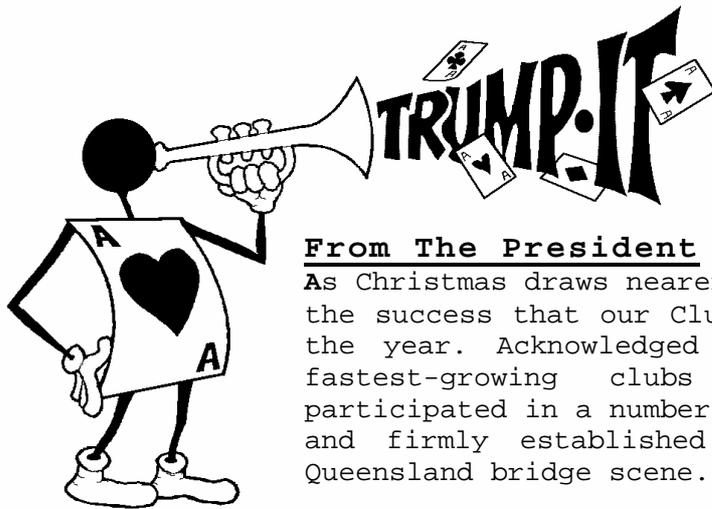


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From The President

As Christmas draws nearer, it is time to reflect upon the success that our Club has experienced throughout the year. Acknowledged by the ABF as one of the fastest-growing clubs in Australia, we have participated in a number of events for the first time and firmly established ourselves as part of the Queensland bridge scene.

Many of our members have taken part in a variety of events conducted by other clubs and their results have been commendable. It is a tribute to Judy's teaching to hear statements from opponents such as "Oh, you're from Arana. We'd better watch out partner. Judy Valentine teaches them well over there."

I think special mention should be made of Pam and Jenny, for whom 1992 has definitely been their year. Not only have they won both Pairs Championships, and enough free-play vouchers to paper the living room, but they have done it with the sort of friendly, good-humoured modesty that should be a model for all bridge players.

We should be careful not to take for granted the hard work that many put in on our behalf. Our thanks should go to all those who voluntarily help to distribute and put away furniture and materials for each session. Ted McGrath, in particular, deserves acknowledgment for opening up the hall throughout the year and for a number of little maintenance jobs on tables and notice boards. Without the efforts of Cynthia, Beverley, Carolyn and Lillian, we would not have been assured of refreshment. To them, and all other willing helpers, a **BIG** thank you!

Next year we will hold our very own congress for the first time. This will be another milestone in the history of the Club. However, to ensure its success will take the involvement and hard work of a large number of members. When the time comes I am sure everyone will want to make a contribution, no matter how small.

Finally, please remember that, with the change to our financial year, the AGM will now be held in early February. If you would like to have a say in the running of your club please nominate for a position or place an item on the agenda. As the Club grows, so do the number and size of the tasks to be dealt with. Extra playing sessions require more directors, an area where we could still do with more assistance. Your involvement, no matter how small, will always be appreciated.

I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and look forward to meeting you all again at the bridge table in the New Year.

Bob Pearce



FUND RAISING

by Deslei Den Haan

Although the Fund Raising Committee got off to a slow start at the beginning of the year, we more than made up for it towards the end.

The total raised for the year - excluding the Christmas raffle, that is still running, is \$1057.25.

The raffles have brought in \$573.05, the stall in the Ferny Grove market \$264.00, the Bring and Buy table at the Melbourne Cup party netted \$120.20 and the \$50.00 game that was played on two consecutive Wednesday nights made \$100.00'

On behalf of the Fund Raising Committee (Trevor, Alison, Merilyn and myself), I would like to thank you all very much for your generosity and interest throughout the year.

PROBLEM CORNER

In this Trump-It there are 3 hands submitted for analysis from different sources. The first comes from the Noosa Congress. Friend Jessica rang me regarding the bidding on this hand and I am including it as there is a point to be made.

A	I believe the bidding would go-	
AK9		
K108543	<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
A53	1D	1S
	3D	4C
	5C	NB
J9862		
65		
2		
KQ1062		

Some of you may question the 5C raise by North after South bids 4C -"Aren't second suits 4-carded until proved otherwise?" Generally, yes! But not when the auction goes as above. South, without 2 x 5-carded suits would happily rebid spades to show 5, raise partner's suit with a doubleton or would convert to 3NT with a more balanced hand, even without a full stopper in hearts (because values are good) or pass when values are poor.

5C cannot make because suits are divided badly, however, it is difficult for any partnership to stop before game is reached. If North's values were QJ of diamonds instead of the heart King, the contract would have every chance of succeeding. One must not become agitated when hands such as these fail. Do not distort the bidding system to cater for the few times when these type of hands appear. The point to remember is that every other pair in the movement, sitting in your seat, is facing the same problem as you, therefore, the par result is no longer 11 tricks but could be as low as 8 or 9 tricks to score the average.

Incidentally, friend Jessica and Peter Young took off the major prize at the Noosa Congress - proves that there is still "kick" in the old girl yet.

The following hand was jointly submitted by Bob Pearce and Pam Horton and appeared at the Northern Suburbs Congress.

Dealer North : All Vul.

Failing to reach the Grand Slam (either 7H or 7S) on this board will give you poor matchpoints.

AQ432
 AQ108653
 A
 void
 85
 74
 8642
 AJ1085
 K976
 K2
 KJ93
 K63

Suggested bidding sequence -

		J10	<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
		J9	2H	2S
		Q1075	3S	4C
		Q9842	4S	5D
			6H	7S

It is better for North to show the spades as being 5-carded thus, in turn, will show the heart suit to be 6-carded than losing bidding tempo by trying to show the 7-carded heart suit. South, who shows controls in valued ascending order, allows North to realise that a slam is present, but in which major is yet to be determined. North must now show spades that brings out the next control from South (4C - worthless). The rebid of spades to show the 6-5 hand and because of the distribution, should not be taken as a sign-off attempt but rather a move to find the superior major fit. South's 5D control bid must be taken as a serious attempt to find the highest level slam possible. When North now bids 6H, he shows that, on the given information from South, 6 of a major is makeable and offers South the choice. South, who still has one vital control up his sleeve, should bid 7S.

This hand is from Deborah Dwyer who wants advice on the correct auction.

Dealer West : E/W Vul.

J98753
 7
 84
 10654
 64
 J106
 J107653
 J8
 AKQ10
 KQ653
 A
 KQ9

	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
	NB	NB	1C	2C
	NB	2S	NB	3S
	NB	4S	All pass	

The bidding sequence that actually occurred was not supplied, nor was the problem hand identified so I will do the analysis on all hands.

East has the standard 1C opening. South, with a 2 loser hand must use the Direct Cue Bid to show the game-going values (chapter 10, page 9 of my book). It would not be advantageous for West to bid on this hand when vulnerable as it would be generally construed as a lead direct. If vulnerability was reversed, then a 2D bid

would have some merit as it would suggest a possible sacrifice against the vulnerable game. After West has passed, North shows his spades and South raises the bid to the 3 level to allow room for a Cue Bidding sequence if North has a distributional hand and is interested in pushing on to slam (lesson 9 page 10 of my book). There is no need for South to fear that the bid will be passed as the Direct Cue Bid (2C) places a 100% force on North to bid to at least the game level. As North has a poor hand he signs off in 4S and that is where the auction will close.

MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The Management Committee held its last meeting for the year on Monday 7th December. This is actually the last meeting of the present Committee before the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday night 3rd February, 1993 commencing 7 p.m. Club members are reminded that nomination forms for positions on the Management Committee are now available. You are also reminded that items and motions for the AGM agenda should be given to the Secretary, at least 2 weeks before the date of the meeting.

The Management Committee's agenda items were lengthy because of the many reports that had to be submitted (10) and there was much to be discussed and organised before the new Committee meets after the AGM.

The most difficult item to finalise is the calendar for 1993. Trying to organise club championships, seminars and the like around all the special events held by the QBA, ABF and the WBF that our club is now participating in, is not an easy exercise. In addition, we have our Inaugural Congress in early June, a return match against the Sunnybank Club, the Northern Suburbs Interclub Teams Event and the Pine Shire Festival Pairs to fit in to a very busy schedule.

The Congress was another item that demanded attention at this meeting. It takes a enormous amount of time to organise and put on a good Congress and it was important that a Convenor be appointed to start organising such things as the printing of programmes. Because of my experience, I was appointed. Congresses make little or no profit and to stage one involves a tremendous amount of work that falls on the shoulders of club members, so one could say - why bother. The reason we do it is to be part of the bridge scene and it is almost expected that each club perform the task. I have no reservations about our capabilities or finding the man-power to do the job - I know that Arana members have much pride in our club and will rally around when asked.

One new member was approved and we welcome Bill Acklin.

The Committee is still concerned over the lack of Directors for 1993. We urge members to "give it a go", assuring you that you will receive every support and assistance from those with more experience.

Following are reports that may be of interest to members.

1992 PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP (WEDNESDAY) by Judy Valentine

This event was conducted over two consecutive weeks, commencing 4th November, 1992. Entries were very disappointing with only 8 tables of players competing.

The movement chosen was a Double Mitchell-Howell (Interwoven) Movement. The first session was a straight 8 table Mitchell. Second session was a twinned 4 table Howell with players from the N/S position in the Mitchell competing in one section and E/W players in the other. All pairs meeting other pairs, once only. Share boards were used in the twinned Howell and scoring was done across the field.

RESULTS:

OPEN PAM HORTON - JENNY LEWIS
HANDICAP ALLAN BOX - TED MCGRATH

1992 PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP (TUESDAY) by Judy Valentine

This event was conducted over two consecutive weeks, commencing 10th November, 1992. Although entries were sparse in the beginning, continual announcements resulted in an influx of entries at the last moment.

Most of the regular Tuesday members played in the event and those missing from the list were unable to attend both sessions. Unfortunately, over a two session event, substitutes are not allowed.

12 tables of players allowed the Double Mitchell-Howell (Interwoven) Movement to be used. The first session was a straight 12 table Mitchell. Second session - a twinned Howell consisting of N/S players from the Mitchell in one movement and the E/W players from the Mitchell in the other. All pairs meeting other pairs, once only. Share boards were used in the twinned Howell and scoring was done across the field.

RESULTS

OPEN PAM HORTON - JENNY LEWIS
HANDICAP JOHN WILLSON - RAY WILLSON

At the conclusion of the event, I asked members if they had enjoyed their inaugural championship and whether they would like it to continue. They displayed their strong support by acclamation. I recommend that the Pairs Championship for Tuesday players be added to our annual programme and that consideration be given to including another championship event. If the Management Committee is in favour, I suggest that we call for a show of hands from Tuesday members in favour of including a Teams of 4 Championship for 1993.

[Think about whether you would like a Teams event and I will call for a show of hands once club resumes in the new year.]

At the meeting, it was agreed to give Tuesday championships a special name and the Pairs event for 1993 will be called the President's Trophy".]

1992 QUEENSLAND PAIRS by Bob Pearce

The event was held on Wednesday 25th November with 22 pairs taking part. The movement was an 11 table Mitchell over 33 boards. No half-tables were allowed in this event. Boards 1-26 were pre-set and were the only ones that contributed towards the final result. The boards were set by Judy Valentine who was also the Director.

All the travelling score cards and the names and ABF numbers of the participants have been forwarded to Dr. Busch. The cost per player was \$3. This event earns red points and the results should be known in early January, 1993. Prize money is as follows.

Prize Money: \$200 to the 1st NS and EW in the State
 \$100 to the 2nd NS and EW in the State
 \$ 30 to the 3rd NS and EW in the State

1992 INTERCLUB TEAMS EVENT by Richard McLauchlan Northern Suburbs hosted the 1992 Interclub Teams event on Sunday 22nd November. Nine clubs entered - Arana, BBC, City, Corinda, Northern Suburbs, QCBC, Redlands, Sunnybank and Toowong. Most clubs paid each of their teams entry fees of \$25 which included lunch. Our teams decided to pay their own entry fees, preferring to see club funds going towards building our own clubhouse. Also, with only 2 teams entered, we (and one other club) were not eligible for the major trophy which goes to the club with the highest aggregate score for its 3 teams, but we were playing for sessional and individual team prizes.

Teams were seeded into A, B and C grades, according to the masterpoint status of the team members. Arana's 2C grade teams were Richard McLauchlan, Pam Horton, Carol Wilson and Alison Fulwood (team 1) and Trevor & Daryl Cullen and Philip & Ailsa Smith (team 2). Five A grade teams, 5 Bs and 15 Cs resulted in 6 board matches with all A and B teams playing each other twice, once before and once after lunch. This movement saw the Cs playing only 8 of their 14 opponents.

While neither Arana team was really in contention (Arana 1 finishing on +7 and Arana 2 on -54), we all enjoyed the day. Final results saw QCBC winning in A & C grades and BBC winning the B grade. The Teams Title also went to QCBC from BBC with Sunnybank (nett +10 from 3 C grade teams scoring -13, +6 and +17) a creditable third.

Considering the resounding result we had against Sunnybank in a teams event in September, Arana has the potential to do well in this event. Despite Bob's best efforts, we were unable to field a third team on the day. The club should consider this event when organising future calendars and encourage an official club entry of three full teams of maximum playing strength.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER TROPHY by Pam Horton

This trophy is presented to the player in the club who has attended at least half the club sessions, (with the exception of any club championship event) in each half of the year, and has the greatest improvement in scores.

The player's percentage for each session is recorded and an average percentage given for the first half of the year. This is then compared to the averaged totals for the second half of the year.

TUESDAY

Most Improved Player - Fran Husband
5.9% Improvement

WEDNESDAY

Most Improved Player - Peter Feehely
4.26% Improvement

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE ABF NEWSLETTER

in November's ABF Newsletter a list of the top performing players in all masterpoint categories was published. We were pleased to see that two of our Arana members were worthy of mention in the Nil Master's category. They were -

Allan Box and Ted McGrath

GOOD ON YOU, FELLOWS!!!

STUDENT CLASSES FOR 1993

I intend to start Student Classes at the same time as previous years - the first week in March. I am now taking names for the classes and members who know of anyone wishing to do the lesson course should contact me on my home number of 351 2198 so that the necessary enrolment form can be sent out in late January. The cost for 12 theory lessons is \$30 (money to be paid before the course begins) and \$2 table fees on the "Help with Play" sessions that alternate with the theory classes.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 12	Tuesday Club resumes
JANUARY 13	Wednesday Club resumes
FEBRUARY 3	Annual General Meeting
FEBRUARY 20-27	Gold Coast Congress
MARCH 2	Tuesday student classes begin
MARCH 3	Wednesday student classes begin

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

1992 PRIZE WINNERS

INDIVIDUAL

OPEN	VAL ACKLIN
HANDICAP	HAZEL BITOMSKY

TEAMS OF 4

OPEN	TREVOR CULLEN (C} DARYL CULLEN VAL ACKLIN JOYCE ROSSER
HANDICAP	PETER NOTTINGHAM (C) KEVIN SIMPSON TONY AGAR SHARON AGAR BETTY WILLSON JOAN SADLEIR

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