



# ARANA

## *Contract Bridge Club Inc*

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### **GRANT APPROVED**

On 23 August the Club received official notification from the Queensland Government that our application for financial assistance under the Queensland Government Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Program 2001 for construction of a community hall for use by Bridge players and other sporting groups had been approved.

The approved amount is \$265,900 (plus GST) which together with a further indicated grant of \$100,000 from the Brisbane City Council and \$200,000 of our own funds will be sufficient to cover the cost of "our" new Clubhouse at Ferny Grove.

Gary Lynch and Bob Dancer have put in a massive amount of time and effort to achieve this result which hopefully will be a happy ending for all those members who have worked so diligently towards this goal over many years. A hearty thank you to everyone involved.

There are still matters to be attended to before construction can get under way but it is anticipated that these will only be minor hiccups compared to what has already been achieved.

### **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday 15 August 2000**

LESSONS – Frank Hault reports that the Intermediate Lessons were a success, with 33 attending on the first session, and 35 on the second. There has been renewed interest on Beginners Lessons and Frank will approach Lorraine about a new set of lessons.

### BRIDGE CLINIC –

Helen McLauchlan is again running a beginners Bridge Clinic. It will now be held on Mondays after the morning session is complete. This will allow a particularly difficult hand to be noted and discussed at the clinic. The \$5 fee collected is for the clubs building fund.

### BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT –

As the earlier article reported the State has approved our grant for \$265,000. Gary Lynch and Bob Dancer are involved with further negotiations with the Ferny Grove Football Club in regard to Saturday use of the facility.

### GST REGISTRATION –

Ernie Harris reports that it was necessary for Arana to register for the GST to maximise benefits in regard to the Grant Application. It was resolved by the Committee that any GST fees would be paid from the Club coffers rather than passing the increase for table fees on to the club members. Once the Grant procedures and Building program are finalised, we will be able to deregister.

NEW MEMBERS - The following new members were ratified and welcomed into Arana:

Jan Ryan  
John Black  
Christine Chambers  
Charles Chambers  
Joan Gilson  
Les Gilson  
David (Gary) Mitchell  
Judith (Judy) Mitchell  
Joyce Riley  
Anita Tindall

Florence Clarke  
 Trish McCormack  
 Maree Tyas  
 Brian C Crank (200<sup>th</sup>)

**SPECIAL EVENT**

**Secretary Ernie Harris congratulated our 200<sup>th</sup> member Brian (Bob) C. Crank and presented him with a certificate of membership.**



(Photo courtesy of Don Smith)

**Ernie Harris (Secretary)**



**LIBRARY LINES By Ilene Bishop  
 Arana Librarian**

“There will be days where you have to choose between a poor (opening) lead, a bad lead, a disgusting lead, and a hideous lead.” Does this sound familiar? This quote is from Mike Lawrence in his book *Opening Leads* (O4). He states that his book is not about the easy opening lead, but about the other times that you have no clear lead or when you have conflicting data.

In his first chapter he writes that the auction is the most important factor in choosing your opening lead. When you are on lead, you should review the

bidding and determine **WITHOUT LOOKING AT YOUR CARDS** what the auction suggest you lead. Then, using that answer as a suggestion, look at your hand and proceed. On page 7 he lists questions to ask yourself before leading.

This is your **WEST** hand for the next four auctions. What do you lead? (explanations on p. 6)

**WEST HAND**

- ♠ 1083
- ♥ QJ1072
- ♦ 3
- ♣ AQ76

1.	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
		1H	P	1S
	P	2S	P	4S
	P	P	P	

**LEAD YOUR SINGLETON DIAMOND**

2.	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
				1S
	P	2D	P	3D
	P	3S	P	4S
	P	P	P	

**LEAD THE QUEEN OF HEARTS**

3.	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
				1S
	P	INT*	P	2H
	P	3D	P	3H
	P	3S	P	4S
	P	P	P	

\*forcing

**LEAD A TRUMP**

4.	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
				1S
	P	2D*	P	3H
	P	3S	P	4D
	P	4H	P	4S
	P	P	P	

\*game forcing

**MAKE AN EXCEPTION AND LEAD A CLUB**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> section of the book is a quiz that gives you individual hands with multiple auctions – sometimes the final contract will be the same, sometimes not. Opening lead will obviously vary.

“Unfortunately, the dice are stacked against the opening leader. He only gets to look at thirteen cards, while for all other plays a player can see at least twenty six.”

Kit Woolsey (introduction)

Good luck!!

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

## BRIDGE HAND OF THE MONTH

By **Bobby Wolfe**

(LOSER ON A LOSER)

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

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

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

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

South is in 4♠'s. Opening lead is the ♥J.

The optimist plays today's hand with no fear of an overruff and goes down. Since the pessimist "knows" that an overruff is coming, he has a better shot at finding the winning play.

East won his ♠A and returned a heart to trap South's queen. West continued with a third heart, ruffed with dummy's ♠7 and overruffed with East's ♠9. Later, the defenders collected a diamond trick as well, and the game fell one short.

"The odds against a 6-2 heart split are nearly 5-1," alibied South. "Moreover, the overall odds against an overruff are halved when you consider that the ♠9 might be with West."

There was little wrong with South's arithmetic, but there was plenty wrong with his play. Instead of ruffing the third heart in dummy, he should have discarded a diamond. When he wins the next lead, he can draw two rounds of trumps and play three rounds of diamonds, ruffing the third for his game going trick.

If it's a toss of the coin, throw a loser on a loser, and make your bid.

## Novice Competitions

Less experienced players keen to improve their bridge, and who have a master points total under 50, should consider taking part in novice competitions. These events provide valuable experience, without the intimidating presence of expert players. Many clubs promote novice events, and entry forms are often displayed on our club noticeboards. Now that the Arana is on track to build its own clubrooms, it will investigate running its own novice events in the future.

Bob Dancer

## MONDAY PAIRS

Monday's Red Point Pairs was well attended with 17½ tables participating. It was ably directed by Debbie Dwyer, and A good time was had by all. Winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> – D. and K. Buse

2<sup>nd</sup> – H. McLauchlan and M-A. Welldon

3<sup>rd</sup> – D. Dwyer and J. Cuffe

Next up will be the Tuesday President's Pairs 10 and 17 of October.

## MORTON-BRIBIE CONGRESS

At the Moreton-Bribie Congress held on 29 and 30 July Aranians Mort & Olga Coleman, Geoff Gulley, Val Acklin and Betty Willson competed in the Saturday Pairs with Mort & Olga being placed 10th overall. Val and Betty teamed with Penny Barrs and Carol Wilson on the Sunday in the Swiss Teams. We were placed 3rd in the Championship which was won by the Van Jole team with the Dick team in second place.

Carol Wilson

## Masterpoint Movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members as of the end of August 2000.

*Bronze Life*

*Helen McLauchlan*

Congratulations

**M. Golden (MP sec)**