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NEW SCORER

Harry Harriman has bravely volunteered to take over the never ending job of Scorer for all of the sessions played at Arana. Richard McLauchlan has done the job for a seemingly (to him) endless number of years. Deserving a break from the job Harry put his hand up and was immediately drafted for the job. Harry plays at almost every session so the results are collected by him, calculated and posted the next day.

Thank you Richard for doing a fantastic job for so many years and thank you Harry, for taking on this vital job for Arana Bridge Club.

ODE TO THE A'S AND B'S *By Muriel Miller*

I came along in '89

To learn Bridge from Judy Valentine,

The tables were set in such neat rows

With table cloths of Reds and Mauves.

But when the Director called the move

It was always for the Reds and Blues.

With A's and B's we'll be right mate

But don't tell Jenny that a B can look like an 8.

(ed note: Jenny Lewis has a real superstition about the colour green and the number 8)

RAFFLE 2000

I will be giving Alison a hand to run the first raffle of the new millennium and we have some really great prizes for the winners to choose from.

"Basil the Fruitologist" from Arana Plaza has offered us a fruit tray.

Thierry Clerc of "Le Bressan" restaurant, 258 Stafford Rd., who has catered for the club in the past has opened a new "Creperie" (french pancakes) and café beside the restaurant; has offered us a voucher for a weekend breakfast.

Carol Wilson has very kindly donated a red velvet jewellery box and a bottle of "bubbies".

Alison has thrown in a \$10 note.

Cost of the raffle will be \$2 per square and the proceeds will go towards the club house.

Good luck everybody.

Deslei Den Haan

Management committee

ITEMS of interest from the meeting of 7 March:

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Joan Mary Kenny

Barbara and Warren Holmes

Mary Jane Gilles

Colin Anderson

Daphne and Keith Buse

LESSONS

Lorraine Fredericks is pleased with the initial class sizes, 8 on Tuesday morning and up to 14 on Wednesday night. Frank Hoult will conduct a survey of the students to establish how they heard of the classes. This may assist us with future promotions. Lorraine would like to restrict beginner classes to once only for 2000 and perhaps run an intermediate class for the existing members.

RED POINT DAYS

Arana is entitled to 15 only red point sessions in 2000. The will be:

6, 7 & 8 March

1 May (Labour Day) & 2 May

26 June (Forest Place Day)

21, 22 & 23 August

4 & 11 September (Monday Pairs)

10 & 17 October (Tuesday Pairs)

1 & 8 November (Wednesday Pairs)

GNOT

For the GNOT event there will be an additional charge of \$10 per player over the 3 nights to recover some of the cost. The dates for this event are 3, 10 & 17 May. Get your teams ready, for many members this is the only chance for gold points.

AGM

The date for the AGM has been set at 6 February 2001. The membership booklets will not be printed in advance of this meeting in order that the committee members as listed in the book will be correct.

ARANA CLUB RULES

Watch for a newly adopted club rules. There is something in them for everyone. Soon to be posted on the notice board.

Ernie Harris (sec)

DOUBLE DUMMY TEASER

From Frank Hoult

(Solution at end of newsletter, don't peek until you have tried to figure it out...)

♠ A Q 7
♥ A K Q J
♦ Q J T 9 8 7
♣ Void

♠ K J T 8 6
♥ 5 4 3 2
♦ Void
♣ K Q J T

♠ 9 5 4 3 2
♥ Void
♦ 6 5 4 3 2
♣ 4 3 2

♠ Void
♥ T 9 8 7 6
♦ A K
♣ A 9 8 7 6 5

Your Bid is **7 Hearts** by South, Opening lead is **K♣**.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

A busy Monday recently threw up the following curly ones:

South opened 3H, pass, pass, 3C by East which was changed to 3S then rubbed out and pass. At this point, the Director was called.

LAW 26 (A) provides:

When an offending player's call is withdrawn, and he chooses a different final call for that turn, then if he becomes a defender:

26 (A) (1) Suit Specified

If that suit was legally specified by the same player, there is no lead penalty (but see law 16C)

26 (A) (2) Suit Not Specified

If that suit was not specified in the legal auction by the same player, then declarer may (penalty) either require the offender's partner to lead the specified suit (or one particular specified suit) at his first turn to lead, including the opening lead, or prohibit offender's partner from leading the specified suit (or one particular specified suit) at his first turn to lead, including the opening lead, such prohibition to continue for as long as offender's partner retains the lead.

LAW 26 (B)

For other withdrawn calls, (penalty) declarer may prohibit offender's partner from leading any one suit at his first turn to lead, including the opening lead, such prohibition to continue for as long as offender's partner retains the lead.

LAW 90 – PROCEDURAL PENALTIES

(B) Offences Subject to Penalty

Tardiness, Slow Play, Loud Discussion, Comparing Scores, Touching Another's Cards, Misplacing Cards in the Board, Errors in Procedure, Failure to Comply

(B) (5) Touching Another's Cards Law 7. 'No player shall touch any cards other than his own (but declarer may play dummy's cards in accordance with law 45) during or after play except by permission of the Director.

ARANA AT "THE GOLD COAST"

Arana was there with style and grace, well represented in both the Pairs (open and 0-149mp) and the teams events.

Marian R. and Carol W. were 6th overall in the 0-149's; Ailsa S. and Lillian K. made the plate, and Jan R. and Kath R. made the championship and won some wine. Well Done! Val A., Richard and Helen McL. Played in the Open Pairs.

In the Teams event Betty W. team did well winning seven matches. Joyce R. Julie C. and Liz M. won a sessional prize. Also appearing for Arana were Jenny L., Pam H., Val A., Richard and Helen McL. Everyone had a great time and can't wait for next year to do it all over again.

Masterpoint Movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members:

*Local Barry Mitchell

M. Golden (MP sec)

Explaining Masterpoints

I asked the Masterpoint Secretary for a brief run down of the Masterpoint System to clarify what it all means for those of us who haven't got a clue (except to know that it is a good thing to have).

At Arana we play for "Green", "Red" and once a year "Gold" Masterpoints. Our everyday sessions are for Green points. When your score places you in the top half of the field (before your handicap is calculated – in other words "scratch") you receive a fraction of a masterpoint. The winner of a session receives the number of tables multiplied by 3. For example, a 7 table field for first place receives 21 points. This is in fact 0.21 of a Masterpoint. When you have accumulated 100 points you are now the proud owner of 1 Masterpoint.

Four times a year (March, June, September and December) the Masterpoint Secretary sends off our accumulated points to the ABF. They update our records and depending on our progress they will issue a new Bridge Ranking Certificate. On the back of the certificate are the minimum requirements for each step up the ladder to Gold Grand Master with 5000 Masterpoints.

The ABF are not free with their Masterpoints, we (Arana and all other clubs) must pay for each and every point we award for each session. Green points are bought at the rate of \$1.20 for each 1 masterpoint (100 to 1 remember); Red points are cheaper, they are only \$0.95 each. When the Masterpoint Secretary submits our points to the ABF for promotion purposes they calculate how many points we have used and send us an invoice.

So there you have it, what is a masterpoint, how do I get some, and where did it come from.

LOST BOOK

Val Cran is really anxious over this book. She brought it to Bridge last month, left it on her table and it disappeared!! It is **not** an Arana Library Book but hers personally. If you have seen it or know anything about it please let her know. The book is:

BETTER MEMORY USING MNEUMONICS
by Ron Klinger.



LIBRARY LINES by Ilene Bishop

Arana Librarian

Double Trouble - Horton, Sally (D13)

According to the author the actual meaning of a bid is less important than that both sides of the partnership agree on its meaning. This applies to doubles. Serious disaster can result when you make what you think is a clear penalty double and partner thinks its for a take-out. Sally Horton acknowledges that even experts have this kind of disaster, but hopes her book will lessen the odds.

Double Trouble covers a wide range of doubles and responses including the simple one-level take-out double, doubles after your side has opened the bidding, doubles of artificial bids, redoubles and penalty doubles.

Examples p. 10-11

"When should I pass my partner's take-out double".

Bid your best suit, unless you have so many cards in opponents suit that you have a realistic chance of beating their contract.

a. (your hand after opponents opening bid of 1 heart): Your Bid - **Pass**

♠ 65; ♥ J109754; ♦ Q65; ♣ 84

b. (very weak hand, but trumps not good enough to pass) Your Bid – **1 Spade**

♠ 8654; ♥ 875; ♦ 932; ♣ 1043

c. ♠ K64; ♥ 542; ♦ QJ8; ♣ 5432

Your Bid – **2 Clubs**

d. ♠ 643; ♥ 9632; ♦ 542; ♣ 652

Your Bid – **Lowest 3 card suit**

The book is set out in an easy to follow format with plenty of examples and "what if" questions. Horton states that given a specific scenario the bridge experts are often divided on the correct action.

Enjoy your doubles!

ENJOY YOUR READING!



Y2K gold - WE BEAT TEAM #1

ANOTHER record field entered the 2000 QBA Gold Coast congress. The Pairs was nothing to write home about with some very ordinary qualifying sessions landing us in the 'H' final. Funny thing, this final contained a typical Brisbane congress field... Parker-Hainsworth, the Kempthornes, Remedios-Kelly, *etc...* even a Pam & Jenny (not Horton- Lewis).

With a record 260 teams entered, the field was spilt roughly in half with 122 on the second and 138 on the fourth floor. We scored the second floor as team number 62. That meant, that in a typical Swiss draw (tops play bottoms), our first opponents were TEAM 1.

Working on 2 theories (a) we can't win the event without beating team 1 and (b) you don't win matches, the other side loses, we tried to keep it nice and tight. The other side cooperated and duly lost 39-42 for a 16-14 win to us. Board 7 was our best result.

7/ All/ S	Q 10	
	Q 9 6 5 2	
	K 5	
7 4 3	A J 6 5	K 8 6 5
A K J 4		3
J 10 6		A 4 3
Q 10 4	A J 9 2	K 9 8 7 2
	10 8 7	
	Q 9 8 7 2	
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After a pass from me (S), Phil Gue opened 1NT (11-14), Helen bid 2H, Tony Brown doubled (takeout for S) and Phil left it in for penalties. Your lead from E!

Tony chose the C2... not a success. With the SK onside and some C/D cross ruffs, 2H* made 8. Phil was not happy as it is mandatory (not having any is only just an acceptable excuse) to lead a trump when partner leaves a takeout double in for penalties. We stopped talking about beating team 1 when they fell to about 60th but we started again when they got back to 12th.

Two more wins put us up against team 24 where even board 22 couldn't save us.

22/ E-W/ E	A 9 8 7 5 4 2	
	K 7 6	
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K Q 10 6	A K J	J
Q J 5 2		A 8 4 3
8 5 4		K Q 10
6 2	3	Q 10 5 4 3
	10 9	
	A J 9 7 6 3 2	
	9 8 7	

E	S	W	N
1C	2D	X	2S
X	/	3H	4S
5H	/	/	X

After dummy went down, Tony Burke (W) was not happy with Tom Kiss and started to complain about poor/over-bidding. Tom cut him off with '.. when I put down dummy, you say thank you partner and get on with it, the same as I do when you've dropped me in it..!'

Tony duly went 6 off for 1700 to us. Our team mates brought back another 500 on the board but it was largely wasted (500 = 11 imps, 1700 = 17 imps, 2200 = 19 imps) and we still lost 33-68.

The other high point was playing the Hirst (English Bridge Union) team (team 4). Bill Hirst wrote an article in the daily bulletin (No 6) titled Muppet Slam Bidding. Essentially he and Howard Melbourne got their slam bidding all wrong in match 5 and went off in 3 making slams. Unfortunately, we played them in match 6 and they were not feeling very charitable, beating us 71-0 ... ouch!

Howard came back later and thanked us for the pleasant match while apologising for the score which he said was a direct result of their previous loss. Bill subsequently won the ANA shield (final walk in pairs) playing with Margaret Millar.

Having won 8 out of the first 10 (including **beating team 1**... I did mention that didn't I?), we were feeling pretty good going into the final session. The bubble burst as we dropped the last 2 matches to teams 30 and 65. A bit of an anticlimax but it was still our best result so far and the bridge was tough.

Richard McLauchlan

Important dates

- 26 March Toowoomba Novice Pairs
- 2 April Northern suburbs Pairs
- 9 April Rockhampton Novice Pairs
- 15-16 April Gympie Pairs Congress

DOUBLE DUMMY SOLUTION:

The key element is for South to discard his Ace and King of diamonds. One can go on the ♣A, but what to do with the other? The answer is, strange as it seems, on the last trump from dummy, as after South has ruffed two spades, his trump will be shorter than North's.

1. Win ♣A (discarding 7♦)
2. Play a trump to ♥A
3. Ruff ♠7
4. Play a trump to ♥K
5. Ruff ♠Q
6. Play a trump to ♥Q
7. Play ♥J, drawing West's last trump, discarding ♦K
8. Play ♠A, throwing ♦A and North's hand is high.