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From the President

Since our last issue of the Trumpit Arana hosted the interclub pairs competition featuring 8 pairs from each of Caboolture/Bribie, Redcliffe and Arana Clubs. The event was the brainchild of Colin Anderson, but it required the brainpower of Richard McLauchlan to set and supervise what was a rather complicated movement and turn it into a successful day. A good friendly day was enjoyed by all who participated. The event will be held next year at a venue to be determined.

Also since my last report two of our popular members have passed away. Vale Barry Mitchell and John Stumm. They will be remembered fondly – Barry for his courage and dedication to the club whilst suffering obvious discomfort, and John for his steadfast independence.

There has been some enquiry from members regarding help-with-play sessions. In order to gauge the demand for such sessions, we are interested in receiving your feedback. If you are interested in improving your game, please provide us with your written feedback via the suggestion box in the following format:

- subjects you would like to see covered (ie, defence, signalling, doubles, etc)
- your preferred session time

A questionnaire has been inserted in this newsletter regarding the Club championship events. Please take your time to read and provide your suggestions and/or feedback by placing in the suggestion box. This is an anonymous questionnaire.

David Lehmann

Arana Session Results

It has been requested that members **do not** phone scorers for the results of sessions. The scorers' job is to score the session and place the results on the website and the notice board.

Members will have to either consult the website or wait until you are next at the clubhouse.

The website address for Arana results is:

<http://aranabridge.customer.netspace.net.au/>

Wanted

I will be retiring as Editor at the end of the year. Please see President David or myself if you are interested in nominating for this position.

Barbara Holmes – Editor

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John Jacob Stumm

John Jacob Stumm was born on November 24th, 1922, at Gympie, first son to Robert and Doreen Stumm. It was only a few years after the end of the first war, and no doubt there were still suspicions of this family with the German name. Many German-born Australians had been interned as potential enemy aliens during the war, and his grandfather, Jacob, had been forced to resign his seat in Parliament. Never mind that in the fifty odd years since Jacob arrived in Australia as a three year old, he'd been an upstanding citizen, newspaper editor, prosperous businessman and outspoken supporter of the war.



The family grew up on the family cattle property, Coongan, near Goomeri in the South Burnett. Of course it was a different world. John rode on horseback to school, many miles according to family legend. Later he went off to board at Churchie, Church of England Grammar School. He excelled at his studies, winning various prizes including Dux of the Junior School, and in sport, a highlight being his part in the victory of the First Four rowing crew in the Head of the River, in 1940. A clipping of the day reports that John's crew, the Second Four, had been promoted to the main race on the morning of the race, having outperformed the top dogs in a trial.

On finishing school, he enrolled at University of Queensland to study medicine. Before long, the war had escalated, and John went to enlist at the age 19. The recruitment people said he was ineligible as he was in a restricted occupation – they didn't want to be sending budding young doctors off to war. John said: "Well, I'll go back to uni and fail my exams, and then you'll have to take me." He didn't have to – they let him enlist. He told that story only a couple of years ago – like many men of his generation, he simply didn't talk about the war.

And no wonder! Almost immediately he went off to training camp at Southport, he contracted meningitis and nearly died. He went home, for a year or so, and eventually was allowed to re-enlist, although not for combat. He served in the Central Bureau Intelligence Corps as a Lieutenant, on service in New Guinea and the Philippines, decoding Japanese communications.

He returned and finished his medical degree, winning a prize for clinical medicine, and was a resident at Royal Brisbane Hospital when he met Joan Hollingsworth in 1950. They married the following year. They had four children - Janet, Deb, Michael and Harley.

John's childhood interest in natural history had combined with his habit of urging patients who'd encountered snakes to bring them to the surgery. Once Joan opened the fridge to find a snake there in a pyrex dish, chilling out for a photo shoot.

Through the fifties, John practiced with Peter Bridgeman in Nambour, Cooroy and Pomona.

In 1959 the family moved to Beaudesert. They lived in an amazing and rather eccentric house, purpose-built as a doctor's residence, with a surgery at the front. There were still distraught patients bringing snakes in for Doctor Stumm... and grateful ones with pumpkins and jam and milk. Not for his bedside manner: John was an old-fashioned "doctor knows best" type, a bit like a terrifying headmaster.

He worked hard. He had surgery every Saturday and alternated weekends being on call. There was a special phone direct to the hospital, and emergencies were not unusual. Sometimes the family would be awakened by knocking and shouting in the dead of night. John would go to a landing part way down the stairs, and conduct a shouted diagnosis from an upstairs window. Satisfied the visitor really was sick, he'd go downstairs in a dressing gown to treat them.

John wasn't much good at relaxing. His passions were mostly solitary ones, and they required the same sense of discipline and order that his work demanded: natural history... family history... carpentry... pistol shooting... photography.

He was a keen photographer with a good eye. He developed his own slides in the tiny and evil-smelling darkroom, where he also developed x-rays. Slide nights featured birds and snakes and spiders, with a sprinkling of weeping sores and gaping wounds, in amongst the family shots. Some were held as specimens in the Australian Museum,

and today if you google his name you'll find his moth photos all over the web.

He was very practical. He made beautiful cabinets, which are still in his living room today.

He turned his hand to anything, and became an expert in it, be it history or cooking or writing. He hated fads but he loved gadgets. A new axe. Camera accessories. Promotional toys from pharmaceutical companies. A computer, very early on, in the mid-eighties. Things he'd invent, most recently an adapter to connect his digital camera to his microscope, made of bits and pieces for a couple of dollars, compared to retail value in the hundreds.

In 1974, John and Joan bought a block of land, ten acres, at Jimboomba, part way to Brisbane. Eventually they built a house and moved there in 1979 and John continued to practice there.

John and Joan divorced a few years later. John stayed on alone, and eventually retired there. He loved that place. He lived on the balcony, looking down over flowering trees to the dam, where wood ducks swam, and kangaroos came to drink. He knew every species of bird there, and could tell you not only how old that butcherbird was, but whether it was the grandchild or the great-grandchild of the ones that were there when they bought the property.

And true to form, he was just as busy in retirement, with one project after another. A family tree or two. A biography of his grandfather Jacob, *A Very Useful Migrant*, inspired by acquiring a trunk of Jacob's papers from the bank at Goomeri. A database of photos of the 400 species of moths which found their way into his unit at Albany Creek, when he later moved there. A new key to identifying venomous snakes, which he insisted was far superior to the one in common use.

And one of his last projects, unfinished: a database of the 7,000 servicemen in his unit, the Central Bureau Intelligence Corps. Who they were, what they did in the war, what they did since. John was very proud of his war service... but he didn't make a fuss about it.

John loved an argument about anything, but especially about politics. But he wasn't a party political person: he was as suspicious of mainstream institutions as he was of lefties and unions and greenies... and just as likely to respect a Labor politician as a conservative one, based on a rigorous assessment of the individual and their actions. And in fact his interest in natural history led him to take part in what was probably

Beaudesert's first environmental campaign: some time in the mid-seventies, he stood in front of bulldozers when the local Council was extending the town rubbish dump into the wetlands where he used to photograph water birds.

He was a paradox – falling out with old friends, but making new ones in surprising places. Always engaged in the world, even when his physical mobility was reduced. Ten years ago he'd stopped buying "that rag" *The Courier Mail*, and preferred to read *The Times* of London online. He was in email contact with old travel buddies in Canada, or army mates in Melbourne or Maitland. His moth photos were on the Sydney Uni website, and he talked regularly with scientists in the fields that interested him. He posted on discussion groups on the web, on all sorts of issues. In October last year he emailed the then Federal Education Minister, Brendan Nelson, with a suggestion about a mass education program about the parliamentary system. The closing paragraph may as well be his epitaph:

I began my 34 years as a GP in 2 small South Queensland country towns in January 1953 and now spend my time playing bridge, photographing moths, caring for myself and sitting and thinking.

Eulogy edited by David Backstrom



Our guest book reviewer this edition is Bob Dancer

"Kantar for the Defence – Vol. 1"

Edwin B Kantar is one of the most prolific bridge writers, and his works are unfailingly logical, well written and well aimed at their target audience. This book is aimed at intermediate to semi-advanced players, and all its exercises are aimed at putting the contract down without concern for overtricks, so the exercises are more relevant to teams play than pairs. They will certainly improve the vocabulary of defence techniques available to an aspiring player, who then can use his judgment in when and how he applies these techniques. The book was written in 1983, so readers will extract the lessons from the examples, keeping in mind that some bidding has changed since then.

I use two simple examples to show the merits of Kantar's Approach.

Yarborough

How many players go to sleep in defence when they have a Yarborough? This one shows the result.

♠A K Q 10
♥Q J
♦A K Q J
♣6 5 3

♠7 6 4
♥4
♦9 8 6 5 3
♣9 8 5 2

West	North	East	South
1H	Double	Pass	1S
2H	3S	Pass	4S

Bidding

♠6 2
♥A Q 2
♦J 10 8 7 4 2
♣K Q

N
W E
S

♠3 (YOU)
♥J 10 8 7 6
♦A 5
♣J 7 6 5 3

West	North	East	South
3S	Pass	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

Opening lead: S K

The SK holds, declarer playing the S9. At trick 2 partner continues with the SQ. What do you discard?

The AD! To defeat this contract, partner needs a side-suit entry. It can't be hearts, so it has to be diamonds or clubs. Partner's play of the SQ indicates his entry is in the higher-ranking of the two possible suits. If partner's lone face card is the doubleton DQ you have to discard the DA to give him the lead. If you discard anything else, declarer must play you for the DA as the hand cannot be made if partner has it. In fact, if you discard anything else, declarer makes an overtrick.

Opening lead H K

Partner wins the trick and follows with the Ace of Hearts. What do you discard?

Answer

♠A K Q 10
♥Q J
♦A K Q J
♣6 5 3

♣2
♥A K 10 9 5 3
♦10 7 4
♣A Q 7

♠J 9 8 3 2
♥8 7 6 2
♦2

Lead: ♠K ♠K J 10

You had better discard a trump if you want to defeat this contract! This will be your last chance to win the lead, and those diamonds should look menacing enough to encourage you to ruff and shift to a club. Your partner will love you forever, or at least until the next hand.

On page 74, another defence opportunity occurs. What would you play?

♠6 2
♥A Q 2
♦J 10 8 7 4 2
♣K Q

♠K Q J 8 7 5 4
♥5 4
♦Q 3
♣4 2

N
W E
S

♠3
♥J 10 8 7 6
♦A 5
♣J 7 6 5 3

♠A 10 9
♥K 9 3
♦K 9 6
♣A 10 9 8

Although not mentioned by Kantar, an interesting point is that if West is a reliable 7-card pre-emptor, declarer's duck at trick one is an error, giving East a defensive opportunity. This is a theme that occurs elsewhere in the book, highlighting the risks of giving defenders discards to unblock or to signal suit preference.

Overall, a sound and worthwhile book.

Bob Dancer

The Psychology of Bridge

by Ian Price

(Taken from "Mind Games A Biographical History of Bridge in Queensland" {in Library})

Emotions ☺ ☺

Emotions can be caused by many things (such as health, tiredness, and events that have occurred days before). But a knowledge of *attribution* may allow a partnership to avoid or overcome the experience of negative emotions and enhance their own performance. Emotions can be easily triggered, but not so easily switched off. Once started they seem to have a life of their own. They can also effect other things. So that somebody who is writhing in shame and despair for failing in an otherwise cold contract is likely to make more mistakes on the next few hands. Somebody who has received the brunt of a partner's anger is also likely to make more mistakes. Obviously concentration and vigilance are optimal under some emotional states and not others.

Attributions relate to perceptions of causality for events in our environment. Some causes can be changed (effort/strategy) while some cannot (luck/ability). Some causes are perceived as internal to the person (ability, personality), others are external (luck, task difficulty). Perceptions of stability and controllability are also important. If bad weather or bad luck caused your partner to be late for the bridge game you would experience pity or sympathy for your partner and disappointment or sorrow for yourself. But if your partner was late because "It was such a nice day, I decided to take my time", anger is likely to be aroused. Pride occurs as the result of high performance or success attributed to your own effort or own ability. Shame comes from the experience of failure attributed to one's own lack of ability.

Attributions are used in every day interactions – when rejecting a person for a game of bridge we don't say "You are too stupid (fat, skinny, ugly, short, etc)". Such reasons are not usually given because they are internal stable attributions that will hurt the other. Instead we might say, "My parents are in town", "I have to look after the kids" – even though this might be a lie. Let's see how attributions can affect our game.

The Effect of Mistakes: Guilt, Shame and Anger

Mistakes have great power. We usually like to see ourselves as infallible. Our ideal self makes the perfect bids, makes the perfect ploys, and has the perfect retort. Only when an obvious mistake rears its ugly head, does our real self become painfully obvious. Somehow we have to cope with this discrepancy. An immediate consequence is despair, despondency, depression. Woe is me! I did that? I could not have done that? If I wish hard enough maybe it will go away! Do we admit we are not perfect? A common strategy is to explain away our bungle. It was bad luck, not my fault. "The spades broke 4–1!"

However, if there is no avoiding the implications that you made a mistake, you will have to find a reason within yourself. First you might try a lack of effort. If you had just concentrated on the opponents' discards! This leads to guilt because you have not met other's expectations of you. Guilt in small doses is, in fact, a useful motivator. Effort attributions protect our self-esteem because we can do better next time if we just try a bit harder.

However, repeated failures are likely to lead to a change in attribution, from lack of effort to a lack of ability. Attributing your mistakes to a lack of effort becomes increasingly untenable. When the blame shifts from a lack of effort to a lack of ability, shame sets in. Shame results in the desire to withdraw, a feeling of being helpless. If continued for long enough, the belief that your actions are not influencing their outcomes can have dramatic and aversive effects on well-being.

A good partner will notice the change from guilt to shame. The head sinks, and partially coherent mumblings of "I should give this game away" or "No matter what I do, things go wrong" will be heard. A good partner will therefore interrupt this process by making light of the situation, shifting the attribution back to bad luck, or more concentration. Often physical acts of going for a walk or getting a drink can break the thought processes that maintain the emotion."

The final instalment in this series will be published in the next issue of the Trump-It.

Vale Barry Mitchell

Barry joined the Club in November 1998 and I got to know him a year later when we formed a bridge partnership. From the start I recognized a sterling character in a strong, silent type. He was honorable, unselfish, generous and kind, always willing to put himself out for others. He certainly proved to be a loyal and devoted companion to me.



After working hard all his life, he enjoyed our 6 years together travelling in Australia and further afield to exotic overseas destinations such as South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Borneo and New Zealand. I nearly lost him in Borneo when a female Orangutan took a fancy to him and tried to bear him off into the trees! He loved risky ventures and somehow managed to talk me into white water rafting and paragliding.

He loved his bridge and the Club. He served on the committee for several years, directed on Monday nights while he was well enough, had a stint on the dealing machine, made the Club's suggestion Box and always organized the TV on Melbourne Cup Day. At his instigation, we played bridge from Hobart to Darwin and he especially enjoyed our trips to Gympie and Bribie with Val Acklin and Betty Willson and the trips to Canberra and to Darwin with Helen and Richard.

He died on the 4th July at the age of 63 after a long and debilitating illness which he bore with great fortitude and courage. He would have been gratified to see so many club members at his funeral and thrilled to know that the committee had agreed to have the wake at the club. On his behalf I would like to thank the committee and those members of the club who so generously provided refreshments and all those wonderful people who have given me support since his death.

Rest in peace, Barry. We shall miss you.

Liz Marshall

Director's Corner

Roles and Rights of Dummy

In my role as tutor of new players to the game of Bridge, I have noted that the newer players find it strange to be the silent partner when acting as dummy. They are not to comment or act in any way which could be interpreted as assisting their partner, the declarer. This is understandable as in a state of nervousness we all reacted differently when we were also learning the game.

Now that we are all participating in the competitive game of Bridge, we may need to be reminded of the roles and rights of dummy.

It is the role of dummy to display his or her hand face up on the table immediately after the opening lead has been made. Thereafter the dummy should follow the direction of the declarer, silently and without emotion or hesitation. Any other movement such as anticipating or prematurely touching the cards or commenting may be interpreted as influencing the declarer. This may result in a call to the director.

Dummy does, however, have two sorts of rights. **Laws 42** and **43** cover this area.

Absolute Rights: To give information, in the director's presence, as to fact or law; to keep track of tricks won or lost and to play as declarer's agent as directed.

Qualified Rights: To ask declarer about a possible revoke; to try to prevent an irregularity by declarer; to draw attention to any irregularity, but only at the end of the hand.

There is one other right that does not appear in **Laws 42** and **43** but is mentioned in **Law 20**. This refers to a review of the auction once play has started. Declarer or defender, at his first turn to play, may require all previous calls to be restated. All players, including the dummy, are not only entitled but also required to promptly correct any errors in restatement.

It should be noted that dummy has no rights other than those above and failure to observe these limitations have consequences.

Ray Cowie

Masterpoint Movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members for the period to 31st July 2006

Graduate Master

Lyn Holden
Margaret Corley

Club Master

Beth O'Reilly

Local master

Mary Backstrom

Julie Brook

Charles Chambers

****Local master***

Gary Cran
Peter Fredericks

Murray Perrin

Barbara Hopley

David Lehmann

*****Local Master***

Lyn Haysom

Regional Master

Peter French

State Master

Ray Cowie

Bronze Life Master

Liz Marshall

Robert Matthew (MP Secretary)

New Members

A very warm welcome to the following new members:

Elsie Enders

Helen McLauchlan

Results – 3-Way Interclub Competition

1	61.31	Val Acklin / Joyce Rosser	Arana
2	61.01	Valerie Cran / Frank Hoult	Arana
3	58.93	Andrew Slater / Hugh Gehrmann	Caboolture

Why 18 Holes?

... Well, it seems that back in 1958, the Board of one of the oldest, most venerable courses in Scotland sat all day trying to settle this very question. There were 7-hole course, 13-hole course and 15-hole courses. At one time, the famous St Andrews itself was made up of 22-holes and Montrose had 25.

Finally, after a fruitless all-day discussion, it is said that one of the Scottish board members, an elder of very good standing, arose and spoke as follows:

"You good men have been considering this situation for many hours. I have been hoping you would decide along the lines agreeable to me without any insistence on my part. I see, however, that I must now speak for myself. As you know, it has long been my custom to start out for a game with a full bottle of Scotch Whisky in my bag, treating myself to a wee nip on each tee. Naturally, I find it pleasant to play golf as long as there is a drink left in the bottle. And, it makes no sense to continue the game when the bottle is exhausted. Here, I have a small glass which contains an ounce and a half. I have found that one bottle will fill this glass just 18 times, so it has been my custom to play 18 holes each afternoon, no more – no less. I see no possible way of diverting from this custom, unless the bottles are larger, which I fear would be too marked a change in our life."

..... And that's how a golf course came to have 18 holes!

Damage to Members' Vehicles in the Car Park

Please be mindful of other people's cars when entering or exiting parking bays and opening car doors.

Members Washing Up Own Cups

When washing up your own cups or mugs, please use **hot** soapy water as this is more hygienic or place the cup in the dishwasher if it is not in use.

Important Dates

September		
Sat	2	2-3 QBA Qld Teams C'ship - Toowong
Mon	4	Monday Red Point Pairs (week 1)
Sat	9	9-10 Brisbane Festival Pairs/Teams (QCBC)
Sun	10	Townsville Teams
Mon	11	Monday Pairs (week 2)
Sat	16	Surfers Butler Pairs; Caloundra Pairs; Cleveland Bay Novice Pairs (<50MPS)
Sun	17	Surfers B'day Teams; Caloundra Swiss Teams
Fri	22	QBA Mixed Teams Ch'ship (rd 2) - QCBC
Sat	23	23-24 Mackay Barometer Pairs
Sun	24	Noosa Swiss Teams
Sat	30	C'land Bay Teams; Dalby Swiss Pairs; Tamborine Swiss Teams
October		
Sun	1	Cleveland Bay Teams; Dalby Swiss Pairs; Tamborine Swiss Teams
Tue	3	President's Red Point Pairs (week 1)
Sat	7	7-8 Gold Coast Butler Pairs & Teams
		Mackay Teams (7)
Sun	8	Arana Novice Teams (<100 MPs)
		Gympie Swiss Teams
Tue	10	President's Pairs (week 2)
Sat	14	14-15 QBA Pairs Championship - BBC
Fri	20	QBA Mixed Teams Ch'ship (rd 3) - QCBC
Sat	21	20-22 Magnetic Teams (Townsville)
Sun	22	Surfers Paradise Novice Teams
Tue	24	Australia Wide Spring Pairs
Sat	28	Hervey Bay Pairs & Teams; Mackay Novice Teams (<100MPs)
Sun	29	QBA Qld Graded Teams (QCBC); Cairns Pairs

Copy Deadline

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