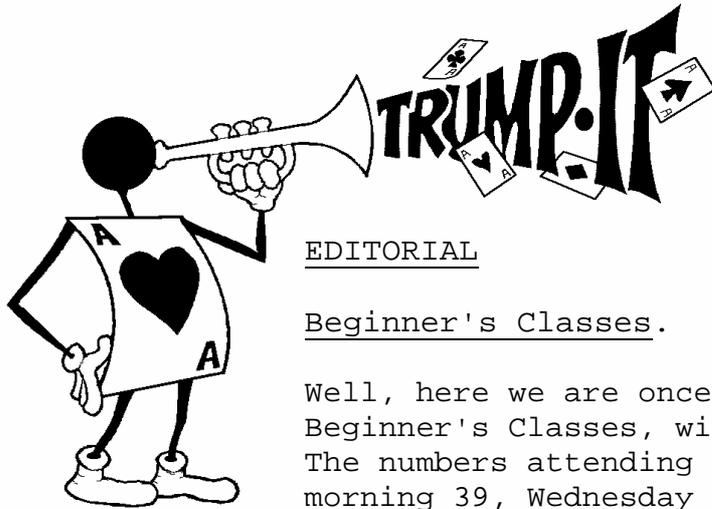


# ARANA CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB



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## EDITORIAL

### Beginner's Classes.

Well, here we are once again at the start of Beginner's Classes, with many new faces joining us. The numbers attending our first class are - Tuesday morning 39, Wednesday evening 19. This I'm sure you will agree is a very pleasing result. It was our intention to close the classes off at 25 students, this being the number we could comfortably accommodate in the little room. When we received such an overwhelming response to the Tuesday Club, we were forced to look at the restriction to the class size. Do we turn away 14 new members or do we try to accommodate them? A class of 39 would mean some inconvenience to our playing members. It was decided at this stage our Tuesday players could not afford to send players away, as the Club is still very small, with an average of 4 tables at each session. The teaching of the day's lesson would have to be done in the little room, and the play period would have to take place in the main hall area. We do ask members to bear with us during this time, and we will try to make it as comfortable as possible for both groups.

### Dictaphone.

Another piece of equipment has been added to our Club. This time it is a Dictaphone. A couple of our lady members have volunteered to do the typing of the TrumpIt, and Seminar notes. This machine will enable much of the workload to be taken off my shoulders. This machine will also be used in other areas of the Club, where typing jobs are required e.g. Annual Reports, Club History Notes etc.

### Bermuda Bowl.

In late September, October, the Australian Bridge Federation (A.B.F.) will host the Bermuda Bowl to be held in Perth. The Bermuda Bowl is the World Bridge Olympiad with all Bridge Countries taking part in this most prestigious event. This is the first time that Australia has been the Host Country, and it is an honour for us to have been chosen. Because of the enormous amount of money required to stage an event of this size, the A.B.F. has had to look to its' members for help, and has imposed a special levy of \$10 per playing member on affiliated Clubs. As we are a non-affiliated Club, this levy is naturally not imposed on our members. However, as Bridge players I am sure you will appreciate the enthusiasm that is generated throughout Australia that this event shall be an enormous success. Most of the Clubs in Qld are endeavouring to stage money making ventures such as raffles, special Club nights etc, to raise the necessary levy without asking members to put their hands into their pockets for the \$10 per head. The Queensland Bridge Assoc. (Q.B.A.) recognises the efforts of its' members, and has taken

upon itself to run a large raffle to cover any shortfall the Clubs may experience. It appears at this present moment that Clubs are coping quite well on their own, so that any extra money the Q.B.A. is able to raise, will be very much appreciated by the A.B.F. Now, why am I telling you all this? Simply, I have agreed to help the Q.B.A. in the selling of the raffle tickets. There are 2 lovely prizes to choose from. The first one is a P & O Holiday - 7 days and 6 nights on Heron Island ex. Gladstone for 2 people valued at \$2,180, or a magnificent antique table suitable as a Bridge Table with a value of \$2,175. This table was on display during the recent Gold Coast Congress, and I can assure you it is well worth winning, as is the trip. The tickets are \$2 each, and if any of you are prepared to help in this cause, then I would be most grateful. Tickets are available from me. The total proceeds from ticket sales through our Club, will be on forwarded to Q.B.A. as our Club's contribution, to this fund raising venture.

Judy Valentine.

BOOK REVIEW.

Bridge - The Standard Plays of Card Combinations on Flash Cards.

by Alan Truscott.

"The Important Basic Plays in Bridge are included on these Flash Cards. When you know them, you will be well on the way to becoming a Bridge Expert. You can play with confidence, and you can devote your thinking to the general strategy of the hand." Alan Truscott. These flash cards are an excellent way in which to learn card combination plays. The flash cards are excellent for all levels of bridge players, from novice to expert. Alan Truscott suggests that a few combinations are learnt well, and then, the student progresses on to other combinations. Here are 2 examples of what you can expect, from these flash cards.

Q 10 x x

A x x

The question is - How do you play this combination of cards if able to lead from either hand?

Answer - Play the ace, then lead low from south, and play the 10.

A 10 x

Q x x

Question - How would you play this combination if you can lead a card from either hand?

Answer - Lead an x from North. If the Queen loses to West's King, next lead the x from South & finesse the 10. You will win 2 tricks unless the King is West and the Jack is East, which will happen only 26% of the time.

There is no easier way of learning card combinations than from this box of Flash Cards. I strongly urge those wishing to improve their playing technique to avail themselves of these cards from the Library.

Dates to Remember. Sunday 23rd. April - Bidding seminar.

Wednesday 26th. April - Annual General Meeting.