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From the President



COMPUTERS make our lives easier and more enjoyable, when it suits them! When they decide to turn nasty they can make our lives very difficult. The little fellow that sits in the corner of our office and manages our Bridgemates is no exception, just ask Lorraine and Helen. Problems most frequently occur when all the movements have been set up and then latecomers necessitate changes. We can all help out here by making sure we arrive at least 15 minutes before play is due to start, or if we are unavoidably delayed then we should phone the club to let the Director know that we will be late.

The strength of any club such as ours is in the volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes for the benefit of all of us. At Arana Bridge club we are most fortunate to have some excellent contributors. One such is Jan McRobbie. By the time you read this the Arana congress for 2013 will have been done and dusted. Jan has been working tirelessly to ensure the success of this event, and I am sure everything will have gone as smoothly as always.

Happy bridging.

Allan McIntyre (President)

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Masterpoint movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members for the period to 30th April 2013

Graduate Master	Penny Baker Adam Krajewski Philip Chappel Warren Tealby
Club Master	Susan Ogden Richard Grills Russell Skennerton Ben Ludik
Local Master	Maureen Pears Ross Heyde Sue Norton
*Local Master	Beverley O'Hara
**Local Master	Robyn Grills Heather Salzgeber
Regional Master	Jennifer Walker Carla Webb

Robert Matthew (MP Sec)

Arana Contract Bridge Club History – Part 4.

ON the 23rd August, the club received official notification that the State Government had approved a grant of \$265,000 plus GST for the construction of a community hall for use by bridge players and other sporting groups. After extensive lobbying by Gary and Bob and with

excellent support from local Councillor Ann Bennison, the Brisbane City Council advised just before Xmas, that funds for the building would be made available and the car park upgrade would be considered in the 2000/2001 Community Life capital works program.

Meanwhile the members were continuing to play three bridge sessions a week in the Arana Hills hall, while at the same time the membership had been steadily growing. In August the Secretary Ernie Harris, on behalf of the club, welcomed Mr Brian Crank as the club's 200th member.

In 2001 the three clubs (Bridge, Football and Cricket), signed the State Government Resource Agreement and we became known as the "Sports and Recreation Centre".

Gary had been discussing lease conditions with the Council for some time and all difficulties were finally overcome by August 2001 and the club at last had all required building, development and State Government approvals to proceed. On the 30th August, Liz Marshall, the club's Publicity Officer, organised a small "turning of the first sod" ceremony on site.

The total cost of the building was around \$650,000. The total cost to the bridge club was around \$230,000. It is estimated that the final figure for the full fit-out will be around \$50,000.

The last club session in the Arana Hills hall was held on Wednesday night the 30th January 2002. Following a short evening's play, members used their own vehicles to shift the club's furniture, stock, crockery etc. to the new premises. The first club night in the Arana Hills hall had taken place on the 16th July 1986 i.e. 27 years ago!

On Saturday the 3rd March the "Sports and Recreation Centre" was officially opened by the deputy Premier, Terry Mackenroth. After the official opening, Keith McDonald the President of the Australian Bridge Federation, dedicated the new bridge hall to Judy Valentine, the club's founder. As one member said "Judy's dream has come to fruition".

By 2006, club membership had risen to 250.

By 2013, club membership has risen to 298 and we now play seven bridge sessions a week. We are growing up!

Dust If You Must

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better
To paint a picture or write a letter
Bake a cake or plant a seed
Ponder the difference between want and need.
Dust if you must but there's not much time
With rivers to swim and mountains to climb
Music to hear and books to read
Friends to cherish and life to lead.
Dust if you must, but the world's out there
With the sun in your eyes, the wind in your
hair
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain
This day will not come around again.
Dust if you must, but bear in mind
Old age will come, and it's not kind
And when you go and go you must
You, yourself, will make more dust.

(Anon)

(Thanks to Beth O'Reilly for the above poem.)

Tony's Tip (Natural Bidding)

THE following are extracts from an article in ABF newsletter of March 2012 by **George Cuppiadge** a noted bridge commentator and Queensland/Australian bridge player.

It is pleasing to read that he addresses the importance of natural bidding at a time when club players seem to be using more and more conventions of one form or another. Often the outcome is one of confusion with contracts ending in complete disarray.

"Good bidding methods must allow both partners to contribute, especially at the lower levels. The stronger the hands the slower you go."

"Don't venture into the three level without an intention to bid game or higher, lacking a big fit."

"Don't waste valuable bids investigating close games; play marginal game deals in safe part-scores. Adopt a philosophy you don't

invite a limited hand to bid game. There are multiple compensations for the occasional missed game.”

“Diagnose that a slam looks a good proposition before game is left behind. Blackwood is not a slam try. Re-read this one.”

“Standard American system prescribes the point count range for various auctions. Use the space as efficiently as possible to show shape.”

“Once an artificial treatment is invoked, the user’s partner can no longer make a considered contribution to the auction. Using gadgets for their own sake achieves very little, if anything.”

“Good games are easy to bid, staying low when they are not there requires co-operation.”

“Simple, natural bidding will always get to a reasonable part-score contract and to the best game or slam, including those rewarding minor suit slams.”

“The exact shape of your hand is the most powerful information you can give partner. ‘Better minor’ inhibits its users’ ability to show shape. It is impossible to determine with certainty that the opening bidding holds even four cards in the suit opened.”

Tony Agar

Director’s Corner

WHATEVER you do, don’t make this mistake during play. Dawn brought this to my attention.

If a defender leads to the next trick before his partner has played to the current trick, or plays out of turn before his partner has played, the card so led or played becomes a major penalty card, and declarer selects one of the following options. He may:

1. require offender’s partner to play the highest card he holds of the suit led, or
2. require offender’s partner to play the lowest card he holds of the suit led, or
3. forbid offender’s partner to play a card of another suit specified by declarer.

How deadly is that? Sweet little law!

Val Cran, (Director)

Trump.It on the Net

SOON you should be able to access the TrumpIt online at the club’s website. It will still be printed and available at the clubhouse as usual, but should any person miss out on a copy, they can access it online.

Fun with Puns

A gossip is someone with a great sense of rumour.

Reading while sunbathing makes you well-red.

When two egotists meet, it’s an I for an I.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

A new year’s resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

Coming Events

June: Tuesday Teams, June 11 and 18.

July: Thursday Lessons recommence on July 11.

“For All You Lexophiles ..”

A bicycle can’t stand alone. It is two tyred.

A will is a dead giveaway.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a rotten apple

A backward poet writes inverse.

A chicken crossing the road .. Poultry in motion.

If a clock is hungry, does it go back four seconds?

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.

You are stuck with your debt if you can’t budget.

He broke into song because he couldn’t find the key.

A calendar's days are numbered.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

The story of the short fortune-teller who escaped from prison - a small medium at large.

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

When you've seen one shopping centre you've seen a mall.

If you jump off a bridge in Paris, you are in Seine.

When she saw her first strands of grey hair, she thought she'd dye.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

Acupuncture - a jab well done.

Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony of de feet.

The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

She was only a whisky maker's daughter, but he loved her still.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated in an algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it will still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies in a public place, and was cited for littering.

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me!

A sign on the lawn outside the drug rehab centre .. 'Keep off the Grass'

A boy swallowed some coins, and was taken to a hospital. His mother telephoned to ask how he was. The nurse said, 'No change yet.'

The soldier who survived Mustard Gas and Pepper Spray is now a seasoned veteran.

(Thanks to Lynley Mason for the above pun and games. ed)

Congratulations



Best Arana novice pair in the Arana Butler Pairs was **Dawn Benes & Sally Cox**.



Carla Webb - Sally Cox and Jim Webster - Ed Choroszynski scored over 60% in the Australia Wide Novice Pairs.

Best Arana novice team in the **Swiss teams** event was **Ross Shardlow - Beth O'Reilly - Susan Kennard - Beverley O'Hara**, while the best Arana team overall was **Richard McLauchlan - Helen McLauchlan - David Lehmann - Gordon Gemmell**.

It should be noted *all* teams and pairs won points at the congress. Congratulations to all!