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Contract Bridge Club Inc

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From the President

Committee Meeting held on 24th April was short, sharp and sweet. Completed in just over an hour.

Noteworthy items are as follows:

All funds from the Bring and Buy Table to be used for the benefit of our Library. The use of this amenity has dramatically increased due to the new visual cabinet. This is for everyone's use and can only help to improve not only individuals' play, but overall club performance.

The increase in table fees plus increased attendance is starting to show on our balance sheet. Costs continue to rise and specific consumable items are being monitored by stock control. Bulk buying where possible is implemented giving us access to discount.

Having said all that, I am delighted to say that we are in the position to pay off in full the QBA loan. If this trend continues a similar amount will be paid off the ABF loan by November 2004. Our future is to strive for debt free with a strong balance sheet. Escalation is a four letter word – prudence in management is essential.

Some weeks ago I asked whether anyone had suitable artwork to hang in our hall. The results you can see. No, we are not an art gallery but I am sure you agree it “softens” the stark bare walls. I have an ambitious plan for the long western wall which I will ask for permission in due course. Many thanks to those people who have loaned the Club these paintings.

You have all seen the advert on TV “holler for a Marshall”. Well I did and got Liz Marshall. Liz has organised several sub-committees who will

perform specific duties on event days or as needed. This has taken a load off my back and I thank all those concerned. Worth your weight in Kruger Rand Liz!!

Where would our club be without volunteer labour. Did you know that there is in excess of 100 hours per week put into the Arana Club to ensure its smooth operation. A week ago 8 members gave 2 hours each to clean the air conditioning units, mow lawns, clean and wipe side tables and chairs, on top of this, we have the dealing team, scorers, secretarial, treasurer, directors, providore etc etc. Our strength is our voluntary workforce.

2004 Congress

Full house last year with the new format and should be the same in 2004. Have pulled out the big guns to convene this year under the direction of Pam Horton and gang. They thought they could sit back – no way. Lets all be a part of 2004 Congress, even if you can't play, contribute in prizes and certainly food, sweets etc all will be appreciated.

(I sometimes think they come to be fed).

That's all. Remember bridge is only a game!!

Neil E Hamilton

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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

By Deslei Den Haan 😊😊

The Club's first congress was held on the weekend of 5th and 6th June 1993. Judy Valentine was the Convenor as well as Director, ably assisted by Pam Horton. The two women had decided that above all the inaugural congress would have "great food."

Most club members volunteered for the many jobs as well as donating copious amounts of cakes and biscuits etc. A liquor licence was procured and a bar set up. Players were offered a glass of champagne each day and special wines with commemorative labels were given as prizes.

The menu for lunch on Saturday consisted of two soups (leek/potato and pumpkin), sandwiches (with six different fillings) accompanied by crudities with avocado dip and homemade tarts supplied by members for dessert. Chocolates provided by Val Cran were hand wrapped by Pam in paper "colour coordinated" to each table tray. Somehow I got the job of heating the soups which had been prepared by five members and arrived in "huge cauldrons"- one potato/leek the rest pumpkin.

As you know with pumpkin soup everybody has the world's best recipe and every soup has a different taste! While the "sandwich brigade" was hard at it I decided to mix a bit of each soup into the others and with the help of a few cartons of cream would eventually, hopefully, arrive at a uniform taste. The final result, even if I do say so myself was delicious! At the end of the first day's play the compliments from players were already flowing.

The menu for Sunday was hot quiche, garden salad (20kg.) and fruit salad (20kg.) This time while the "salad brigade" was hard at it my job was to heat the quiche which we had prepared in advance. The problem was that the oven heated unevenly - burning at the back and luke warm in the front, so I spent the entire morning pushing 200 quiches around the oven trying to get them evenly heated. However each time I opened the oven doors great clouds of smoke billowed out which eventually set off the fire alarm!

In the main hall a few "dummies" curiously looked towards the kitchen - the game must go on - and Judy strolled along to see if we really were on fire. We eventually managed to turn the alarm off and serve a delicious lunch!

As Bob Pearce later wrote in the Trump-It "only the winners remember the bridge - everyone remembers the food!"



LIBRARY LINES

By Librarians Jan Rae & Kath Rooney

Our library has a good selection ranging from basic to advanced.

Members are encouraged to use the library and may borrow a book for up to one month. The library will be open for borrowing before each session and the librarians (or if they are not available a committee member), will be there to help. A list of all books is kept on the lowest shelf of the library. If a book you wish to read is not in the Library please let Jan and Kath know.

Jan & Kath are happy to assist with any enquiries.

Masterpoint movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members:

Graduate Master

Christine Noakes Thomas Peake

Club Master

Marion Arnold

Local Master

Gary Bathis Lesley Cassidy
Florence Clarke Lyn Haysom

***Local Master*

Warren Holmes Gay Hull
Rob Weinert

State Master

Robert Matthew Rosemary Matthew

**State Master*

Anne Gulley

National Master

Valerie Cran Geoffrey Gulley

***National Master*

Liz Marshall

Helen McLauchlan (MP Secretary)

A LUCKY TRIUMPH (How I Outdid My Partner)

A response to our Pearl from Rab Wright

I hope that **Pearl** won't really mind
If I tell how my boss resigned?
For in team talks before the game
It seemed I was the one to blame
"Don't open light", partner implored
"Seven-card, nil, gets bottom board"
And "don't think contracts you must land
On each and every sort of hand."

But on this hand I had to call
Three spades (no high-card-points at all)
And once I start I cannot stop
Until I reach the very top.
That's what South did, (shown on this page)
I outbid Hearts at every stage
So when I reached a Spade grand slam
It was like cake with cream and jam
West's diamond Ace was trumped at North
(From East a great glower came forth
Lead Hearts, my suit, it so implied
Or are you playing for their side?
But it's a fact, that's true but sad
That any lead would be as bad.)

Once I had knocked out West's lone king
I cross-ruffed, which did the thing
Making the doubled grand with ease
Which did my partner, at last, please
To other players of the board
Their seven hearts a lay-down hoard
(If we had been in teams-of-four
How wonderful our total score.)
I therefore hope pard will no more
Berate my methods for top score!

Dealer East, both vulnerable

♠ A Q J 10 3
♥ 8 7 5
♦ ---
♣ 7 6 5 4 2

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|--------------|-------------|
| ♠ K | ♠ --- |
| ♥ J 10 9 4 3 | ♥ A K Q 6 2 |
| ♦ A K Q | ♦ J 10 9 4 |
| ♣ A K 9 3 | ♣ Q J 10 8 |

♠ 9 8 7 6 5 4 2
♥ ---
♦ 8 7 6 5 3 2
♣ ---

The bidding:

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | 1♥ | 3♠ |
| 4NT | Pass | 5♠ | Pass |
| 6♥ | 6♠ | 7♥ | 7♠ |
| Dble | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Note:

- 1♥ East opens with 14 points
- 3♠ 7 cards, no HCP, but 13 opening points made South's overcall legitimate.
- 4NT RKCB and confirms Hearts
- 5♠ East shows A K and Q of hearts, but suppresses his void.
- 6♥ West 'sees' a small slam.
- 6♠ To him a forlorn sacrifice.
- 7♥ East remembers his void.
- 7♠ There is no stopping me now.

Dble They can't be void in 3 suits can they?

Systems and systems cards

Unless otherwise stated, **green** and **blue** systems only are permitted during club sessions. It is mandatory for **each pair** to have a neatly completed current ABF system card on the table before play begins.

Players should familiarise themselves with the details of opponents' opening bids – especially 2 level opening bids – before commencing each round.

Masterpoints

The Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) allocates each registered player a membership number, and records all masterpoints recorded against that number. Your ABF number must be quoted when visiting other clubs, and with your home club number on congress entry forms if you want to be credited with masterpoints earned.

The Arana ABF club number is 4-503.



THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

Insufficient Bid (Law 27)

An insufficient bid is one that names a suit and/or a number of tricks below that of the immediate previous bid. Eg 2♣ Pass 2♠ (2♥)

Insufficient bid accepted

Following an insufficient bid, the next player in rotation (LHO) can accept the bid (treat it as legal) by making a bid. The bidding then proceeds from that level. In the above case the opener could repeat the 2♠ bid by partner, make a new bid, pass or double.

Insufficient bid not accepted

If an insufficient bid made in rotation is not accepted, it must be corrected by the substitution of either a sufficient bid or a pass.

If the bid names the *same suit at the lowest sufficient level*, and *is not conventional* the bidding proceeds as if there had been no infringement. So, a bid of 3♥ here would be OK.

Any other sufficient bid (4♥/2NT/3♦) or a 'Pass' results in a PENALTY – the offender's partner must pass for the rest of the auction (and see below*).

Attempts to substitute a double or redouble are cancelled and the offender's partner must pass for the rest of the auction (and see below*)

If the insufficient bid, or the lowest substituted sufficient bid, is *Conventional* (has a special meaning by a partnership agreement) then the offender's partner must pass for the rest of the auction (and see below*)

* Lead penalties (Law 26) may also apply and if the enforced pass damages the non-offending side then the Director may award an adjusted score (Law 23).

Insufficient bid is out of rotation

In this case Law 31 applies, which deals with any bid made out of rotation. This will be dealt with in a subsequent issue.

Why accept an insufficient bid?

Well, supposing your partner has opened with 1♦ and you are holding

xxx
KQxx
Qxx
Jxx

when your RHO bids 1♣. Accepting the bid of 1♣ allows you to make your response of 1♥. Refuse to accept it and consider what you could bid over 2♣! In other words, accepting the insufficient bid may allow you to get into the auction with a weak hand.

On balance, however, it usually pays to refuse to accept the bid. Your opponents may end up bidding too highly, suffer lead penalties, or have an adjusted score awarded.

REMEMBER! When an insufficient bid is made...

- **Call the Director immediately!**
- **Don't attempt to correct it!**
- **Don't advise the offender what to do!**

Something to ponder:

- has your partner ever made an insufficient bid?
- Did it, or the substituted bid, tell you something about their hand that you wouldn't otherwise have known? (points, length etc)
- Did you make use of that information to your advantage? (how high to bid, what to lead etc)

If you answered YES to the last one then you are using UNAUTHORISED INFORMATION to your advantage. Your opponents could ask for an adjusted score. Play fair!!

April's Questions:

1. **Simultaneous lead** – the faced card becomes a penalty card and the correct lead is accepted.
2. **Face down lead** – this allows partner (and Declarer) time to ask for a review of the bidding and prevents the problems that arise from a lead out of rotation. Partner says "Thank you" or "No questions" to show that he/she has no (further) questions.

June Issue: The Revoke

Bob Pearce

From the Editor

A reminder that the Committee has approved **advertising in the newsletter**. The number of advertisements will be kept to a minimum. The cost will be \$100 per annum.

Are there any Club members out there who wish to have articles or "snippets" included in the newsletter, or if there is a different format which you would like to see included, please let me know.

Copy deadline:
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Important Dates - May

- **1-3 (Sat/Sun)** – Toowoomba Pairs and Teams
- **2 (Sun)** – Mudgeeraba novice pairs
- **3 (Mon)** – Labour Day
- **5 (Wed)** – Colin Stone Teams commence
- **7 (Fri)** – **Red Points**
- **8 (Sat)** – Surfers swiss teams
- **15-16 (Sat/Sun)** – Qld mixed pairs (Toowong)
- **22-23 (Sat/Sun)** – Caloundra teams
- **23 (Sun)** – BBC Swiss pairs;
Northern Suburbs novice pairs (0-49)
- **29 (Sat)** – Eastern Suburbs novice pairs (0-99)
- **29-30 (Sat/Sun)** – Goondiwindi pairs

 The Queensland Government provided \$263,900 to the Arana Contract Bridge Club for the development of the Ferny Grove Sports and Recreation Centre to get more Queenslanders active through sport and recreation.



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CONGRESS

1 Day Swiss Pairs

10:00am Saturday 5 June 2004

1 Day Swiss Teams

9:30am Sunday 6 June 2004

Entry Fee: \$23.00 per person per day (incl GST)

BYO lunch; sandwiches may be purchased at the club. Coffee, tea and refreshments provided.



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