



ARANA

Contract Bridge Club Inc

August 2001

Vol 15 No 8

FROM THE PRESIDENT

- Firstly just a quick comment about progress on the new sports and recreation centre, lease difficulties with the council have been overcome, and we now have all required building, development and state government approvals to proceed. We hope and expect that the contract with the builder will be in place by the time you read this.
- A new beginners training course is under way, with the attendance on Wednesday nights the highest (20) within recent memory. Liz Marshall tried some new approaches with advertising which have paid off – thanks Liz. Monday afternoon proved unsuitable for a daytime beginner's course, but it was our only option with the recent parking difficulties.
- Membership is continuing to climb with the latest figure at 212. This figure gives us more financial room to move in fitting out and completing the new centre.
- Thanks are due to Jenny and Pam, Ailsa and Don for organising and scoring the Tuesday teams. As usual, they thrived on the extra workload and damn near won the thing. Thanks go also to the members who park away from the clubrooms and help control our parking problems to quite reasonable levels.
- The first night of the GNOT South-East Queensland Regional finals went well for Arana, with two teams finishing in the top five, and the other two teams with some hard luck stories to tell, but plenty of

opportunity to regain ground in the next two nights.

- Don't forget the intermediate lessons starting Monday 20th August. These are now organised by topic, with some topics attracting players with different levels of experience. You just turn up to the sessions which interest you. Lorraine will be well prepared as usual.

Bob Dancer, President

Masterpoint Movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members:

<i>Club</i>	Annette Draper Anne Gulley Maureen Pascoe
<i>Local**</i>	William Coleman
<i>State*</i>	Vonnie Wallace

M. Golden (Masterpoint Secretary)

JUDY VALENTINE **WEDNESDAY NIGHT TEAMS**

13 Teams fronted up for 3 Wednesday nights in a row to challenge each other. When the dust finally settled, the results were:

Tied for FIRST Place:

Richard McLauchlan, Bob Pearce, Helen McLauchlan and Margaret-Ann Welldon.

AND

Pam Horton, Jenny Lewis, Joyce Rosser and Gary Lynch.

(To determine the ultimate championship a head to head match between the two teams was played with the McLauchlan team winning. Prize Money is still shared.)

THIRD Place :

Keith Buse, Daphne Buse, Jan Ray, and Lillian Kemp.

HANDICAP WINNER – Richard McLauchlan, Bob Pearce, Helen McLauchlan and Margaret-Ann Welldon.

Congratulations to all.

**ARANA CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB
INC**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday 24 July 2001**

**1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE
MINUTES**

Red Point Availability

Jenny Lewis advised the meeting that all available Red Points have been fully allocated for the year.

Event Entry Forms

Entry forms for the balance of this years events are to be given to the tournament committee for vetting before printing and distribution by Geoff.

Polite Behaviour

Bob forwarded a letter to the member concerned. All correspondence regarding the issue is to be tabled at the next committee meeting.

Suggestion Box

Bob is to follow up with Caroline Black re the supply of the box.

Training Course.

The next training course is to commence on Monday 6/8 at 2.00 pm and Wednesday 8/8 at 7.30 pm. The courses will run for 8 lessons followed by 6 weeks of supervised play. The cost is \$55 plus textbook. Liz Marshall is preparing handouts and organising publicity.

Post Office Box

A post office box for the club has been organised at the Ferny Hills Mail Centre. The clubs new mailing address is:

PO Box 23
FERNY HILLS 4055

**2. NEW CLUB HOUSE
TENDER/BUILDING
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Lease conditions discussed with Sue Fisher (BCC) and agreed. Lease to be finalised about end August but this will not delay construction.

Lease for transfer station still extends onto area we propose to build. Can not commence building until this is rectified. Sue Fisher is pursuing this.

Committee advised of tenderers and tender amounts and requested that these be kept confidential until contract signed.

The committee was given detailed costing information for the building assuming the preferred tenderer. Richard Mason has advised that the preferred tenderer is still interested and wished to start construction late August to finish before Christmas.

Sport and Recreation Queensland requires only Building Application approval and a letter from the architect confirming that no state legislation is being breached before state funds can be drawn. These are expected within two weeks.

Peter Grace has advised that he is meeting with the solicitor later this week to progress the Management Agreement. The contents of this have been agreed and it is being rewritten into legally binding format.

Ernie Harris is undertaking a credit check on the proposed builder.

A motion was passed by the committee giving the building sub committee approval to sign the contract, and its chairman Gary Lynch

approval to agree to overruns up to \$20,000 in total.

Bob tabled a draft budget for the new clubrooms. The budget offered two scenarios showing different sessions per week. Both scenarios indicate the club could adequately cover a \$40,000 loan if required.

Bob also presented a draft task description for the Property Management Sub Committee. The draft highlighted specific responsibilities for the sub committee. Bob asked that if committee members had any further suggestions they be passed on to Barbara.

Geoff Gulley, (Secretary)

INTERMEDIATE CLASSES

While we originally planned to separate our intermediate classes into two grades of different levels of experience, Lorraine Fredericks plans to segregate the classes by topic instead. Each day will be charged separately, and members can attend any day they like. As the attendance at each session will be a little unpredictable, and we need to conserve our funds to fit out the clubrooms, we will probably charge a higher figure of \$5 per day, the same rate as the beginners' course supervised play.

- The course will start at approximately 1.30 pm on the following Mondays.

20th August Jacoby Transfers

27th August Declarer Play- No Trumps

**3rd September Opening Weak Two's –
Benjamin Style**

10th September Hall not available

**17th September Opening Strong Hands –
Benjamin Two's**

24th September Negative Doubles

**1st October Declarer Play in Suit
Contracts**

Queries should be directed to Frank Hoult . It will help Frank get an idea of numbers if people put a tick below the dates they are interested in attending.

Bob Dancer

20th Aug 27th Aug 3rd Sep 17th Sep

24th Sep 1st Oct

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

LIBRARY LINES
by Ilene Bishop

Arana Bridge Club Librarian

There are two primary reasons **“Why You Lose at Bridge”**(W4)-lack of technical skill and losing tactics. According to the author S.J. Simon most bridge players have the technical skills if they stay within their class of play. It's not the playing of difficult hands, but the ability to avoid messing up the easy ones that makes the winning player.

He states that you as a player have probably thrown away thousands of points through greed, obstinacy, refusal to believe the obvious, or just sheer carelessness.

Mathematical apathy is one of the losing tactics. Simon asks three questions:

1. How much can my bid or play gain
2. How much can I lose
3. What are its chances of success

Another losing tactic is the points you lose playing the dummy.

1. Hasty play to first trick
2. Mismanagement of trumps
3. Failure to throw loser on loser
4. Failure to count hand

A further losing tactic is the points you lose at bidding. According to Simon, “ some hands at Bridge demand delicate treatment others are best dealt with poppa-momma fashion. Reserve your science for the hands that need them.” Superscientists “are striving for accuracy of bidding that does not exist in

Bridge and, in striving after it, turn the simplest hands into problems.”

“It is agreed of course, that you are better than the majority of the players at your club. It is also agreed that they refuse to admit this.” Simon says don’t teach your partner, it won’t be appreciated. “Learn their game... Whatever form of atrocity they favour, they are consistent in it,” so... take counter-measures.

Even though this book is not a recent publication, I found myself nodding in agreement and chuckling quite often at descriptions of play and players. Many of my own playing faults were described in great detail and remedies suggested. A very enjoyable and down-to-earth read.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

Bridge Hand of the Month

By Bobby Wolff

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

Dealer – East
Vul – Both

W	N	E	S
		1♥	2♦
P	2♠	P	2NT
P	3NT	P	P
P			
Opening Lead 2♥			

“An obstinacy’s ne’er so stiff as when ‘tis in a wrong belief.”

-Samuel Butler

West lead the ♥2. How should East defend?

East punched away at his side’s longest suit without considering any alternatives. Chalk up a big minus for obstinacy and an even bigger plus for South’s unmakeable game.

East won his ♥A and returned the ♥5 to South’s Queen and West’s King. West led a third heart and the rubber was over. South quickly claimed six diamonds, a heart and two spades for nine tricks.

“I knew you had a heart honour,” alibied East. “That’s why I returned the suit. I was sure I could get in in time to cash my remaining hearts.”

“You should have known where the ♠A was, offered West. “I couldn’t have held good heart support and an ace after my pass to 2♦. And if South had the six-card suit that his bidding suggested, it would have cost you nothing to try a high club at trick two.”

East should cash the ♣K at trick two and then lead the ♥10. West will win South’s queen, but he will know where the ♥J is. Back will come the ♣J, and instead of game and rubber for South, the defenders get the plus score.

Important dates

- Sun 19 Aug – Toowong Novice Teams
- Mon 20 Aug – Red Point Session Arana
- Friday 24 Aug – GNOT zone final (week 2)
- Sun 26 Aug – BBC Swiss Teams
- Fri 31 Aug – GNOT zone final (week 3)
- Sat 1 Sept - Warwick Spring Pairs
- Sun 2 Sept – Sunshine Coast Teams
- Mon 3 Sept – Monday Pairs Red Point (week 1)
- Sat/Sun 8-9 Sept – Toowong Teams
- Mon 10 Sept – Monday Pairs (week 2)
- Sat/Sun 15 – 16 Sept – Brisbane Festival Congress (QCBC)
- Mon 17 Sept - Monday pairs (week 3)