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**ARANA**

*Contract Bridge Club Inc*

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**From the President 29.11.2002**

First, a general update on our club's financial position. We have reasonably comfortably covered all our cash flow commitments, and our membership is still increasing rapidly. We are one of the fastest-growing clubs in Queensland and will have sufficient funds to enable our training courses to be well promoted again next year, and to start seriously promoting our QBA competitions. We are trying to do some work to find more ways to help new members fit in to club competitions, and to feel at home in the club.

The new sinking fund is established" and is based on estimates of the depreciation of the assets the club controls. We have never had to provide for depreciation on this scale before, because we have never owned any significant assets before. We have legally to provide for this depreciation before the club can claim to break even financially, let alone run at a profit. The current estimate of depreciation is \$12,000 per year.

Because we are now a small-to medium club with big assets, we have to allow for the fact that maintenance does not always occur at the most convenient times. For a club of our size, the most logical way to do this is to put away a fraction of the replacement cost each year, into an interest-bearing deposit, and call it a sinking fund. If our air-conditioners are estimated to last seven years, we put away one-seventh of the value each year, so that when they need replacement we have the funds ready. Some of the much larger clubs avoid the need for this, because they generate massive amounts of cash each year, and can afford to replace at almost any time. We will have ways to grow substantially to reach this luxurious position.

We will put a proposal to members at the next AGM to specify how the sinking fund is to be

controlled and used. This proposal should include for what purposes the money should be spent how spending is authorised, and how over-provision in the fund is prevented.

We may be forced to re-register for GST for some years when we, the taxation department and the City Council finish reading the fine print in our lease agreement. If so, we will incur additional costs of \$2000 - \$3000 per year. We expect to cover this within existing table fees.

***Special Club Events***

The new format of Melbourne Cup Day was marked by much better attendance, by table fees, and by people playing with regular partners. All the takings from sweeps were distributed as prizes this year. The format was successful enough for us to do the same next year, although we may make minor tuning changes. We will certainly reschedule the finish time so that play does not finish too long before the event.

For the Christmas parties this year we will retain parties on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights. The format of these events is that there are no table fees, no masterpoints, members are asked to bring a plate, there are small novelty prizes, and assorted refreshments and biscuits are provided. This year we will try the format where people play with the partners they choose, rather than have a draw, and see what response we get from members.

***Congratulations***

*To Betty Willson and Val Acklin, for winning the club's Wednesday Night pairs competition, and to Richard McLauchlan and Peter Gill, for winning outright an Open pairs event at QBC.*

**Bob Dancer, President**

## ARANA'S FIRST OVERALL PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS – 1 DEC 02-12-2002

A field of 20 pairs took part in this inaugural event. It was played as a 19 round Howell with 3 board rounds. Richard McLauchlan was the Director. And the winners were:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Helen and Richard McLauchlan**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Geoff Gulley and Tony Lye**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jan Rae and Kath Rooney**

Congratulations.

## TUESDAY'S PRESIDENTS PAIRS RESULTS

The Tuesday Pairs (Green points) started on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October, continuing on the 15<sup>th</sup> and finishing on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was a well attended competition with 44 pairs participating, and with our own dealing machine duplicating the hands, there were no extra costs involved.

The first three place winners were:

**1) – Peter Gill and Betty Willson**

**2) – Wella Hooper and Allan McIntyre**

**3) – Julie Cutmore and Yvonne Auer**

Handicap winners – Wella Hooper and Allan McIntyre

Congratulations to all.

## WEDNESDAY PAIRS RESULTS

A total of 26 pairs were in the competition played on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> of November.

The winners were:

**1) Val Acklin and Betty Willson**

**2) Helen McLauchlan and Margaret Welldon**

**3) Julie Cutmore and Peter Gill**

Handicap winners: Natalie Bloch and Ibrahim Diallo

Congratulations to all.

## MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS AS OF - 31 October 2002

<i>Graduate</i>	Susan Lewis Phillip Ricketts
<i>Club</i>	Garry Bathis
<i>Local</i>	Margaret Dancer Barbara Holmes Warren Holmes

	Cherie Maher
<i>Local *</i>	Neil Hamilton Robert Matthew Rosemary Matthew
<i>State</i>	Darlene Smith
<i>State *</i>	Valerie Cran Barry Mitchell
<i>National</i>	Margaret Welldon
Congratulations to you all.	

## MINORS, MINORS, MINORS

NORTHERN SUBURBS had a relatively small turnout of 32 tables for its November pairs congress. The format was a 12 round Swiss of 9 boards with Butler (IMP) scoring. I seemed to get a lot of 2-suited hands and 5-0 trump breaks were not uncommon. On Sunday, I seemed to be eternally picking up hands containing the minors. Session 3, board 3 –

A K 10 7 3	2
A K J 4	--
K Q 4	A 9 8 7 6 3 2
2	K Q 7 6 4

Being your typical testosterone charged male, my first instinct was to open 4NT, asking partner to pick a minor at the 5 level. I decided the hand was too good for that and opted for 1D. Partner bid 1S, and over the oppo's 2H, I bid 3C. Helen's 4NT (RKCB in clubs) got 5S (2 key cards plus CQ). The only possibles were DA + CAQ, DA + CKQ or CAKQ so Helen bid a confident 6NT. A 990 got us 6 IMPs against the datum of 750. Same session, board 25 –

10 6 5 3	Q
A 10 8	--
K Q 8 3	A J 9 7 4
9 3	A 10 8 7 6 5 4

Another 4NT opening flashed before my eyes, when rightie opened a multi 2D (weak 2H or 2S, or 21-22 balanced). Right, they are not getting an easy run in the majors... 4NT, 5S and Helen's 6D ended the auction. This makes on any lead other than a S (SQ goes on KA, Clubs drop 2-2). Guess what they led? Pity, 4 IMPs out as 5S is 2 or 3 off. Session 4, board 22 –

A	8
J 9 7 2	4
A Q 4 3	K J 10 9 6 5
J 9 7 3	A Q 10 8 6

I'm sure this is the third time I've played this hand! Ok, let's be consistent... 1D, 2S, X, 4S... why didn't I just open 4NT?.. 5C, 5S, 6C, 6S, X! Their 6S was 2 off while 6C or 6D makes (the CK is onside). Our 300 against the 390 datum was another 3 IMPs out. It was that sort of congress.

**Richard McLauchlan**

### **Christmas Social Evening -** **16<sup>th</sup> November 2002**

36 Hip-Hopping, Fun-Going Members & Spouses attended the Australian Woolshed Bush Dinner Dance. Everyone got up & joined in the dancing, the Dancers (excuse the pun) & the Matthews were treading the boards all night long. Barbara had a sore hip the next day from all the dancing she & Warren did. Colin & Mary, Tony & Sharon, Keith & Yvonne also enjoyed the dancing. Neil & Jan went once around the block very well indeed, then sat down, but continued to dance on the inside. The rest of us joined in The Progressive Barn Dance; it was fun & now I nearly know how to waltz. Peter Gill looked very cool & groovy in his flamboyant shirt.

Trevor, Margaret's husband, a very funny man, his motto is 'Sex will fix it'. Ailsa was worried about the smell, as she had been fertilising the garden that day, but then realised it was the animals & not she. Anne didn't tell any jokes & was very quiet; she didn't drink, as she was the designated driver, so Geoff could strut his stuff. Barry received an unexpected Water Christening by a Topsy Liz, you don't waste Champagne on that sort of thing! (He didn't do anything to deserve it).

The Arana Contract Bridge Club managed to drink the bar dry of Champagne & the staff rushed off to buy more from the Ferny Grove Tavern. As I was trying to take a photo some annoying man kept bumping me. I whipped around to tell him to keep his hands to himself to discover it was Bob

Pearce playing tricks on me. Richard managed to spill red wine on his trousers & Helen's jacket after only 2 glasses (Tut Tut). I found a \$50.00 note outside, it was lonely, so I kept it. The Security Man No. 256 (very cute indeed) was looking very serious & concerned about the entire goings on; he was keeping a close eye on the 'Rebel Rousers' & 'The Mull Boys'.

The Animal Smell was Intensive - *but one got used to it.*

The Food was OK - *but one ate it.*

The Band was Loud - *but one enjoyed it.*

Conversation was impossible - *so forget it.*

The Dancing was Fun - *so one did it.*

The Alcohol Flowed Freely - *so one drank it.*

It was a fabulous evening enjoyed by all, any suggestions on next year's Christmas Social Event are most welcome.

Cheers,

**Caroline Black**

#### **ARANA CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

7:30 pm Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2002

#### *"Highlights"*

1) Tramway Street sign to be replaced, BCC requested two more quotes.

2) Dealing Machine is now under the direction of Barry Mitchell, who will roster operators.

3) Negotiations continue with Telstra to reduce the monthly connection fee for two lines. We may have to go to only one line for both phone and Internet connection. We missed the deadline for the Yellow Pages for club listing.

4) Negotiations continue with the BCC (Megan Rowe) in relation to our car parking problems.

5) Multi-event sessions came up for discussion. Helen is costing the sessions which we hope to commence during 2003.

6) New Members Ratified:

Peter Cuffe

Josephine McKittrick

Peita Grant

Cynthia Jamie

7) 18 Red Point Days have been assigned for 2003:

- Tuesday Teams 3
- Wednesday Teams 3
- Championship Pairs 2
- Championship Teams 2
- Forest Place Pairs 1
- Monday Sessions 1
- Tuesday Sessions 1
- Wednesday Sessions 1
- Friday Sessions 2
- Saturday Sessions 2

8) 2003 Arana Members Booklet: Current membership and calendar are being reviewed prior to printing the booklet. (**NOTE: if your phone number has changed be sure to advise the secretary so it can be correctly printed.**)

9) CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The following was decided:

- No Table Fees
- Own Partner
- Lucky Door
- Lucky Chair

Club to provide Wine, O/Juice and Beer

Members requested to bring a plate

Normal Play

Val Cran is to organize about 15 items as give-aways

Barry Mitchell has offered to donate some prizes

10) MEMBERS SUGGESTIONS

Include the following:

- Umbrella rack
- Long life milk

Geoff is following up.

Next Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2002

### Another Senior Moment

When I went to lunch today, I noticed an old lady sitting on a park bench sobbing her eyes out. I stopped and asked her what was wrong. She said, "I have a 22 year old husband at home. He makes love to me every morning and then gets up and makes me pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and freshly ground coffee." I said, "Well, then why are you crying?" She said, "He makes me homemade soup for lunch and my favourite brownies and then makes love to me for half the afternoon." I said, "Well, why are you crying?" She said, "For dinner he makes me a gourmet meal with wine and my favourite dessert and then makes love to me until 2:00 a.m." I said, "Well, why in the world would you be crying?" She said, "I can't remember where I live!"



## LIBRARY LINES by Ilene Bishop Arana Bridge Club Librarian

"Answer the simple question: how many tricks at no-trump do you have in the following hand?"

- ♠ K Q
- ♥ K Q J 10
- ♦ K Q J 10
- ♣ K Q J

If you emerge with any answer other than ONE you have not been thinking along straight lines. Give the defender on lead ten spades to the ace and three outstanding aces and you will make precisely one trick in a no-trump contract." The above is quoted from "**Bridge: from average to expert**" (B4) by Barry Seabrook. He admits that this is an unlikely circumstance, but he used it to illustrate that a player must avoid the habits of complacency, mental lethargy and illogical thinking. He must be ready to carefully think about each contract, no matter how simple or elementary it seems.

Obviously, the information you gain each time an opponent fails to follow suit, allows you to form a picture of the distribution of the remaining suits, thus bringing into consideration the probabilities of the location of key cards. Hands that require prodigious feats of card play for success occur extremely rarely, but concentration is needed for every hand played.

Although this book was published in 1979, it offers well thought out and detailed explanations of the play of cards to achieve success at the card table. As the title suggests, it is geared to the average to expert player, not beginners. That does not preclude a beginning player from gaining insight into more experienced play.

In conclusion, Barry Seabrook writes, "Hopefully, then, this book will have helped to improve your thinking as well as your approach. It has certainly helped mine, and not the least that I have learned to accept is a measure of humility, since a number of the deals described... were in fact misplayed by me."



## Bridge Hand of the Month

By Bobby Wolfe

"Nothing in the world is so incontinent as a man's accursed appetite." -Homer

Vul N-S

Dealer S

♠ A 7 4 3	
♥ J 8 2	
♦ A 10 6	
♣ 7 4 3	
♠ 2	♠ Q 10 9 8 6 5
♥ K 4 3	♥ A
♦ J 9 7 4 3 2	♦ K Q 8 5
♣ 8 5 3	♣ A 6
	♠ K J
	♥ Q J 10 9 7 6 5
	♦ --
	♣ K Q J 10 9

W	N	E	S
P	2♥	2♠	1♥
P	P	P	4♥
Opening Lead ♠2			

South was like a hungry man in a cafeteria line. He couldn't decide upon a choice of meat and vegetables because he couldn't keep his eyes off the desserts.

West's 2♠ bore all the earmarks of a singleton, but no matter; South couldn't resist the free finesse in that suit. He ducked in dummy and triumphantly won the first trick with his jack.

A trump was led to East's ace and the obvious spade return was ruffed with West's low trump. Still to come for the defence were the trump king and the CA, South paying off with down one.

South makes his game easily if he takes time to guard against West's impending spade ruff. He refuses the free finesse at trick one and rises with dummy's A♠ instead. On dummy's ♦A, he discards his ♠K and it's now safe to lead trumps. East wins and leads a spade, but it's no use. South loses only two trumps and one club, scoring game and rubber instead of paying off with down one.

## "WISDOM"

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions. "How old are you?" "I'm four and a half!" You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half going on five!

That's the key. You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead. "How old are you?" "I'm going to be 16!" You could be 13, but hey, you're gonna be 16!

And then the greatest day of your life... you become 21. Even the words sounds like a ceremony...

**YOU BECOME 21. YESSSS!!!**

But then you turn 30. Oooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk. He TURNED, we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed? You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Whoa! put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50... and your dreams are gone. But wait!!! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would! So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50 and MAKE it to 60. You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you HIT Wednesday!

You get into your 80s and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you TURN 4:30; you REACH bedtime. And it doesn't end there. Into the 90s, you start going backwards; "I was just 92." Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. "I'm 100 and a half!" May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half!

*"Wisdom" by George Carlin*





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- Partner Contact – Betty Willson – 3355-2519



### Important Dates

- Sun 8 Dec – Zone InterClub Teams (Arana)
- Mon 16 Dec – Christmas Party
- Tue 17 Dec – Christmas Party
- Wed 18 Dec – Christmas Party



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