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Editor's Desk

ANOTHER big month coming up to complete the year - where did 94 go? The big ones, the pairs championships (Tue and Wed) will be followed by the Qld-wide pairs and the Brisbane zone interclub teams at Arana. Julie Cutmore will be looking soon for helpers and donations of cakes, biscuits, scones and pikelets for the latter.

Very gratifying to see 10½ tables on Monday 17 October. If that keeps up, the committee might have to consider a special Mon pairs competition, or maybe a red point session?

Richard McLauchlan

Director!

CONTINUING questions from the 1994 QBA club director exam.

Q 1. The bidding goes:
Before you were called,
W attempted to correct
his insufficient bid to 3D. What ruling do you make?

N	E	S	W
1S	/	2S	2H

Q 2. N is the dealer but E opens 1H out of turn. S refuses to accept the bid so it reverts to N and proceeds as shown. Is all this legitimate? What lead penalties, if any, apply?

N	E	S	W
1S	4H	4S	/
/	5H	5S	X
/	/	/	

Q 3. S is declarer with S as trumps and calls for a S from dummy. E follows with the H2 then finds he has a S. You rule that he must play the S and the H2 becomes a minor penalty card. Right or wrong?

Bob Pearce

Management Committee

ITEMS of interest from the management committee meeting of 24 October include:

Clubhouse: No new developments; we will ask the Pine Hills Sports Club for a copy of their building plans to assess our options.

Finances: \$3 678 cash + \$68 000 invested at 6%. Treasurer to check insurance rates.

Directors: To meet regularly under the chief tournament director. Director's authority re seating, slow play and lack of system cards (EVERY player) discussed.

Results: Darryl Cullen scores, Bob Pearce copies winners on Wednesday night, Anne Pearce drops results into Sunday Mail on Thursday virtually every week.

Result sheets: General mess in library. Old scores will be discarded after 1 month.

Hall cleanliness: Complaint that we are leaving floors dirty (?). We are required to clean the hall, kitchen and toilets (inc bins). Please check after all sessions.

Qld-wide pairs: Wed 23 Nov with NO ½ tables. Entry form to notice board. InterClub teams: We expect 22-24 teams at Arana on Sun 27 Nov.

Library: Law books are restricted – 1 copy must be left in the library for the director. Club to subscribe to *Australian Bridge*. Who has the second copy of *Commentary on Laws of Duplicate Bridge*?

AGM: In early Feb 95. Agenda items and committee nomination forms to go out in late Nov, closing end Dec.

Christmas parties: Same as previous years including hamper raffles.

Richard McLauchlan

Masterpoint movements

NEW masterpoint rankings for Arana home club members for the quarter ending 30 September are:

State

Richard McLauchlan

Local**

Muriel Anderssen Bob Pearce
Ailsa Smith Merilyn Wright

Local*

Darryl Cullen Joan Sadleir

Local

Bill Acklin Dot Cain
Julie Cutmore Deborah Dwyer
Jean Parry Marian Richardson
Philip Smith

Club

Liz Marshall Rosemary Porter
Mary Wilson

Graduate

Joyce Anderson Sue Balthes
Beryl Bell Dianne Davis
Annette Draper Des Husband
Anthony Perkins Peggy Wenham
Jenny Lewis (MP sec)

Assisting the director

WHILE managing the session and ruling on infringements, the director is trying to ensure that everybody (director included) enjoys their bridge. Much of the frustration of directing can be eliminated if members will follow a few simple rules.

For Tuesday players, please arrive by 9:15 at the latest and be seated by 9:20. This will allow the director to determine numbers and what movement will be used. The boards will be distributed at 9:25 and play should start at 9:30. (Ed: Substitute 7 pm for 9 am on Wed)

Write up the boards as they are played in round 1. Ensure your name is on at least 1 score card along with the correct computer number. Keep play moving. The hall must be vacated by 1:00 so the coffee break must be kept to a minimum, *ie* half a round or 10- 12 minutes, to complete the movement.

Call the director for all infringements. The director will make a ruling, but it is up to you to decide what to do if options are presented. Right or wrong, the ruling must be complied with. If you are not happy, appeal the decision at the end of the session.

Assistant directors are helpful in spreading the work load and easing into directing. Please consider assisting for a month.

Finally, when E-W come to the director's table, assume the director will be called sometime during the round, *ie* arrive promptly and get on with play.

Allan Box

Redlands congress

REDLANDS held their second congress, a 1-day Swiss pairs, on Sunday 9 October and the Cleveland Boat Club was the very pleasant venue. Helen and I were (seeded) pair 40 in a field of 52, with some top players (Mills, Parker, Pryde, Hainsworth, Dick, Duffy, McDonald ...) among the top 10.

Our first opponents (pair 30) bid to 4H on the second board. With 21 hcp and a bare HA, I doubled. Down 4 (+800 to us) saw them go quietly over the next 3 boards and we got a flying start (65%) to 8th.

An even better result, 74% against pair 27, got us to 2nd. Another good round and we hit the top, N-S table 1. Maybe we were lucky to keep meeting lower seeded pairs (45, 41, 17) but we were still top at lunch.

The first round after lunch saw us drop back to 2nd, the eventual winners taking our N-S spot while we moved to E-W. And we had our worst round of the day when a slip in defence and another in bidding proved very costly.

11/ S/ Nil		S	W	N	E
	Q J 10 6 3	/	1D	/	1NT
	5 4 2	/	/	2S	/
	5 4	/	/		
K 9	K104	A	8 4		
A J 9 8	<input type="checkbox"/>		10 7 3		
Q 9 7 6 2			K J 10		
A 6	7 5 2	J	7 5 3		
	K Q 6				
	A 8 3				
	Q 9 8 2				

Helen thought her Ds were not worth rebidding over my 1NT, and N's 6 point 2S bid was pushy. I could bid 2NT or chance 3D but decided to pass it round to Helen who was reluctant to bid 2NT with the doubleton S. They went 1 down for +50, a poor score considering we have +110 for 3D, +100 for 2S* or +120/150 for 2NT.

We then slid out of contention, never really living up to our morning glory, ultimately finishing 26th. At \$45 per pair including lunch, one might have expected a sessional prize, but none were forthcoming and we had to settle for red masterpoints. The highest seeded players we met were pair 9 and several top seeds ended up in the Consolation. It was that sort of day.

Richard McLauchlan

Australia-wide Pairs

ONLY 9½ tables turned up for the Australia-wide pairs on Wed 23 Oct. And that included 2 visitors in Alun Preece and Christine Parsons. The N-S field was a little stronger than E-W and they seemed to get the better of the cards, or the better scoring for their cards.

The boards also seemed to favour the bidders rather than defenders. At least, that is how it seemed from our third set, *'the adrenalin set'*, boards 22-24. On board 23, Ray Willson's 1H was followed by 1S 2H 4S 5H // 5S 6H // X. They went 2 off for 500 and a measly 54%, as we can make 5S (65%) or 6S (90%). But we got even on board 24.

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

The bidding started /// when Ray's 1S really opened a can of worms. Bob bid 2C, Rita 2S, me 3D, then 4S // 5C 5S // 6C! Small slam on 2 passed hands? And not even doubled! Ruff SA, lead C dropping the CK, 2 trump leads, DA, ruffing finesse on DK, draw last trump ending in dummy and run Ds: 12 tricks, +920, 96%, Bob's heart starts beating again, easy game eh? 6S* doesn't work this time: 3 down, -500 and 94% to us.

Several N-S pairs made the 55% score needed to qualify for the Australia-wide results. The winners were the visitors Alun and Christine with 67%, narrowly beating Steve and Verna Brookes. Bob and I were the only E-W qualifiers with 56%.

Richard McLauchlan

Problem corner

NOTHING like a few gremlins to muck things up. The problem presented in the last issue should have read: partner opens a 3 loser 2D (vul) and you hold:

Q 7 3
8 7 5 4 2
5 2
10 6 3

What do you bid? What next when partner bids 3C? And what if RHO bids 2S (non-vul) over partner's 2D?

You don't hold: 2 controls (As or Ks) to bid; nor the scattered 6 points in Qs and Js for 3NT; nor long Ds for 5D; nor your own long suit for game in your hand. Hence by elimination, you bid 2NT.

Over partner's 3C bid, I don't like it but I'm going to try 5D, preferring the 5-2 fit (possibly 6-2) to the likely 4-3 in Cs. Jenny Lewis is going to bid 3H and Bob Pearce suggests 3D to show an absolute minimum hand. Bob's bid is probably best but I guess we will have to wait for JV for the correct answer.

If RHO bids 2S over partner's 2D, I will look to the heavens, say *'thank you'* and PASS very quickly. If partner happens to bid Hs next round, I will raise to 4 but I do not fancy 5 of a minor and I do not want to hear 2S X. Jenny and Bob will still bid 2NT. In practice, my partner passed over 2S and I bid 4D going 2 down on a 4-1 D break.

Richard McLauchlan

Alert regulations

HERE is a summary of the new ABF alerting regulations as from 31 August:

Alerting is compulsory – you can't ask opponents not to alert.

When your partner makes an alertable call, say *'Alert'* and circle the call on the bidding pad.

Some calls or bids are *self alerting*. You do not alert these calls because opponents know that your partnership has a special agreement about them – hence they are deemed to have alerted themselves. These are **all doubles, redoubles, skip bids, opening two and three bids, cue bids in opponents suit, and all calls above 3NT**.

You must alert all your agreements (other than those above) that opponents may not

understand or may misinterpret: eg Precision 1C 1D, Stayman, Aspro, Landy, Drury, 1C on less than 3 clubs....

You can ask about opponents alerted (or self alerted) calls at your turn to call. After that, you must ask about the entire auction.

If you become declarer, you should offer your opponents a full explanation of your auction if it contained (self) alerted or calls they may not understand.

Before bidding starts, ask your opponents about: their basic system; suit length and strength of 1 and 2 level openings; strength and style of NT openings.

Important dates

- Wed 2/11 Pairs championship
- Sat 5-6/11 Northern Suburbs congress
- Tue 8/11 President's pairs
- Sat 12-13/11 Noosa congress
- Sun 20/11 QCBC 1-day pairs
- Wed 23/11 Qld-wide pairs
- Sat 26-27/11 Tamborine congress
- Sun 27/11 Interclub teams
- Mon 5/12 Management committee
- Tue 13/12 Xmas break up
- Wed 14/12 Xmas break up

Director's verdict

CORRECT answers to the questions from page 1 are:

Q1. Law 27: the bid of 3D is cancelled and the lead penalties of Law 26 apply. Options (a) N accepts the 2H bid and bidding proceeds without penalty.

(b) 2H rejected, (i) if it was not conventional and is substituted by the lowest sufficient bid in the same denomination (3H) no penalty; but if the director deems the insufficient bid conveyed information damaging to the non-offenders he shall award an adjusted score.

(ii) if conventional or substituted by any other sufficient bid or pass, offender's partner must pass throughout. Lead penalties may apply.

Q2. Bidding is legal. E repeated his original suit (at a higher level) and W passed at his next turn to call. Lead penalties do not apply after the H suit is repeated.

Q3. Wrong, H2 is a major penalty card (Law 50C) and must be played at the first legal opportunity. When offender's partner is on lead, lead penalties apply. Lead a H or prohibit a H removes penalty card; if no lead direction, penalty card remains.

Bob Pearce