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From the President



The Arana 2015 GNOT's were recently completed. At the end of the 9 matches the winners were the Mukherjee team that included Arana members Jim and Deidre Taylor. The runners-up were the Judy Wilkinson team that included Ann Smith, Pam Horton, and Ross Shardlow. Congratulations to all involved.

I recently received a complaint from a member who had an unwanted visitor (not a club member) knocking on his door. When he enquired as to how this visitor had found his address he was told that the person had called the bridge club and someone there had given him the details. We should never be giving out any personal information to persons unknown to us. If you take a call seeking personal information on a member, take the caller's name and number and pass it on to the member, who can then return the call if and when they choose. All of our members should have a member's booklet. If they want an address of a member they can call the person themselves.

If they have lost their booklet, then only if you are sure of their identity there is no harm in giving them a phone number.

By now most of you will have seen our excellent new kitchen. In the next few days we will be replacing the old dishwasher and the project will be complete. Many thanks must go to Rosemary Matthew who has put in an enormous amount of work into the project since its inception.

Happy bridging.

Allan McIntyre (President)

Masterpoint movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members for the period to 31st January 2015

Graduate Master	Margaret Gagen Michael Le Voi
Club Master	Jeanette Paterson
Local Master	Richard Grills
*Local Master	Gerri Hodgson
**Local Master	Robert van Beest
*Regional Master	Judy Greenwood

Robert Matthew (MP Sec)

Gold Coast Congress 2015

WELL, another Gold Coast Congress has come and gone. We played in the teams section, Novice division, over three days. 56 boards a day, 28 in the morning and 28 in the afternoon for three days. At the end of the third day we were just exhausted. In fact, it was just a tiny bit too long..... stopping after two and a half days would have been perfect.

In our team, Cynthia Sharp and Carol Bellis made up one pair, Robyn Grills and I another. We saw quite a few of our friends from Arana.... Lyn Haysom, Marg McNee, Jim and Deidre Taylor, Bev O'Hara, Sue Kennard, Dot and John Allen, Dawn Benes, Joan Mills, Deborah Dwyer. I'm sure there were others we didn't see and talk to. We socialised with Carla Webb, Trish Waters, Maureen Pears and Sally Cox.

We saw Andy Hung too and us groupies who have been to his lessons smiled and waved and spoke to him. He lapped up the attention.

Our team had the excitement of being first out of 34 teams for the first day and a half. We won a pen each as a prize. Then they teamed us with better players, and our 'luck' changed. Bev O'Hara said to me on the second day..... 'slow and steady, slow and steady, that's how you play'. It worked for them as Bev and Sue's team (including two Redcliffe ladies) came fifth overall. That was a wonderful effort. Congratulations, Bev and Sue!

How do you play 'slow and steady' Bev?

Bev and Sue also dressed up on the black and white dress up day complete with fancy sunglasses, party hats, and colour matched outfits. They won a box of chocolates each for their winning outfits.

We topped off the last night with a visit to the casino to have a café meal at 'Bite', off the pokies section.

Then home via a walk through the rainforest and by the creek, perfect weather, good company, and playing bridge. Who could want anything more?

Jeni Walker

Director's Corner

MISLEADING REMARKS/GESTURES: Law 73D2: A player may not attempt to mislead an opponent by means of remark or gesture, by the haste or hesitancy of a call or play (as in hesitating before playing a singleton), the manner in which a call or play is made or by any purposeful deviation from correct procedure. Law 73F: When a violation of the Proprieties described in this law results in damage to an innocent opponent, if the Director determines that an innocent player has

drawn a false inference from a remark, manner, tempo, or the like, of an opponent who has no demonstrable bridge reason for the action, and who could have known, at the time of the action, that the action could work to his benefit, the Director shall award an adjusted score.

WRONG CALL: Declarer calls for the 4C but the 4C is not in the dummy. May he now call for 7H?

Yes. Law 46B4: If declarer calls a card that is not in dummy the call is void and declarer may designate any legal card.

Also if Declarer tells dummy to "run a suit", he still has the right at any time, to tell Dummy to discontinue the run.

Val Cran (Director)

Tony's Tips

OPENING LEADS

ONE of our favoured plays-I think not! Many books and articles are produced on this subject not to mention the old bromides to never lead from an Ace or King etc. Here are a few examples where it is better to apply your own analysis.

As West you hold:

♠ A432 ♥ KJ976 ♦ 83 ♣ J8

South is declarer in 4 Spades, the only suit bid. What do you lead?

Lead the seven of hearts! It may be tempting to lead from a doubleton in the hope of a third round ruff. However what is required is an aggressive lead when you have length in the oppositions' trump suit. So it is often correct to lead your long suit with your aim to shorten declarer's trumps by forcing him to ruff. In this example you continue to lead hearts whenever you get in. If you gain trump control, one or two hearts may become winners.

As West you hold:

♠ 743 ♥ AQ52 ♦ 83 ♣ J1098

Bidding:	South	North
	1D	2C
	3D	3S
	5D	pass

Lead the ace of hearts! It is often incorrect to lead an ace, especially for ace-queen. Here it is

the only unbid suit and declarer may discard one or more heart losers if you do not open the suit yourself. Note also that declarer, South, is unlikely to hold the heart king - why? If he held the guarded king (Kx or Kxx) he may well have bid 3 notrump over 3 spades since partner is showing a strong hand. The lead would then come up to his king.

As West you hold:

♠ KJ98 ♥ A54 ♦ 752 ♣ J109

Bidding:	South	North
	1S	1NT
	3H	4H

Lead the four of hearts or ace and another. North must have 1 or 2 spades at most, so South will expect to trump spades in dummy. You are sitting over South's spades so you will win two or more spade tricks if you remove or shorten dummy's trumps.

When declarer has a two-suited hand (in this case possibly 5-5 spades and hearts) and you have a long and strong holding in one of his side suits, it is usually best to lead trumps.

Obviously there are hundreds of one-off situations to consider. You will be justly rewarded if you can correctly analyse when to make an unusual lead. Part and parcel of improving our play!

Tony Agar

Finding partners – a new approach

(The following is the (slightly edited) content of an email from Natalie Bloch on behalf of the committee.)

Hello everyone,

Although there are already people willing to assist finding partners on specific days, we feel there is a need to help on a more general basis. Lynley Mason has joined the committee and has volunteered to be the central point of contact, by email, text or phone call (between 7am and 5pm.)...- SMS or email preferred.

How it works:

- If you would like to find a partner on a specific, or not specific, day, please contact Lynley and indicate your preference (day, one-off, regular etc...),

your level and expectations (fun, clocking up points...)

- Lynley will send an email to everyone on the database:
- Privacy is respected. The email Lynley will send will be "bcc", so nobody can see other members' names or details.
- The name of the person looking for a partner will not be mentioned in the email she will send.
- If you reply to her email saying you are interested, then she can assess if the "match" is suitable and will then put the two players in touch.

If you are NOT interested in receiving such emails, please let Lynley know. You will still receive general emails, sent by me (Natalie), but nothing about partner search.

We realise there are 50 members who do not have an email address, so if you know some of them, please pass on the message!

Lynley Contact details:

lynleymason@me.com

0407 575 179

More Lessons with Andy Hung

Starting on May 6, Andy Hung will resume his Intermediate Bridge Lessons for six weeks on Wednesday afternoons. Lessons run from 2pm to 4:30pm and will all consist of a presentation, followed by 10 or 12 hands to play and all attendees will receive a set of detailed notes to take home. In brief, the focus of the lessons will be as below.

May 6 Review of past lessons with play, discussion and analysis.

May 13 Opening leads.

May 20 Play, discussion and analysis.

May 27 Better opening leads.

June 3 Declarer play

June 10 Play, discussion and analysis.

Individuals are more than welcome and lessons cost \$15 per person per lesson

WEDNESDAY MORNING BRIDGE

Sessions 9:30am to 1:30pm

For a friendly and relaxed game

Morning tea/coffee provided

NO PARTNER REQUIRED

Phone Dawn Benes 0411 468 722, or

Lorraine Steele 3351 6173

Nonsense

ODE TO THE SPELL CHECKER!

Eye halve a spelling checker
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marcs four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect awl the weigh
My checker tolled me sew.

More Nonsense

Sometimes I think all the folks who grew up
speaking English should be committed to an
asylum for the verbally insane.
In what other language do people recite at a
play and play at a recital?

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.

You may find a mouse or a nest full of mice,
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?

If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?

If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and two would be those,
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.

We speak of a brother and also of brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say methren

Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,
But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!

If teachers taught, why don't preachers praught?
If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat

Let's face it - English is a crazy language.
There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger;
Neither apple nor pine in pineapple.
English muffins weren't invented in England.

We take English for granted, but if we explore its paradoxes,
We find that quicksand can work slowly,
boxing rings are square,
And a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.
And why is it that writers write, but fingers don't fing,
Grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?

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Contributions may be by email (preferred) or by placing a note in the ideas box at the clubhouse