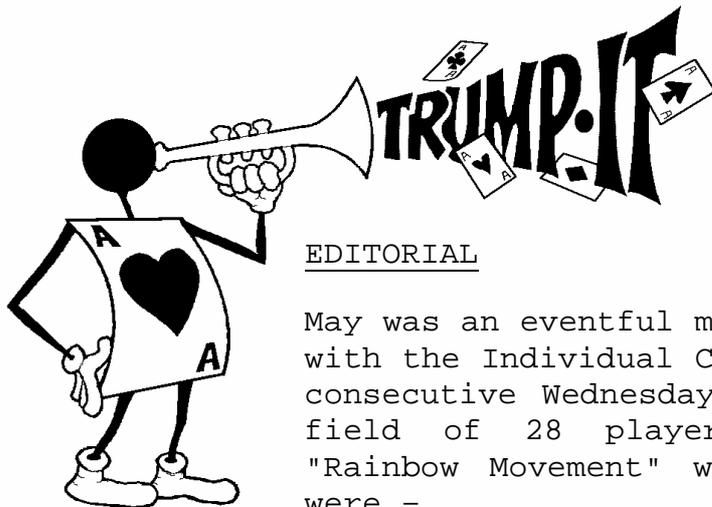


ARANA CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB



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EDITORIAL

May was an eventful month for our Club. It began with the Individual Championships, staged over 2 consecutive Wednesday nights, which attracted a field of 28 players (7 tables). A seeded "Rainbow Movement" was played and the winners were -

OPEN KEVIN SIMPSON
HANDICAP PHILIP SMITH

We congratulate both of these players.

On May 30th our club hosted a special night of play, in conjunction with the Pine Rivers Shire Festival. Due to a special effort made by PAM HORTON, who duplicated 6 sets of boards, a barometer movement which produced round by round results was played. Pam also recorded all the hands and players received a copy at the end of play. Table fees for the night were waived and instead, members were asked to provide a plate for supper. Councillor, Brian Battersby arrived at the end of the night to present the Council's trophies to our winner pair -

PETER NOTTINGHAM - KEVIN SIMPSON

The members who participated in this event commented very favourably - they would like more of these nights. Unfortunately, the work involved in the predealing of hands does not make it possible, however, I am sure that our Club will be interested in being Part of the Pine Rivers Shire Festival next year, and a similar night will be held.

Judy Valentine (Ed.)

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QBA HISTORY (1971-1978)

ATT & ANC 1971

The QBA President, James O'SULLIVAN, was the organiser for the Australian Team Trials and the Australian National Championships and Congress held in Brisbane in 1971. The Trials were conducted at the Queensland Contract Bridge Club, 17 Manning Street, South Brisbane and the Championships and Congress the following week at the Parkroyal Motor Inn, Alice Street. The Tournament Directors were - W. Schaufelberger of N.S.W (ATT), Mrs. Beryl

FRY, J. McLANEY and C. WADHAMS assisted by A. HOFFMANN (ANC and Congress). To enable the maximum participation of Queensland entrants in the national events, the Association held separate Trials for the ATT, National Teams, Pairs and Individual's Championships.

Clubs

In May 1972, due to the increase in the number of affiliated clubs north of Brisbane, and the ardour of their members which followed the successful northern tour, in 1971, by the President James O'SULLIVAN and the Vice-President, Mrs. F.H. PENFOLD to Maryborough, Bundaberg, Rockhampton and Mackay, the State was officially divided into Zones for competition purposes.

Members of clubs outside the range of 100 miles of Brisbane began to participate in the popular Gold Coast Congress and many clubs sought, and were granted, approval to hold their own Open Congress events. The North Queensland Open (Mackay Bridge Club) and the Surfer's Paradise Pairs Championship (Gold Coast Bridge Club) of 1971 were the first new congresses on the Queensland calendar since the Dalby Congress in 1963.

Mr. H.H. BROWN was elected President in 1972 and he kept in touch with the clubs by attending many of the congresses, and so was born, his idea of a State Convention, to be attended by at least one official from every affiliated club, with the Association to subsidise airfares. Three formal State Conventions were held (1973, 1974, 1975) the main purposes being, to foster better understanding between the clubs and the Association, to get the ideas of the clubs on proposed legislation, to assist clubs with any administrative difficulties and to advise them regarding problems on technical aspects.

The Gold Coast Bridge Club built its own premises in 1973. Other clubs which have since acquired their own clubrooms are Bundaberg and Townsville (with Queensland Government subsidies) and Rockhampton.

All affiliated clubs appoint delegates to the QBA council (presently 1 delegate for every 50 members or part thereof) and all decisions of council are made by those delegates. The QBA council of 51 delegates meets every two months - the average attendance at meetings is 25 delegates.

Tuition

Many clubs, particularly country clubs, have availed themselves of the facilities provided by Adult Education schemes to teach prospective new members and to raise the standard of play of existing members. In 1977, the Association introduced subsidised tuition for country clubs and arranged for visits by experienced teachers to conduct classes in transitional or intermediate standard bridge. Mr. & Mrs. N. CORRIGAN completed two very successful tours and, because of their generosity, costs were kept to a minimum.

State Championships

In the sixties, the Toowoomba Bridge Club (including entrants from Dalby and Lockyer clubs) and the Gold Coast Bridge Club were permitted to conduct qualifying events for State Championships if there were sufficient interested players. Following the formal division of the State into Zones, and council's decision to subsidise some Zonal qualifiers, country players now take a great interest in the Championships and entries to Zonal qualifying events have increased: Teams from 28 (1972) to 59 (1978), Pairs 68 (1972) to 148 (1978). As the result of recommendations emanating from the 1973 State Convention, Zones are permitted to decide on the method of play to select Zonal qualifiers and Zonal entitlements to the finals are allocated on a quota system.

As previously mentioned, the Queensland Women's Pairs Championship was initiated in 1962. The Queensland Mixed Pairs Championship was not introduced until 1974 when A.P. JACKMAN and M.R. ROBSON donated a trophy for a new Q.B.A. event, in appreciation for the financial assistance given to them as members of the Australian (accredited) open Team to the Far East Bridge Federation Championships, Hong Kong 1973. Like the Queensland Women's Pairs Championship it is conducted as a week-end event with qualifying and final sessions. This Championship saw the commencement of Barometer scoring for a state title event. The organisation passed to the Toowong Bridge Club in 1978.

In 1976, in addition to trophies for all Championships, gold and silver medallions in lieu of cash prizes - were first presented to winners and runners-up.

All technical details relating to championships (and Selection Trials) are based on the recommendations of a QBA Tournament Sub-Committee. Regulations governing all QBA events are presently being reviewed and up-dated by this Sub-Committee.

Italian Lancia Team

The most notable event during this period was the visit in 1976 of the best team in bridge history - the Italian Lancia Team, comprising G. Belladonna, P. Forquet, B. Garozzo and P. Shariff. At first, the Executive considered that the very high costs involved presented too great a risk to the QBA finances but, thanks to the enthusiasm of Mrs. R. CLARKE and others, a number of private individuals and affiliated clubs were found who were prepared to underwrite part of the costs of the visit. A Sub-Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. CLARKE, organised the visit after the final balance sheet was prepared, the Association was able to repay private sponsors in full and the clubs and the QBA recouped 47.5% of their outlay.

Following a welcome Cocktail Party at the Brisbane Bridge Centre - arranged in conjunction with the Heart Foundation - the venue was the Gateway Inn, North Quay, where two whist-type team matches were played against general club members and a final match, against a Queensland team of S. CRAIG, A.P. JACKMAN, B.G.

NEILL and M.R. ROBSON, was watched on Vu-graph by a large and very attentive audience.

[Jessica and I were two of the players chosen to fill a team to play against the Lancia Team - we played against Forquet and Omar Shariff. Sadly, this team has now retired. It was a great privilege to participate in this historical match - to the play against the best in the world is something we will both never forget. Ed.]

Bulletin

As early as 1961 an attempt had been made to produce a QBA Bulletin; another effort was made in 1976 and though State Convention had support the idea, the clubs showed no great interest. A QBA Bulletin made an appearance again in 1978, this time with full distribution to members of all clubs. The Secretary, Mrs. Judy VALENTINE, has tackled this task with great vigour and, as evidenced by previous issues, the Bulletin improves with every edition.

A.N.B.C. 1978

Though the 1978 Australian National Bridge Convention is fresh in the memory of the 500 people who were directly involved, mention of it must be made here as it forms part of our history for this period. The A.N.C. and Congress events were conducted at the Parkroyal Motor Inn, Alice Street and the A.T.T. the following week at the Zebra Motel, George Street; the organisation was in the hands of the QBA President, Dr. C.R. BUSCH and the Tournament Directors were: Mrs. Ivy DAHLER, assisted by Mrs. Enid BUSCH (ANC), George CUPPAIDGE, assisted by his wife Patricia (Congress) and Richard Grenside of N.S.W. (ATT).

The Association held separate trials for all national events except the Individuals and, as in previous years, the organisation committee extended invitations to several Queenslanders for "services rendered" - to participate in the Pairs, Mixed Pairs and Individuals. [I accepted the invitation to play in the Individual - not one of my more sensible decisions - the field was full of Prima Donnas who were playing for the "crown" and were not there to have the odd chuckle over a bidding disaster in what was/is/and always will be the "fun event" of the National Championships - i.e. not to be taken too seriously. Ed.]

Finance

The increase in club membership and entries for QBA Championships enabled the Association to continue its policy of partial subsidy for Zonal Teams and Pairs qualifying for State Championships and Queensland players, who represented Australia in international events, received a small subsistence allowance. The position of QBA Secretary - except in 1975 - has always been an honorary one, but the duties of the Secretary have increased to such an extent the Council, at the Annual General Meeting 1978, again appointed a paid part-time Secretary. Half the

amount paid in salary will be subsidised by the Queensland Government from Soccer Pool Funds.

The funds of the Association have improved since 1970, the main contributing factor being the profit from the 1978 ANC in Brisbane - and the resulting saving in ANC team's subsidies - and the popularity of the Gold Coast Congress. The QBA continued to be heavily dependent on the profits of that congress to offset the loss of the General Account.

General

During 1975 Mrs. F.H. PENFOLD announced her withdrawal from active bridge administration. She was Vice-President of the Association for 9 years and Queensland Councillor to the ABF for 6 years. Her influence on bridge administration was immense, nowhere more so than in the field of women's bridge and it was almost entirely due to her efforts that, at the national level, women's bridge achieved equality of treatment with Open bridge.

The Queensland bridge world was saddened by the deaths of two of its keenest supporters; Michael J. SULLIVAN in 1974 and Kivas TULLY in 1977. Recognition of their services to bridge has been written up in the biographies of the Honorary Life Memberships.

On the national scene, James O'SULLIVAN was elected President of the ABF in 1972, and H.H. BROWN was elected to the Executive of the ABF in 1976. The QBA President, Dr. C.R. BUSCH became National Master Point Secretary in 1977 and was responsible for the complete revision of the Master Point Scheme. [He retired from that position in 1979. Ed.]

A mushrooming of growth followed each of the National Championships held in Brisbane in 1959, 1965 and 1971. At the close of 1978, 25 clubs were affiliated with the Association.

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

SECTION FOUR - CALL OUT OF ROTATION

Law 31 - Calls Considered to be in Rotation

When a player has bid out of rotation (and the bid is cancelled, as the option to accept the bid has not been exercised - see Law 29):

A. RHO's Turn

When an offender has bid (or has passed partner's call when it is a convention, in which case section A2b applies) at his RHO's turn to call, then:

1. RHO Passes

If that opponent passes, offender must repeat the call out of rotation, and when the call is legal there is no penalty.

EXPLANATION

Firstly, the player sitting on the offender left may accept the bid out of rotation, by making a bid immediately, thus condoning the infringement and forfeiting the right to penalise. If this were an opening call out of rotation, it would be a foolish move if the LHO accepted the infringement by making a bid, because it was his partner who was the first to call in the auction. You will notice that no penalty is applied when the bidding reverts back to the correct opener and he passes. This is because no damage has actually been done and no advantage received. It is a different story when the RHO bids as you will see.

2. RHO Acts

If that opponent makes a legal bid, double or redouble, offender may make any legal call (including pass); when this call

(a) Repeats Denomination

repeats the denomination of his bid out of rotation, (penalty) offender's partner must pass when next it is turn to call (see Law 23A).

(b) Does Not Repeat Denomination

does not repeat the denomination of his bid out of rotation, the lead penalties of Law 26 may apply, and (penalty) offender's partner must pass whenever it is his turn to call (see Law 23A).

EXPLANATION

Law 23 covers the Director's rights to allow the auction to continue when he believes an enforced pass may damage the non-offending side. It also gives him the power to enforce the penalty whilst still retaining the right to assign an adjusted score if damage is caused to the non-offending side. Law 26 covers the leads that may or may not be made depending on the action taken by the offender.

In simple terms - if you bid say, 1H when it was RHO's turn to call and he elects to open 1NT, at this point in time, your partner has information he is not entitled to have. (1) You have a 5-carded heart suit and (2) you hold opening points. Your side has an advantage, therefore a penalty must apply. If you repeat your hearts (2H), then your side's penalty is partner may not bid. at his next turn to call. If you bid anything else, then partner is prohibited from bidding for the remainder of the auction.

Here is one possible reason why a Director would step in and lift the penalty. If you elect to say, rebid your hearts and the Director can see that under normal circumstances your partnership would have reached 4H, going down 2, which some defenders may double, he may choose to allow the bidding to continue to see if, in fact, the defenders in this auction would X the final contract of 4H. He has given every opportunity to the non-offending side to pick up the bigger score should they X, but has not given them an advantage over the rest of the

playing field just in case they do not think of doubling the final contract. If the Director were to assign the adjusted score immediately, then it would have to be 4HX, down 2 for a par result of the field.

If you open 1H out of rotation - bidding reverts back to RHO who opens 1Nt and you now change call to 2C, it prohibits your partner from bidding for the remainder of the auction. If you become the defenders against say a 2D contract and your partner is on lead, then a lead penalty will apply. This is because your partner has added information - you own two suits which are probably 5-5 in length - hearts and clubs. The declarer may now specify which suit he wants led by stating "Lead a spade" etc. etc. or he may specify a suit he does not want led by stating "Don't lead a Club" etc. etc. If the offender is the player to make the opening lead, against say, 2NT then there is no lead penalty. The declarer, in this case, has no redress should the contract be defeated because he made his bid based upon what was said at the table and he, in fact, had more information than under normal circumstances where no infraction had occurred.

B. Partner's or LHO's Turn.

When the offender has bid at his partner's turn to call, or at LHO's turn to call if the offender has not previously called (penalty) offender's partner must pass whenever it is his turn to call (see Law 23A when the pas damages the non-offending side), and the lead penalties of Law 26 may apply.

EXPLANATION

This law has virtually the same effect on a partnership as the pass out of rotation which was covered in the last Trump-It. The only difference is that with the pass out of rotation, it is the offender who can't bid. With the call out of rotation, it is the partner of the offender who can't bid. I don't want to spend time repeating what action a player should take in both these circumstances, so I suggest you refer to Law 30 in the last issue.

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CONVENTION CARDS

Under the Rules of conducting bridge tournaments and club games within the affiliated clubs in Australia, it is necessary for pairs to have a fully completed convention card before they are allowed to play. Even though our Club is not required to enforce this Law, the Committee feels that our Club should now fall in line with all other clubs and require players to have a completed Convention Card at all sessions. This will not come into force until the first playing session in August. Many of our members are now visiting other clubs in Brisbane and some are attending Congresses where Convention Cards are a must. Our club is now attracting players who may have a different bidding method other than the one taught in our Club. Having a Convention Card on the table is a help and it requires very little effort to complete. In this issue, I have shown how to

complete a Convention Card, using the very basic system as taught, by me, to beginners. Players using other bids should adjust the card accordingly.

Canape: The bidding of 4-carded suits, or shorter, before the 5-carded suits or longer. (This does not apply to anyone in our club that I know of).

Responsive Doubles: Take-out Doubles

SLAM BIDDING

Ace Ask: 4NT Blackwood 4♣ Gerber Cue bidding Asking bids

Controls:

Other:

OTHER CONVENTIONS

ABC AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION INCORPORATED

SIMPLE SYSTEM CARD

NAMES: MORTNESS - VALENTINE

ABF MP Nos: 1234 5678

BASIC SYSTEM: STANDARD AMERICAN

OPENING BIDS

Describe: (e.g. minimum length, strength, suit shown)

1♣ 2 (12-21) 1♦ 4 (12-21) canape
 1♥ 5 (12-21) 1♠ 5 (12-21)

1NT 16-18 2♣ Stayman Other
 Transfers Other

2♣ 5 (NO MORE THAN 3 CENTRAL LOSERS)
 2♦ 5 " " " " "
 2♥ 5 " " " " "
 2♠ 5 " " " " "

2NT 22-24
 3NT 25-27

COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Negative Doubles to — Responsive Doubles to 2S

Jump Overcall 6-10 2NT Overcall —

1NT overall (immediate) 16-18 (re-opening) 16-18

Over opponent's 1NT NATURAL SUITS
 Weak twos " "
 Opening threes " "

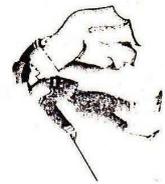
LEADS AND SIGNALS

Sequence leads: overlead all all except AK
 underlead other

Length lead: 4th best other

Signals: high encourage low encourage
 other

Discards: McKenney high encourage low encourage
 other



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