



# ARANA

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### **Editor's Desk**

ANOTHER year come and gone. Hopefully, by the time this issue is printed, one Judy Valentine will have returned and I can give her back what's left of her newsletter. The Annual General Meeting is just around the corner – 1 February will be here before you know it.

Time to think about nominating for committee or one of the club's many honorary positions that need to be filled to keep the wheels turning smoothly. Any burning issues you want discussed, fill in an agenda item form and give it to Margarete at least 10 days before the AGM.

**Richard McLauchlan**

### **Director!**

CONTINUING questions from the 1994 QBA club director exam.

*Q 1.* Declarer has just won the trick with a S in dummy and calls for 'King'. There are 2 Ks (SK, HK) in dummy. Can the defenders nominate which K should be played?

*Q 2.* S is declarer in 4H. E leads the S6 out of turn. S can make himself dummy and lay his hand on the table; right or wrong? If S elects to forbid a S lead from W who plays DA which holds, can W now switch to a S? If S demands a S lead from W who plays SA which wins, can W now switch to a D?

*Q 3.* S is declarer in 4H. W leads DA, DK, then a small D which is ruffed in dummy. Later, a third D is revealed in dummy, having been hidden under the Hs. What do you rule?

**Bob Pearce**

### **Management Committee**

ITEMS of interest from the management committee meeting of 5 December include:

Clubhouse: nothing new; Pine Hills Sports Club building plans on display in clubhouse; present tip not closing until September 1995.

Finances: \$6 372 cash, \$68 000 invested; insurance rate checked and paid.

Directors: needed for 1995: non-playing directors needed for championship events.

Library: a number of books have been out for 6 months to 2 years; please return.

Competitions completed: A-wide & Qld-wide pairs, Tue/Wed pairs championships and InterClub teams.

Calendar for 95 decided with pairs (Tue & Wed) championships moved to October over 3 weeks with qualifying and finals (C'ship & Plate).

AGM on Wed 1 February. Forms for committee nomination and agenda items are available.

Christmas parties on 12, 13, 14 December in usual format.

**Richard McLauchlan**

### **Painting blues**

THE hall is in for a paint job in January. Unfortunately, the painter has not given specific start and finish dates but the facelift should occur between 16 and 27 January. Club resumes on 9, 10 & 11 January, but we may have to recess for 2 weeks immediately afterwards. That won't help organising the AGM either. We'll be playing it by ear so stay tuned for further developments.

## Problem corner

SITTING S with nil vul, E passes and you bid 4H only to hear W bid 6D which you double (!?). Partner leads the HQ, 4, 2, A. W takes the DA, K, CJ, A, K, Q, partner following. W now leads the DQ, partner tossing S2. What 4 cards did you discard on tricks 5, 6, 7 & 8? Answer on last page.

	9 7 4
	J 4
	J 10 3 2
	J 10 7 5
J 8	
K 9 8 7 6 5 3 2	
9 7	
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**Richard McLauchlan**

## Melbourne cup

PLENTY of fun and games were had on Melbourne Cup day. A random draw for partners saw Gay Hull & Margaret Welldon and Joan Hill & Jenny Lewis first past the post. At the tail were Hazel Bitomsky & Wendy Pollard and Marie Harvey & Roy Griggs.

Winners in the 6 sweeps were Jean Parry, Nancy Kerlin, Judith Honan, Ron Bitomsky, Sylvia McCutcheon and Margarett Golden. Seconds went to Gay Hull, Deborah Dwyer, Wella Hooper, Mary Craig, Val Cran and Judith Honan. Third prizes to Joan Hill, Tricia Diddams, Margaret Joyce, Beryl Bell, Joan McDonald and Hazel Bitomsky. Next year for the rest of us.

**Jenny Lewis**

## Northern Suburbs congress

THE 94 Northern Suburbs congress drew a small Arana contingent in Joyce Rosser, Carol Wilson, Beth Douglas, Val Acklin (all with non-Arana partners), Helen and me.

Q1 was full of boards making 10 to 12 tricks, most unexpected in a qualifying session. I (E) guessed wrongly on board 18.

18/ E/ NS		W	E
Q 7 2	A K J 10 6		1S
9 7 2	K J 8	3S	4C
A K	Q J	4H	5C
K Q 9 8 4	A 7 2	5S	6S

South led the C6, looking like a singleton. Win CA, draw trumps (3), CK (S out), CQ, ruff a C, DA, C9, DK and a 3 card ending. I led a H from dummy, 5 from N. Now what?

♠	—	J
♥	9 7 2	K J

No HA lead from S plus the singleton lead suggests N is more likely to have the HA. I played the HK, S the A, back to N's Q, 1 down. About half the slam bidders made 12 when S led the HA at trick 1. An ordinary session for 8<sup>th</sup>. Second qualifying got us a 4<sup>th</sup> but we just missed consolation 1 and Joyce, Carol and Val, joining Beth in consolation 2.

We started well in the Sunday finals and ran 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> for most of the day (see Problem Corner for our worst round). A well-timed run saw us grab the lead on the last round for a skinny win. Best in consolation 1 was Joyce at 7<sup>th</sup>, Val wishing she'd stayed home.

Bob and I ran 5<sup>th</sup> in the plate last year. That is a bit higher up than 1<sup>st</sup> in con 2, but the money and master points were a whole lot better this year.

**Richard McLauchlan**

## Honour roll 1994

WINNERS of the major events in 1994 were:

### Pairs championship

Open: Val Acklin, Betty Willson

Hdcp: Graham Mahoney, Carol Wilson

### President's pairs

Open: Betty Willson, Rita Wood

Hdcp: Roy Griggs, Des Husband

### Teams championship

Open: Bob PEARCE, Richard McLauchlan, Steve Brookes, Verna Brookes

Hdcp: Paul YATES, Jan Rae, Ailsa Smith, Philip Smith

### Swiss teams

Open: Don CUTMORE, Bill Acklin, Perry Hooper, Charlie Ingram, Val Acklin

Hdcp: Margaret WELLDON, Val Cran, Dot Cain, Muriel Miller

### Most improved

Tue: Des Husband

Wed: Bill Acklin

### Knock-out teams

Bob PEARCE, Richard McLauchlan, Steve Brookes, Verna Brookes

### Australia-wide multi pairs

Women: Val Acklin, Betty Willson (overall winners)

Men: Allan Box, Ted McGrath

Mixed: Joyce Rosser, Gary Lynch

### Epson world-wide pairs

Pam Horton, Jenny Lewis

### Australia-wide pairs

Christine Parsons, Alun Preece (Toowong)

## Seeing red

JUST for a change, I decided to write my own article instead of being part of one of Richard's. Trump-It readers probably know my bridge playing history nearly as well as I do. I'd like to encourage all newcomers, or relative newcomers to bridge, to compete in red point events outside of Arana. They can be great fun and good experience.

Spurred on by some success with Richard in two Swiss pairs recently, Redlands (2 red mps) and Caloundra (0.4), I partnered Marilyn Wright in a red point novice (below regional master) Swiss pairs at QCBC on Sunday 4 December.

After a terrible start (29 from a possible 120) and an even worse hiccup after lunch (28), we finished equal 12<sup>th</sup> of 32 pairs. Our best round of the day resulted in a score of 87, which must have been close to top. With better than 50% in 9 of the 13 rounds, we should be amongst the mps. Boards 8 and 23 in the afternoon were the stand outs.

At N/S with nil vul, the bidding proceeded:  
We held only 16 hcp and Marilyn hoped her 4D bid would be a cheap sacrifice. Aided by our 3 singletons, Marilyn made 4D, much to her surprise and my relief as I missed the unusual 2NT bid!

W	N	E	S
1H	/	2C	2NT
3H	3NT	/	4D
/	/	/	

23/ S/ all	A 7 3		
	A K J 6 5 3 2		
	K		
K J 6 5 2	Q 4	Q 10 4	
10		--	
J 10		A Q 9 8 7 6	
K 9 8 7 5	9 8	A J 3 2	
	Q 9 8 7 4		
	5 4 3 2		
	10 6		

On board 23, I played 4S (W) but have no idea, looking at the hands now, how we managed to find this contract. With 21 hcp between us, I was amazed and ecstatic to make 12 tricks. 6D and 6C can also make.

All in all, we had an enjoyable day and didn't disgrace ourselves. We also decided to play together more regularly to get our bidding on track. Even if you are not chasing mps, these days are most enjoyable and you meet lots of interesting people.

[Ed: QCBC, BBC, Toowong and Northern Suburbs have novice red point events in 95]

**Helen McLauchlan**

## Queensland-wide pairs

HELEN and I (on hols) played this event at the Surfers Paradise club, replacing a N/S couple who failed to turn up (curse that no-half-table edict). Some hands went according to plan, some didn't, some were instructive, and some were just downright obtuse.

For example, on board 17 there is a devious way to 6S, but I was only in 4 so I settled for the easy 11 tricks. On board 11, I was in 6S, found the 4-0 trump break and attempted to eliminate the side suits and throw E in, giving away a finesse on her remaining trumps. Pity I eliminated in the wrong order and found myself short of an entry to dummy and one down. But board 26 really wins the prize for perversity.

26/ E/ All	6 5 3		
	K 10 8 2		
	A 3		
K J 9 4 2	K 10 9 4	Q 10 8	
9 5 4		Q J 7	
9 8 5		J 10 7 2	
Q 5	A 7	J 8 6	
	A 6 3		
	K Q 6 4		
	A 7 3 2		

Sitting S in 3NT and the S4 lead, you duck the first S, win the second, cross to dummy, and lead a third S! If W cashes his remaining S tricks (who wouldn't?), E is squeezed for discards. If W refrains, you win the return and duck a C to E.

Now I'll defy any mere mortal to find that line of play. Then again, Helen had no trouble racking up 10 tricks in 3NT – from the D8 (MUD) lead. W discarded the D9 on the third C (McKenney for a S switch) but his partner (holding Ds) continued Ds.

Incidentally, the Surfers clubhouse in Carrara Road, Benowa is very well designed, accommodating 50 tables and could be the model for our own clubhouse. Table fees include lunch (at 2:00 pm) – a round of sandwiches, a small cake and tea/coffee. Quite a pleasant day.

**Richard McLauchlan**

## Booked out

LIBRARY inventory has revealed 13 books not marked as returned. They could have been passed on to someone else who has not entered their name on the card. Please check if you have these books and return them asap.

Borrower	Date out	Title
P Arundel	12/05/94	All about trumps
V Welland	28/09/94	Bridge conventions
-returned-	30/06/93	Bridge: first principles
E Brown	8/04/92	Competitive bidding
B Hampson	30/03/93	Complete opening leads
-returned-	2/12/92	Defensive bridge play
Y Jones	18/07/88	Drawing trumps
K Downs	15/08/94	Intro to declarer play
A Perkins	17/03/93	Intro to declarer play
P Yates	20/04/94	Reese on play
A Crisp	1/12/92	Spotlight on card play
J Hitchens	12/07/94	Streamline your play
-unknown-	8/10/93	Your hand partner

Joan McDonald

## Problem corner answer

If you let go a SPADE at any time, you gave away the defence and scored bottom! W follows the DQ with the SA, then the H10 to your K. Now you have only Hs left giving declarer a S discard and ruff in dummy. W held A10, A10, AKQ54, AKQ2.

This was board 11 (first final session) of the Northern Suburbs congress. I played W and scored bottom. Change S's S8 to the C8, and 6D makes. Other consolation 2 (E/W) scores were 6D/11/-50, 4H\*S/8/300 and 3NT/11/460. Joyce Rosser (con 1) also bid 6D going 1 down. In the plate, 3 made 6C (?) and in the championship, 6C went 1 down (4 times) and 7C went 2 down. I was the only 6 bidder to be doubled!

## Important dates

- Tue 13/12 Xmas break up
- Wed 14/12 Xmas break up
- Mon 9/1 Play resumes
- Tue 10/1 Play resumes
- Wed 11/1 Play resumes
- Sun 15/1 Gold Coast 1-day teams
- **Wed 1/2 Annual general meeting**
- Sat 4-5/2 Toowong

## Director's verdict

CORRECT answers to the questions from page 1 are:

Q1. Declarer is deemed to have continued the previous suit (Ss) and defenders cannot nominate the suit (Law 46 b 3 a)

Q2. Opening lead out of turn – Law 54.

(a) Yes, S may become dummy;

(b) No, prohibition continues until W loses the lead;

(c) Yes, only *prohibition* remains in force until the lead is lost, not demand.

Q3. Established revoke but no penalty assessed (Law 64 b 3). If the non-offending side has been damaged, the Director shall award an adjusted score.

Bob Pearce

## Final word

LOOKING back over 1994, I again found that I played with several different partners, including Dear (wife Helen). So a special thanks to Bob, Beryl M, Trevor, Helen, Pam, Beryl B and Allan. Also to Steve and Verna for some good teams results.

1994 wasn't a particularly good year healthwise for some members, with several spending time in hospital for not insignificant operations. I do hope you all have a better time of it next year.

A special thank you to all those members who helped in the day to day running of the club in any way, large or small, your efforts were appreciated. Don't forget, all those honorary positions will need to be filled again next year. So if there are any volunteers out there, please come forward at the AGM.

Finally, a safe and happy Christmas to all. Hope all your finesses work in 1995 (except against me).

Richard McLauchlan



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year