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Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year to all

From the President



I was unfortunately unable to attend the recent Melbourne Cup day, but everyone has told me that it was an excellent event. Many thanks and congratulations to Bev O'Hara and her helpers.

What party animals we are. With the Melbourne Cup out of the way we move seamlessly into planning for the Christmas party. This is to be held on Saturday 14th Dec. Jan May has volunteered to coordinate the preparations for this one. At the time of writing a meeting is planned to form a committee to organize the day. Whether you attend the meeting or not, if you would like to lend any assistance I am sure Jan would love to hear from you.

In a group the size of our bridge club there are always going to be a number of people with respiratory problems or allergies to

certain perfumes. It is the nature of our game that anyone thus inconvenienced can't just relocate.

They are trapped for 18 to 30 minutes! Please try and avoid using excessively strong or copious quantities of perfume on bridge days.

We pride ourselves on the relaxed and friendly atmosphere at the club. Nevertheless we are here to play some bridge. For those like myself not overly endowed with the "little grey cells" it is a hard enough game at the best of times, trying to concentrate with a veritable cacophony of chatter and laughter is at times impossible. In short, please try and keep the noise down whilst play is in progress.

No President's report would be complete without congratulating Helen and Richard McLauchlan on another fine performance. They managed 3rd in the consolation in the QBA open pairs on 19/20th Oct in a field that was a virtual who's who of Queensland bridge.

Finally as this will be the last Trumpit before Xmas and the New Year, I will get in early and wish everyone a safe and happy festive season, and as always happy bridging.

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Contributions may be by email (preferred) or by placing a note in the ideas box at the clubhouse

Masterpoint Movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members for the period to 31st October

Graduate Master	Clive Dunstan
Club Master	Adam Krajewski Warren Tealby
*Local Master	Odette Valmas
**Local Master	Ian Franklin
State Master	Peter French

Robert Matthew (MP Secretary)

Happy Birthday Mary

Mary Wilson celebrated her 90th birthday at the clubhouse on Tuesday October 29. She is pictured below with Albert Lewis.



Melbourne Cup Day (November 5)

Here are the 2013 Arana Bridge Melbourne Cup 'Fashion' Awards. The categories (edited) and recipients for these awards were sought from those attending the day.

Glenys Bobbermien won the Turf Award (for dressing in race track colour - green). See photo.

Yvonne Auer won the Liz Taylor Award (no explanation required), pictured with Janet McPherson

Hugh Reilly won the Novelty Award (his mount waited outside the office for its jockey)

Frank Speare won the Long & Straight Award (aka Best Tie Award; he and the tie are long and straight).

Doreen Van Wunnik & Janet McPherson won the Short & Curley Team Award (matching fascinators and both short, they can work on the curls)

Lorraine Steele won the Serious Hat Award (you had to be there to see it!)

Judges – Ian & Sue

Sue Norton



Bev O'Hara won the Bah Humbug Award (justly deserved) and, she convened the day.



Thanks Lorraine Steele for the photos.

The Editor's Choice

My favourites of the photos of unplaced "contestants" I received were Ian Franklin and Jill Warnecke, shown below,



and the "Not to be outdone by the ladies" Sri, pictured below with Gordon and Lorraine.



Michael Walker (Editor)

I am Willy

A life story and a story of living by Willem Kranenburg writing for Wilhelmina (Willy) Kranenburg

*"I affirm my loyalty to Australia and its people,
Whose democratic beliefs I share,
Whose rights and liberties I respect,
And whose laws I uphold and obey."*

On the 27th of January 1976 I became an Australian Citizen and so far I have never regretted one single moment of that decision. Becoming a resident of a new country creates challenges and fantastic new opportunities and that was one of our main objectives in migrating from the Netherlands to Australia.

The first years of my life were a struggle during the occupancy of my old country by the German forces. The immediate years after that war were difficult as recovery and reconstruction created hardship for many. I grew up in a small village just south of the capital Amsterdam. In this village, Uithoorn, I went to my primary school and I completed my girl's college half-way through my teenage years. Teacher's College in Amsterdam was my next achievement with all classes starting after my day-time job as an Early Childhood teacher. During that time I met Bill, now my husband for the last 51 years. He studied engineering in Amsterdam and we finished our studies in the same year with similar positive results. While Bill did his duty for Queen and country, the army, I enrolled and completed my Director's Certificate in Early Childhood Education.

I worked in our village for several years as a Preschool Director and I gained much experience being an Early Childhood Education specialist. The gained education and management skills came in handy when Bill and I started our own family. After much searching and analysing, we decided to migrate with our team of five to Australia in the early 1970s.

Leaving everything behind, saying goodbye to family and friends, the adventurous and pretty bold plan paid off. I was capable of regaining employment as an Early Childhood Preschool Director within 3 years after arrival. I stayed in that job for the next 31 years and enjoyed extremely good relationships with children and their parents. Upon retirement in 2006 I could look back at a life filled with children, 3 of my own and hundreds of other children. It is fun to look back at an enjoyable and very satisfying career.

During our time in Australia, and even during our time in the old country, we loved to

travel and go places. We've been on the Trans-Siberia and Trans-Canada rail-trips and we did much travel through Europe. We visited many South-Pacific countries, including that Long White Cloud place. Now is the time to explore Australia with recent trips to the Kimberley's, Great Ocean Road and Tasmania.

In retirement Bill and I love to do separate things and that allows us to have always something new to tell each other. I enjoy the physical challenges after my recovery from breast cancer. Dragonboat racing is my thing and almost every Saturday morning you'll find me, as part of our team named Missabittatitty, on the Brisbane River. Every so often we paddle in Sydney, Sunshine Coast or South Bank, but the ultimate paddle was with over 2200 breast cancer survivors from all over the world in the Lake District some two hours north of Toronto, Canada.



I found my stay-active brain interest in the Arana Contract Bridge Club. Playing Bridge is a brand-new skill for me. This demands learning, it helps with concentration and there are even suggestions of relaxation. Above all, there are new friends and smiling faces. Great stuff in the third age.

And this was all about the life and living of me, Willy Kranenburg-van Rijk, now sometimes living in a dis-comfort zone, all of my own making and liking.

Director's Corner

MINOR PENALTY CARDS.

Minor penalty cards are relatively rare. They occur only when a single card is accidentally dropped or is accidentally exposed when a defender plays two cards to a trick. If the second card could not be identified it is not a

penalty card and is returned to hand. In addition only a card below the rank of ten can be a MINOR penalty card. If the card dropped or accidentally exposed is a ten or higher honour, then it too will be a MAJOR penalty card.

There are very few requirements on a player with a MINOR penalty card.

It is only required to be played if that defender wishes to play a card below the rank of TEN in the suit of the MINOR penalty card. It is not required to be led if that defender has the card. Declarer can make no lead restrictions of the offenders partner.

So for example, if I am defending and I have the Spade 2 as a MINOR penalty card and declarer leads a suit which I can win by trumping, I am not required to play the MINOR penalty card. I can trump and leave the Spade 2 on the table as a MINOR penalty card. When I win this trick I am not required to lead the Spade 2 either.

If something happens at the table, don't try and fix it yourself – always call the director.

(Reproduced from an article by Sean Mullamphy, Chief Tournament Director ABF provided by Dawn Benes. To be followed by the remainder of the article dealing with Major Penalty Cards. Thanks Val Cran for the typing (ed))

What do you think about this?

An excerpt from an article in the New Yorker by Patricia Marx called "Mentally Fit"...

"As recently as a few decades ago, most biologists thought that the brain was fully formed during childhood and was doomed to degrade thereafter. There's been a change among scientists, and now the feeling is that not only does the brain have a lifelong ability to create new neurons, it has endless capacity to build new roadways. Networks of linked neurones communicate chemically and electrically encoded data to one another. Fresh neural trails are generated whenever we experience something new. Repeat the activity and the pathway will be reinforced".

Sent to me by **Tony Agar** (ed)