



Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year Trumpit Final 2007

ARANA

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AND SOMEONE SAID “WHO IS JUDY VALENTINE?”

For a lot of new members at Arana Bridge Club there is a bit of history that you really do need to know; and that is – Who is Judy Valentine?

In 1986, a well known figure in Queensland Bridge Circles, Judy Valentine, agreed to take over a Beginners Bridge Class being held at the Ferny Hills State School. Prior to that time in the late '60's and '70's, Judy had been instrumental in forming Bridge Clubs in Mackay, Maryborough, Bundaberg, Townsville and Rockhampton.

In 1976 after returning to Brisbane Judy was asked to take over the role of QBA Secretary, continuing in this position for the next 5 years introducing and editing the QBA Bulletin and directing at all QBA Championship events including the ANC and ATT Trials.

When the classes scheduled at the Ferny Hills State School were completed, Judy invited the class to continue playing under supervision at her home. This group became the nucleus of what is now known as the Arana Contract Bridge Club, finally moving to rented venues when the group became too large for a private home. Judy continued to teach classes for the next 12 years for the Arana Club and even wrote her own text book “Bridging My Way” introduced in 1990.

Without the guiding light that is Judy Valentine, the Arana Bridge Club might not be the club it is today about to embark on the adventure of owning our own new clubhouse.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Presidents Pairs - 2, 9, 16 October 2001

Gross Winners

First – Val Cran - Margaret Weldon
Second – Bob Dancer - Gary Lynch
Third – Val Acklin - Joyce Rosser

Handicap Winners

First – Geoff and Anne Gulley
Second – John and Patricia Andrew
Third – Margaret Dancer - Gay Hull

Wednesday (pm) Pairs - 3, 10, 17 October 2001

Gross Winners

First – Helen and Richard McLauchlan
Second – Tony Lyle - Geoff Gulley
Third – Julie Cutmore - Peter Gill

Handicap Winners

First – Tony Lyle - Geoff Gulley
Second – Jo Axten - Beatrice Kassulke
Third – Charles and Christine Chambers

Australia Wide Pairs 1 November 2001

Arana Club Winners:

Tony Lyle – Geoff Gulley – 60.7%

Congratulations to all!

From the President

Now that construction of the Sports and Recreation Centre is nearing completion, we are able to pin down more start-up dates. While the premises will be handed over to us in early December, they will be unpainted and painting will take place through the remaining

time until Christmas. We will be hoping for furniture delivery late in January, and have formally notified the Pine Shire that our last night in their premises will be Wednesday, Jan 30th. If the furniture is delivered early, we can start in the new premises before this date. If the furniture is delivered later, we can improvise for chairs and use our existing tables.

Results from the poll on playing days are interesting. The votes for Option 1 (Mon-Tue-Thur days, Wed & Fri nights) and option 2 (Mon-Wed-Fri days, Tue & Thur nights) are almost equal. We are currently asking the smaller number who voted for Option 3 to give a preference for Option 1 or Option 2. The results will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Melbourne Cup day was fun, and our thanks go to Marian Richardson for the smooth running of the event, and to the others who helped. Last year, I hear we charged table fees and gave out all the proceeds of the sweep as prizemoney. This year we did not charge table fees and gave out half the proceeds of the sweeps as prizemoney. In each case, the result was about breakeven. This was important this year, because we need to conserve our cash for the myriad of small fit out jobs for the new centre. Most of us are not committed to the format used this year, so if you would prefer to pay table fees and have more prizemoney in the sweeps, let a committee member know.

The QBA has granted the club October 12th for a major novice congress- red points and all. Only competitors under 50 master points will be eligible. More details will be available early in 2002.

Finally, I wish to thank all the members for their help and support this year, and wish them all the best for Christmas and the festive season.

Bob Dancer (President)

NEW MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS OCTOBER 2001

<i>Graduate</i>	John Black Jan McRobbie Joan Mills Jean Snowball
<i>Club</i>	John Andrews Patricia Andrew Dalma Webb
<i>Local</i>	Mary Gillies Peggy Whittaker
<i>Regional</i>	John Willson
<i>State</i>	Deslie Den Haan Wella Hooper Frank Hoult
<i>State *</i>	Bob Dancer
<i>National</i>	Gary Lynch
<i>Bronze Life Master</i>	Pam Horton

Congratulations to every one.

Helen McLauchlan, Masterpoint Secretary

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

23rd October 2001

Handicaps - It was agreed that the new handicapping system seems to be working and will be retained while the existing software is used.

2002 Calendar - The additional event scheduled for October 12/13 2002 can be at the club's discretion i.e. pairs or teams/Saturday or Sunday. Final decision to be made by the committee at the next meeting.

Building Committee - Gary advised that the building was progressing well and should be finished by early December. An independent contractor will then paint the building. There should be a decision by mid December re the club's application for a \$33,000 gaming grant. After that decision the tables and chairs can be ordered utilizing monies from the grant if approved or by way of a loan from the ABF.

Club Historian - Deslei advised the committee that she is compiling a history of the club's new premises, which upon completion will be put into the club library for reading by all members. Bob congratulated Deslei for her efforts on this project.

Tournament Committee - During the recent President's Pairs there were incidents of pairs nominating and either not showing up initially or dropping out after the first week. Frank said that should people be doing this without good reason the secretary write to the people concerned advising that they are not eligible to play in club events for twelve months. It was suggested that one way of overcoming this problem was for entrants to pay for the whole three weeks of the event up front

Hiring - The committee was concerned by the number of nights i.e. 47 that the premises can be hired out. Bob pointed out that the management agreement provided us with a great deal of protection, and made several other points:-

- The grants were strictly conditional on the main hall being made available to other groups.
- Gary and he thought that Saturday night was the least useful night to the bridge club.
- The rental rate will be structured to more than cover all normal running costs, maintenance costs, and cleaning after each hire.
- The hall will be let to the cricket club and football club as organisations for club activities, not to individual footballers for parties. The clubs have signed to accept full financial responsibility for all damage apart from fair wear and tear.
- The football club has significant financial resources and is growing fast. It has the capacity to pay for damage. If it ever defaults on such an obligation, we have the option not to renew its license agreement.
- For other community organisations, we have the option to refuse to rent the hall if the activity is thought unsuitable.
- Initial use of the hall on Saturday nights is expected to be very low, and growth will be slow.
- Most rental of the hall is expected to be of the small multi-purpose area.

Val Cran is responsible for all bookings of the premises.

Security - An alarm system is to be installed with a loud alarm. Some keys are to be available to all clubs.

Insurance - Warren Holmes advised that a couple of insurance companies were not quoting, the concern being vandalism and graffiti. Warren suggested that enamel paint be used, as it was more amenable to the removal of graffiti. Gary was to discuss this with the painters.

Director's Meeting - The following points resulted from the recent director's meeting

- Red Point Days. Table fees are to be set to ensure all costs are covered.
- Director's Bulletin. Daphne requested that this publication be available to all directors and is to follow the matter up with Reg Bush.
- Director's 2002. Peter Gill is to be approached re directing next year, Daphne to follow up.
- Red Point Events. The issue of non-playing directors at these events was discussed with no decision at this stage.
- Dissention. There have been cases of players arguing with director's decisions. Committee felt that this was completely inappropriate and in future any member doing so on more than one occasion will be sent a formal letter of warning. The problem has been brought to the attention of members on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Geoff Gulley, Secretary



LIBRARY LINES
by Ilene Bishop

Arana Bridge Club Librarian

In the foreword of "**Defend with Your Life**" (D2) by Reese and Kantar, Reese explains that most of the problems in the book are difficult, but they are not impractical. He says not to give up easily as they may contain a principle that can be applied to similar situations.

Below, I have given the page numbers of some of the hands and the defence principle involved. The solution and explanation are on the reverse page of each problem.

p.11 the need to count, which is the beginning, and almost the end, of good defence

p.41 when you know that you must guard one suit, pretend that you hold a critical card in another suit

p.51 one of the rarest and least known forms of defence to a squeeze...

p.59 best card to lead, when you attack a suit from AQx, is the queen...

p.93 it is usually right to decline a finesse that declarer is likely to repeat...

p.99 ...attack entries in dummy before declarer can make use of them

p.111 always pause for a while after the dummy has gone down...

p.145 to hold both strength and length in dummy's suit is not a great asset: it means that the defence will lack communication in the suit

Concentrate, Enjoy and have a Happy Holiday!



QUESTIONS FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. Can you look at the bidding slip/board during the game. Must it be turned over and at what stage of the game does this happen.

Answer: No, you cannot look at the bidding slip./board during the game. It must be turned over when the 2nd defender has played to the first trick. Declarer or either defender, at his own turn to play, is entitled to be informed as to what the contract is and whether, but not by whom, it was doubled or redoubled.

Bridge Hand of the Month

By Ted Horning

The Rule of Seven

There is a simple formula to a holdup technique that works. I will present the concept generally but don't take it too literally - there may be extenuating circumstances.

In no trump contracts, hold up twice (if you can) when holding a combined total of five cards, hold up once when your side has six cards in the suit led, and don't hold up at all when your side has seven cards in the suit led. Think seven.

Total cards held by declaring side	# of times to hold up	Total
5	+ 2	= 7
6	+ 1	= 7
7	+ 0	= 7

♠ 8 3
 ♥ A Q 10 8 7
 ♦ A 6 5
 ♣ 10 8 7

♠ K Q J 4 2
 ♥ 6 5 4 2
 ♦ 9
 ♣ K 5 2

♠ 10 7 5
 ♥ K 3
 ♦ 10 8 7 4 3
 ♣ Q 6 4

♠ A 9 6
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ K Q J 2
 ♣ A J 9 3

W	N	E	S
			1NT
P	3♥	P	3NT
P	P	P	

Opening lead K♠

Here, declarer has five cards in spades, counting both hands. If possible (and sensible) South should hold up twice, bringing the total to seven. Thus, South wins the third spade trick.

The reason the holdup works is that if spades are divided 5-3, East will not have a spade to return. If spades are 4-4, South doesn't care. Even if the heart finesse loses, the defence can win only three spades. Winning the third spade, South can take the heart finesse with a reasonable degree of comfort. (If East has five spades, just congratulate West for making a brilliant lead).

Important dates

- Sun Dec. 2 QCBC novice pairs
- Sun Dec. 9 Brisbane Zone InterClub Teams
- Mon Dec. 17 Christmas Party
- Tues Dec. 18 Christmas Party
- Wed Dec 19 Christmas Party
- Tuesday Dec 25 Christmas Day
- Wednesday Dec 26 Boxing Day
- Tuesday Jan 1 2002 New Years Day

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Queensland Government

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and recreation**

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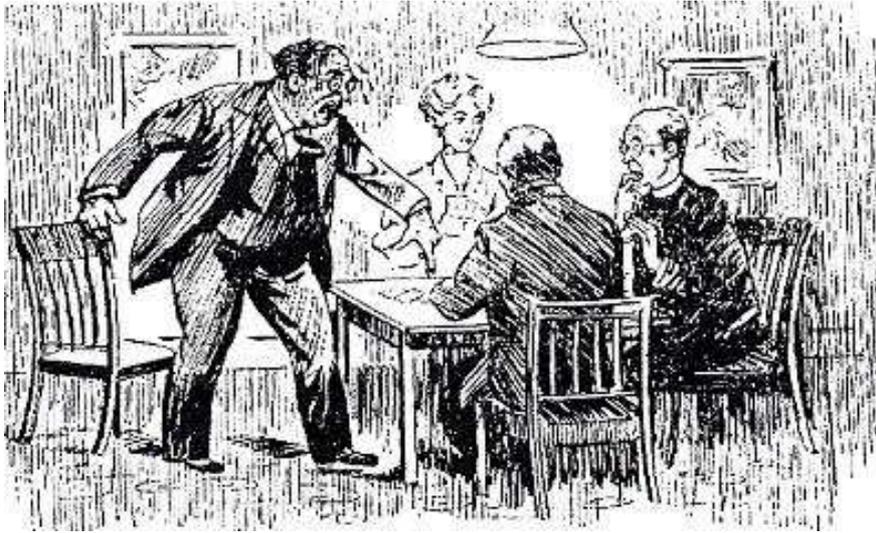
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THE BRIDGE GAME

You sanctimonious piefaced parson!! Why did you trump my Ace?
You invite me here for a quiet game – wish me a Merry Christmas, and because
you have your collar on backward... I... I... can't say a Bloody Word!



*A friend is someone who can bring a touch of warmth
to anything by simply being there.
Our friendships within this Bridge Club
have always meant laughter,
sharing... everything good.*



*Whether it has been a welcome voice on the telephone, a note of cheer,
a listening ear, or a partner to share another game with.*



*It's been something we could all count on.
It's good to know you're there...
And it's good to know our friendships are so special and enduring.
Have a wonderful Christmas.*

