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Editor's desk

EXPECT some minor problems in September when the hall's entrance is scheduled for repair. It won't stop the bridge, but all entry will have to be through the side doors.

Sunnybank are due to play the annual teams grudge match on 10 September. Normal play will be on for those not involved in the teams, with a better than average supper after play.

The scorer would like a little more care on the travelling score sheets. Please ensure that all player's names and numbers are entered legibly. Unless it is their first time at Arana, visitors will have a computer number, so please check the list on the noticeboard.

The Grand Slam Bridge Centre at Hamilton is moving into the mainstream bridge scene by seeking affiliation with the QBA/ABF.

Richard McLauchlan

Management committee

CAROL Wilson accepted an invitation on to the committee.

Besides bidding slips, Forest Place Retirement Villages offered sponsorship of a club competition but declined the congress. A request for \$500 for a one day comp on a Sunday with entry open to members and F/Place residents was considered too high and we await a counter offer.

Judy Valentine's thoughts about starting intermediate play sessions to be sought.

Several members met with Cr Battersby and a Pine Shire engineer on site to consider a 50 m square piece of land in the James Drysdale Reserve for a clubhouse. The land is on top of a ridge next to the buffer zone along Bunya Road (see back page). The surrounding land is the current dump. Once our interest is noted, the areas closest to it will be filled first and access provided

for building as soon as practical. The site is a good size for a club house and parking. Additional parking would also be available, on adjoining and nearby land.

The council will level the block to our requirements, provide access roads and reasonable access to water and other services. Electricity and all building costs will be our responsibility. We would pay for garbage, water, and minimal rent for the land which is far less than the Brisbane City Council charge.

Cr Battersby anticipated that the site would be available for building in about four years. While registering our interest, we are not bound to take up the site if a better or cheaper alternative is found.

We have also signified our interest to the Brisbane City Council in obtaining land on the old Ferny Grove dump in Tramway Street as it was due to be reclassified in July, probably to now suitable for building. Four years time will reduce any necessary borrowing to minimal and we would be eligible for the maximum Government grant available.

Finances: term deposit \$131,277.80; cash \$5,527; congress profit \$805.37. As the going rate at two day congresses with lunch on Sunday only is \$45, the treasurer recommended that our entry fee increase to at least \$48 next year.

During the week of 8 September, some major reconstruction starts in the breezeway of the hall. All sessions will proceed as normal but entry will be via the side sliding doors.

Our annual teams match against Sunnybank is on 10 September. We expect Sunnybank to bring 6 teams and will be looking to field our strongest possible opposition. Normal play will be available for non-teams participants. Offers to help with food to Joan Fitz-Herbert please.

Helen McLauchlan (vp/ treasurer)

Arana teams champions

THE 1997 teams championships were run over 3 weeks in June. The Tuesday competition attracted 16 teams and was run as a 9 round swiss (3 weeks of 3 x 8 board matches). The Wednesday event was an incomplete round robin (playing 9 of 11 rounds) of 9 board matches. Handicap results were determined by multiplying the total VPs by the team handicap which was calculated from each players handicap as at the start of each event. The winners were:

Tuesday

Outright

1. Horton: Pam, Jenny, Ailsa, Merilyn
2. Wood: Rita, Betty, Val A, Joyce
3. Box: Allan, Ted, Mary C, Ken

Handicap

1. Box
2. Horton
3. Bishop: Ilene, Mary W, Deslei, Alison

Wednesday

Outright

1. Cullen: Trevor, Darryl, Helen, Richard
2. Horton: Pam, Jenny, Joyce, Gary
3. Miller: Muriel, Val C, Ted, Allan

Handicap

1. Horton
2. Cullen
3. Miller

The Bishop team deserves an honourable mention. They tied with Box (152 VPs) for third on Tuesday but ran fourth on Imps (185 to 181) and were beaten by the narrowest of margins (120.019 to 120.015) for the handicap prize.

Queensland graded pairs

A SMALL Arana contingent (Joyce Rosser & Jenny Lewis, Betty Willson & Rita Wood, Helen & Richard McLauchlan) contested the graded pairs at QCBC, all in the middle (state-national) section. Given that former Aranans, Val Welland & Graham Mahoney finished mid-field in the novice section, I'm sure many of our novices would have been competitive.

Our section was a 19 table swiss with 5 boards per round. We soon fell into place with Jenny-Joyce consistently at tables 1-6, Helen & me at 7-13 and Rita-Betty at 12-19 (and almost into the smoker's room at one stage). After an ordinary morning, we started to find form in the afternoon and managed to meet Joyce-Jenny in round 9. They took the honours 96-84. In round 10 (the second last), board 12 was one that got away...

12/ N-S/ W	J 9 8 6 3	
	Q 10 9	
	J 9 3	
7	Q 3	K Q 10 4 2
A K 8 6 5 3 2		J 4
Q 6		A 8 5 4
9 5 2	A 5	J 10
	7	
	K 10 7 2	
	A K 8 7 6 4	

Helen (W) opened a multi-2D; N passed; I bid 2H (alerted); and S came in with 3C. Helen bid 3H showing a weak hand with 7 Hs; I passed and S tried again with 4C which I doubled. Helen led the HK and switched to the S7 won by S, who cleared trumps in 3 rounds.

I was not a happy little vegemite when S now led the D2 towards dummy and Helen did not rise with the DQ. Dummy's DJ forced out my A; I took the SK and exited with a D. S played the K felling Helen's Q and 4C* made for -710 instead of +200 for 1 down.

We completed a good final round, got a hand record and headed for the post-match food. I went looking for this board to show Helen why she should have risen with the DQ but couldn't find it. (I was looking for a board with N holding DJ-x-x). My own scorer showed board 12 as the culprit but... the N and E hands were transposed!

Helen charged off to Reg and Joan to point out the fouled board - directors really love this sort of thing after the last round when half the field has already gone home. Our opponents agreed the board was fouled (we all remember the DJ in dummy) and the scores were adjusted - ours from 3 (=2nd bottom) to 22 (60%). That helped push us to 8th just in front of Joyce and Jenny.

Richard McLauchlan

Lockyer congress

WHERE the hell is Laidley said the entry form for the Lockyer congress? Answer: out in pumpkin scone country, but no problem for those of us who played last year. Word must have spread re the food and hospitality as the field increased markedly in numbers and strength this year. Joyce Rosser & Val Acklin, Rita Wood & Betty Willson and Helen & I were the Aranans in the 20 table field.

Reg and Joan were again officiating, Joan informing me early that I was not getting any hand records today (making it hard to find a fouled board). Playing a 10 round 5 board swiss, Helen & I drew E-W for the whole 5 morning rounds and

did not have the run of the cards. Both Val and I came unstuck on board 14.

14/ Nil/ E	Q 5 3	
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	A Q 9 2	
K 3	A Q 10 6 3 2	J 10 7 6
A Q J 10 5 3 2		K 9 6
J 8 7 5		K 10 6 4
--	A 9 8 4	9 8
	8 7 4	
	3	
	K J 7 5 4	

After 2 passes, Helen (W) opened 1H which N doubled; I bid 2H (less than 10 hcp); S bid 2S; Helen 3H; N 4C; pass; 5C. After some thought ('the 5 level is for the opponents': Larry Cohen), Helen bid 5H. N now cogitated and bid 6C, to which I said 'NO' and doubled!. Val also doubled their opponents in 6C.

The opening H lead was ruffed, as were many Ds, declarer losing only the SK, making 6C* for 1090. It was some small consolation that our opponents were the ultimate winners, Nadya & Anthony Tuxworth.

Joyce and Val were in the top third of the field all day, Helen & I in the middle, while Rita & Betty spent a lot of time chatting with the locals until 2 good rounds by them (and 2 poor ones by us) allowed them to sneak past us.

Richard McLauchlan

Bundaberg congress

THE 97 Arana contingent to Bundaberg was Ailsa & Philip Smith, Pam Horton & Jenny Lewis, Rita Wood & Helen McLauchlan, and Bob Pearce & Richard McLauchlan. All bar Bob & Rita drove up on Friday, so I partnered Helen in the Friday night social match.

Playing E-W, we were doing very nicely until just after half way when several pairs announced 'we've already played these boards'. The director had a 9½ table movement and intended to skip after 5 rounds (one shouldn't skip with half-tables) but forgot to put boards on the half-table so the movement was hopelessly fouled and we woz robbed!

On Saturday, Helen & Rita had the best of Qual 1, tying for 1st with Mortess-Young. After an ordinary 4th, Bob was heard muttering something about jet-lag and Mrs Valentine having a lot to answer for, for the N-S cards. Qual 2 proved even better for Rita & Helen who won outright and qualified top for the championship, while the rest of us went to the plate.

Sunday morning, we were all hoping Rita & Helen could continue their Saturday form, but things looked grim when their opening round scored -9 and last. Undeterred, they fought back over the next five rounds and hit the lead by 1 point at lunch for their 3rd sessional win. Bob & I were doing best of the rest with a fair 3rd.

In the final session, it seemed very much like 2 steps forward and 1 step back (or more like 1 forward and 2 back to Pam & Jenny) as we failed to make ground on the leaders. Board 22 did provide some help.

22/ EW/ E	A K Q 6 2	
	8 7 4 3 2	
	8 7	
J 8 7 5 4 3	4	10 9
A J		K Q 10 9 5
9 4 2		K 3
A 2	--	J 9 7 5
	6	
	A Q J 10 6 5	
	K Q 10 8 6 3	

I (S) opened a 3 loser 2D and Bob bid 2S (alert: SA or K); 3C got 3S (alert: SA & K); 4C showed my 2-suiter and Bob jumped to 5D. Knowing Bob had 2 quick S tricks, W led the HA, CA, then HJ which I ruffed. A small C was ruffed in dummy and my C10 & 8 were discarded on the SA & K. The D8 to the Q, followed by the DA felled E's K and 11 tricks rolled in. Pam & Jenny also unsuccessfully defended 5D.

The championship played this board in the last round. Helen and Rita were then 4th (1 point off third and 3 from 2nd) and played in a poor 5C going off, ultimately losing the round by -1. However, Mortess & Young (3rd) playing Choy Show & Carmody (2nd) also bid to 5D.

W led the S8 won by dummy's A, Peter (S) discarding the H6, then the C3 on the SK. The SQ followed and E erred badly when he ruffed with the DK, over-ruffed by S. The CK pushed out the A and the S return was ruffed. The C6 was ruffed in dummy and a H ruffed in hand. The C8 was ruffed by W but now E's CJ will fall on the Q. That helped Peter & Jessica to a +20 win and 2nd place, leaving Helen & Rita in a very tidy third behind M & J Kent and Jessica & Peter.

Bob & I had a comfortable 3rd in the plate but the honours were convincingly with Helen & Rita. Three sessional wins, an overall third in the championship and Helen probably robbed by the foul up on Friday night. I just don't understand how neither of them scored in the raffle.

Richard McLauchlan

