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ARANA CONGRESS 2000

The Arana Congress is, I am told, referred to as “the friendly congress”.

At 10.00 a.m. on Saturday with a field of 27 tables (over one quarter of which included Arana members) the friendly congress commenced with Joan McPheat and Reg Busch at the helm. Although the Gaythorne RSL ably handles the catering, many people were involved to bring this event to fruition. Firstly, thanks to the Aranians who at the last minute on Friday afternoon, made up the 27th table. Thank you Jan Rae and Kath Rooney for organising the cakes, slices etc. Thank you members for providing such delicious goodies which, as always, drew many comments. Thank you Bob Dancer for assisting Don Cutmore in organising tables etc. to and from the venue. Thank you Deslei Den Haan for purchasing the wine (sessional prizes for Saturday) and Alison Fulwood for organising the raffle with a choice of prize of \$100.00 cash, a Dinner for Two at the Gaythorne RSL, a Bottle of Wine, Chocolates, and a Book. (A successful raffle with an overall profit of \$260.00)

Thanks also to Don Cutmore (who worked both days), Ilene Bishop, Barry Mitchell, Joan Kenny (both days), Gloria and Ray Gledhill, Deslei Den Haan, Bob Pearce, Darlene Smith and Bob Dancer for their assistance with selling raffle tickets, setting up, organising cakes and slices, drawing the raffle, producing “North” signs and dismantling. Also, to Club members who arrived early and assisted in whatever way they could, “**THANK YOU**”.

I am sure all will agree it was a very successful congress. One hears many comments during such

an event. Here is one you will enjoy. Joan Hill’s son said to her as she was leaving to attend the Sunday session, “If it gets too stressful Mum, just come home”!

The overall profit for the Congress was just shy of \$500.00, and the excess cakes and biscuits were sold off to the tune of \$80.00. Thank you all again.

The Arana participants and placings appear below. Congratulations to all and “well done” Arana.

Playing in **Championship** –
Helen McLauchlan and Claire Hyne

Playing in **Plate** –
Bob Dancer and Julie Cutmore – 1st Place
Val Acklin and Joyce Rosser – 3rd Place
Bob Pearce and Richard McLauchlan
Jenny Lewis and Ailsa Smith
Debbie Dwyer and Beth Douglas

Playing in **Consolation** –
Jan Rae and Kath Rooney – 2nd Place
Bev Quine and Kath Patrick
Liz Marshall and Barry Mitchell
Allan Box and Allan McIntyre
Joan Hill and Nora Towler
Margarette Golden and Lorraine Steele
Val Cran and Margaret Ann Welldon
Carol Wilson and Marian Richardson
Don and Darlene Smith

Carol Wilson

FOREST PLACE DAY – 26 JUNE **“BRING AND BUY TABLE”**

This year the Forest Place Pairs Red point event will be combined with a “Bring and Buy” table. Players are asked to bring any article at all – cakes, pickles, books, ornaments, children’s clothing etc.

– to be put on the table for sale. All proceeds as usual will go towards the new club house. We would like everybody to please put a price on their items.

The hall will be opened at 9:30 am and play will commence at 10:30 am. There will be no morning tea break and you are asked to bring your own lunch. Scoring will be done during the lunch break and prizes will be presented immediately. Remember the lucky door prize will also be drawn, and you must be present to win.

We hope everybody has a successful day.

Deslie Den Haan

SPECIAL REQUEST

Bill Law, who plays with Peter Van Eden on Mondays, will be requiring a ride to Bridge. He lives in the vicinity of the Ferny Grove High School, and can be reached at 3851-3324.

Management Committee

Minutes from the Meeting 23 May 2000

LESSONS. Results of survey conducted by Bob Dancer as follows:-

- 23 interested in more supervised play
- 65 interested in an intermediate course
- 20 interested in an advanced course.

Frank Hoult to look into survey and report back to Committee.

BUILDING REPORT. – Gary Lynch reported on a recent meeting with representatives from the Minister’s Office and the State Department of Sport and Recreation. Positive support for the project still indicated by Brisbane City Council with cricket and football clubs indicating strong support. Gary and Bob working on submission required by Friday 9 June.

FUTURE EVENTS. – Shopping Tour will take place on Saturday 26 August. Make a note in your diary. More information coming soon.

C. Wilson for E. Harris

We can now read the compass points on the blue boards. “Thank you” to Pam Horton for taking care of this.

Good bidding

By Richard McLauchlan

OCCASIONALLY, we get a board where the opposition tries its darnedest to get in the way but we still find the best contract as happened recently at a BBC swiss pairs. Board 5 in session 2 was against John Luck and Ivy Siow.

5/ N-S/ N	A Q 10 9	
	K 7 6 3 2	
	A Q	
7 6	8 7	K 8 5 4 3 2
J 10 9		8
J 9 8 7		K 6 4 2
J 9 5 2	J	K 3
	A Q 5 4	
	10 5 3	
	A Q 10 6 4	

Helen (N) opened 1H and John tried a weak 2S; that got 3S (opening hand, 4Hs) from me and a very pushy 4S from Ivy was doubled for penalty. I wasn’t convinced at the vulnerability and pushed on with 4NT (rkcb); 5C showed 0 or 3 key cards; 5H said bid 6H if 3 key cards.

Against 6H, John led the S4 (thanks for the S raise Ivy) and my J won the trick. John’s SK was eventually ruffed out and 12 tricks earned us 36 of the 40 match points. Some days, ya just love the game.

RULES OF BEING A GOOD PARTNER

From “POINTS SCHMOINTS” BY Marty Bergen

1. Do not give lessons, unless you are being paid to do so. *“According to an evening paper, there are only five real authorities on bridge in this country. Odd how often one gets one of them as a partner.”*
2. Never say anything to your partner unless you would want him to say the same to you. If you are unsure whether your partner would want you to say something, don’t.
3. Never “result” (criticize your partner for a normal action just because it did not work this time).
4. Unless your intent is to clear up a misunderstanding, avoid discussing the hand just played. If you cannot resist, be discreet.

5. Remember that you and your partner are on the same side.
6. Do not forget that your partner wants to win as much as you do.
7. If you feel the urge to be nasty, sarcastic, critical or loud – excuse yourself and take a walk.
8. When there is time between hands, do not discuss bridge.
9. When you want to consult another player about a disaster, ask about your hand, not your partner's.
10. Do not ever criticize or embarrass your partner in front of others.



LIBRARY LINES By Ilene Bishop

Arana Librarian

Bridge With the Blue Team (B.24) by Pietro Forquet includes 140 hands first set out in single dummy form so that you, the reader, can make the play decisions before reading the analysis provided.

The Blue Team (Italian) achieved a record number of victories in world class championships beginning in 1957. This book demonstrates both “defence” and “offence” including “lethal” leads, squeezes, ducking, and a “striptease” (p.154 – no peeking now).

Under the chapter title: The Key is in the Auction (p.108) the hand below is presented with 2 different bidding sequences. At both tables the jack of diamonds is led.

	N		
	A8		
	AKQJ		
	Q2		
W	KQ543	E	
QJ1072		964	
43		10985	
AJ10986		73	
-----	S	A962	
	K53		
	762		
	K52		
	J1087		

Table 1:

S	W	N	E
P	P	1C	P
1H*	1S	2C	P
3C	3D	3H	P
3Nt	P	P	P

* 6+ points less than 3 controls

Table 2:

S	W	N	E
P	1S	X	P
1Nt	2D	3D	P
3Nt	P	P	P

Because the information received from the bidding play differed at the two tables an analysis is offered.

Fascinating book but requires concentration. Don't try to read it while lying in bed on a cold winter's night.

Thanks to Wella and Ken Hooper for their donation of two bridge books to the club library.



“Getting It Off Her Chest”

(from an unknown source)

A husband and wife were losing heavily at Bridge. Finally they decided that the only way to turn things around was to cheat.

The husband said “If you want me to bid diamonds, just point to your ring finger. You get the idea.”

The very next time they sat down to play, the wife's RHO preempted with a 3♠ bid. Mrs. Bridge casually put her hand on her chest and passed. LHO also passed and Mr. Bridge confidently bid 4♥. He was doubled and went down 1100 points.

When they got in the car for the ride home, Mr. Bridge exclaimed to his spouse, “What were you thinking? You had no points and only one heart. How could you tell me to bid them?”

Taken aback, Mrs. Bridge exclaimed: “Oh my, is that what you were thinking? I was trying to tell you I had a bust.”

BRIDGE HAND OF THE MONTH

By Phillip Alder

There is nothing more frustrating than being given a chance to make an “impossible” contract, yet failing to take advantage.

S – Dealer / E-W Vul

	♠A J		
	♥Q 10 8 7 4 2		
	♦9 8 2		
	♣6 5		
♠Q 9 8 2		♠10 7 6 5 3	
♥A 9		♥--	
♦A J 5 4		♦K Q 10	
♣9 7 4		♣K 10 8 3 2	
	♠K 4		
	♥K J 6 5 3		
	♦7 6 3		
	♣A Q J		

W	N	E	S
			1♥
P	4♥	P	P
P			
Opening lead 2♠			

West leads the 2♠. Can you benefit from the lack of a diamond lead here? Consider your lines depending upon whether you win the first trick in either the dummy or your hand.

Your best chance to bring home 4♥ is to find West with the Q♠ and East with the K♣. You should play dummy’s J♠ at trick one. If it wins, take a club finesse. Assuming that works too, lead the K♠ to dummy’s ace, take a second club finesse and cash the A♣, discarding one of dummy’s diamond losers. Then play trumps.

If East irritatingly covers dummy’s J♠ with the queen at trick one, you must win with the king and immediately lead a low trump toward the dummy. You hope that West incorrectly holds up his ace from the doubleton ♥A 9. Then you are in the dummy, able to take the first club finesse.

Never say die!

Important dates

- 13, 20 and 27 June – Tuesday Teams
- 18 June – Western Suburbs Rotary Swiss Pairs Toowong
- 24 and 25 June – Sun. Coast Honeysuckle pairs
- 26 June – Forest place Day Red Points
- 1 and 2 July – Gold Coast Club Congress
- 9 July – Qld Graded Teams QCBC
- 12, 19 and 26 July – Wednesday Teams
- 14-28 July Australian National Congress (Brisbane)

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER –

- August 21, 22 and 23 Red Points Arana
- September 4 and 11 – Monday Red Point Pairs
- October 10 and 17 – President’s Pairs Red Points (Tuesdays)
- November 1 and 8 – Wednesday Night Red Point Pairs

