spare kits should be included with same. QBA has directed clubs that only approved software is to be used (computer is received and working).

REPORTS

CONGRESS - A preliminary figure suggests the Congress made a net profit of \$300, plus a further \$879 for the raffle. This is subject to completion of accounts.

TREASURER - We now have \$10,000 cash at hand, some of which will be used to upgrade security and construct shelves in the office.

GENERAL BUSINESS

COMPETITIONS FOR 2003 - A date has been set for October 12, 2002 for the Novice Event. Bob Dancer will try and change this to October 13 so that Saturday Bridge can commence on 5th October. Pam Horton and Helen McLauchlan will be organizing same. (Note: some changes were since made to novice event dates for 2003 after discussions with the QBA.) Regarding the GNOT teams organized by Marion Cooke, it was decided to pay her \$100 for organizing the event, with an appropriate thank you note. The motion was moved by Helen and seconded by Barry. 9th February and 7th, 8th and 9th March were put forward for the open teams day, with preference being the 9th March. Lunch will not be supplied just nibbles.

SUGGESTION - Regarding the warning bell on the wall timer, it was ruled by all present that play could commence after this bell, but not after the final bell.

TEA LADY - The club has been advised that treating the Tea Lady as a contractor cannot continue for an extended period. There are two ways to handle this problem.

- 1- Employ multiple people
- 2- Have the Tea Lady provide material as well as labour, with an account for provisions in the Tea Lady's name.

The second suggestion was regarded as the better way to handle the situation. (Since confirmed as impractical).

CLEANERS - We have a quote for \$350 plus GST to buff back and seal the vinyl floors. Although not happy with our present cleaners, we are locked into a contract until the end of the year.

SIGNS - The Club sign on Tramway Street has been damaged by the Council. The Council will be advised that a replacement sign is needed.

DEALING MACHINE ROSTER - This will be discussed at a later date.

FOREST PLACE PAIRS - It was decided that Geoff should contact Forest Place with the idea to present the winners with their rewards, the week following the event. This will allow one week for the scoring of the hands.

SCORING - Regarding the scoring of our Club events, it has been decided that Helen continue to do so at home until substantial reason for change exists. As more scorers are needed, it was recommended that non-directors be trained for this role.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on the 6th August at 7.30 pm at the Clubhouse.

TO FINESSE OR NOT TO FINESSE ...

... THAT IS THE QUESTION

YOU are in 6H; the opposition start with the SA and continue spades which you win in dummy. You need to bring in the trumps for no losers holding...

A Q J 10 7 5 3 6 4 2

A small heart from dummy gets the 9 from RHO. Do you finesse or not? Incidentally, when defending, Zia recommends discarding 9s (a disconcerting card) as soon as possible as it puts more pressure on declarer.

But back to the question... the possible holdings before RHO played were:-

--	8	9	K	98	K8	K9	K98
K98	K9	K8	98	K	9	8	--

After RHO played the 9, the possibles were:-

--	8	*	K	*	K8	*	*
K98	K9	*	98	*	9	*	*

So the odds favour the finesse by 2/1, *ie* there is only 1 chance in 4 of dropping the bare K, 2 chances of the finesse working and 1 chance that the K is offside and protected (which you can do nothing about)... take the finesse!

This hand came from the recent Buderim Honeysuckle pairs where our opponents declined the finesse (with plenty of entries to dummy to repeat the finesse if necessary) and came to grief when I held the finesseable K 9 8 opposite Helen's void.

General principles:- the odds of a bare honour are small; if next hand follows, a finesse guards against a void in the last hand; if the finesse is wrong, reconcile yourself that all the other good players will also be off.

Richard McLauchlan

MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS AS OF 28 June 2002

<i>Graduate</i>	Jo Axten Garry Bathis
<i>Club</i>	Fred Hoult Alan Rae
<i>Local</i>	Paula McMahan
<i>Local *</i>	Fay Collard Ray Gear
<i>State</i>	Geoff Gulley

State * Meryl Wright
 National * Liz Marshall
 Bronze Life Betty Willson

Congratulations
 Helen McLauchlan – Masterpoint Secretary



LIBRARY LINES

by Ilene Bishop

Arana Bridge Club Librarian

"My capacity for astonishment is only exceeded by my ability to suffer partner's idiocies with relative grace." This is Aunt Agatha's self-portrait - though many would disagree with the last part according to the author of **"Aunt Agatha Plays Tournament Bridge"** (A13 and 14) by **Freddie North**.

Even the mention of bridge turns Mrs. Jekyll into Mrs. Hyde. She is not the easiest person to partner and volunteers are few. Finding a regular partner is difficult as masochists are scarce around the world. "Aunt Agatha is quite capable of achieving the impossible - that is the plus side for anyone crazy enough to consider partnering her. Difficult contracts are usually made at the gallop. Impossible tasks take a shade longer." The above are Freddie North's comments about his Aunt Agatha.

To back up this evaluation, a selection of hands from various tournaments, with bidding and play spelled out, are discussed pro and con on the action. A section called THE LAST SAY is inserted after most examples as a summary. One of these sections opens with the statement that "the redoubling area is one of those mysterious regions where neither light nor darkness reign supreme; a grey area where only the closest-knit partnerships seem to have any idea of how the dice are loaded."

On pages 54-55 is a coup that was recorded in "Tiger Bridge" in 1951. The bid of 1 NT was doubled and the declarer failed to make a single trick going down 1300, but... to find out the kicker read page 55.



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Important Dates

- 17 July – Wednesday Teams Wk2
- 20-21 July Noosa Butler Pairs
- 24 July – Wednesday Teams Wk3
- 27-28 July – Moreton-Bribie Congress
- 2 Aug – Friday green point Pairs (Wk1)
- 3 Aug – Sunnybank Congress
- 4 Aug – Northern Suburbs Novice Teams
- 9 Aug – Friday Pairs (Wk2)
- 11 Aug – Sunshine Coast Novice Pairs



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