



# ARANA

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### **Editor's desk**

MURIEL Miller was flabbergasted, nay speechless (for a few seconds anyway), when presented with a large flower arrangement in appreciation for her efforts in running the Tuesday pairs when almost anything that could go wrong did go wrong.

Just to prove his handicap win in the Tuesday pairs was no fluke, John Willson went one better on Wednesday night. He substituted for Val Acklin with Betty Willson and got the side away with a win. Betty and Val subsequently pipped Trevor and Darryl Cullen for the outright win.

The building committee has been quite active with plenty to report. Hopefully that clubhouse is getting closer every day. Bob Dancer has done a study on travel times to the proposed clubhouse locations. This type of discussion carries far more weight with me than some of the highly emotive arguments some members use when comparing sites.

**Richard McLauchlan**

### **Management committee**

POINTS of interest from the management committee meeting of 19 November 1999.

The main item was setting the calendar for 1999. We will have 14 red point sessions next year. An addition is a Monday 3 week pairs event which has previously been held only on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Christmas parties were set as bring a plate, partner draw, no table fees, and prizes for 14, 15 and 16 December.

Play will continue through the holiday season as required.

The members booklet for 1999 is in the capable hands of Helen McLauchlan and we are all looking forward to it.

The AGM has been set as outlined in the Members Booklet for 1998. Nominations for the Committee are requested and anxiously awaited. It is a wonderful way to have a say in the direction the club is going and what the future plans are.

I personally request a volunteer for Secretary. I regret that assorted problems will mean that I cannot serve next year. It is really a fun job, and I encourage anyone with a desire to really be involved with the club to step forward.

No additional news about the building. The Brisbane City Council is still working on core samples so until this is completed, no news.

**Darlene Smith (Secretary)**

### **Building sub-committee**

*Summary of meeting with BCC, ACBC, junior football and junior cricket clubs.*

BCC requested confirmation of the continuing interest of the organisations present. Junior cricket raised some doubts about being involved from the beginning. ACBC suggested there were a considerable number of issues that required resolution before a decision to commit to the site could be taken. Some of these issues were considered in the ensuing discussion.

Each club will be responsible for building and maintaining its own facilities. Other co-tenants of the wider site will have no occupancy rights of those facilities nor will they have any maintenance responsibilities.

Shared facilities (kitchen, internal toilets) will be out of bounds to all junior sports people and to spectators at events played on the ovals. Access will be limited to adults working in the kitchen.

The kitchen will be used as a canteen and only on weekends (generally Saturday mornings).

Before proceeding, the council will undertake a contaminated site test at its expense to identify the best location for building.

The council is keen to arrange leases as soon as possible.

Should ACBC proceed, the annual rates would be around \$826 including normal water use (*ie*, excluding unlikely excess water charges).

ACBC could sign a lease subject to no charges being levied until building commenced on the site. If club members do not approve building on this site, the lease would become void at no cost to the club.

Grants may be available from both the BCC and State Government. Next council grants are in March, limited to \$20,000 on a \$ for \$ basis. A portion of the club's contribution can be 'in kind'. The main council grants are in August and can be up to \$300,000 (\$ for \$ basis); some contribution can be 'in kind'. State Government grants are up to \$25,000.

All representatives were attracted to the staged approach suggested by Don Cutmore and the council was given a copy of his drawing.

The next meeting will take place after the contaminated site report is completed in about 4 weeks time.

Should we plan to proceed in principle, we would apply for grants in August 1999. *Minutes of meeting with Pine Rivers Shire* A SITE is still available at the James Drysdale recreational reserve (JDRR) and a site map was handed out.

ACBC has a building sub-committee and has an offer from the BCC.

Land at JDRR is available now and Waste Management can level the site and give access.

Land fill in surrounding blocks will continue for another 8 to 10 years so consideration should be given to noise, dust, odour, access roads (can change from time to time).

The club will be charged about \$100 pa lease fees. Tenure is for a maximum 25 years (no minimum). The council will use internal solicitors to draw up the lease at no charge to the club.

There would be no 'general' rates charged.

Should the club hire out their building to others on a casual basis, no extra lease fees would be charged.

Costs are approximate and may change but current cleansing, water and sewerage would be (pa): \$310 per pedestal, \$1,100 sewerage, \$150

cleansing, \$500 water (actual based on consumption).

Sewerage is available; the club would pay for pump station infrastructure. Underground electricity is preferred to protect the buffer zone. Nearest water (high pressure side) is on Bunya Road. No cost to Club to get water across the road.

Council will obtain an estimate of costs of air conditioning from the Hills District Community Hall and forward to the Club.

Building fees: Club to investigate. Council will supply a temporary road of gravel/ crushed compound to the site and will pay for final sealing of the road. The Club would be responsible for building and sealing (later) a car park. The Club can apply for an interest free loan once they have tenure over the land.

Waste Management will take ACBC to the site for inspection.

**Gary Lynch (Building Committee)**

## **Clubhouse travel times**

*[Ed: This is an extract from a much longer document. See Bob for more information]*

THE possibility of moving to new clubrooms always creates a bit of angst, including some potential for loss of members if travel arrangements are less convenient than at present.

I have therefore analysed the impact of the 2 proposed sites (Ferry Grove and the Jinker Track) on members' travel times. I also gathered some preliminary information on the Darien Street site at Bridgeman Downs. My aim was to determine the maximum extra travel time for any member to each site; the average extra time for all members; and an early feeling for the Darien Street site.

All travel from the Community Centre to the other sites observed the speed limits and was in a law-abiding manner in normal weekday traffic. Three or four runs were completed and averaged.

For some members, the sites will produce shorter travel times but for others, longer times. It was not practical to calculate times for all postcodes but general calculation based on postcodes were done. Some postcodes required extra thought. In the Mitchelton area, travel times depended on a member's proximity to Samford Road or the railway line. The Ferry Grove pattern was also quite different to some parts of Ferry Hills.

The results showed the average extra travel from our present site to Ferry Grove was 4¾

minutes with a further 1¼ min to the proposed site: total 6 min.

Average time to the Jinker Track was 4½ min but the extra to the site could not be determined. A road was dirt (in the short term) and steepish in places so total travel time is again expected to be about 6 min.

Time from Arana to the Darien Street site was 10 min, a straight addition for many members as the site is near the edge, rather than the centre of our membership base.

In conclusion, no existing member will need to travel more than 6 min more to get to either the Ferny Grove or Jinker Track sites. Since time will be saved in not having to set up tables and chairs, this small increase should not significantly impact on most members.

Average increase in travel times across the whole membership is 2 min (Ferny Grove) and 3 min (Jinker Track). Differences are minor, so choosing between these sites should be based on other considerations, not travel time.

The site at Darien Street should only be pursued if some other significant advantage eventuates, or the more promising sites are eliminated. It poses a geographic disadvantage to most members, many of whom would be closer to Toowong. The existing Arana name would be somewhat out of place at Darien Street, but would retain relevance at the other sites.

**Bob Dancer (Building Committee)**

## Adios Bill

WE are saddened by the recent death of our club member and friend, Bill Acklin. Born in Silver City, New Mexico USA in 1927, Bill was a graduate of the University of Texas. The possessor of an adventurous spirit, Bill travelled extensively, working as an engineer in numerous far flung regions of the world.

Immensely proud of his family, Bill was an unassuming private sort of person but a good friend to all who really got to know him. He really liked Mexican food, and a visit to the casino where he especially enjoyed the game of Craps.

It was obvious that he also enjoyed his bridge, making the Hundreds Club (having attended more than 100 club sessions) in 1997. Bill was always courteous at the bridge table, a true gentleman. Arana has lost a respected member and we will miss him. Our sincere sympathies to Val and all of his family.

**Betty Willson**

## Most improved

THE most improved awards go to the members who gain the biggest reduction in their average handicap from the first to the second half of the year. The only provisos are that you must play at least 15 (pairs) sessions in each half of the year and you must improve by at least 2.5%. Some managed to just miss the qualifying targets but they weren't going to catch the winners anyway.

*Mon:* Betty Brandt (5.85)

*Tue:* John Willson (5.21)

*Wed:* no qualifiers

## Honour roll 98

SOME old and some new faces appeared in the winners' list this year. Those with the smiles are:

### *Tuesday teams*

*Open:* Joyce Rosser, Betty Willson, Margaret Joyce, Sylvia McCutcheon

*Hdcp:* Muriel Miller, Dot Cain, Val Cran, Margaret Welldon

### *Wednesday teams*

*Open:* Richard McLauchlan, Bob Pearce, Trevor Cullen, Darryl Cullen

*Hdcp:* Helen McLauchlan, Margaret Welldon, Val Acklin, Betty Willson

### *Tuesday pairs*

*Open:* Ailsa Smith, Julie Cutmore

*Hdcp:* John Willson, Des Husband

### *Wednesday pairs*

*Open:* Betty Willson, Val Acklin (John Willson)

*Hdcp:* Peter Van Eden, Margarett Golden (Val Mann)

### *Most improved*

*Mon:* Betty Brandt

*Tue:* John Willson

*Wed:* [no qualifiers]

### *Australia-wide multi pairs*

*Men:* Peter Stride, Harold Rienstra (N/S); Bob Pearce, Richard McLauchlan (E/W)

*Women:* Helen McLauchlan, Rita Wood (N/S); Betty Willson, Beverley Quine (E/W)

*Mixed:* Margarett Golden, Peter Van Eden (N/S); Ailsa Smith, Bob Dancer (E/W)

### *Queensland-wide pairs*

*N/S:* Don Cutmore, Kath Rooney

*E/W:* Helen McLauchlan, Margaret Welldon

### *Arana v Sunnybank teams*

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## Melbourne Cup

THIRTY-FOUR enthusiasts armed with 'goodies to share' arrived by 9:30 am to begin a day of bridge, eating, drinking, winning/losing and generally out to have a good time.

The CUP atmosphere soon became apparent with Don and Darlene Smith running the sweeps at one end of the room, Alison Fulwood at the other end in charge of the money board, Ilene Bishop and Lorraine Parry arranging flowers for the tables, and Allan Box positioning the all important TV on the stage. Muriel Miller took charge of the draw for partners which included the 'new recruits' and ably directed the game.

Great team work was evident in the kitchen where some hidden talents were observed, eg John Willson making the punch and Allan Box sweeping the floor. The decision not to score on the day allowed all to enjoy their lunch and generally chat prior to the race.

During the Cup's running, the most excited had to be Betty Willson who, with her draw (No 19) up in front for a short time, positioned herself right in front of the screen barracking for her horse. Obviously he didn't hear you, Betty. Never mind, there is always next year.

Thank you one and all for your assistance and congratulations to the winners of the sweeps. Mention was made that perhaps next year the day could commence at 10:30 am to avoid the 45 minute wait for the race. Personally, I would like to see that time used to score the event, enabling the prizes to be given on the day. Perhaps we should work towards an electronic system of scoring for next year.

Congratulations to the winners:

N/S: Allan Box - Margaret Welldon

E/W: Jenny Lewis - Nora Towler

And the consolations:

N/S: Carmel Steer - Fran Husband

E/W: Marian Richardson - Mary Craig

**Carol Wilson**

## Tuesday turmoil

AN eventful President's pairs was held on 3 Tuesdays in October. Congratulations to the winners Ailsa Smith and Julie Cutmore. John Willson and Des Husband took out the handicap prize - well done fellas.

I would sincerely like to thank Judy V and Richard for all their help. Thanks again for the beautiful flowers which I really enjoyed.

**Muriel Miller (Director)**

## Vale Beryl

BERYL Attenborough, born at Orange in 1927, passed away on Friday evening 27 November. I knew her as Beryl Merce after meeting her at Arana. Widowed for 28 years, she moved to Brisbane in the early 90s to be close to her daughter Beverley O'Grady.

After her family, Beryl's great joys in life were her companion Pip and playing bridge, not always as often as she liked. I will remember her chuckle after she doubled one declarer and went on to get a good score. Beryl shared her successful defending skills with Bill Acklin and John Willson. She enjoyed playing most with these two good friends.

Beryl had serious health problems, regularly attending the dialysis unit at the Keperra Hospital. She was very proud when Dr Fleming asked her to talk at the Princess Alexandra Hospital to new patients starting dialysis and needing encouragement. She explained of driving herself to and from hospital, and of cooking and caring for herself. She was fiercely independent and always optimistic

I am certain that already, she, her husband Greg and Bill have found a fourth and are playing a game of bridge.

**Margarette Golden**

## Hundreds club

FIVE club stalwarts managed to play 100 pairs sessions this year. They were Albert Lewis, Betty Willson, Lorraine Steele, Margarette Golden and Joan Hill. Keep up the good work.

## Important dates

- Mon 14/12 Christmas party
- Tue 15/12 Christmas party
- Wed 16/12 Christmas party
- Mon 21-28/12 normal play
- Tue 22-29/12 normal play
- Wed 23-30/12 normal play
- Sun 3/1 Qld senior teams (Sunshine Coast)
- Sun 10/1 Gold Coast teams
- Wed 13-25/1 Summer festival (Canberra)
- Sun 31/1 Northern Suburbs teams
- Sat 6-7/2 Western Suburbs pairs (Toowong)
- **Wed 10/2 Arana Annual General Meeting**
- Sun 14/2 QCBC novice teams
- Sat 20-27/2 QBA Gold Coast congress

## Graded teams

THIS is a Qld championship event run at QCBC in October. Teams are graded according to master point status. A grade is open, B regional to state and C below regional. The B grade was quite popular with 22 tables which included SARGENT (Joan Sargent, Joyce Rosser, Pam Horton, Jenny Lewis) and McLAUCHLAN (Helen & Richard McLauchlan, Bev Featherstone, Ruth MacKinlay), seeded 5 and 3 respectively.

The SARGENT team regularly play this event while Bev and Ruth asked us to partner them after they won the graded pairs earlier in the year. By my count, they are the 6<sup>th</sup> different team mates we have had recently. Things started smoothly and we met SARGENT on the 3<sup>rd</sup> round for a narrow win to us. With 2 rounds to go, the top 5 seeds were variously running 1-5 when we both got thumped, us by team 1, SARGENT by team 4. Board 26 didn't help.

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

Ruth (W) fell in love with her C suit and played in 6C going 1 off (losing a C and a D) while our opponents played 6H making (after finding the 4-1 trump split, E leads CA-K then ruffs out the Q before clearing trumps). Didn't I read somewhere about the power of the 4-4 fit? That knocked us all out of contention and the last round was a bit irrelevant.

Only 6 teams contested the novice section and plenty of Arana novices would have been competitive. Teams (with the right partners) is a good social event so why not consider entering some of the novice events around. There are a lot more novice events now than when I went through the ranks.

**Richard McLauchlan**

## Northern Suburbs congress

WITH several Aranans also members of Northern Suburbs club, we were well represented at their congress in November via: Betty Willson & Rita Wood, Carol Wilson & Marian Richardson, Joyce Rosser & Jenny Lewis, Margaret Joyce, Val Acklin, and Helen & Richard McLauchlan. With 5 sections of 9 tables, overall strength was down a little on recent events but still strong.

Jenny and Joyce got away to a rather inauspicious start by giving away 1700 on round 1. For me, the most memorable aspects of qualifying were the 2 boards in Q2 where I (as E) held 6-5-1-1 distributions.

14/ Nil/ E	8	
	9 7 4	
	8 7 3 2	
A K 6 2	A K 10 8 4	Q J 10 5 3
Q J 10		2
--		A K Q 9 5 4
Q 9 7 6 3 2	9 7 4	5
	A K 8 6 5 3	
	J 10 6	
	J	

As a 4 loser hand, I could open a forcing 2C, but I was a little light (12 hcp, 23 opening points) and the suit wasn't great, so I opted for 1D. That got 1H, 2C, 2H and 2S (a clear reverse showing a strong hand, 6Ds, 5Ss), 3H, 3S, 4H, 4S, pass, pass, double: 11 tricks and +690. Three rounds later we hit board 5.

5/ N-S/ N	Q 6 3	
	9	
	A Q 10 7 5 4	
J 9	J 9 5	A K 8 5 2
A J 6 4 3 2		7
9		8
A 8 6 2	10 7 4	K Q 10 7 4 3
	K Q 10 8 5	
	K J 6 3 2	
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First instinct on picking up my hand was "I've already played this board": 4 losers, 12 hcp, 23 opening points. The minor suit was worse but the S suit was better and I was tempted to a 2C opening. I opted for the same tactics as previously: /, 1C, 1H, 1NT, 2D, 2S (same reverse bid), 3D, 3H, /, 5C (4C would be ace ask), all pass. I made 12 tricks when the SQ was ruffed out for a bottom, all the S bidders finishing in front of us.

Since my S bid promised 5Ss, I must have had longer Cs for the opening bid. With 2 aces and good Cs, Helen could reasonably kick 5C to 6C for an equal top. It is often difficult to bid a minor (especially C) slam.

After the dust had settled on qualifying, none of us made it to the major final. Val, Helen and I made the plate; Joyce, Jenny, Betty and Rita were in con 1; Carol and Marian in con 2. We started the final with a 3 (of 48) and last spot; 3 rounds later we were 4<sup>th</sup> but a very inconsistent day (Val's day was much the same) saw us no threat. The honours went to Jenny and Joyce who managed a 2<sup>nd</sup> and to Carol and Marian who took 3<sup>rd</sup> prize money in their section.

**Richard McLauchlan**

### Queensland-wide pairs

AN interesting selection of boards sees the QBA's Qld-wide pairs easily beat the ABF's Australia-wide for entertainment and challenge. Richard Ward's commentary is always readable, sensible, logical and generally amusing.

Many hands were there to bid, but could be defeated by best defence. My favourite was board 10, where the first side to give in got a bad score. We played it against Muriel Miller and Val Cran.

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

Playing a strong 2C, Val (E) opened her 4 loser hand 2C, pass, 3C (positive, 5Cs). Now Bob had several options on his 3 loser hand; he chose 5D to chew up some bidding space. Val now found it hard to show her H suit and bid 6C, 6D, 7C, pass (ESP works), pass, DOUBLE.

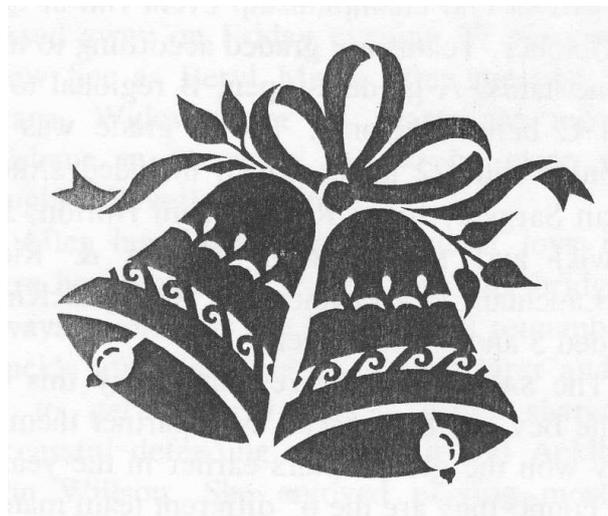
The SA put them 1 off but +200 was not a top. Two N-Ss were allowed to play 6D making, for +1370; the heart bidders made 12; Jenny Lewis & Pam Horton found 7Dx over 6H for 3<sup>rd</sup> best. Some days, it just doesn't pay to shut up.

Winners on the night were: Don Cutmore & Kath Rooney (N/S) and Margaret Welldon & Helen McLauchlan (E/W). Dropping boards 27-30

which don't count in the state-wide results sees Don & Kath's score reduce slightly to 60.2%, but Margaret & Helen's increases to 64.5%. That should get them into the state-wide results.

**Richard McLauchlan**

### Season's greetings



WISHING all members a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Hope to see you all back at Arana fit and well and raring to go in 1999.

