



# ARANA

## *Contract Bridge Club Inc*

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### From the President



Here we are at the end of September already. What a busy 2 months it was. We have now a new ducted aircon and the hand-rail towards the building has been installed. We monitor the aircon settings to find out which is the most comfortable for all to play bridge. When we know this we will program this for the whole week. We have to thank John Hull for organising and installing the hand rail. It is now safer and will assist the less mobile members to the clubhouse .

The new changes to the Bridge Laws have been implemented. With that we found out that when a table runs out of time to play all boards, we cannot use the no play button on the Bridgemate. In future you have to call the Director. The full details of the change are in this newsletter. All Directors have been informed about the change to play according to the ABF and QBF rules.

In August Arana held the teams championship. Team Helen and Richard McLauchlan with Joan Mills and David Lehmann are the 2017 winners. On Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of September Arana will hold the pairs championships .There will be no regular play that day.

On a sad note we were informed that on 11<sup>th</sup> September Ray Garske passed away peacefully. Ray was a regular Monday night player with partner Jim Fouras. Our thoughts are with his wife Eugenie and family in this difficult time.

The committee is planning more improvements and cost savings for the club to continue to play enjoyable Bridge. I am away from 18<sup>th</sup> of November till 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2018. Alan will be back from his 6 weeks holiday in Europe and will take care of the club.

I wish everyone happy Bridging

**Robert Van Beest (President)**

### Welcome New Members

The following are new members to the club. A warm welcome is extended to you all.

Albert Loh  
Lyndel Hewitt  
Roberta Turner  
Patricia Fitzgerald  
Karen Hansen  
Ulla Ridgway

### Masterpoint movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members:

Bronze Life Master      Valerie Cran

**Robert Matthew (MP Sec)**

### Jo Mammen – a look at my life Part 4 - Final

*Earlier in her story, Jo travelled widely in Africa – during some tumultuous years – met and married her husband Peter in Kenya and began a love affair with orchids.*

But of course all good things come to an end, and for us it came in 1985 when Peter was told to leave Kenya within 48 hours. We left Africa as we had arrived, with one suitcase each. Our children were at school in England, and we headed for London. My parents had met Peter a year after our marriage, and had immediately liked him, but 17 years later they had down-sized and had no room to take us in. We stayed with friends while we found our feet.

Peter decided to start his own consultancy and opted to specialize in the then up-and-coming technology of fibre optics. We set ourselves up in London and worked from home. Peter is dyslexic and had always had a secretary, accountant, filing clerk, etc. I was a self-taught typist and it made sense now for me to work alongside him as his Girl Friday. Soon Peter was representing companies in Austria, Switzerland and the UK, which manufactured specialised equipment for optical fibre and other cables. With these associates he was instrumental in setting up 4 turn-key projects in India for Indian investors. I was as much in culture shock as Peter, since England had “moved on” during my 21 years in Kenya and I soon also felt like an International Orphan.

After a while we decided to use technology that had been developed in Peter’s wider family for pipe coating (North Sea oil pipelines), and for products for roads. We established a production unit on Teesside in NE England. The local authorities were attempting - with many incentives for investors - to revive the area, which in earlier times had boasted much heavy industry but was now a wasteland with few work opportunities for the local people. Despite our best efforts, the enterprise did not succeed. The locals were benefits-dependent, petty crime was rife, and there was resistance from entrenched industries to our new technology.

But the consultancy work continued well. In London I was a member of the Management Committee for our block of 100-or-so flats (units), whose residents reflected the cosmopolitan nature of London. I had also become an avid attendee at adult education classes. But as soon as it became feasible, we escaped from rainy, gloomy England and moved to Spain where the fax machine - and later email - became our lifeline. Peter’s interest in cutting-edge technology did not flag, and his far-flung network of contacts led him to becoming a leading force in setting up in the United States what is now one of the largest companies in the world producing lasers. They produce the world’s most powerful lasers.

We thoroughly enjoyed the lifestyle in Spain, but when it appeared that our only grandchild was to be brought up in Australia, we decided to up sticks again and make the move here. We now have 3 grandsons (2 in Australia and one in the US). Here, every dawn I hear the raucous ‘laughter’ of those kookaburras I sang about as a child. We still grow orchids and they keep my husband busy while I am playing bridge.

**Jo Mammen**

*Note: This is an abridged version of Jo’s story. If you would like to read the longer version, please talk to Jo or contact her at [jomammen@hotmail.com](mailto:jomammen@hotmail.com)*

## Some Competition Highlights

Winners of the **Australia Wide National Pairs** played by eighteen pairs on 31 May were,

**NS** Gwen Walker, Linda Douglas

**EW** Norma Hansen, John Murphy

Results of the **Arana Teams Championship** played in August were,

**1<sup>st</sup>** Lehmann team (David Lehmann - Joan Mills - Helen McLauchlan - Richard McLauchlan) pictured below.



**2<sup>nd</sup>**. Cran team (Val Cran - Gordon Broadley - Ian Broadley - Ben Ludik)

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Wilkinson team (Judy Wilkinson - Greg Gosney – Liz Marshall - Gary Lynch)

Results of the **Arana Pairs Championship** played in September were,

**1<sup>st</sup>** Ben Ludik & Ian Broadley

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Jo McKittrick & Judy Carr

**Handicap winners** Val Cran & Gordon Broadley

## Wednesday Play

Wednesday Bridge recently celebrated its fourth birthday. Congratulations Dawn.



Dawn Benes, who convenes and directs the sessions has noted a steady increase in numbers and hopes we can get to a regular fourteen plus tables each week. This may help encourage Thursday novices to join in on Wednesday play by having two sides; A side for over 25+MP players and, B side for less experienced players.

### A letter from the editor

Hi. My name is Michael Walker and I have been editing the club newsletter 'Trump.It' for over five years. As my title suggests, my job is to take articles or information provided by members and (sometimes) others, and arrange it so it looks neat and reads well.

I wish to thank Robert Van Beest, Val Cran, Robert Matthew, Dawn Benes, Robyn Grills, Tony Agar and Jim Taylor who have contributed material on a regular basis. Richard MacLauchlan has proved a reliable source of help when I seek it, and the personal stories this year from Olivia Jackson and Jo Mammen (whose story concludes this issue) have touched me as have those previous stories from other members. I readily apologise to any persons I have not recognised for their contribution.

To those many people who have worked to bring the Trump.It to you over the years, I salute you.

Finally a thank you to Willy Kranenburg for putting the finishing touches to the last issue while Jeni and I were away on holiday.

Thanks to all of you, and keep up the good work.

Michael Walker (editor)

## No Trump Play Technique- Establishing Two Suits

At times the success of the contract depends on establishing two suits- not as either or situation but a case in which you need additional tricks from both suits. You therefore need to first consider the order

in which you attack the suits. Expert opinion recommends you should work to establish the **weaker suit** first. This will give you greater control of the play later on.

3NT

	♠ 95	
	♥ AK72	
	♦ K962	
	♣ QJ2	
♠ K10843		♠ J72
♥ J8		♥ Q1095
♦ J85		♦ Q4
♣ A76	♠ AQ6	...♣ 10954
	♥ 643	
	♦ A1073	
	♣ K83	

Lead: Spade 4

With the help of the free finesse courtesy of the spade lead you have 6 top tricks- AQ spades, AK hearts and AK diamonds. You can establish two tricks from Clubs and the other two must come from your Diamond suit. The Heart suit is also a possibility if the suit breaks 3-3, but it is an inferior play. You must establish both the Diamond and Club suits to make your contract.

Often our first thought is to establish the longest suit first but the suit in which you have **less control** is the Club suit. So attack it first to force out the Ace. If West ducks the first lead, continue another Club. (Incidentally it is often the best play to duck the first honour and take the second).

Assuming West takes the second club and leads another Spade you hold up your ace and win the third round. Your next lead is the Diamond 3 and finesse the *nine* as an avoidance play to keep West (the danger hand) off lead. Note if East held 4 Spades your contract is safe as the suit would divide 4-4. You can now cash 3 more Diamond winners to make 9 tricks.

If you attacked the long Diamond suit first your contract fails. You cannot control the club suit and West would gain the lead to run his spades.

Tony Agar

## From the Director

### ADJUSTED SCORES FOR A HAND NOT PLAYED BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT TIME LAW 12C2 [a]

Currently at Arana, when there is not sufficient time to play the final hand of a round, players enter in **0 No Play**; players will have noticed that this will show results for 32 boards in a 33 board round. This effectively means that the player has been awarded a 'Session Average' for that round; if

their Session Average for the day is 62%, the missed board has effectively been awarded that same percentage.

Both Jan Peach, and Peter Busch who have both been consulted, immediately replied that this was not in compliance with the Laws of Bridge, and also not always fair to the players concerned.

### **PROPOSED ACTION AT ARANA FOR NO PLAY**

\*Should there be no evidence of either pair being the cause of the delay, **both sides, will be awarded 50%**

\*If there is clear evidence of one side being the offender, **60% 40% is awarded.**

\*If both pairs are wilfully to blame, then **40% 40%**

\*If an outside agency is the cause [eg at the Director's table after several calls] then **60% 60%**

Players will now be required to summon the Director, who will enter the required percentages into the Bridgmate. This may be entered by the Bridgmate Operator, **but only under the instruction of the Director.**

At present, at Arana, when the 2 minute bell rings, the Dealer for the round is required to have entered a call [this includes a PASS] on the bidding sheet... the auction has started.

At the changeover bell, a card has to have been played for the play to proceed, and play will need to be VERY prompt.

### **BRAND NEW LAW : COMPARABLE CALL**

The new Law 23 dealing with Comparable Calls will apply when an Illegal Call [**Insufficient Bid, Pass or Bid or Double out of Rotation**] has occurred. The consequences of making these illegal calls [when not accepted] will no longer be so severe.

If the illegal Call is replaced with a *Comparable Call*, this means that the auction may proceed without rectification.

For a *Call out of Turn*, if the call is not comparable, partner is now required to pass for one round - much kinder to the bidders! Previously, the illegal caller or partner could have been forbidden from bidding again. This now removes the need to select a unilateral [gambling] final action.

For an *Insufficient Bid*, if the replacement bid is NOT a Comparable Call, partner will need to pass throughout the remainder of the auction

For a call replacing a withdrawn call to be **COMPARABLE**, it must be ONE of the following

**\*1 have the same or a similar meaning, or  
\*2 define a subset which fits into the meaning of the original call.**

For example, if South has passed at the start of the auction, out of rotation, this call will define a hand with fewer than opening points.

If it is not accepted, and partner opens the bidding with 1H, what response would satisfy these requirements?

\* 1H Pass 1NT Yes, this has 6 to 10 HCPs so satisfies the requirements of the original call

\*1H Pass 2H Yes, 6 to 9 HCPs, 3+ trump support

\*1H Pass Pass Yes, same call

\*1H Pass 2S Yes, fewer than 6HCPs, 6+ Spades

\*1H Pass 1S No, beware of 'open ended calls' as they do NOT meet the definition of a Comparable Call as it has 4+ Spades, but 6+ HCPs and this could take it out of the HCP range for the Pass out of Turn

**\*3 The replacement Call will have the same PURPOSE**

For example, 4H 4C Insufficient Call replaced with 4NT. This call has the same purpose, i.e. an Ace ask.

**Robyn Grills (Director)**

## **Melbourne Cup Day**



Always a good day at the club. There's Bridge, fashion and good company.

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