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Contract Bridge Club Inc

The Friendly Club

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President's Report:

Melbourne Cup Day was a great success with lots of lovely hats worn. The winners for Best Hat were Jennie Walker and Ross Shardlow. Thanks go to organizers Lorraine and Val Cran, and Gay and Terry for the sweep. Don't forget the **Christmas Party on Saturday 11th December**. We will be having our Carol Singers and lots of goodies! Please bring a plate and be there by 12 noon. Having a partner is not essential. Welcome to our **new members** Bart Hompes and Bob and Frances Ogilvie.

A REMINDER:
Please remember to leave the two parking bays nearest the club house for those who require close parking.

Val Acklin

POSITIONS VACANT
1. President
2. Committee Members
Members are invited to nominate for the 2011 committee. Please consider if you have something to contribute to the operations of the club. New talent is encouraged

NEED A PARTNER??

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Monday a.m.	Carole Vardy	3366 5397
Monday p.m.	Ray Cowie	3359 6162
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Wednesday p.m.	David Lehmann	3205 7276
Friday a.m.	Lorraine Steele	3351 6173
Saturday	Val Cran	3300 1447

Thought for the day:

A real man
A real man is a woman's best friend. He will never stand her up and never let her down. He will reassure her when she feels insecure and comfort her after a bad day. He will inspire her to do things she never thought she could do; to live without fear or regret. He will enable her to express her deepest emotions and give in to her most intimate desires. He will make sure she always feels as tho' she is the most beautiful woman in the room and will enable her to be confident, sexy, seductive, invincible.... no wait.... sorry.... I'm thinking of wine. Never mind

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Ann Wood

In 1942, during World War II, all pregnant women in North Queensland were transferred to Brisbane as part of the "Brisbane Line" strategy, whereby our government of the day was prepared to surrender Australia north of Brisbane. So that is where I was born. My parents were from Townsville, so when I was 3 weeks old I had my first plane ride in a flying boat. I am the eldest of their 3 daughters.

My primary schooling was at South Townsville. My friendship with Pam Horton dates from that time. Secondary schooling was boarding, in Charters Towers.

After school I did office/accounting work for Dalgety's and AGC. I also ran a baby-sitting agency and saved my pennies to travel overseas as often as possible.

I played lots of sport and represented North Queensland in Table Tennis, Basketball and Vigoro.

I met Arthur, my husband of 44 years, when I returned from Japan in 1965. We married 18 months later. For the first 6 years of married life he studied either part time or full time. In that time we had 2 daughters, the second weighing only 3 lbs at birth. She now has her mother's weight problem! After one year of no study in the house, it was my time to study. I did a Bachelor of Accounting with majors in business and law.

In 1978 I began my accounting practice but had to move it because by this time Arthur had begun to move up the ladder in the PMG/Telecom/Telstra. Our girls went to over 6 schools. Each time we moved, the school head would say "They won't

get those marks at this school. We have a higher standard."... Our girls ended up a Heart Radiologist (Specialist) and an Electrical-Engineer/Lawyer/Patent-Attorney! I now have 4 wonderful grandchildren.

Because we moved so much, I was forced to sell my practice twice but I always kept about 100 clients as a base to start anew. Eventually Arthur was transferred to Melbourne to help set up the new mobile phone network as Australian Marketing Manager. We spent nearly 9 years in Melbourne and were part of the "rent a crowd", dining with the then Prime Minister and were part of the social set which was not my scene. We also had a minder at one stage for 6 months...

I was returning from a family visit to Townsville, to be met by Arthur who said "this is Peter and he will be with us for a while". What a shock! At home, the windows in our house had been armoured plated. We had panic buttons throughout our house and we could not go out without Peter. It was all tied to Arthur's job. By this time he was the Australian Manager of MobileNet.

Because we moved so much, I had clients from Tasmania to Cairns. I had a laptop, a station wagon for the files and I would travel between Melbourne and Cairns each year servicing my regular clients and friends. This way I got to see the country and work at the same time. Twice I fell asleep at the wheel on these long hauls, luckily only hitting the rough edge of the road and waking up.

Over the years I have travelled extensively on holidays:- to the USA, Caribbean, Hawaii, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, China, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Borneo, Singapore, New Guinea, Mariana Islands, Guam, Argentina, New Zealand, The Pacific Island and of course, all over Australia. I think Japan is my pick.

Early in our lives we became involved in the vintage car movement. We have 3! One we started with just a radiator, and built it from that. I learnt a lot about cars and how they work... hold this; move that; put your foot on the pedal etc. We built our current home to cater for the vintage cars/workshop. Another interest has been researching the family tree back to the 1500's.

Arthur was head hunted to Sydney where we lived for 3 years. Once again I moved my accounting practice. I enjoyed Sydney a lot more than Melbourne but my love is Brisbane. Finally, after 34 moves, we moved back and I practiced in Milton until I sold out in 2005 having been diagnosed with Cancer.

My grandmother taught me how to play bridge when I was 8. I joined QCBC in 1988

but gave it up in 1994 in Melbourne because of work commitments. When I retired, bridge beckoned again. Arana Bridge Club is so friendly and has given me some wonderful friendships and for that I appreciate you all.

AnnWood

(Ann is just back from a brief stint in hospital and keeping up her Bridge playing!)

BOOK REVIEW

“Roman Keycard Blackwood”

By Barbara Seagram and Linda Lee

Target reader: More advanced players.

This book covers Roman Keycard Blackwood and Gerber. It is easy to follow with many examples and is written in simple language. The authors explain what the system of Roman keycard Blackwood actually is and give many examples on bidding to achieve a Slam hand. The book outlines a large number of auctions where players can follow the easy –to-read diagrams to achieve maximum points.

There is a section which I found particularly useful called “Working Alone”. This section gives an in-depth description of 40 dealt hands which do not always achieve the slam contract and therefore require that the reader determine for himself which is the best method of bidding. This helps the reader to decide whether he/she should in fact, be going for a slam contract.

There is another section on “Sample Auctions”. This again contains 40 illustrated hands which the reader can peruse and see how each slam is achieved. I found this section a great help for learning to apply Roman keycard Blackwood to my play.

In “Practice Hands” the authors have supplied 40 pairs of North and South hands which can be copied and used with a partner, to practice bidding.

I would highly recommend this book to players who have been playing for some time and wish to advance their skills to include this system.

Terry Nowitzki

Oh What a Beautiful Contract

Oh what a beautiful contract (sing with gusto)
Our bidding was eager and strong
I've got a beautiful feeling
Nothing can ever go wrong.

There are 5 trumps between the defenders
I'll extract 'em and make them surrender
I lay down my ace with a smile on my face (smile)
But the split is 5-zero and it slows down my pace.

It's still a beautiful contract (still happy)
Nearly as secure as before
Now I will certainly dictate
Surely I'll suffer no more.

There's a side suit to care for my losers
But if they ruff then it will not do sir
I only had one – but defender had none
And suddenly this contract's a little less fun.

I'm in a hopeful contract (cross fingers in the air)
Still several things could go right
I'll get proceedings back on track
Giving it one mighty fight (make a fist)

There's a two-way finesse for the queen
If I catch her I'll really feel keen
A count says go left – and I pray it's correct...
But the queen's on my right and I'm feeling depressed.

Oh what a miserable contract
How did we get up so high??? (snarl at partner)
I can't escape the feeling
I'm just one unlucky guy. (shake head mournfully)

**As sung by Mary Ewing,
with apologies, to Rogers and Hammerstein.**

Q. If in a rainstorm, you see a parrot wearing a raincoat, why is this good for you???

A. Because he is Polly-unsaturated!!

Q. What's so nice about egotists???

A. They never talk about other people.

STANDBY PARTNERS REQUIRED

In order to increase table numbers, and perhaps form new partnerships, the club now runs two sessions where a partner is not required. These sessions are Monday afternoon and Saturday. To provide this service we need people to volunteer to be the "standby partner". That person will have a FREE GAME and either is available at home, to come in within 15 minutes of the start of session, or come in and wait to see if they are required. All levels of experience

are very welcome. New players may benefit by playing with an experienced person and experienced players may learn something from a new partnership. Many players have enjoyed this facility but to keep it going we desperately need volunteers. Please either put your name on the standby list or see Judy Carr or Lorraine Steele. Thanks.

Please support those who support us: AVEO, IGA Brookside, Arana Leagues Club, Flight Centre.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR ANNUAL COMPETITIONS:

Club Teams Championship:

1. Irena Hall, Janelle Cuffe, Helen McLauchlan, Richard McLauchlan
2. Murray Perrin, Julie Brook, Tim Runting, Craig Francis

Club Novice Teams:

1. Ian Broadley, Gary Ypinazar, Joyce Maris, Peter Moritz
2. Gabriel Boross, Pamela Feehely, Gerri Hodgson, Jenna Edwinsmith

Club Pairs Championship:

Outright: Craig Francis , Tim Runting **Handicap:** Val Acklin, Tony Agar

Tuesday Teams:

1. Judy Carr, Terry Nowitzki, David Lehmann, John Black
2. Kath Rooney, Jan Rae, Joan Mills, John Scrivens

Wednesday Teams:

1. David Lehmann, Ray Cowie, Alan Norman, Beverley Quine
2. Jo McKitrick, Judy Carr, Val Acklin, Betty Willson, Gay Hull

Neil Hamilton Memorial Pairs:

N/S: David Lehmann, John Black **E/W:** Pam Ryan, Jan May

Monday Pairs:

Outright: Mary Ewing, Richard McLauchlan **Handicap:** Betty Willson, Janelle Cuffe

Tuesday Pairs:

Outright: Tony Agar, Joyce Rosser **Handicap:** Annette Draper, Beverley Clair

Wednesday Pairs:

Outright: Jo McKitrick, Judy Carr **Handicap:** Ray Garske, Jim Fouras

Friday Pairs:

Outright: Val Acklin, Joyce Rosser **Handicap:** John Martin, Arthur Pomery

This is the last issue of "Trump It" I will be editing. I have enjoyed the job and learnt a lot from it. My thanks to Barbara Holmes for taking me through "Computing 101", my thanks to all at Arana Bridge Club for forgiving the editing mistakes I made and welcome to the new editor, Bart Hompes, who will take over next year. I wish you all a Happy Christmas season, and a healthy and successful 2011.
Lynley Mason

