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CORRECTION TO RESULTS OF JUDY VALENTINE WEDNESDAY NIGHT TEAMS

HANDICAP WINNER SHOULD HAVE READ - GEOFF GULLEY, TONY LYE, TONY AGAR, PHILIP SMITH AND NEIL HAMILTON.

My apologies to all for the error.
 Congratulations to all.

MONDAY PAIRS RESULTS:

FIRST PLACE:

Marjorie Ryder and Betty Willson

SECOND PLACE:

Pam Horton and Jenny Lewis

THIRD PLACE:

Daphne and Keith Buse

HANDICAP WINNERS:

Arthur Pomery and Kathy Burgess

Congratulations to all.

NEW MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

Graduate Charles Chambers
 Christine Chambers
 Peter Crawshaw

Club Annette Draper
 Anne Gulley

Local	Kay Milliner Edna Miscamble Maureen Pascoe Neil Hamilton Anne Harris Maree Tyas
Local *	Geoff Gulley Joyce Riley
Local **	Mort Coleman Olga Coleman
State	Alison Fulwood Lillian Kemp Barry Mitchell
State *	Vonnie Wallace Margaret-Ann Weldon
National	Liz Marshall Kath Rooney

Congratulations to every one.

Helen McLauchlan, Masterpoint Secretary

From the President

As everyone has seen from the photographs, the new Sports and Recreation Centre is proceeding very well. While the building is proceeding to schedule, we will not be able to order many of the interior fit out items until the results of the gaming grants are known in December. This means that much of the furniture will not be available until late January or early February. Gary is looking quite relaxed about the project, while Pam has certainly been getting plenty of feedback on carpets and vinyl tiles. The sod-turning publicity was very good, thanks to our hard-working publicity officer.

The Property Management Subcommittee has had its first meeting, and has made good progress on

insurance of the centre. Chairman Barbara is looking only a little shell-shocked.

We have to do quite a bit of work to improve the smoothness of internal club tournaments, which have had their ups and downs this year. Some of the problems are because of very large entries with lots of competitors new to this kind of event. Please keep entering as we love the problems that result--most of the time, anyway! The large fields do put lots of pressure on directors, especially when they are competing as well, and some of the scores this year show this. Past decisions on these topics are also hard to find at times, a problem which should improve when we have a club filing system in a single location.

I would suggest we look at the following for next year:-

- Daphne Buse and Bob Pearce have done a good job on tournament rules, and the committee intends, in discussion with them, to continue the work to cover scoring methods, and entry fees.
- We should consider if outside directors are appropriate for some of these events.
- We should examine how we schedule these events with so many days and nights to choose from.

There is one issue where every member can help. Directors go to great trouble to construct complex movements so that tournaments are as fair as possible. These movements always assume that the number of teams, or the number of pairs, remains the same throughout the tournament, as to redesign a movement for a different number of players, at short notice, is simply a nightmare. I therefore ask all players to observe these practices:-

- Do not enter a multi-week tournament unless you intend to participate for the full competition.
- If one of your pair or team becomes ill or otherwise unavailable at short notice, it is your responsibility, (not the director's), to find a substitute player. Betty Willson can often help.
- Substitute players must be notified to the director before play starts.
- Try to arrive on time for all competitions.
- Please read the regulations on the entry form thoroughly before entering.

- Remember that club bylaws provide for members to be suspended from club tournaments for up to a year, if they fail to turn up without sufficient reason.

We look forward to your assistance.

Bob Dancer (President)

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 11 September 2001

1. Business Arising From The Minutes

Suggestion Box – Carolyn Black has provided a Suggestion Box which is now in place for members use.

Training Course – Currently being run by Lorraine Fredericks has up to 20 attendees; as well as a very good turn out on the Monday afternoon intermediate class.

2. New Members for Ratification

The following new member was approved – Peter Gill.

3. General Business

Monday Teams – The survey carried out by Geoff Gulley resulted in 55 in favour and 25 against the holding of this event in 2002. The committee decided to delay any decision pending the allocation of red points for the year.

Members Booklet – A list has been placed on the notice board and members have been requested to update address and phone number in the event of any changes prior to the organisation of the new booklet early next year.

Scorer/Masterpoint Secretary – Helen McLauchlan has offered her services for these positions and the committee has approved her appointment.

Score Sheets – It was suggested that the directors request members to show leads on the score sheet for the benefit of all.

Geoff Gulley, Secretary

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR BRIDGE PLAYERS

1. Thou shalt not play any game other than bridge whilst at the bridge table.
2. Thou shalt not call a misdeal just because thou hast been dealt no picture cards.

3. Thou shalt never take the rules of bridge in vain.
4. After losing three games, thou shalt not cry, nor stamp thy feet, nor set fire to the bridge table.
5. Thou shalt honour thy tournament director's decision, even though thou might find it unfavourable.
6. When thy partner makes a mistake, thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not resort to hand signals, meaningful looks, or kicks under the table to instruct thy partner.
8. If thou breakest Commandment 7, thou must not get caught.
9. Thou shalt keep table talk to a minimum, unless thou hast some juicy gossip that will not wait.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy opponents' aces. Nor their kings, nor their success at making seven no trumps doubled and redoubled.

Dorothy Williams

RAFFLE

Towards the end of October Alison and I will be running another \$50 raffle which will be the last for the year. This time there will be two prizes – the usual \$50 and a bottle of bubbly. During November we will start selling tickets for a Xmas hamper to be drawn in December. If anybody would like to donate towards the hamper we would be very grateful.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that at the end of the year Alison and I will be “hanging up our raffle tickets” – so to speak – we ran the club's very first raffle for Easter 1991 and think it is time to pass on the raffle tickets to somebody else. We've had a lot of fun over the years running raffles and sales tables etc. even a “white elephant” table at the Ferny Grove Markets (although it wasn't too much fun getting out of bed at 3 a.m.) and it's been a great way to get to know the club's members. So on behalf of us both I would like to thank you all very sincerely for your kindness and generosity over the years.

Deslei Den Haan



LIBRARY LINES by Ilene Bishop

Arana Bridge Club Librarian

“Tops and Bottoms” (T4) by Pamela and Matthew Granovetter is a collection of 52 hands selected from 200 submitted by 100 world class famous players. According to the Granovetters “the separation of the top echelon from the second level of experts in any sport is measured by a minute difference in ability.”

Each hand is presented, discussed and then a post mortem is held separately by Pamela and Matthew. Following is an excerpt from The Expert's Greatest Fear p.32:

.....Why did he bid four clubs splinter with five to the K-Q-J requires a mini-version of a Socratic dialogue with Freudian overtones to explain.

Kit: I had this great hand, Socrates, with 5-5 in the blacks, and my partner ...opened one spade. The next seat passed and I started thinking.

Socrates: Why were you thinking?

Kit: Well it's the nature of the expert to think even when he doesn't have a problem because the expert may see problems in the future of the auction that the ordinary player does not.

Socrates: The ordinary player visualizes only the auction up to the point that has actually occurred. Is that not so?

Kit: Yes...

Socrates: The ordinary player then makes a bid according to the system he has agreed upon with his partner. Is that not so?

Kit: True. Unguided by finer judgement, he would simply respond two clubs and allow the non-vulnerable opponents to enter the auction, creating havoc with one of their red suits, finding a sacrifice, **PREEMPTING TO THE FIVE LEVEL BEFORE YOU COULD EVEN BLACKWOOD!!!!**

Socrates: Calm yourself my friend. These bridge dialogues are fraught with emotion.

Socrates: Well, ahem, you are of course not an ordinary player and therefore you are entitled to formulate plans in the bidding that will help deter the opponents from entrance into your auctions. Hmm. And did this deter your West from bidding?

Kit: That's the pity of it! He was too dumb to see the dangers of my singleton club. Over my four club bid, West bid four no trumps for the red suits!.....

Kit: True, Socrates. So what does this all teach us? Surely you don't mean to imply that being ordinary is better than being expert.

Socrates: Did you lose the match on this hand?

Kit: Yes, that is why I remember it so well.

Socrates: Then being expert is better than being ordinary because had you been ordinary you would have won your match and never learned a great lesson...

Kit: You mean bid my own cards and not worry about the opponents?

Socrates: I mean KEEP IT SIMPLE STUPID!!!!

The entire hand is presented midway through the above discussion on p.34.

This is a book for the intermediate to advanced player, but beginners will enjoy the stories-Tops and Bottoms.



Bridge Hand of the Month

By Eddie Kantar

Vul – Nil
Deal - South

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

W	N	E	S
			1♠
P	2♦	P	2♠
P	3♥	P	4♠
P	6♠	P	P
P			
Opening Lead: ♣J			

Bidding commentary: A common error (partner's, of course) is getting a bit carried away with the South hand and jumping to 3♠ over the 2♦ response. The suit is strong enough but the hand is not. A better way to show hands of this nature (12 – 14 HCP) is to rebid 2♠ and then jump to 4♠ at your next opportunity. That tells partner you have a great suit with a minimum hand.

Play commentary: With an almost certain trump loser, you are going to have to get rid of both heart losers. The only place to put them is on diamonds – so you have to set up those diamonds! The entry situation is so critical that you must find diamonds 3 – 3. The only logical line is to play the ♦A and ruff a diamond at tricks two and three, ruff your ♣K and then ruff a second diamond. If diamonds are 3-3, you are almost home. Continue with the ♠A, ♠K and a third spade. If spades are 3-2, you will be able to shed both hearts on dummy's diamonds. Don't be surprised to hear the opponents talking to themselves after this one.

THE BOTTOM LINE:

- Don't forget dummy's side suit when planning the play.
- If you plan to try to use dummy's side suit, consider the entry situation. If the entries aren't there, look for something else.
- Avoid jump rebids with minimum point count hands. Partner usually takes you to the moon when you were only hoping to go to the bank. Save your jump for the third bid.

Important dates

- Tues 16 Oct – President's Pairs (wk 3)
- Wed 17 Oct – Wednesday Pairs (wk 3)
- Sat 20 Oct – BBC Congress
- Sun 21 Oct – BBC Congress
- Wed 24 Oct – Australia-Wide Spring Pairs
- Fri 26 Oct – Magnetic Pairs Congress (Townsville)
- Sat 27 Oct – Same as above
- Sun 28 Oct – Same as above
- Sun 28 Oct – Qld graded teams QCBC
- Sat 3 Nov – N. Suburbs Pairs Congress
- Sun 4 Nov - N. Suburbs Pairs Congress
- Tues 6 Nov – Melbourne Cup
- Sat 10 Nov – Eastern Suburbs Swiss Pairs
- Sun 11 Nov – Surfers Novice Teams
- Sun 11 Nov – Western Suburbs Novice Teams
- Sun 18 Nov – QCBC pairs