



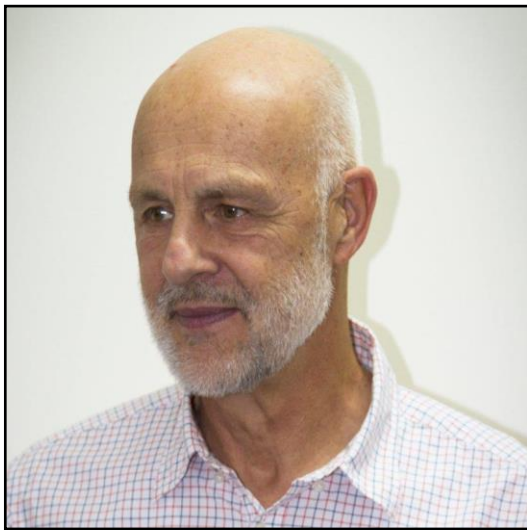
Trump-It

Arana Bridge Club Newsletter

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From The President



Welcome to the last edition of Trump-It for 2021.

Our **Christmas party** was held last Saturday and it was a huge success. I would like to thank everyone who assisted in making it this year's special day at Arana.

2021 has been an eventful year with constant changes around COVID restrictions and the unexpected mid year change in the Committee.

The final COVID changes for this year are as follows:

- From Friday 17th December all members who play bridge at Arana have to be double vaccinated. Proof of double vaccination will need to be registered at the Club.
 - Kitchen will also re-open from 17th December. We ask members to continue bringing their own cups.
 - New **Constitution** has been drawn up by a sub Committee with model rules

which are accepted by QBA. We have called a special meeting on Friday 14th January 2022. The motion for that meeting is that the new Constitution be accepted. A copy of the proposed new Arana Constitution is available on our website. Hard copies are also available at the Club. If you cannot attend this meeting, please complete a proxy form and hand/email/post it to our Secretary.

Our next **Committee meeting** will be on 24th January 2022. I'd like to remind all members that our **annual AGM** will be held on Tuesday 15th February 2022. Nomination forms will be available from the first week of January 2022 and should be lodged with the Secretary by 6.00pm on 25th January 2022. Our yearly booklet will be printed after the AGM and will be available from 1st March 2022.

I'd like to thank all the members who supported the Club this year. A special thank you to all members who assisted in managing the Club's interest. I look forward to 2022 and I will support the Club in any way I can, to again make it a happy, friendly and special Club.

I wish all the members and their families a happy and healthy Christmas and a joyful New Year.

Robert Van Beest (President)



Management Committee

Robert and Bruce attended a meeting with Brisbane City Council regarding roof damage and expiry of lease. They reported that the Council will not commence negotiations until 7-9 months before expiry on 22/9/22. It is expected that the next lease will be for 4 years with option for 4-year renewals thereafter. Council was asked to obtain an engineer's report on subsidence and recent drainage work and its impact on the building. Club action on repairs will await the report and renewal of the lease.

Australia Wide Restricted Pairs: Dawn Benes will direct on **Wednesday 2 February 2022** for players with less than 300 pts.

Trish Lye (Secretary)

Directors Corner

It's always worth looking at the club rules, table manners and etiquette that are so important to our game. We have a Law in our main rule book that specifically deals with Conduct and Etiquette in bridge.

Let's look at some Club Rules –

1. Be seated 15 mins before start of play so that the Director can plan appropriate movements.
2. Turn your mobile and other devices off or set to silent during play.
3. Both you and your partner should have identical systems cards. However, do NOT refer to your own card during play.
4. Do NOT touch your Bridgemates until they are launched.
5. Check that you have the correct opposition and boards before starting each round.
6. East/West should check the results carefully before agreeing. Everyone at the table is entitled to see the results

Dawn Benes (Director)

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Welcome New Members

Marion Gazzard, Gloria Gledhill and Leon Carrall are newest members of our Club. We would like to extend a warm welcome to you all.

Masterpoint Movements

Congratulations to the following members on their recent promotions:

Local	Kelvin Wheeler Bev Orton
Bronze Local	Patricia Stirling
Silver Local	Judy Sunman
State	Ian Franklin Olivia Jackson

Robert Matthew (MP Sec)



INTERMEDIATE LESSONS

The Intermediate class has completed six of the eight subjects and will recommence on 13th January 2022.

The subjects in this session will be:

Overcalls

Doubles

Signals

No Trumps, bidding against No Trump

2 Club Openings

Bidding to Slam

And 4th Suit Forcing

Jim Taylor

Partner Request

If you require a partner, Natalie Bloch is the Club Contact. Either email aranabridgeclub.partnerrequest@gmail.com or ring or text Natalie on **0402 255 020**. Please **do not** leave a voice message. Natalie will then send an email to all the members whose email addresses are on our club's database. No names will be published, just information about points.

Please keep this partner request alive and working. We would really encourage players just out of lessons to initiate a partner request. A lot of experienced players will be happy to do some "coaching".



Christmas Party



Our Christmas party on Saturday 11th December was a huge success. The Committee and helpers did a wonderful job with catering. So good to see many smiling faces as we enjoyed our lunch and a friendly game of bridge.

Here are a few pictures from the event:



Flemming – surely the best dressed gentleman



Robyn wore a beautiful hat



And so did Richard



Our Entertainers



Lots of conversations



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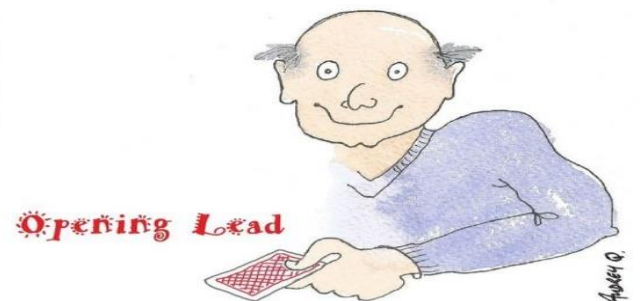
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Humour Corner



There are only 3 reasons not to lead partner's suit:

1. You don't have any of their suit
2. You have a better lead of your own e.g. AKQ
3. You don't want to partner them next week.

Bernie Hunt