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From the President

Our Club is settling into a good formal routine and all the hard work has been done and the President's job including committee meetings are becoming less stressful. It's great to see people doing jobs without having to be asked.

Following are points of interest from the Tuesday 25th May Committee Meeting :

Mentoring of New Members

Moved by Val Acklin that as needed a volunteer will partner any newcomer to assist in play. Several people have indicated their assistance. This would take place for a period of 3 months or less and the volunteer would receive a no table fee allowance. Having said that, I am pleased to see our newcomers have partnered up and are holding their ground well. Sign up for membership from our last lessons was approximately 18. I personally welcome you all to the most challenging card game.

Photocopier

Having seen the frustration of our Trump-It Editor Barb Holmes and the early morning attempts by others to "kick start" the photocopier, we are to fast track a new unit. The unit will not be a sophisticated one as advice received is that our usage does not warrant a \$7,000 unit, and remember the more complicated the greater the maintenance. Our use is spasmodic and the more expensive units do not like this style of usage.

A **Parkland Committee** meeting was held on 11th May 2004. The security system

responsibilities were sorted out as too were maintenance and housekeeping. The Football Club requested hall hire for the entire Saturday 25th September 2004. This is their annual prize-giving day that incorporates both Junior and Senior teams. This has been approved by our Committee and should Arana members wish, they can play on the Sunday instead.

Main Entrance Door - this door has now been tinted as early sun does affect those with sensitive eyes. It has had a three fold benefit: (1) as mentioned above; (2) prevents carpet fade; and (3) no ingress of moths at evening sessions. Cost \$90.00.

2004 Congress

This is "our weekend". I am hoping for a good turn out, particularly from Arana members. To the helpers and the providers of food etc. I extend my personal thanks in advance. Remember this is your Club and your input no matter how small or large serves to ensure our future.

One other thing - Remember bridge is only a game!!

Neil E Hamilton

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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

By Deslei Den Haan 😊😊

In May 1991 a sub-committee was appointed to investigate the possibilities of the club owning its own premises. This small group wasted no time in approaching the bank (we had \$17,612 at the time in cash and investments) as well as the Pine Shire Council for a possible site.

The first site proposed by Council was a sewerage treatment plant in Everton Hills. A year later the Council expressed doubts about the site and suggested the sub-committee look at land in the James Drysdale Reserve at the time being used as a tip - and still is. The Reserve remained the Club's principal option until finally being rejected in February 1999 in favour of our present premises in Tramway St.

In the meantime many sites had been proposed including Gibson Park, Hickey Park, Arlington, Darion St. Bridgeman Downs, Mitchelton and Arana Hills. The most interesting of all was a church!

In August 1996, Deborah Dwyer noticed a church for sale on a hill overlooking Everton Park. The site itself seemed ideal but it was obvious that substantial alterations would have to be made to the building. Churches and bridge clubs are not always compatible! Members went off enthusiastically to investigate the building and although opinions were divided most seemed to be in favour. A club member, who knows about these things, noticed from the opposite side of the road that the roof had a dip. Word spread like wildfire - THE ROOF SAGS!

A special general meeting was called for September and a questionnaire was distributed asking members if they agreed to an offer being made and what amount they thought would be appropriate.

By the time the special general meeting came around, members were already starting to lose their enthusiasm and finally voted not to proceed. As Judy said - "a building with a sagging roof?"

The Club History Book is available for loan from the Club Library.



LIBRARY LINES

By Librarians Jan Rae & Kath Rooney

NEW BRIDGE BOOKS

The Club Committee has agreed that the proceeds from the "Bring & Buy Table" should be applied to buying new Bridge text books for the library. To date the table has yielded more than \$200 ---- a great effort !!

The following is a list of the latest purchase of books. They will be available to members for borrowing shortly after they are covered with a protective plastic film.

The list is as follows:

Hand Evaluation... Points Schmoits (Marty Bergen)

Planning the Defense (Bird & Smith)

Bridge Technique Series (Bird & Smith)

Planning the Play in No-trumps - Reading the Cards (Bird & Smith)

To Open or not to Open (Marty Bergen)

Focus on Defense (Danny Roth)

Modern Defensive Signalling (Woolsey)

Card Play made Easy 2 : Suit Combinations (Klinger & Kambites)

Introduction to the Law (Total Tricks) (Larry Cohen)

Bridge Technique Series (Bird & Smith)

The Bridge Bum Entry Management (Alan Sontag)

Step by Step Slam Bidding (Mould)

100 Winning Bridge Tips (Klinger)

Card Play made Easy ...Trump Management (Klinger & Kambites.)

Famous Bidding Decisions (Reese & Bird.

Card Placing for You (Kambites)

Better Bidding for Improving Players (Ross Dick) PS. Ross Dick is a local Bridge author.

Members are encouraged to avail themselves of this worthwhile club facility. The gradual raising of members' bridge expertise is an admirable aim.

Book Look

Guest book reviewer for the month is
Michael Staley

“POINTS SCHMOINTS”

Bergen's Winning Bridge Secrets
By Marty Bergen

What made me borrow this book from our library? I think it was the title and the testimony on the front cover from Omar Sharif. I have no idea what schmoints means but it seemed like a term that thumbs the nose to commonly held beliefs about counting high card and length points. However if it is OK for Omar then it is OK for me.

It was also interesting to note that there had been five print runs of this book over a 4 year period, a most significant indicator of this book's popularity.

It appears that the author, Mr Bergen (I hope he won't mind me calling him Marty) has been a national champion (USA) ten times over. This I think qualifies him to help me out as a Graduate Master of recent standing and erratic (pschic?) bids.

The book is described as an aid to learn to play better bridge. How many bridge books promise this? I have not had the experience to agree or deny this premise but I have been enchanted by the writing style of the author. From his recognition of the many who assisted him in the preparation of the book through rules of behaviour at the bridge table to the glossary, the book held my attention. I was fascinated by the style and simplicity of concepts that Marty uses to entertain the reader. The effect on me was to frequently try to share some of the more intriguing concepts with Mary who I must admit didn't like my regular outbursts of eureka when I discovered the rules of 20, 15 and was it 13??

He has a knack of drawing you in with the intriguing titles and sub titles such as “Don't be shy, tell me what you prefer”, “The Battle of the Sexes” and “The Goal After Redouble is to Kick Butt!”. My favourite was “Life is Pleasing When You Start Squeezing”, which, I must admit was easy to read about but very difficult to implement.

Marty interlaces the description of techniques, rules and examples with personal descriptions of experiences with his students and even his wife? Now there is a brave man! This is one of the ways Marty puts a human face on concepts that in other books may be very dry reading. It is obvious that Marty has a passion for teaching bridge and in my case, his lumpy style of writing makes me want to browse through his pages looking for that little gem amongst many that I can use.

Marty suggests new approaches such as the use of numerical rules, when not to play second hand low, responses with shape and no points, secrets with doubles, redoubles and finesses, all of which are grammatically endorsed by living relevant examples.

I have tried some of Marty's rules and advices and I have discovered that they appear to work as long as the opponents don't do something unexpected and your partner understands exactly what you mean! At least, having read Marty's book, if things don't work as they should, I can always blame Marty with an excuse that some of his recommendations need more explanation. He does that in his next book, which I will tell you about later if you like.

Masterpoint Movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members for the month of April 2004:

Graduate Master

Bruce Goodwin Murray Perrin

Rab Wright

Club Master

Gary Cran

Local Master

Peter Fredericks

***Local Master*

Alan Norman

Regional Master

Mary Gillies

**Regional Master*

Joan Hill

Helen McLauchlan (MP Secretary)

Sombre and Uninteresting!!!!
Try Bridge
An Article submitted
by Marian Arnold

“Bridge is a game that no one can really understand except its devotees, and they can live in it. Normally, perhaps rather sombre and uninteresting characters, at the card table they come to life. During the magic hours when the game has them in thrall they attack and defend, plot and counter plot, use all the weapons of diplomacy and bluff, display their strengths and weaknesses, and lay bare their innermost souls. All in the deft handling of fifty-two pieces of pasteboard”.

“Be Shot for Sixpence” by Michael Gilbert (p.64)

Peter Gill - Queensland Mixed Pairs Champion

Peter Gill, partnered with Pele Rankin won the Queensland Mixed Pairs Championship which was held at the Toowong Bridge Club on the weekend of 15/16 May 2004.

We will personally be able to congratulate Peter as he will be returning to Brisbane in August to represent Arana at the GNOT state finals.



”Jade” or “Bones”

Don Smith has been putting a "good luck" jade figurine on the bridge table during play. Liz Marshall has countered this with a leather bag of bones that she claims she bought from a witch doctor during her recent visit to South Africa. On the morning of 18 May, Don and Liz were at the same table and both items were placed on the table. They feared that the lights would suddenly dim and lightning bolts would flash outside the hall. No dimming of lights and no bolts of lightning were experienced.

However, this battle of the occult is not over.

MS - Brissie To The Bay Bike Ride

I had entered the 25 km Ride - Brissie To Balmoral Bike Ride on 30 May 2004, and decided to also try and raise money for The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Queensland.

It was a clear, cold and crisp day, temperature was 9 degrees, thousands of people and bikes everywhere, feeling very cold & nervous, that myself and my bike weren't quite up to this challenge, having only been in training a short 2 weeks. I manoeuvred my bike towards the back of the pack of riders, awaiting for the start.

The horn sounded and we were off, the difficulty here was trying to ride my bike at walking pace without crashing into anybody else. After that things went more smoothly as people spread out and found their own pace. I cursed at every upward hill, and cheered at every downward glide. I enjoyed the ride very much, and only stopped twice to walk up 2 very, very big hills and also at Drink Station No. 1 for some light refreshments. Then I was off again I could sense the Finish Line and was eager to reach it. The course took me 1 hour and 45 minutes. According to my odometer I actually cycled 30.4 km and in the process raised \$177.00 for The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Queensland.

Thanks to everyone for their kind & generous support.

Caroline Black

Director Training Course 2004

Five Arana Members (Gary Mitchell, Barry Mitchell, Geoff Gulley, Warren and Barbara Holmes) attended this course held on Saturday 29th May at QCBC and led by Reg Busch, QBA Director Accreditation and Training.

Many aspects of directing, including scoring, movements and laws and regulations were covered. A further two days are to be allocated for further training later this year. Mr Busch suggested that first timers should wait for a period of 12 months before sitting the accreditation examination.

A “buddy system” to give confidence for new directors starting out has been suggested and this is to be referred to the next Directors’ meeting.



THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

The Revoke (Laws 61-64)

Many players are confused by the procedures and penalties that may be applied after a revoke. It is worth remembering that the intention of the Director is always to try and **restore equity** to the non-offending side, **not give them an advantage**.

What is it?

A revoke is a failure to follow suit when you are legally able to.

What does 'established' mean?

It means that there may be penalties applied to the offending side.

When is a revoke established?

A revoke is established if ...

- ❖ The offending side plays to the next trick
- ❖ The offending side names a card to be played to the next trick
- ❖ The offending side makes a claim or concession about the remaining tricks

What happens if a revoke is not established?

The offending card becomes a penalty card and the offender plays a card that is legal. Lead penalties may apply.

What about a revoke on the 12th trick?

A revoke on the 12th trick is simply corrected without penalty and the cards played out.

What are the penalties that may be applied to an established revoke?

After a revoke is established, the Director may transfer (a) trick(s) to the non-offending side to restore parity.

Why does the Director sometimes wait for the hand to be played out?

Because the penalty applied sometimes depends on whether or not the offending player or side win any tricks after the revoke trick.

How does the Director decide on the correct action to take?

No penalty: There will be no penalty applied if...

- ❖ the offending side did not win the revoke trick or any subsequent trick
- ❖ the card not played was already face up on the table, such as a card in dummy.
- ❖ there is a second revoke in the same suit by the same offender
- ❖ the non-offending side has made a call to the next deal
- ❖ the round has ended

1 Trick Penalty: There will be a transfer of 1 trick to the non-offending side if...

- ❖ the offending player did not win the revoke trick but the offending side won any subsequent trick(s)

2 Trick penalty: There will be a transfer of 2 tricks to the non-offending side if...

- ❖ the offending player won the revoke trick and the offending side won any subsequent trick(s)
- ❖ the offender's partner won the revoke trick *and* later won a trick with a card that could legally have been played to the revoke trick.

In reading the above, pay careful attention to the underlined wording – there is a big difference between the “offender” and the “offender’s side”.

What if the compensation is ‘insufficient’?

Sometimes, because of a revoke, the non-offending side changes its play and does not win as many tricks as it could have done if the revoke had not occurred. In this case, they are entitled to ask the Director to consider awarding them an adjusted score when they feel the penalty tricks awarded do not provide adequate compensation. Law 64(c) says: “When, after any established revoke, including those not subject to penalty, the Director deems that the non-offending side is insufficiently compensated by this Law for the damage caused, he shall assign an adjusted score.”

Bob Pearce

Next Issue: “Do you have what it takes to be a Director”? - a quiz about some of the issues covered so far in this column.

A Tough Challenge: Bid and Make Six Clubs

From an article by Richard Pavlicek appearing in the Sunday bridge column of the Fort Lauderdale News and Sun Sentinel in 1989.

This game seemed particularly challenging. I suspect that a great majority of pairs will reach three no-trump; but some will demonstrate the good judgment (optimism?) to bid six clubs and the skillful play to make it.



6 ♣ by South

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	♦A 10 3											
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West	North	East	South									
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣									
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦									
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥									
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♣									
All Pass												

After North's one-spade opening, South should respond two *clubs* to conserve bidding space. North happily raises to three clubs, and South bids three *diamonds* to show the concentration of strength. North goes back to four clubs, and South bids four hearts – a cue-bid to show the ace. North returns the favor with five diamonds, and South is driven by momentum to six clubs.

West does best to lead a trump, which South wins in hand to lead his singleton spade. West takes the ace and returns another trump. Declarer has several reasonable plays at this point. The best is to win the *ace* of clubs; ace of hearts; ruff a heart; ruff a spade; ruff a heart; and lead the *10* of diamonds to the king. The last is an effort to unblock in case a subsequent

diamond finesse is necessary (immaterial as the cards lie).

Declarer is not home yet, but watch what happens when he draws the last trump. West is squeezed! He cannot keep a stopper in both spades and diamonds, so declarer wins the rest of the tricks.

The play is more challenging if West does not win the ace of spades. Six clubs still can be made, but declarer must guess well to read the end position.

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New Members

A warm welcome to :

Ian Broadley
Gordon Broadley
Biruta Driscoll
Jenna Edwinsmith
Pauline Ford
Beth O'Reilly
Tony Walters
Gary Ypinazar.

We look forward to meeting all of you and enjoying your company over the bridge table or a cup of tea.

♠ ♥ YOUR HANDICAP ♦ ♣

MP Rank	Handicap (%)
Nil	69
Graduate	65
Club	61
Local	58
Regional	55
State	53
National	51
Life	50

Your handicap should always be written on the first score sheet at the start of a movement.

Low-Level Contract Requires High-Level Play

From an article by Richard Pavlicek appearing in the Sunday bridge column of the Fort Lauderdale News and Sun Sentinel in 1989.

Most experts will agree that low-level contracts are the most difficult to play. The reason is that declarer has less control over his fate; he usually cannot plan the play more than a few tricks ahead because of an exhaustive number of possibilities. On today's deal, from the North American Championships in Lancaster, Pa., declarer had to slug it out, trick by trick, to make his one-no-trump bid.



1 NT by South

None Vul	♠Q 10 3 ♥J 9 8 6 ♦10 9 7 ♣J 9 3		
	♠A 7 2 ♥10 5 2 ♦K J 5 ♣A 8 6 2	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠K J 6 5 ♥K 7 3 ♦4 3 ♣Q 7 5 4
	♠9 8 4 ♥A Q 4 ♦A Q 8 6 2 ♣K 10		
Lead: ♣2			
West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1 NT
All Pass			

West led the deuce of clubs, and declarer made his first fine play: Jack! The purpose was either to gain an entry to dummy or to tempt East to cover, and the latter worked: queen, king. Notice that the club nine now ensures a second stopper.

Declarer could not get to dummy to finesse hearts or diamonds, so he led the heart *queen*. If this was captured by the king, declarer could win three heart tricks; but East was wise to this and *ducked*. Declarer next led the spade four; low, 10, jack; East returned a club to West's

ace; and another club went to dummy's nine as South discarded a diamond.

Finally in dummy, declarer led the 10 of diamonds: low, queen, king; then West cashed his last club. Declarer was forced to discard from both hands, and this he did shrewdly — a *heart* from dummy and the *diamond eight* from his hand. By false carding in diamonds and holding on to his two low spades, declarer caused West to misread the position. It worked! West returned a *diamond* and dummy's seven won the trick.

It feels like it should be "Miller time" but not yet. Declarer had to discard two diamonds to fool West, so he still was short of his contract. He led a diamond to his blank ace as East threw a spade, reducing everyone to two spades and two hearts. Declarer exited with a *spade*, won by East, who returned a spade to West. At trick 12 West performed led a heart, and declarer reasoned that East must have the king (else the defense was pitiful): *nine*, king, ace!

Break open the six-pack.



Beginners Lessons

The next session of beginners' lessons commence on 8th July and run for 8 weeks. The cost is \$55 plus a \$32 textbook.

Members who know of any one interested could you please advise Geoff Gulley.



Newly Appointed Club Positions

- ❖ **Bob Dancer** has been appointed official photographer for the club.
- ❖ **Mary Staley** is the Fund Raising Convenor.
- ❖ **Lorraine Steele** is the New Member Contact



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Important Dates

June

- **1 (Tues)** – Arana Red Point Teams (week 1)
- **5 – 6 (Sat/Sun)** – Arana Swiss Pairs & Teams
- **8 (Tues)** – Arana Red Point Teams (week 2)
- **11 – 14 (Fri-Mon)** – Barrier Reef Congress Mackay
- **13 – 14 (Sat/Sun)** – QCBC Pairs & Teams
- **15 (Tues)** – Arana Red Point Teams (week 3)
- **19 – 20 (Sat/Sun)** – Sunshine Coast teams & graded pairs
- **20 (Sat)** – Toowong graded pairs
 - Cleveland Bay novice pairs (0-99)
- **26 – 27 (Sat/Sun)** – Gold Coast Swiss teams
- **27 (Sun)** – BBC novice pairs (0 – 49)

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CLUB NAME BADGES

**Would you like a gold name badge with the Club Insignia - you can order one through
Pam Feehely on 3300 1119
(Pam attends the Monday & Tuesday Morning sessions at Arana) or contact:
Graeme Smith of
A2Z Lasers on Ph/Fax: 3353 9397
Cost \$10.00 per badge**

Important Dates

July

- **3 (Sat)** – Mackay pairs
- **4 (Sun)** – Qld graded pairs (QCBC)
- **10 (Sat)** – Caloundra novice pairs (0-99)
- **11 (Sun)** – Coolum Swiss teams; Lockyer pairs
- **14 (Wed)** - Judy Valentine red point teams (week 1)
- **18 (Sun)** – Ipswich notice Swiss pairs (0-99)
- **21 (Wed)** – Judy Valentine red point teams (week 2)
- **23 – 24 (Fri/Sat)** – Cairns pairs and teams
- **24 – 25 (Sat/Sun)** – Moreton-Bribie pairs & teams
- **28 (Wed)** – Judy Valentine red point teams (week 3)



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