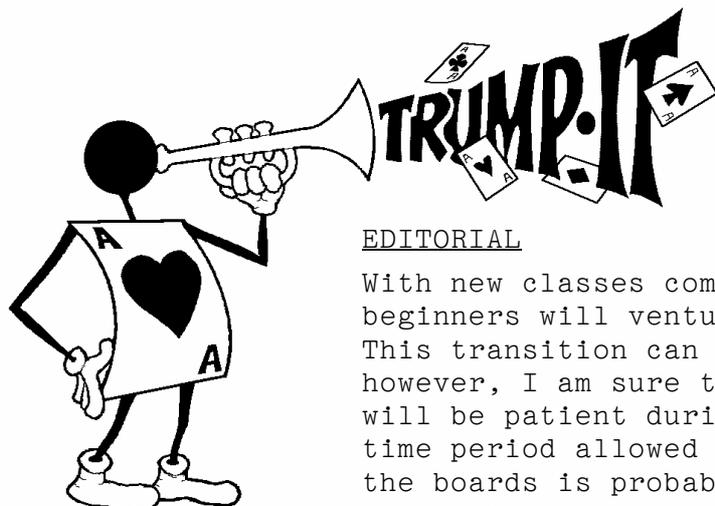


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EDITORIAL

With new classes commencing this week some of the beginners will venture out to the Club playing area. This transition can be a nervous time for some, however, I am sure that the more experienced players will be patient during this settling in period. The time period allowed for the bidding and playing of the boards is probably the most difficult area to adjust to.

The procedure of who does what at the table is simple. The North player is responsible for the placing of the board on the table in the correct direction. If he/she so chooses, South can be made responsible. If the board is placed in the wrong direction and it is necessary to give a penalty, it will be given to the North/South partnership even in the instance where a helpful East or West player may have placed the board on the table.

As a general rule, North is also responsible for scoring, however, again he/she can delegate this job to South. After filling in the score on the travelling score card, it should then be passed to either the East or West player for checking. Some Clubs may require the card to be initialled, others don't.

The Director is in total charge of the movement. It is his/her responsibility to ensure tables are numbered correctly and the movement set up in such a way that players will not be confused as to where their next move is. The Director is also responsible for placing all boards into play. In a Mitchell movement it is easier to have the players themselves move the boards, however, the Director can take this task upon himself/herself if desired. In a Howell Movement, it is desirable for the Director alone to move the boards due to the number of bye tables involved. It is very easy for players to take the wrong set of boards.

Judy Valentine

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RESULTS OF THE TEAMS OF 4 CHAMPIONSHIP

OPEN WINNERS - ORFORD TEAM - Neil & Frances Orford, Deslei Den Haan,
Alison Fulwood, Beth Douglas.

HANDICAP WINNERS - LONG TEAM - Bob Long, Geoff Doyle, Nev & Pat Dixon.

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NEXT EVENT ON OUR CALENDAR

Sunday, 9th October - Play Seminar

1988 BUNDABERG CONGRESS

A contingent of 12 players from Arana Contract Bridge Club invaded the peaceful town of Bundaberg on the week-end to attend their first ever Congress. The Bundaberg Congress is reputed to be one of the most friendly Congresses on the Queensland Bridge Association's calendar, hence the reason I persuaded this group of nervous bridge players to attend. The host Club, in their usual friendly way, made our members feel very much at home. Most made the trek to Bundaberg on the Friday which enabled them to play in the Welcoming Pairs Event, a good settling in period. It also gave them time to meet some of the players they would meet in the Congress beginning on the Saturday.

Jessica (my bridge partner and friend of many years) and I always have a side bet of a casket ticket on the result of this Event. Jessica plays with her regular partner, Peter Young, and I play with Jessica's husband Ian. This is a big match for us both as apart from the friendly rivalry there is \$2 at stake for the casket ticket. Well this year it is my turn to buy the ticket as Jessica and Peter were 1st N/S and Ian and I were 2nd N/S. The worst part of the exercise is that I have to listen to Jessica's brag for the next 12 months.

The E/W direction was won by none other than Jenny Lewis and Pam Horton from our Club. Talk about over the moon - they were bad enough but I was ecstatic. Over a "stiff whisky" that night, Jessica and I related our tales of woe of the bottoms we received. Jessica's first words to me were "Do you know what Jenny and Pam did to me?" Well here it is -

<p>A 10765 AKQ932 K2 Q1065 983 10 AJ865 J932 KQJ 65 10973</p>	<p>K874 A42 J874 Q4</p>	<p>3NT was the final Contract by South. Pam led the Club 6 and Jessica, after much thought, played low from dummy. Jenny won with the Queen and returned the club 4 to Pam's Ace. Unlike other West players, Pam did not cash her Jack, thus setting up a trick in declarer's hand but instead led a low spade to the singleton Ace in dummy. Jessica cashed her three top diamonds and then had to surrender the lead to Jenny with either the heart or diamond. As Jessica needed diamond tricks for her contract she led the diamond. Jenny won with the jack and the defence took 7 tricks via 1 diamond, 3 clubs, 1 heart and 2 spades for 3 down. Well done Jenny & Pam to find the nice defence.</p>
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I played the same hand sitting in Jessica's seat but I rose with the king of clubs on the first trick, played three rounds of diamonds and surrendered a diamond of East's jack. The spade switch came which I won and when cashing my two remaining diamonds, East threw two small spades. When I led a heart from dummy, East won with the ace and led the club queen. When West did not override his partner's queen I was able to make the contract via the heart suit.

Saturday afternoon and Saturday night were the two qualifying events. Jenny and Pam qualified for the Plate Section and remaining Arana members for the Consolation. Jenny and Pam finished 3rd in the Plate, a very commendable performance in an experienced field. Well done!

In the morning session of the final, Joan and Bill Hurrell finished 1st. Another commendable performance. Well done, Joan and Bill.

All those who attended the congress had a most enjoyable week-end and I hope that many more of you will attend next year as I am 99% sure that those who went this year will return.