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Editor's desk

ONLY a small 8 tables contested the Wednesday pairs championship. Perhaps these events should not be run in school holidays.

With the Wednesday pairs being played over 2 instead of 3 weeks, we now have 1 more red point session which will be played on Wed 10 November.

On the subject of red points, we are the only club I know that plays its pairs championships for red points, mainly because these events are masterpointed at 1.5 x normal green points but only 1 x red points.

Should we run an overall club championship on a Sunday for red points? This could be similar to our 10th birthday Sunday of a few years ago (morning qualifying and afternoon finals) or as a swiss pairs (20 tables: 7 rounds of 8 boards) over the whole day... a Sunday close to our birthday (13 March). Northern Suburbs runs a qualifying/ finals championship on a Sunday in December.

Sunnybank couldn't find enough teams to come and play us this year. That means we win on default... and we have the trophy to prove it.

Last year, we played through the Christmas - new year holiday period but attendances were not great. Should we play Mon-Tue-Wed 27-28-29 Dec or close for this week? Mon and Tue are the Christmas day and boxing day public holidays.

Scoring is made difficult by players not putting names &/or numbers on the travelling scorers. It is N-S's responsibility to write up the score sheets and E-W's to check the details are correct. Some days, I would really like to give No Names/ No Numbers, No Masterpoints/ No Vouchers!

Visitors get a computer number the first time they play at Arana so please ask them to check the notice board the next time they play. If the list has not been updated, ask Albert Lewis.

Richard McLauchlan

Management committee

ITEMS of interest from the meeting of 5 October:

The beginners classes were completed with 4 attending supervised play. An offer from Denise Dodd for teaching services will be considered.

Our updated web site should be completed by the end of October.

An answering machine was purchased for \$70. One phone call has already been received from the new Yellow Pages entry.

The club house grant application has been lodged with Brisbane City Council. A decision should be made around mid November.

The closing date for lodgement of the State Government grant application has been changed to February 2000 with decisions on approval some time after that. As this will create problems with the timing of our project, the Minister for Sport (Mr Gibbs) will be contacted to see what can be done.

It was agreed that if BCC approval is received, the building committee will have building specifications and drawings prepared.

Cash balance as at end August: \$1,551; investment account: \$116,666.

Melbourne Cup Day will be a special event: bring a plate, cup sweep, random partners etc. End of year functions to be decided at next meeting after gauging the wishes of members.

A member proposed that table fees be increased to \$4.00. No action taken at this time, but can be reviewed at the AGM.

Building contents insurance (\$242 on \$10,000) was reviewed and not totally renewed. New photocopier will be covered.

New members: Dalma Webb, Kay Milliner, Dorothy Jones, Bill Law.

Ernie Harris (sec)

Masterpoint movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members:

Graduate

Bill Law Alan Rae

Club

Judi Sunman

Local*

Mary Craig Sommie Mackay

State

Bob Dancer Judy Perkins
Philip Smith

Bronze life

Val Acklin

Jenny Lewis (mp sec)

Forest Place bridge week

DARLENE and I attended the Thursday session of the Forest Place seniors week bridge competition, held at their Taringa complex. Of thirteen tables, we finished third north/south and fourth overall for the day.

Our opponents (E/W) were all quite friendly and seemed interested in the latest news about Arana, especially the news about the proposed new clubhouse.

Morning tea and a delicious lunch was provided during another fine day put on by Forest Place staff. Tony Jackman did his usual excellent job as director.

I can thoroughly recommend Arana members attend this fine competition next year.

Don Smith

Pairs results

BILL Law and Peter van Eden pretty much blew the competition away with 2 big rounds in the inaugural Monday pairs. So much so that the opposition couldn't catch them, even after an ordinary score in round 3.

Awkward numbers (15½ tables) make for imperfect movements. Such was the case in the Tuesday pairs where the field was re-seeded after each round. Several pairs had 1 ordinary to bad round which proved costly. Narrow winners were Val Acklin and Joyce Rosser with Frank Hoult and Barry Mitchell taking the handicap prize.

A small entry (school holidays may have had something to do with only 8 tables entered) for the Wednesday pairs meant that each pair could play every other pair in 2 weeks (8 table Mitchell plus

twinned 4 table Howells). Two sessions means sudden death as there is no room for an ordinary score. Winners were Bob Pearce and Richard McLauchlan with Muriel Miller and Val Cran winning on handicap.

Monday

1. Bill Law - Peter Van Eden
2. Jenny Lewis - Pam Horton (Harry Herriman)
3. Penny Barrs - Dot Cain (Carol Wilson)

Tuesday

1. Val Acklin - Joyce Rosser
2. Heather Mackay - Judy Perkins (S Mackay)
3. Betty Willson - Julie Cutmore

Handicap

1. Frank Hoult - Barry Mitchell
2. Heather Mackay - Judy Perkins (S Mackay)
3. Penny Barrs - Wella Hooper

Wednesday

1. Bob Pearce - Richard McLauchlan
2. Helen McLauchlan - Margaret Welldon
3. Jenny Lewis - Pam Horton (Darlene Smith)

Handicap

1. Muriel Miller - Val Cran
2. Bob Pearce - Richard McLauchlan
3. Helen McLauchlan - Margaret Welldon

Sea change

CALOUNDRA's 2-day congress in September is a swiss pairs on Sat and teams on Sun. Trying something completely different, Pam Horton partnered Helen McLauchlan for a top half finish in the pairs, while we hubbies watched the tennis.

On Sun, Helen partnered Margaret Welldon while I played with Pam in the teams. We were seeded 17 of 32 (on masterpoint rankings) so we got to play team 1 first up... a small loss. Two wins got us up to 9th at lunch. First round after lunch had us against team 2... Hyne-Bishop and Remedios-Walters... when board 1 hit.

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

Arnold opened a forcing 2D (alert), pass, 2H (alert, negative) (Margaret later admitting she forgot their system, thinking 2D was a multi... weak 2 in a major or strong balanced hand).

Looking at 2 artificial bids, Pam was in the proverbial quandary and opted for a double, over which Arnold happily passed (making 11 is 770).

Double had to be takeout so I bid a cheapest possible 2S pass, 4D (double and jump = big, big hand), 4H, pass, pass, 5C (suddenly my hand doesn't look so bad). I don't know said Arnold shrugging his shoulders 6H... neither do I. .. 7C! (another ill-timed testosterone attack, but I could see no defence to 6H), pass, pass, double!

Not unreasonably, Arnold led his shorter suit SA which Pam duly ruffed. Pam tried a small D to dummy's J for a C finesse... unlucky! Arnold ruffed, took his 2 H tricks and Margaret still made the CK... 4 off and -800 was still Ok if 6H makes (-980)... it doesn't... a C and S loser.

Worse was to come as Helen and Margaret were allowed to play in 5H making 11, so I should have passed 6H (+50), or Pam could lead the CA then run Ds discarding dummy's Hs for 1 down (-100). After the opening S lead, if Arnold had held 1D, Pam can make the grand on the line she took, if she goes through with the C finesse... now that would have been something else.

Two losses and 2 wins this session got us to 12th and a tie for the plate win... actually second on IMPS but they paid on the tie... no wonder we like playing Caloundra.

Richard McLauchlan

BBC/ Qld open pairs

SOME 20 years ago, this event was regularly played at the Doomben racecourse. With the loss of (tobacco) sponsorship, the event became somewhat nomadic with variable table numbers. This year, it returned to Doomben where 45 tables (including 9 novices) entered. The field was as strong as you would see in a Brisbane event, including a few from Sydney.

Helen & I were seeded table 5 (of 9) N-S in our qualifying sessions. In the other 3 sections, the top 3 qualifiers were tables 1, 2 and 4 so the seedings were pretty much spot on. Our section showed scant regard for seedings, the top 3 going to tables 5, 7 and 2. We won both sessions (actually tied in the 2nd) to make the major final.

Sunday was never going to be easy and we got away to a slightly below average start against Lavings-Dalley. Next up was Parker-Hainsworth. We have a funny knack of playing them on either the last or second last round, so this was something new. Three boards later and a 41-7 score line to us

produced our main claim to fame for the day. We hit the front... a bit too early.

Nothing too out of the ordinary had happened until we met Cuppaidge-Evans in round 12. On board 9 sitting W, you pick up...

♠ A K J 8 5 3 ♥ 5 ♦ A K 8 4 2 ♣ 3

and start thinking about a strong 2C or 2S opening. But after 2 passes, Cuppaidge (S) opens 1S which is alerted. After enquiring, you are told that this shows 10-14 hcp and less than 4 spades. Now what? How will partner take 2S over an artificial 1S... Michael's cue showing Hs and a minor... natural... general force any suit?

Helen played safe and doubled, planning to bid Ss next round. Evans bid 2H over which I bid 2 NT showing 10-11 hcp, balanced and decent H stops. Helen raised to 3 and Cuppaidge led H2.

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

When dummy hit the table, I wasn't too happy about missing 6S, even though the opening lead gave me 13 tricks for +720. Later, I checked the scores and found we had a second top. Only I had bid 6S, the rest playing in 4S making 12 or 13, an inferior score to NTs. We are considering our defence if we hit this type of system again. We will find 6S if S doesn't open, and probably even if S opens a threadbare 1H.

Eventual winners were Richard Wallis and Therese Tully from Andrew Pryde-Clare Green and Richard Ward-Lindy Vincent. I guess there just wasn't room for another Richard in the placings.

Richard McLauchlan

Australia-Wide pairs

THE boards for this year's AW pairs were random computer deals. Commentary was based on what happened when they were played in an 11 table movement at a Sydney club directed by Paul Marston a few months ago.

It seemed like we were in for a lively night when some very competitive bidding started on board 1. We bid the N-S cards to 5D, but Deslei Den Haan

