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Editor's desk

THE first round of the Brisbane Zone finals of the GNOT saw the HORTON team hit the front. Glory was fleeting however, neither HORTON nor CUTMORE threatening the big guns in the later rounds.

The building committee has been very active. A special general meeting on Tue 7 Sep produced a very positive endorsement on progress and proposals to proceed with grant and loan applications for a club house.

Sometime back in about 1994, I hoped that a club house was just around the corner and not one of those glorified year 2000 projects. Now into the second half of 1999, I sincerely hope that the club house is a year 2000 project.

Without dampening any enthusiasm, let's not lose sight of the fact we are applying for grants to get the club house built. There are no guarantees. Every dollar not received via grants is a dollar we have to find elsewhere at commercial rates.

Richard McLauchlan

Management committee

ITEMS of interest from the meeting of 17 August:

Answering machine to be purchased; Arana to be listed in yellow pages.

New web page almost completed and should be up in mid-September.

New photocopier purchased and installed.

Investment account \$172,666, general account \$5,404.

The hall rent has increased from \$2,080 to \$4,940 per annum (from \$40 to \$95 per week).

The building committee has pursued a proposed club house at the Keperra picnic ground/ sports oval site with numerous conferences with BCC executives and councillors, state government executives, other sporting bodies, other bridge

clubs, the QBA, and building contractors. They are endeavouring to scale the project in accord with the available club funds, other possible grants and loans. With negotiations at an advanced stage, the committee requested a special general meeting of members to seek endorsement to proceed further.

The special general meeting is called for 9:00 am 7 September 1999 to debate the motion:

That the club proceed to lodge grant applications with the Brisbane City Council for an amount not less than \$100,000, the State Government for an amount not less than \$50,000, and a loan request to the QBA/ABF for an amount up to \$50,000; being funding assistance required to build the club building at Keperra picnic ground/ sports oval site, generally in accord with the present building proposal of approximately \$360,000.

The Wednesday teams championship will be renamed the Judy Valentine teams championship in appreciation of Judy's outstanding contribution to the Arana club.

The President's (Tuesday) pairs championship will be held on 21 Sep, 28 Sep and 5 Oct. The Club (Wednesday) pairs championship will be on 22 Sep, 29 Sep and 6 Oct.

New members: Gloria Gledhill, Joy Monro, John Andrew, Patricia Andrew, Harry Herriman, Margaret Dancer, Marjorie Ryder, Elaine Lynch, Neil Hamilton, Wayne Lambley.

Ernie Harris (sec)

Masterpoint movements

NEW masterpoint rankings as at the end of June for members whose home club is Arana include:

*National***

Betty Willson

Life

Helen McLauchlan

Jenny Lewis (mp sec)

Bundaberg '99

A NEW clubhouse attracted 18 tables, including Pam Horton, Jenny Lewis, Philip & Ailsa Smith, Joyce Rosser (& Joan Sargent, Bob and me. Directing for the last time was Judy Valentine.

Apart from the venue, the format was also changed. The Friday night friendly was discarded... another ploy by the locals to encourage us to whoop it up and muck up our first qualifying session. Similarly, the Saturday sessions were changed from afternoon and night to morning and afternoon. That allowed us more sleep Saturday night but also more drinking time beforehand.

Pam, Jenny, Bob & I cruised through the first qualifier with sessional wins. A little nap in the afternoon (Friday night finally caught up) got us a third and easily into the championship, while Pam & Jenny scored more wine with another win. Joyce & Joan also managed the championship while Philip and Ailsa were our plate reps.

Pam. & Jenny got away to an early lead, but Bob & I caught them at round 4 and stayed there for the rest of the day despite the odd hiccup. The first round after lunch had us against second placed Ron Lorraway and Jan Dooner.

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| | W | N | E | S |
| 1. Precision, 6Cs, 11-15 | 2C ¹ | / | 2D ² | 4D ³ |
| 2. How good, any extra? | 4H ⁴ | X | 4NT ⁵ | / |
| 3. Vul overbid but I tried! | 5D ⁵ | / | 6C | / ⁶ |
| 4. Heart suit, better than minimum | | | | |
| 5. Aces? 1. | | | | |

6. Bob's double inferred one (maybe 2) trick in Hs, so 6D might only go 4 down for -1100 x vul... that's better than -1370 if they are making 6C. I decided to take our chances in defending. Your lead from the N hand.

With 6Hs and W known to have 4Hs, Bob did not want to risk getting his A ruffed and led a trump... 13 tricks and -1390 didn't look too flash... but half the field bid 6SE, making, when S led the DK rather than the singleton H6 (N did not get a chance to double Hs along the way). So one way

or another, we ended up with a good score. Even sillier is that 6NT is cold for a top!

The opposition got close a couple of times but we held on for a narrow win. The last win in the old clubhouse and the first in the new was quite exciting. One member suggested that if we won it a third time we get to keep the clubhouse... but we would also get the mortgage... we declined.

Richard McLauchlan

Shopping tour

AT 8 am on 28 August, 30 eager shoppers anxious for a bargain or two boarded the Brisbane Warehouse Shopping Tours bus at Brookside Shopping Centre. As the Club was unable to achieve the profits previously gained through our annual Congress, the tour was suggested as an additional fund-raiser.

Members were asked to indicate their preference of date and choice of warehouses and the tour evolved from that information. Prizes to be raffled were donated by the Club (a bottle of wine – ex-Congress), a ceramic plate and chocolates by Deslei, and a book by me.

Because our ladies spent so generously during the day, each warehouse gave us something to include in our raffle. Seven warehouses were visited in the West End/ Red Hill areas during the morning. After lunch at Dooleys, we descended on five warehouses in The Valley/ Mt Gravatt/ Coopers Plains areas, arriving back at Brookside at 6 pm – a long but enjoyable day.

The profit for the Club amounted to \$383.74 (\$319.74 from the dollar value spent on the tour and \$64.00 from the raffle). My thanks to Deslei for her suggestions and assistance, and sincere thanks to the 11 members and their friends who supported this venture and spent so generously.

Club participation was disappointing. I know that Saturday was not suitable to some, but a week day tour was equally unsuitable. The scope is there to generate funds. The buses will seat 53 and without the requirement of monetary outlay by the Club or volunteers to work, it is worth thinking about making this a yearly event.

Carol Wilson

\$100 raffles

NOW that the club house looks like it is “almost a reality”, Alison and I will be running a continual series of \$100 lucky number games until the end of the year.

The cost of a square (numbered from 1 to 100) will be \$2 and as soon as one game is drawn, another will start. We hope you will support our attempt to raise extra funds for the club house.

Deslei Den Haan

Important dates

- Sat 18-19/9 QCBC Festival pairs & teams
- Tue 21-28/9, 5/10 President's pairs
- Wed 22-29/9, 6/10 Pairs championship
- Sat 25-26/9 Caloundra pairs & teams
- Sun 26/9 Surfers Paradise birthday teams
- Sat 2-3/10 Gold Coast club congress
- Sat 9-10/10 Dalby congress
- Sun 10/10 Redlands swiss pairs
- Sun 10/10 Gympie graded pairs
- Sat 16-17/10 BBC (Qld open) pairs

Special general meeting

OPENING speaker at the special general meeting on 9 Sep was QBA and ABF president Keith McDonald. Keith's main points were that all bridge clubs that built their own club house experienced significant growth within 12 months; no club had ever defaulted on a QBA/ ABF loan; loans were generally paid out early.

Gary Lynch and Bob Dancer detailed progress to date with regard to building costs, security, funding, sharing (with junior cricket and football), car parking, projected income etc

Essentially, we can get a 420 m² building (50% larger playing area than at present) at a fixed price of \$400,000 (including air conditioning) at minimal cost (\$40,000 QBA/ ABF loan) if maximum grants can be obtained from the BCC (\$140,000) and State Government (\$50,000).

Ed Vardy (Multiplex Construction Services) has given a fixed price on the current design.

An independent surveyor has confirmed that \$1,000 per m² is highly competitive.

We would own the building with the ability to rent out space to other groups.

The junior cricket club would get storage space attached to the building.

The junior football club would get access to the kitchen/ canteen which would be designed so as not to impinge on bridge club operations.

The sports clubs are responsible for upkeep of the playing fields, we are responsible for maintenance of the building.

We need the sports clubs' involvement to qualify for grants.

All junior sports will be programmed away fixtures on our congress weekend.

The football club is putting in electricity (a significant cost) for lighting of the oval. They will drop off power lines to the bridge club, saving us \$ thousands.

Car parking is a problem with several issues to be resolved.

The final vote was overwhelmingly in favour of proceeding with loan applications.

Richard McLauchlan

