



# ARANA

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### Editor's Desk

TAKE a bow all who were associated with running the 95 congress. A full house, well organised, great food; the compliments just kept flowing in. Ran into winner Sue Moses the following week. She congratulated us on the good wine we gave as prizes – not all clubs are that generous. And we made a profit of over \$1 000. The great success is largely due to the time and effort put in by Pam Horton and her many helpers. Pam wants to play in next year's congress (for the first time). So if there are any budding convenors around, please come forward.

Muriel Miller almost rewrote the record books with 96 and 98% on the 2 club director exam papers. Only 98% because she missed answering a question on paper 2.

The world-wide pairs attracted a small field of 6 tables on the Friday after the congress. We probably won't bother with next year's event.

Judy Valentine will give seminars later this year. Please suggest topics and preferred dates on the notice board.

**Richard McLauchlan**

### Management committee

ITEMS of interest from the management committee meetings of 29 May and 14 June include:

Director's meeting held and Tue roster filled. Wed roster is Ok.

Fouled boards are a problem for the scorer; please be careful.

Welcome to new members in Anita Tindall and Bob Dancer.

Congress profit was \$1 031.86.

Judy Valentine offered to run seminars at around \$10 per head. She will retain all proceeds to offset travel costs in running classes. We need feedback on topics and dates – Tue/Wed or weekend?

### Director!

NO quiz this issue. Hopefully, we'll have more qualified directors after this year's exams to provide material for this feature.

### Dear Judy

A RECENT Trump-It produced 4 different answers when it asked: playing 3 loser opening 2s, your partner opens 2D vul with you holding -

Q 7 3
8 7 5 4 2
5 2
10 6 3

(a) What do you respond?

(b) What next after partner replies 3C?

(c) What if RHO bids 2S non-vul over partner's 2D? What are the correct answers?

Sitting S with all vul, you hold the cards below and the bidding proceeds as shown.

A K 3 2	E	S	W	N
K 7	/	1D	X	XX
10 9 8 2	/	1S	/	2NT
Q 4 2	/	?		

How many HCP does partner hold and what do you bid?

### Congress report

CONGRATULATIONS – well done members. Our congress is over for another year and is being claimed a 'big success' throughout the clubs. We already have 1½ tables entered for next year. We can be very satisfied that everything went smoothly and the food once again raised many compliments.

Our congress was a full 30 tables this year, with several people being turned away as space was not available to service any more tables. After the opening by the Pine Shire mayor Yvonne Chapman, Saturday saw 2 qualifying rounds in 3 sections of 10 tables. Sunday was divided into 4 sections: a 9 table Championship, 7 table Plate, and 2 x 7 table Consolations. Joan McPheat and Reg Busch must be congratulated on the scoring and directing of the congress - thank you both.

To all the bakers and providers of the 'goodies', a big thank you. There are too many of you to name and I wouldn't want to upset anyone if I missed a name; you have all been so very generous and willing.

Special thanks must go to Ailsa Smith who gave up playing to look after the kitchen. It was such a weight off my shoulders to know that everything from there would be totally organised. The helpers in the kitchen were super, many turning up for the third year in a row. I hope I don't forget anyone: Merilyn Wright, May Hassum, Deslei Den Haan, Gay Hull (Saturday); Merilyn Wright, Fran Husband, Deslei Den Haan, Rita Wood, Jean Parry, Joan Hill (Sunday); and Marie Harvey, Betty Brandt, Vonnie Wallace, Margarette Golden, Enda Miscamble (coffee, both days).

To 'my right hand lady', Helen McLauchlan, I must make special note. Nothing was too much trouble for her and I thank her sincerely. Henry Polt popped in on Sunday to do my bidding and I think he was sorry he did - thank you Henry.

To Ailsa and Philip Smith - once again the hall looked a picture, thanks to the arrival of the Smith's potted gardens.

Convening a congress is not an easy task, but working with so many willing helpers certainly eases the load. Thank you to all the committee members who gave me their support and helped set up the hall.

No bar this year, but Richard McLauchlan had some beer and a few soft drinks 'in case'. He sold a few with my rum and coke going by the board because he provided the coke but not the rum - must rectify this next year?

While the final scores were being tallied and presentations made, nibbles were served. The hot sausage rolls, cheerios and anything placed on the table were well received.

A sponsorship of bidding slips and some biros was again made by the Bank of Qld and I would like to thank them.

This year's congress field was a strong one attracting visitors from Bundaberg, Noosa, the North and South Coasts, and many Brisbane clubs. Final results were:

#### *Championship*

1. S Moses - A Remedios
- 2= B Hunt - R Lachman
- 2= R Parker - P Hainsworth

#### *Plate*

1. J Mills - C Green
2. L Shearer - M Shearer
3. S Johnson - B Stacey

#### *Consolation 1*

1. J Trega - E Barwick
2. L Moses - D Cunliffe
3. R Pearce - R McLauchlan

#### *Consolation 2*

1. H Burley - A McLeod
2. M Eaton - L Heron
3. M Matthews - R Matthews

#### *Special prize*

- = A Fulwood - B Willson
- = J Sadleir - E Smith

The raffle was organised and run by Alison Fulwood and once again she visited the club for weeks before the congress. Thank you to everyone who donated goods or purchased tickets.

1st: Wedgwood card box - Pam Horton (great for me). 2nd: fruit tray (donated by Basil, Arana Plaza fruit shop) - Joan Sadleir. 3rd: terrarium (donated by Ken Hooper) - Gill Lycette. 4th: basket of chocolates (made and donated by Val Cran) - Bev Clair.

To those who stayed behind after the event and cleaned away the mess - my sincere thanks.

I still find the congress a daunting task to run and without the 'Valentine grounding' at our first congress, we would not now be established in the congress scene. Judy was available if I needed her. Judy, we only made it through because of your training. Many asked after you.

Thank you all again for your great support. It is a pleasure to work with such a great group of people. If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me.

**Pam Horton (Convenor)**

## Here a Swiss, there a Swiss

1-DAY Swiss pairs, often with a byo lunch, are all the rage at the moment. Helen and I ran into Val Acklin (& Jan Rawson) among the 20 tables at the BBC Swiss, held at the South Brisbane Club, a nice venue if they improve the lighting.

While Val and Jan were steadily working their way up the field, we very quickly found table 20 and stayed there. At least we were near the window and the better lighting.

Amazing! At the bottom table, we struck Rosa Lachman (2nd in Arana C'ship) & Toni Bardon, then John Mills & Claire Green (1st in Arana Plate). Our best pre-lunch round was against Mills & Green.

We started as pair 39 and finished =38. Val was second with 2 rounds to play, but a bad last round saw her drop to a still creditable 6th.

We followed BBC in a QCBC 30 table Swiss. A flying start put us up against Andrew Pryde and David Appleton on round 3. That sank us a few positions but we hovered around tables 15 to 19 for the remainder of the day, finishing 40th of 60.

A fortnight later, Joyce Rosser (& Joan Sergeant), Perry Hooper & Frank Luiten, Muriel Anderssen & Joan Sadleir, and Helen & I tackled the Toowong Swiss. We all drew the same section in the 2 x 21 table event.

Another great start found us playing top seeds and eventual winners Bill Hunt (2nd in the Arana C'ship) and Magnus Moren in round 4, for 4 bottoms and 2 tops including:

18/E/N-S		E	S	W	N
	J 8	/	/	2C	X
	J 9 4	/	2S	3H	4C
	A Q J	/	4S		
A 6	A K J 10 9	9 4 3			
A K Q 10 8 2		7 6 5 3			
K 10 7		8 4 2			
Q 6	K Q 10 7 5 2	5 4 2			
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	9 6 5 3				
	8 7 3				

After 2 passes, I (N) was half expecting a psyche from Bill and the 2C (8-9 playing tricks) was a mild surprise. It didn't stop us and 4S making 12 was 2nd top (one EW went 1400 off in 6H\*).

Joan and Joyce carried the flag into 2nd with 2 rounds to go. Shades of the Arana congress, as well as Bill & Magnus, dropped them to 8th. We finished 28th, Perry and Frank 32nd, and Muriel & Joan 38th of 42.

**Richard McLauchlan**

## Congress revisited

ABOUT 30% of entries in our congress were club members and 2 rounds of qualifying soon sorted everyone out. Best results were from Joyce Rosser (& Joan Sergeant) who won both their sessions and qualified top for the Championship. Next best were Muriel Anderssen & Blanche Slaughter who made the Plate. Trevor & Darryl Cullen, Bob Pearce & I, and Joan Sadleir (& Enid Smith) made Consolation 1 while the rest went to Con 2.

Joyce and Joan thought they had had all their fun winning 2 bottles of wine each on Saturday, but better was to come. To their surprise, they played themselves up into the top half of the field, running between 2nd and 6th for most of the day.

With 1 round to play the standings were (1) Hunt-Lachman, (2) Parker-Hainsworth, (3) Rosser-Sergeant and (4) Moses-Remedios with Joyce & Joan to play Moses-Remedios in the last round. Disaster! Without feeling they had done anything wrong, they were beaten 48-0, propelling Moses-Remedios to first place and dropping to 10th.

Muriel & Blanche never got going and finished in the lower half of the Plate.

Bob & I led Con 1 at lunch. A couple of rough post-lunch results (off the same cards Joyce-Joan played last) dropped us to 4th but we beat the leaders 29-19 on the last round to grab 3rd, beating Trevor & Darryl by 1 match point. Joan Sadleir's mid-field finish was good enough to earn a rookie award.

Don Cutmore & Philip Smith were 2nd in Con 2 at lunch, but faded in the afternoon. No Arana members figured in the placings but it was obvious that everyone had a good time. Alison Fulwood & Betty Willson earned a rookie prize. Mintie awards went to Bill Acklin & Charlie Ingram (last in Con 2) and E BenEzra, L Fredericks, E Barwick, J Trega (first call to the director: qual 1 board 5).

**Richard McLauchlan**

## Australia-wide success

ARANA members fared well in the Australia-wide multi-pairs in April. Pam Horton & Jenny Lewis finished 2nd overall in Australia, beaten by one other female pair. Richard McLauchlan & Bob Pearce finished 2nd best male pair and 10th overall. All received \$50 Bridge Shop vouchers as Prizes.

## World-wide pairs

WE had a very disappointing turnout for this year's world-wide pairs with only 5½ tables, including 1 table of visitors. A couple of quick phone calls rounded up another ½ table in Bob Pearce and Neil Orford.

With Epson not sponsoring the event, prices were also up at \$10: \$7 entry plus \$3 table fees. Five x 5 board rounds with a skip was the best we could do. Among the usual controversy about the boards and the scoring, Rita Wood scores my award for her bidding as N on board 22.

22/E/EW		E	S	W	N
	A J 10 8 7	/	/	/	1D
	--	1H	1S	2H	6S
	A K 9 6 4 3	X			
9 4 3	K 10	6			
Q 8 3		A K 9 5 4 2			
J		10 8 7 2			
Q 9 7 5 4 3	K Q 5 2	A 8			
	J 10 7 6				
	Q 5				
	J 6 3				

The H lead was ruffed in dummy and followed by 3 rounds of trumps. Muriel Anderssen then played 3 rounds of Ds ending in dummy and ruffed out the D10 with her last trump. If she now led Cs and finessed the CQ, she would have made the contract.

Alas, she ruffed a H, made dummy's Ds, then led the C10 which I ducked to Pam's Q, my CA taking the final trick. The difference between 6Sx making and going 1 off was 100 vs 4%, a big swing to us.

No pair recorded the 66.6% need for inclusion in the world-wide results. Given the poor turn-out to the event (it is right after our congress and on a Friday night, we probably won't bother with it next year.

**Richard McLauchlan**

## Judy replies

PROBLEM 1(a) BID 2NT - the waiting bid; it denies the holding of 2 controls (aces, kings, trump Q). (b) 3NT - denies holding any controls, so at most can hold both major Qs. (c) No bid - denies holding any controls.

Strong 2s use up 1 level of bidding and a decision as to where to play (3NT, 5 minor) has to be made fairly quickly, usually by responder's second bid. Generally, minor

oriented hands with game values run to the NT game.

As 3NT announces that the most responder can hold is both major Qs, the responsibility lies with the opener. Allow 3NT to play if holding a stopper in both majors; pull to 4 or 5 of a minor depending on the loser count. The alternative to passing over 3C is 3D but systemically, this shows a control in Ds.

Problem 2: The initial XX showed 9+ and the jump to 2NT after 1S is precisely a good 10, 11 or bad 12 HCP. Therefore, NB is the correct action.

The XX is intended to alert partner that we hold the balance of power, and the option to X if opponents bid again. It is important for the redoubler to limit the hand at the next opportunity when opponents remain silent. After 1S, 1NT shows 9 or bad 10; 2NT good 10, 11 or bad 12; 3NT good 12+. I would also expect partner to hold a H and C stopper if bidding 2 or 3NT.

**Judy Valentine**

## Vale Roy Griggs

Roy Griggs was a member at Arana for just over 1 year and passed away in mid-June. He left a wife, 3 sons & daughters-in-law, 7 grand children and 11 great grand children.

The Griggs moved from Melbourne to Redcliffe some 40 years ago, and recently to Aspley. Roy loved his bowls and bridge and the move to Aspley brought him to Arana.

Being somewhat hard of hearing, Roy was well known for speaking loud enough to hear himself, even if the other side of the hall heard every card he played. Roy had a good innings of 87 years and died after a brief illness. RIP Roy Griggs.

## Important dates

- Mon 24/7 management committee meeting
- Sat 1-2/7 Gold Coast congress
- Sun 9/7 QCBC Qld graded pairs
- Sun 16/7 Noosa 1-day pairs
- Sun 16/7 Lockyer 1-day
- Sun 23/7 Caloundra 1-day teams
- Sun 23/7 BBC novice pairs
- Sat 29-30/7 Bundaberg congress
- Sun 6/8 Toowoomba 1-day
- Sun 6/8 Sunshine Coast novice pairs