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## Arana Bridge Club Newsletter

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### From The President



It's now 4 months since the newsletter has come out. Not much has changed over that time. Here are some recent updates on various matters: Due to delays with the Council's Lease Department we have not yet signed a new **lease**. The reason may be the interest in moving the Bridge Club to the Bowls Club. However, this is now on hold for a time because the Bowls Club uses the total internal space for different events and sub clubs and they cannot accommodate us.

We have found a system to improve **the fresh air intake connected to our air conditioning**. It has taken this long to find the right contractor with the right quote to do the job. August 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> will be the two days when the contractors are working and therefore we can't be in the building to play bridge.

A new system has been developed by The ABF to make it more central for clubs regarding payments and assistance with tournaments. To be able to participate, each member has to register with the ABF. The committee has decided to wait and investigate if this is of benefit to the club and club members. There is information regarding **MyABF** at the Club or you can go to the ABF website and lookup "My ABF".

The committee is concerned with the small number of **directors** we have at our Club. There could be problems if any current director is sick, goes on a holiday or leaves our Club. I'd like to ask all members to please consider becoming a director. The club will support you in any way we can. There will be no cost to you in completing the director

training. Please inform one of the committee members if you are interested.

We, as a club, are managed by volunteers. On different occasions I have been asked if we can give a free game voucher on the day as we do with the directors. The committee has always supported all volunteers but if we going the way of a small payment then this becomes very hard to control and the principle of the club is lost.

COVID is still present but, more importantly, the 'flu and other viruses are around. To protect others, I ask you to stay at home if you have the slightest indication of being unwell.

Happy Bridging

Robert van Beest

President

### New Members

We would like to welcome Anne Hadlow, Tricia Hocking, Ross Hunter, Mary Lyndon, Russell Sowden, Heather Taylor, Peter Taylor, Kathleen Clifford, Margie Knox, Kim McDonald, Terri Pinnock, Paul Thiem, Peter Campbell and Andrzej Kosinski to our Club. We hope that you enjoy playing at Arana.



### Badges

If anyone needs a new badge the cost is \$10 (including freight). To order a new badge please write your name (how you would like to have it printed on your badge) on an envelope available at the front of the Clubhouse and place it in the wooden box at the front of the room. Payment is either by cash (in the envelope) or by eftpos. To place an order, we need a minimum of 6 requests for badges.

## Masterpoint Movements

Congratulations to the following members on their recent promotions:

<b>Graduate</b>	Peter Isaacs
<b>Club</b>	Leone James
<b>Local</b>	Byron Moss
<b>Bronze Local</b>	Dawn Chappel Bev Orton Kelvin Wheeler Jeanette Mutzelburg
<b>Silver Local</b>	Gillie Kinsella Merv Parmenter
<b>Regional</b>	Phil Chapel Judy Sunman
<b>State</b>	Yvonne Howman Liane Morris
<b>Bronze State</b>	Jeff Borg Kathy Burgess
<b>Bronze National</b>	Ibrahim Diallo

**John Murphy (MP Sec)**

### Need a Bridge Partner?

Contact **Natalie Bloch** either by email [aranabridgeclub.partnerrequest@gmail.com](mailto: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".*

### Results

- **Arana GNOT 2023 played in March**

First Team KENT (Barbara Kent, Ross Murtagh, Lex Ranke and Jack Rohde)

Second Team MCCARTHY (Gayle McCarthy, David Lehmann, Natalie Bloch and Richard McLauchlan)

Third Team HYLAND (Annette Hyland, Fay Jeppesen, Ross Shardlow and Peter Gruythusen)

- **Australia Wide Novice Pairs 31/5**



Congratulations to the winners  
North/South Jane Easton and Merv Parmenter  
East/West Marianne McPherson and Robyn Woodrick

- **Arana X-Imp Pairs 3/6**

- A Janeen Solomon, Maha Hoenig
- B Greg Lee, Joyanne Gissing
- C Ian Broadley, Ben Ludik



- **Arana Swiss Teams 4/6**

- A Team TULLY (Therese Tully, Paul Hooykaas, Kim Morrison and Pele Rankin)
- B Team FAWCETT (Mick Fawcett, Dewi Eastman, Lyn Tracey and Winny Chan)

*Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to everyone who contributed by donating goods or volunteering during the weekend.*



\* **Presidents Pairs** played on 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of June were won by Ibrahim Diallo and Kim McDonald.

### Coming Events

- 2<sup>nd</sup> August – Wednesday Pairs – 2 week event
- 12<sup>th</sup> August – Arana Teams Championship
- 26<sup>th</sup> August – GNOT Brisbane Zone Final – QCBC (2 days)
- Monday (am) Pairs – 2 week event – starting Monday 11 September
- Arana Pairs Championship – Saturday 30 September
- Friday Pairs – 2 week event – starting on Friday 20 October

### Wednesday Session 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

It's been 10 years since Dawn Benes started the Wednesday session. It was a small session initially – Howell movement with 2.5 tables. The session grew to 7+ tables and now, thanks to Dawn's tireless energy, it is the most popular session of the week.

Dawn would like to thank her helpers – David, Marcia and Ian on Bridgemate; Barbara and Joan on PayPass; Jeff and John M who set up and clear away; Noel who brings Dawn her morning tea biscuits (baked by his wife); Charles the "Be Quiet Please" Announcer and Maureen and Dennis who are in charge of windows being open/closed.

Below are photos from the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



### Tony's Tip 1

A tip I read recently came under the heading "Stop Doing This". You hold this type of hand:

S A7  
H KQ1084  
D J8  
C QJ87

You open 1H and partner responds 1S. Our usual habit is to bid the 4 carded club suit. The recommended bid is 1NT. The hand is semi flat with an ordinary 13 point count. Which bid best describes the hand, 1NT or 2C? If partner has a minimum, 6 to 10 points, it is better to play at the one level. If you bid 2C, semi-forcing, and partner has no fit, the contract is likely to be played in 2NT. A level you may wish to avoid. Maybe we don't have diamonds stopped, so let the opponents win a few diamonds. You are only at the one level rather than being in 2NT without a D stopper. Better still, if you want to play more hands be the first to bid NT.

### More on opening leads.

An old tip comes to mind:

If long in the opponents trump suit, 4 or more, lead from a long suit. Your objective is to eventually force declarer to trump from his long suit. You may gain trump control or make life more difficult for him.

If short in the opponents trump suit, lead from a short suit, 1 or 2. You're hoping to gain a ruff.

### Tony's Tip 2

#### PLAY OF THE HAND

Experts say the importance of bidding is 60% of the game and play 40%. However most will agree that the play is more fun, more so if a clever play gains you an extra trick on the field.

#### Loser on Loser play: when not to ruff.

Like most special plays it requires a little preplanning: firstly to recognise it and then the execution. There are various situations where it is advantageous not to ruff. The following 3 are probably the most common.

1. If ruffing will shorten your trump suit and may cause you to **lose trump control**.
2. You may get an extra trick if you **refuse to trump**.
3. If you are in danger of being **over ruffed**.

**1. Not losing trump control.**

Declarer	Dummy
<b>D K Q J 4</b>	<b>10 9 5</b>
<b>S A K 6</b>	<b>9 7 3</b>
<b>H 8 2</b>	<b>9 5 4</b>
<b>C Q 8 7 2</b>	<b>K J 10 3</b>

Declarer is playing in 1D. N leads the heart A, then K and Q. If trumps break 4-2, which is most likely (an even number, they are odds on to break unevenly), you will lose trump control and never be able to set up winners in the club suit.

A loser on loser play is therefore required, so discard S6 on the third heart. If hearts are continued, ruff with the H10 in dummy.

**2. You may get an extra trick if you refuse to trump.**

Declarer	Dummy
<b>S K Q J 9 4</b>	<b>A 10 2</b>
<b>H 10</b>	<b>Q 7 4 3</b>
<b>D A Q 7 4</b>	<b>K J 2</b>
<b>C 8 7 2</b>	<b>A 6 3</b>

Declarer is in 4S against a small H led by N, won by the K, and a small H is returned. What do you do? If you ruff you gain nothing as N will play low (ruffing in the long suit hand doesn't gain, only the short trump suit adds trump tricks). Instead play a low club. North must win with the K and your HQ becomes a winner to discard your other losing club. You will always have 10 tricks, but this play make 11, a winning board in duplicate competition.

**3. Avoid being over ruffed.**

Declarer	Dummy
<b>H A K Q J 7 3</b>	<b>6 4 2</b>
<b>S 10 6 3</b>	<b>9 7</b>
<b>D A 9 4</b>	<b>K J 2</b>
<b>C 6</b>	<b>A J 8 5 4</b>

North leads SA then the SK, his partner signalling a doubleton (playing high low, 8 then the 2).

At trick 3 North leads the SQ. What do you play from dummy? With only small trumps in dummy, South is bound to over ruff. You have a probable losing

Diamond if the finesse of the Q fails. Therefore avoid trumping and instead discard a small Diamond from dummy. If Hearts are continued you can ruff high in your own hand. Then draw 2 rounds of trumps and ruff your third Diamond in dummy after playing the K followed by the A.

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