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THE DIRECTOR HAS NOTICED

How many people played on Tuesday, March 27th, on the "A" side? It doesn't matter! They never got a result for their efforts. It was "no one's" fault and it was "everyone's" fault. On multiple occasions the North-South result was scored on the wrong line; and West signed the result to approve BOTH the score and table number.

When the problem came to the Director's attention, at the last round of the day, it was too late. There were too many errors to correct. To help keep the scores on the right line in the future the sit-out table East-West pair will record their number on the score sheet and write "sit out" on the line for the sit out table

How to keep it from happening again? LOOK AT THE LINE YOU ARE SCORING ON! Each and every time you write down a score. Don't trust the North scorer in front of you to have done it right. You do it right, and every time you play you will have a result to be proud of (or not as the case may be – but you will have a result).

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

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COME TO THE CONGRESS

It is nearly Congress time so keep the weekend of 2 – 3 June free. This year we have a new venue: The Chermshire Bowling Club, 468 Rode Road, Chermshire. The two day event will cost \$47 which includes lunch on both days, copious supplies of

tea and coffee and, of course, Arana's famous homemade cakes and savouries.

This is a red point event with prizes for all sessional winners, so come along, try your luck and support your club.

For enquiries phone Val Acklin on (07) 33556399. Entry forms will be available at Arana in due course.

LIZ MARSHALL

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ARANA CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 27th March 2001

New members for Ratification.

The following new members were approved

- David Reller
- Ray Cowie
- Arthur Pomery
- Dorothy Haigh
- Carmel O'Keefe
- Patricia Nock
- Jean Snowball
- Hannah Tindale
- Dorothy Barlow
- Margaret Corley
- Phil Mathieson
- Wilma Nelson
- Roslyn Murray

Welcome to all!

Web Site – With Bob Dancer absent from the meeting no further information was available re the clubs proposed Web Site. Bob will be following up on his return from holidays.

City Club – A number of City Club Members have now joined our club. A letter was received from the club's past president, advising that an amount of \$390 will be forwarded to our club. A request was also made for a plaque to be displayed in our new clubhouse acknowledging the donation. A letter was sent to the city club thanking them for their donation.

Year Book – The Year Book has been printed and distributed to all members.

Review of Club Rules – Daphne Buse presented to the committee a draft amendment to the club rules re substitutes. The formulation of the draft followed the recent Directors Meeting. The committee decided to wait upon the receipt from the QBA of a New Tournament Rules format before incorporating any changes into the current club rules.

Closure of Hall – Geoff Gulley was requested to contact Arana Leagues Club re availability of a suitable area to be used for one week during the Community Hall's closure for renovations.

Treasurers Report –

Investment Account \$196,977

General Cheque Account \$14,940

Building Committee –

Gary Lynch presented the following update

- ✓ Resource agreement signed
- ✓ Management agreement almost finalized (legal opinion will confirm interpretations of contents)
- ✓ Development application with council appears to be moving forward satisfactorily
- ✓ Meeting Council Surveyors on site 11th April to define lease areas
- ✓ Progress meeting with State Government on 13.03.01 did not identify any problems
- ✓ Building design finalised

General Business

◆ Friday Play

A request has come from members re Friday play, GG was requested to check up on hall availability.

◆ Rules & Etiquette

Director will be requested by DB to advise before play each week a reminder re general rules and points of etiquette.

◆ Scoring 27/3

On Tuesday 27/3 there were numerous errors on the score sheets on the "A" side, to the extent that they will not be able to be scored.

◆ QBA Delegate

Daphne Buse to enquire of member's interest to join Bob Pearce as the club's QBA delegates.

◆ Red Point Day

Daphne Buse is to clarify with Margarett Golden re available Red Point Days.

◆ Club Pairs Events

Geoff Gully to follow up re entry forms for these club events.

◆ Handicaps

Details of handicaps % to be included in 2002 Year Book.

◆ Winners

Previous weeks winners to be announced by the director each week before play commences.

◆ Committee

Tournament and appeals committee to be finalised, DB to follow up.

◆ Movements

On Monday 26th March the movements included half a table on both the "A" and "B" sides. Daphne Buse to discuss with directors to ensure that there is no repetition of this.

◆ Directors Rule Book/Exams

A rule book to be provided at club expense to those directors requiring one. Exam fees to be paid for by the club.

◆ Red Point Days

Head Director to provide the Club Historian a report on Red Point Days.

◆ Slow Play

It was agreed that slow play be monitored as closely as possible.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 8th May

Geoff Gulley – Secretary

Masterpoint Movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members:

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| <i>Graduate</i> | Anne Gulley Janet McPherson |
| <i>Club</i> | Jacqueline Carbone Margaret Dancer Arthur Green Betty Green |
| <i>Local</i> | Barbara Armstrong Geoffrey Gulley |
| <i>Local*</i> | Judith Homan Peter Van Eden |

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| <i>Local**</i> | Allan McIntyre Barry Mitchell |
| <i>Regional</i> | Cherry Bunion Kay Paul |
| <i>Regional *</i> | Walla Hooper |
| <i>State</i> | Beth Douglas |
| <i>National</i> | Jan Rae |
| <i>Bronze Life</i> | Jennifer Lewis |
| <i>Silver Life</i> | Richard McLauchlan |

Congratulations to all of these members.

Remember that those with new rankings will change their Handicap for handicap weeks.

These rankings are:

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| Graduate and Club | – | 60 |
| Local | – | 58 |
| Regional | – | 56 |
| State | – | 54 |
| National | – | 52 |
| Life | – | 50 |

M. Golden (Masterpoint Secretary)

THE FIRST GAME OF CARDS

So long ago that no one knows how many hundreds or thousands of years, someone played the first game of cards.

The cards were not the neat oblong bits of pasteboard that we know, of course, but pieces of whatever material was at hand. Perhaps it was the cavemen who first thought of the game, playing it with leaves on which pictures of birds and flowers were scratched with sharp-pointed thorns.

The Chinese claim that they have been playing cards for thousands of years, and that their ancient sailors carried the game to India and other parts of Asia and to North Africa.

When the Crusaders – from France, Germany, England, Italy – marched upon Jerusalem in 1099, they found that one of the absorbing pastimes of the Saracens was playing cards. So perhaps it was the returning Crusaders who carried the game into the many countries of Europe from which they had come.

A few centuries later Cortes marched upon Montezuma's golden capital, Mexico, and the

Spanish Conquistadors sat about camp playing cards – to the amazed interest of the Aztecs. That is the first record of playing-cards in America; but no doubt the men with Columbus, too, brought cards to while away the long ocean voyage. In the early days playing-cards were often square in shape; sometimes long and narrow.

And in those long-ago days the familiar Hearts, Clubs, Spades and Diamonds were not in use. Many different symbols were used; each country had its own. It would seem strange and amusing now to ask for “the 9 of Elephants” or “the 10 of Hawks”; yet these and other animals and birds were then common on playing-cards. Other symbols used were Leaves, Flowers, Bells, Acorns, Swords and Horsemen.

Playing-cards were not always intended for mere pastime, either. A teacher in England found his pupils very slow in learning grammar. He wrote the rules on a pack of playing-cards and, as a game, grammar was learned in no time! Soon packs of grammar-cards were being manufactured. And a little later a fascinating game of geography could be played with cards. Still other cards taught history.

When America began to manufacture her own playing-cards, she decided that she would have nothing to do with Kings and Queens. The patriotic New York manufacturer used the picture of George Washington for the “President of Hearts”; John Adams replaced the King of Diamonds; and Franklin and Lafayette headed Clubs and Spades. Instead of the four Queens, the goddesses of Love, Wisdom, Fortune and Harvests were used; and four Indian chiefs replaced the knave.

But the English cards were already so popular, in so many thousands of American homes, that the American cards never became well known. And today we have the Kings and Queens and Knaves – fifty-two-card pack that is used in Anglo-Saxon countries the world over.

Wherever cards are played – in America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia – there are games that are similar. And most of the card games of today are based on games that have been popular for hundreds of years.

Bridge Hand of the Month

By Michael Lawrence

Vul: Neither
Dealer – East

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| | | ♠ Q 6 | |
| | | ♥ 10 7 6 4 | |
| | | ♦ 9 7 6 4 | |
| | | ♣ 10 6 3 | |
| ♠ K 2 | | | ♠ J 10 9 7 |
| ♥ K Q 8 5 3 2 | | | ♥ A J |
| ♦ J 10 8 2 | | | ♦ K Q 5 3 |
| ♣ 4 | | | ♣ K 9 7 |
| | | ♠ A 8 5 4 3 | |
| | | ♥ 9 | |
| | | ♦ A | |
| | | ♣ A Q J 8 5 2 | |

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| W | N | E | S |
| | | 1♦ | 2♣ |
| 2♥ | P | 2NT | 4♠ |
| P | P | P | |

Opening lead J♦

The bidding was awful but it was real. South had no way to show his great hand over 1♦ so he started with a tepid overcall of 2♣. On the next round South chanced 4♠. North erred by not returning to 5♣.

West led the ♦J. South won and led toward dummy's ♠Q. West rose with the king and tapped South by leading another diamond. South ruffed the diamond, went to the ♠Q and led the ♣10 for a finesse. When it worked, South repeated the finesse. After drawing one more trump, South ran the rest of the clubs and made 4♠, losing one more spade and a heart. Could you have defended better after the opening lead was made?

4♠ can't make against inspired defence. West must play low on the spade lead! Dummy will win with the ♠Q, but when South finesses in clubs, West will ruff the second round. East still has two trump tricks and the ♥A will be the setting trick. West's apparent surrender of a trump trick is repaid in an amazing fashion.

I have not seen this position in all my years of bridge. Perhaps it is one of those things that will be seen more often now that it is known.

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LIBRARY LINES by Ilene Bishop

Arana Bridge Club Librarian

“**Playing to Win at Bridge**” (P10) couldn't be a more appropriate title for a bridge book. We all aim to come out on top, but due to the hands, mistakes in bidding or defence, brilliant play by the opposition, etc. one pair will be a loser.

This new 1999 revised edition of Ron Klinger's quiz book presents practical real situations rather than featuring specific themes as stated in the Table of Contents:

At the Elementary Level – a competent player should score at least 90% correct in this section and not require more than 2-3 minutes to figure out the winning line for each problem.

At the Intermediate Level – a competent player should score 75% in this section with 3-4 minutes for each problem/ strong player 90%.

At the Advanced Level – an average player will be doing well to score better than 50% as the problems are assessed as fairly difficult.

For each hand the bidding is shown and then some of the play is presented. You are to plan the rest of the play. After four hands are displayed, the following pages show you some of the traps to avoid and then the winning play.

As Klinger states in his introduction: “the world is full of expert dummy players and brilliant defenders five seconds after the play of the hand is over”. Sound familiar? “It is the ability to solve the problem five seconds before the critical moment that is the hallmark of the top player”.

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Important dates

- 25 April – Anzac Day Teams (QCBC)
- 28–29 April – Old Team Trials (Senior & Youth)
- 2 May – GNOT (gold points) Arana Wk 1
- 5 May Eastern Suburbs Novice Teams
- 5–7 May Townsville Congress
- 9 May GNOT Wk 2
- 9 May – Colin Stone Teams (QCBC) start
- 12 May – Surfers Swiss Teams
- 12–13 May – Old Senior & Youth Team Trials
- 16 May – GNOT Wk 3
- 19–20 May – Old Open and Novice Mixed Pairs Towing