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ARANA CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 26 February 2002

The Clubhouse Ferny Grove Parklands

2002 Membership Booklet – Helen will arrange for 300 booklets to be printed, available in 2 weeks.

Gaming Grants – Gary has applied for the next available funds from the Gaming grants and is confident of the results.

Opening Day –

The following was discussed: with the following people appointed:

- Speeches – 1 each club and 3 politicians
- Guided Tours – Liz, Geoff, Anne and Lorraine Displays of what we do – Liz
- Meet VIP's – Geoff and Liz
- Refreshments. Club members to supply, Julie to organize.
- Covering of carpet – Barry
- Plaque – Bob and Barry
- Bridge demonstrations – Frank Hoult
- Car park reserved spaces – Barry & Don Cutmore
- Courtesy car – Barry and Don Cutmore
- Wine and plastic cups – Geoff
- Beer – Bob
- Name tags – Geoff

Property sub committee – Barbara Holmes has resigned due to prior commitments and Neil Hamilton has taken over the position.

Friday Play – Play has commenced with a promising start of eight tables. All members are to be requested, were possible, to try and support this session. The committee is confident that in time the Friday session could end up being one of our most popular. Helen McLauchlan is to give a short hand assessment critique before the start of play commencing on the 5th April 2002. Play

commences at 10.00 am with a short break for lunch (BYO) and finishes by 2.00 pm.

Supervised Play – This is now available on Wednesday evenings and although we currently have only one table, we believe this session could prove popular after the completion of the current round of beginner's lessons.

Special Position Appointments – Congress Convenor - Pam Horton

Geoff Gulley (Secretary)

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7:30 pm 26th March 2002

Clubhouse Ferny Grove Parklands

2002 Booklet – The Booklet is now available for distribution to members. To avoid the lateness of its distribution it was agreed that next year to have the Booklet printed as soon as the QBA and the Club's internal event programme is finalized which should be towards the end of this year. This will enable us to get the Booklet printed and distributed no later than mid January 2003.

Clubhouse Locks – Val Cran is going to organize new locks after Easter for both The Bridge Club and The Football Club's front doors. In addition, a deadlock is also to be fitted to the kitchen door between the two clubs.

Gaming Grant – Our application was successful and we have received a grant of \$20,154 (inclusive of GST) towards the purchase of the following:-

Blinds	\$3258
PA system	\$1694
Computer	\$3593
Dealing Machine	\$6672
Kitchen Cupboards	\$3937
Automatic Watering System	<u>\$1000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$20154</u>

Donations – All donations made by members towards the outfitting of the new clubhouse are to

be acknowledge in the next edition of the TrumpIt with special mentions made of the following:-
 Water Cooler Margarette Golden
 The President's Honour Board Vonnie Wallace
 Chairs Donors to be named

Property Sub Committee – There are some causes of concern in regard to the air-conditioning circulation. Neil has been asked to contact the air-conditioning company and request an onsite meeting to determine if any action needs to be taken. Barbara Holmes is to provide Neil with the job description.

Intermediate Classes – These are on hold until the completion of the current beginner's classes.

Friday Play – Free Games for both first and second place are to be awarded in a three-month promotion commencing in April. In addition Helen McLauchlan will be giving coaching on hand assessment prior to the commencement of play. This will start on 5th April and continue every fortnight until further notice.

Special Events Co-ordinator – Geoff is to approach Marian Richardson re this position.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were approved:-

- Judith Perl
- Sue Kennard
- Gayle Boddice
- Ann Davis
- Judy Cantamessa
- Sid Cantamessa
- June Von Berky
- Margaret Hill

And a warm welcome to you all.

ABF Membership Declaration – Geoff has forwarded this declaration to the ABF. The number of home club members on the declaration effective 26/2 is 186.

Arana Congress – The following job tasks were agreed upon.

Entry Form Helen and Darlene

Entry Form Distribution Pam and Helen

Publicity Pam to discuss with Liz

Catering Warren is to approach Ferny Grove Bowls Club re: sandwiches and fruit. Members will be asked for donations of cakes, deserts etc.

Entry Fee \$48 per person (Includes lunch both days)

Tea Lady - Warren has taken out Workers Comp Cover. Bob D. is to discuss with Ernie Harris re position clarification.

Play Duration - Daytime play is to finish by 1.00 pm. The Director can shorten play if necessary to finish by this time. Directors will be asked to keep

play moving to enable the total movement to be played.

Geoff Gulley (Secretary)

BRIDGE HAND OF THE MONTH

By David Bird

Vul: N/S

Dealer South

<p>♠ A 9 6 ♥ J 7 ♦ 10 5 2 ♣ A 6 5 3 2</p> <p>♠ K Q J 10 5 3 2 ♥ K 8 ♦ J 9 7 ♣ 10</p>	<p>♠ 7 ♥ Q 9 5 4 3 ♦ Q 8 6 3 ♣ J 8 4</p> <p>♠ 8 4 ♥ A 10 6 2 ♦ A K 4 ♣ K Q 9 7</p>
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W	N	E	S
3S	3NT	P	P
P			
Opening Lead ♠K			

What sort of penalty can North expect from 3♠ doubled? Two down would be a fair guess but 300 will not compensate for a missed vulnerable game. North decides to bid 3NT instead of doubling and West leads the ♠K.

It's up to you to make partner's bidding look good. Can you see what might stop you from scoring nine tricks?

Hands up anyone who thought that a 4-0 club break was the only possible problem!

South's ♣9 and ♣7 will cause difficulties even when the suit breaks 3-1. After cashing the king, queen and ace, South's remaining pip will block the club suit. What can you do about it?

The solution is to duck the first two rounds of spades, then discard the ♣7 (or ♣9) on the ♠A. With the blocking club out of the way you can cash the ♣K and ♣Q, then cross to the ace and score two small clubs in dummy. That will give you nine tricks.

If West tries to be clever by switching to a different suit at trick two, you will win and duck a second round of spades yourself. When you regain the lead you will be able to cash the ♣K and ♣Q, then cross to the ♣A to discard your last club on the ♠A. Once again the way will be clear for you to enjoy dummy's two small clubs.

DIRECTORS' CORNER

(from the QBA Bulletin Mar – Apr 2002)

This article has been prompted by a paragraph in the January edition concerning behaviour towards new players.

Players need to emerge from supervised play with well developed survival skills. I believe we are failing them by allowing bad habits to be practised once initial lessons are over. Our main business is to cater for players who wish to play the sport of bridge.

I have chosen twelve points which a beginner should understand. These are simplified bridge laws and no attempt has been made to cover all angles.

1. **Call the Director** when an infringement occurs or if you don't understand what has happened. Feel comfortable about calling the director. Directors do not punish, they restore equity. Don't be hoodwinked into allowing more experienced players to make rulings
2. **Count** your cards before looking at them.
3. Circle and say "**alert**" when partner makes a non self-alerting bid (up to and including 3NT) that doesn't mean what it says.
4. Make the opening lead **face down** and wait for confirmation that it is your lead.
5. Opening leader's partner and the presumed declarer may ask questions before the opening lead is faced. Questions may also be asked at a player's turn to call or turn to play a card. It is strongly recommended that a player should only ask questions when information is needed for the purpose of deciding what to call or play at that turn.
6. Place the dummy about 10 cm in from the edge of the table to allow room for quitted tricks and do not move the position of suits when one becomes void.
7. Do not play any card from dummy until told to do so by Declarer. This includes singletons and apparently obvious plays.
8. Declarer says "**Thank you partner,**" when dummy is tabled. Pretending to be overjoyed when dummy is not what was expected is unethical. Showing dismay aids the defence.
9. The board **stays** in the centre of the table until play is finished.
10. Both defenders and declarer may review the auction until each plays to the first trick. With written bidding the closest we can get to observing this law is for Dummy to turn over or **hide the bidding slip** after third hand plays to the first trick. 11. Dummy isn't called "dummy" for nothing. **Dummy does not** comment on play, question defenders, make claims or be first to draw attention to infringements before play is over.
12. **Leave** moaning groaning, wriggling and squirming to championship wrestlers.

The award for the 2002 Most Frequent Director Ruling at the Gold Coast Congress goes to Faced Opening Lead Out of Turn.

Jan peach



LIBRARY LINES

by Ilene Bishop

Arana Bridge Club Librarian

"The advanced player of yesterday is the average player of today..." so says Victor Mollo in "**Streamline Your Card Play**" (S6). I found this statement very interesting as this book was published in 1981. I presume that it is still true today. We can always learn.

Mollo feels that the standard layout of a bridge book doesn't give the reader a chance to make mistakes and then learn by them. His book will allow the player every chance to make 325 major errors and 800 lesser ones before being led little by little to the right path. I don't know about you, but I have probably made every one of those mistakes at one time or another, some of them more than once.

The way a contract is reached often affects the defence and the declarer's play. "More contracts are lost at trick one than at any other time," so think the hand through before making any play. Even experienced players can get careless and forget this strategy.

Some of the chapter headings are:

TEMPOS AND TIMING– Keeping Ahead of the Joneses.

SQUEEZES– The Embrace of the Boa Constrictor.

DECEPTION– Honesty is the Best Policy-Sometimes.

Get your thinking cap on and be ready to concentrate.



MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS AS OF 28 March 2002

<i>Graduate</i>	Margaret Bell
<i>Club</i>	Peter Fredericks Janet McPherson
<i>Local</i>	Beryl Bell William Law
<i>Local *</i>	Peter French Ilene Bishop Geoff Gulley
<i>National*</i>	Ailsa Smith

Congratulations.

Helen McLauchlan, Masterpoint Secretary



Important Phone Numbers –

Clubhouse when attended - 0407 730 545

(A mobile will be used until a phone line is installed)

President – Bob Dancer – 3300-3414

Vice-President – Gay Hull – 3300-2444

Secretary – Geoff Gulley – 3851-3687

Treasurer – Warren Holmes – 3300-6654

Partner Contact – Betty Willson – 3355-2519



Important Dates

- April 12 – GNOT Teams Arana Wk 2
- April 19 – GNOT Teams Arana Wk 3
- April 20-21 – Gympie Congress
- April 23 – Tuesday Arana Red Points
- April 25 – QCBC Anzac Teams
- May 4-6 – Toowoomba Congress

SPECIAL THANKS

To
DELAHUNTY'S PHARMACY
ALBERT ST. CITY

For the donation of a fully equipped **First Aid Kit**. This is an essential part of our fit-out.

Thank you again for your generous donation to the Arana Contract Bridge Club keeping us healthy and happy and safe.

AND

To
MAIALA PARK LODGE
MOUNT GLORIOUS QLD

For the donation of overnight accommodations for 2, including dinner and breakfast to the value of \$240.00 to be raffled as a prize on the behalf of the Arana Congress.

Maijala Park Lodge borders on several national parks, so there are many scenic walks and picnic spots to explore. If you are prepared to do a little rock hopping you can have a dip in the rock pool at the head of South Pine River, or you can just relax, listen to the birds, and enjoy the serenity of the mountain.

Arana Bridge Club thanks you for your generous donation.



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