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### Editor's Desk

AFTER three years of promises re land for a clubhouse, progress seems abysmally slow. Don Cutmore and Ray Rooney are drawing up concept plans for submission to the new council, so it won't be us dragging the chain.

Ron Klinger is planning to run seminars in Brisbane the week of 18 to 22 April. Tuesday may be already booked by another club but Wednesday is currently free if we want Ron at Arana. Cost will be around \$10 per person. Any takers?

Brisbane Knock Out Teams are planned for 11, 18 and 25 May. Sorry Tuesday players, but the event can be played at 1 session only and winners must be available to continue play at QCBC on Monday nights.

Arana congress is not far away and we are still trying to locate the lunch tablecloths. Someone took them to wash last year and we don't know where they are. If you do know, please contact Pam (Hawaii) Horton.

**Richard McLauchlan**

### Director!

MORE questions from the QBA 1993 director exam to test your knowledge. Answers on the last page.

*Q1.* N/S are in 4S and dummy has a doubleton H. The play goes HK, HA and a third round of Hs ruffed in dummy. Later when the D suit is played, a third H is discovered under one of the Ds. E/W call you but N/S claim that E/W could see dummy and should have noticed there were only 12 visible cards. What is Your ruling?

*Q2.* West opens 1C followed by 1S and 1H from E. It is pointed out to E that his 1H bid is

insufficient. He immediately corrects to 1NT and you are called. What do you rule and what are the possible lead penalties if E/W become defenders?

*Q3.* During a Howell movement, one pair are late finishing a round. When they arrive at the table, they find another pair have sat at the wrong table. You are called. The bidding has started and gone as far as:

	N	E	S
What is your ruling?	1S	/	1NT

**Trevor Cullen**

### QBA rules, Ok

QBA alerting rules require all bids that convey a special meaning (non-standard for your system) to be alerted. The word 'alert' should be spoken and the bid circled on the bidding slip. This applies to all bids up to 3NT after which there is no alerting. The bidders tend to get themselves into trouble here and alerting could unfairly assist them.

A suit that is bid on less than 4 cards should be alerted. Technically, this includes 1C, but except for precision bidders, 1C is rarely alerted. All players should acquaint themselves with their opponent's 1 and 2 level openings and the strength of NT openings before bidding starts. Don't ask after the bid has been made.

A Stayman 2C is alertable, so too are transfers, Baron and responses to Valentine twos (showing an A or K but not length). All doubles at the 1 level are assumed to be takeout while those at the 2 level or higher are for penalties. If not, the double is alertable.

## It's a date

THE Epsom world pairs is usually played on the first week in June unless it clashes with another important event. We expected it to be played on Friday 3 June this year. Dates for the world pairs have now been confirmed as 10 and 11 June, *ie* the Friday and Saturday after our congress. We will play the event on the Friday night and will still have a Friday session on 3 June so we can start setting up the hall for the congress.

## To bid or not to bid

THIS was the theme of the Larry Cohen – Eric Rodwell seminar at Toowong Bridge Club on 17 February 1994 – a most enjoyable and instructive time for the 8 or so Arana members among the bridge fraternity present.

Proceedings began with the speakers ignoring the microphone. However, repeated calls of 'Can't hear' from the floor brought the mike into use continuously [Ed: *déjà vu?*] for the rest of the day, 10 am to 2.15 pm.

Larry Cohen opened by propounding the *Law of Total Tricks*, which states that the number of tricks available on any deal is equal to the *total number of trumps (TNT)*. This was further explained with illustrative hands, *eg*, dealer N, nil vul:

A x x x x x	N	E	S	W
x x	1S	2H	2S	3H
K Q x	??			
K x				

From the bidding, it is evident that E has 5 hearts, S has 3 spades and W has 4 hearts. N/S have 9 trumps in Ss while E/W have 9 in Hs. Therefore, according to the law, with 18 trumps in the deal (9 Ss + 9 Hs), if E/W can make 9 tricks then N/S can also make 9, so N should bid 3S. N/S cannot allow E/W to play and make 3H for -140 (to N/S). They must bid 3S for a +140 score.

Further example hands with lucid explanations and commentaries from the 2 experts kept us occupied and entertained for the remainder of the seminar. Most of us felt that the session was \$5 well spent with full marks to the QBA for their initiative in bringing Larry and Eric to Brisbane.

As with all laws unfortunately, there are exceptions. In his book 'To Bid or Not to Bid', the author goes on to tell us about the 'minor

adjustments, major adjustments, law maxims, double trouble' and 'the downside'. But do not let this put you off. Read the book (the library has purchased a copy) and find an exciting new concept of bridge.

Muriel Anderssen

## Anyone for bridge?

OUR own Joyce Rosser made the ABF list of best performing Regional Masters for 1993. Joyce scored 51.20 masterpoints, a mere 391.91 behind McCutcheon Trophy winner, Grand Master Hugh Grosvenor. Come on, Joyce. I'm sure you could find a few more hours a week for bridge if you stopped shopping, eating and sleeping.

## Director's verdict

CORRECT answers to the questions from page 1 are:

*Q1.* Clearly the defenders (E/W) have been disadvantaged but the director can't apply the revoke laws because dummy cannot revoke. Therefore, you should restore equity, *ie* give a result equivalent to that without the revoke. This might be 1 trick or more.

*Q2.* The 1NT bid must be cancelled. The 1H bid is then either accepted or rejected by S. If it is rejected, then a sufficient bid must be made, but NT or X cannot be accepted. W must pass whenever it is his turn to call. If E/W become defenders, then lead penalties will apply, *ie* declarer may prohibit offender's partner from leading any suit at his first turn to lead and for as long as he is on lead.

*Q3.* The auction is cancelled. The players are reseated correctly and informed of their rights now and at future rounds. If no player objects, then a second auction begins. If any call differs from the previous auction (up to 1S / 1NT), then the board is cancelled due to additional information, or if any player does object, then the board is cancelled and an adjusted score given.

## Important dates

- Mon 11/4: Management committee meeting
- Sat 16-17/4: Gympie congress
- Sun 17/4: Northern Suburbs 1-day pairs
- Sun 24-5/4: QCBC Anzac teams
- Wed 27/4: Aust-wide multipairs
- Sat 30/4-2/5: Toowoomba congress