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From the PRESIDENT

By the time this goes to print our annual Christmas party will have been held. If you were unable to attend the event, I am happy to announce that Robert Matthew won the Club Member of the Year award for his untiring work as Master Point secretary, dealer and for the countless hours he has devoted to the Bridgmate implementation.

The 2008 interclub Pairs event between Arana Redcliffe and Caboolture/Bribie is scheduled for Sunday 11th January (you have to pretend it is the 2008 for one day). If you are interested in playing in this event, please nominate your pair on the form provided on the notice board.

Some good news on car parking: As part of the work being done on the football oval, the council will build an access road via the lower embankment to the rear of the building where a large car park will be built. Hopefully this will ease our car parking problems.

As this is my last report for the year, on behalf of the committee, I wish you all the very best for the festive season and the New Year. A reminder to all our able-bodied members: to please reserve the top section of the car park for those who are less mobile, in particular the nearest 3 spaces on either side, for disabled members.

David Lehmann

Etiquette: please see page 3 of the members' booklet. In particular:

No.2 Players should refrain from making gratuitous comments during the auction and play.

No.5 Players should refrain from summoning and addressing the director in a manner discourteous to him or other contestants.

BOOK REVIEW

“25 ways to be a better Defender” by Barbara Seagram and David Bird

This is one of our recently acquired books. It is from a series which includes:

- 25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know
- 25 More Bridge Conventions You Should Know
- 25 Ways to Compete in the Bidding
- 25 Ways to Take More Tricks as Declarer

Everyone agrees that Defence is the hardest part of playing Bridge and therefore is the greatest challenge.

Section 1 deals with the basics of sound defence. It includes leads, signals and discards, second and third hand play and whether to have an active or passive defence.

Section 2 covers building a picture of the closed hand. This includes clues from the bidding, the rule of eleven, choosing a helpful discard and keeping the right cards.

Section 3 is titled “becoming a great defender”, something we all aspire to. This includes advice on unblocking honours, destroying declarer's communications, promoting trump tricks and putting declarer to a guess.

I recommend all the books in the series to those trying to improve their game.

Peggy Whittaker

PROFILE: Marjorie Pickerill



Marjorie Pickerill celebrated her 92nd birthday at a lunchtime feast with the Arana Bridge Club Friday group. Everyone enjoyed her delicious, kiwifruit trimmed, chocolate birthday cake made for her by her daughter Gail, at her Outlook Deli in Bardon.

Born in South Africa, Marjorie went to school in Johannesburg. She has a great love of all sports, played tennis and golf and represented South Africa in Hockey. She met her husband, Jimmy, through sport. He was a double Springbok in Hockey and Soccer. They spent 18 years in Rhodesia, working together supplying mining companies in the Copper Belt. They were there through to its independence.

Marjorie's first husband fought in WW2 with the RAF and was shot down over Iraq. Her mother, who was very active in the Red Cross, encouraged Marjorie to join a 25 woman squad which was seconded to the British Red Cross. She trained in Wiltshire as an ambulance driver and had to learn to maintain the vehicles too.

In Swindon she was involved in the air evacuation just after D-Day, meeting aircraft and taking the wounded to hospitals in the area. In Southampton she was similarly involved with transporting wounded from the hospital ships. She wrote of her experiences in a book, "Special Delivery", which was printed in Australia and well received.

It was only two years ago that she decided to immigrate to Australia to join her family. Having learnt Bridge in her school years under the ACOL system, she now enjoys playing with her bridge partner Ann Wood. Marjorie says "Whatever the

system, it's all based on partnership understanding."

She attributes her longevity to her active, sports-filled life.

Know your Cards:

Card: slang for a queer fellow, an eccentric, a "character".

A cool card: a person who asks for something preposterous or outrageous.

A great card: a bigwig.

A knowing card: a sharp fellow.

To play your cards well: to act judiciously and skilfully.

On the cards: likely to happen.

That was my trump card: my best chance, or my last resort.

To hold all the cards: to hold the disposal of events which will secure success.

To have a card up one's sleeve: to have resources unsuspected by one's opponents.

That's the card!: the right thing (as in that's the ticket).

LINE DANCING

At the beginning of this year, **Brett Jenkins**, a line dance instructor who holds weekly classes at the **Mitchelton Senior Citizens' Hall**, kindly allowed us to distribute our flyers regarding bridge classes etc. to the dancers. From this exercise the bridge club managed to get two new members! So, in return, we are letting you know that Brett will start Beginner classes in March 2009.

Line dancing is great fun and great exercise – better than walking around the streets! If you would like further information, contact Liz, Val, Jan or Deslei.

Recent competition winners:

Tuesday Pairs: 7th & 14th October
Judy Wilkinson and Richard McLauchlan

Arana Novice Teams Congress: 26th Oct
Jo McKitrick, Terry Nowitzki, Bill Herron, Peter Van Eden

Wednesday Pairs: 29th Oct & 5th Nov
Robert Matthew and Rosemary Matthew

Peter's Picks:
CHILDREN

- Mothers of teens know why some animals eat their young.
 - You spend the first 2 years of their life teaching them to walk and talk and the next 16 telling them to sit down and shut up.
 - Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you should not have said,
 - The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awfully behaved than your own.
 - We child-proof our houses, but they are still getting in.
- And so.....
- Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your own children!!

Masterpoint Movements :

Graduate Master

Joan Mackay
Cecily Schuh

Club Master

Dawn Benes
Sobana Ponniah

Local Master

David Backstrom
Lynley Mason
Ann Wood

State Master

Ian Broadley

**State Master*

Peter Van Eden
Lorraine Steele

***National Master*

Valerie Cran

Robert Matthew MP Secretary

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Please let me know if you have a profile of someone in the club you would like to submit or know of anyone who you think would like to be interviewed in 2009.

Quotes to consider

Success is all about the quiet accumulation of small triumphs.

J.P. Donleavy (Irish born writer and dramatist b. 1926)

And

Most all the time, the whole year round, there ain't no flies on me,

But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

Eugene Field

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Ho! Ho! Ho!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Everyone
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**May you all have a happy holiday season and a prosperous 2009.
Keep safe. Carry on Bridging.**