



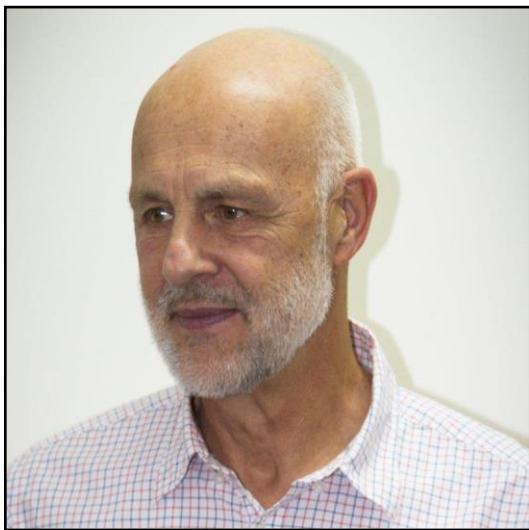
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Arana Bridge Club Newsletter

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From The President



Welcome to November 2021 edition of TrumpIt.

The Committee has decided that our meetings will be held every second month after play on the last Monday of that month, starting on Monday 29th November. Newsletter will be sent out on every second month with updates from the meeting.

The 2022 booklet will be printed in February after the AGM. It will have updated information about the new Committee and events from 1st March to 28th February 2022. An email/letter with the calendar for January/February will be sent to all members in December. Hard copies will be available at the Club.

2022 AGM will be held on Tuesday 15th February.

Monday afternoon bridge has now resumed for Novice players with less than 50 master points. Times are 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm. I would like to thank Kit Clarke for volunteering to be the director.

We were all shocked by the sudden death of Alan Norman. Read more about Alan further in this edition. Diane Wilkinson also passed away after a short illness. Both members will be missed and our thoughts are with their families.

Robert Van Beest (President)
Management Committee

- **The Brisbane Zone Interclub Teams** competition to be played on Sunday 21st November at Arana has been cancelled.
- QBA has requested members to download **MYABF app**. Any problems, members should contact Bruce Hansen.
- **Roof Replacement** Council advised that only parts of the roof need fixing. President will arrange a meeting with the Council. Any grant application will await next round in February.
- The Committee has agreed to purchase a handsfree microphone and a clicker device to change slides during a Powerpoint presentation. This was requested by Kit Clarke.

Trish Lye (Secretary)

Club Badges

We are taking orders for new club badges. The cost is \$10.00. You can pay either by EFTPOS or online. It's important that you advise either via email or on form how you would like to spell your name. For further details please contact Sue Norton.

Sue Norton (Treasurer)

Vale Alan Norman



In early October we received the unbelievable news that Alan Norman died suddenly.

Alan joined Arana Bridge Club on 31st October 2001 and held the office of Vice President from 2016 to 2021. He was particularly active in convening various club events (including Congresses).

Alan played bridge with a number of bridge partners. Bev Quine was his longest term bridge partner – they began to play together 30 years ago and continued to do so until his death. Alan challenged Bev and himself to achieve better results in their play. His knowledge of the game was extensive and he reached the rank of Silver National Master with 308 master points and ranked 3395 in the National ABF.

Alan was a very well liked member of our bridge club. His sense of humour, knowledge and friendship were appreciated by anyone who played or worked with him. The banter between him and Alan McIntyre about English football was particularly loud when his team was winning; his offer to “translate” Natalie’s French accented English... these are just a couple of examples of how his personality lightened the mood of the club. Arana Bridge Club will never be the same without him.

We wish to offer our condolences to his family. We will miss you, Alan.

Welcome New Members

Peter Stride is our newest member. Welcome to the club, Peter. Let's hope that you will enjoy playing bridge at Arana Bridge Club for many years.

Directors Corner

Call the Director

WHENEVER an infraction occurs at the table, you must call the Director.

Players cannot make their own rulings. If they do, the Director has the authority to have players forfeit their rights to rectifications they would otherwise have had.

Opening Lead

The player on lead (declarer's left hand opponent) should select their opening lead, and place it face down on the table in front of them. Their partner should then acknowledge that it can then be faced. This minimizes the possibility of making an opening lead from the wrong hand.

Once placed on the table, the card cannot be changed without the Director's consent, even though it may not have been faced.

Dawn Benes (Director)

An advertisement for DB Electrical Services. It features a white van with the company logo and contact information. The logo includes a lightning bolt icon above the letters 'DB'. Below the van, the text 'COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICAL' and '3889 7788' are visible. The van also has 'Licence no. 7638' written on it. The main text on the right side reads 'DB ELECTRICAL' with 'ABN 93 045 318 194' underneath. Below this, there are three hexagonal icons labeled 'HOME', 'OFFICE', and 'BUSINESS' with corresponding symbols. Under each category, there is a list of services provided.

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Arana Members' Competition Results



The winners of 2021 Arana Teams Championship played on 16th October 2021 were David Lehmann, Bert Luchjenbroers, Richard and Helen McLauchlan. Congratulations.



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Masterpoint Movements

SINCE the last newsletter, the following Arana Club members have achieved masterpoint ranking promotions. Congratulations to all.

Club	Warren McIlwraith
Bronze Local	Yvonne Stalling Noel Werth
Regional	Anna Green
State	Ada Van Der Woude
Silver National	Ross Shardlow
Life	Natalie Bloch

Robert Matthew (MP Sec)

Breaking News

Intermediate Lessons presented by Jim Taylor recommence on Thursday 4th November. Lessons will run from 10 am to 12.00 noon with one hour teaching and one hour of targeted play. Cost is \$6 which entitles attendees to also play the afternoon social session.

Topics include overcalls, doubles, no trumps, bidding against opposition opening NT, fourth suit forcing, 2C openings and responses, signals and bidding to slam.

Attendees should contact Jim Taylor on 3289 0033 with their details.

Christmas Party



Saturday

11th December is the date of our Christmas party.

Details to follow

Joan Butts

Joan Butts is the Australian Bridge Federation's national teaching co-ordinator and has represented Australia as a player. In 2017, she founded her own online bridge school, joanbuttsbridge.com. Oh yes, she says apologetically: bridge people are hopelessly distracted during games. (Butts herself once played an entire tournament without realising she was in labour – i.e. in the actual process of having a baby – that's how focused she was on the game. After winning the tournament, she put down her cards, went to hospital, and swiftly gave birth to her son Tom.)

"The most frequent players are playing up to 10 times a week; so that's multiple times a day."

But even she admits COVID has taken bridgemania to a whole new level. People who formerly played once or twice a week – occasionally, socially, at dinner parties when they were "tired of making conversation but didn't want to go home", as one player put it to me – are suddenly playing every day, sometimes multiple times a day.

"My subscription base grew by 50 per cent in a single month in April last year," Butts says. "And we've doubled our membership [since the start of the pandemic]."
An extract from an article in The Sydney Morning Herald

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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".



Humour Corner



**Do me a favor. Take a few minutes off
from playing online bridge . Your eyes
Will appreciate it.**