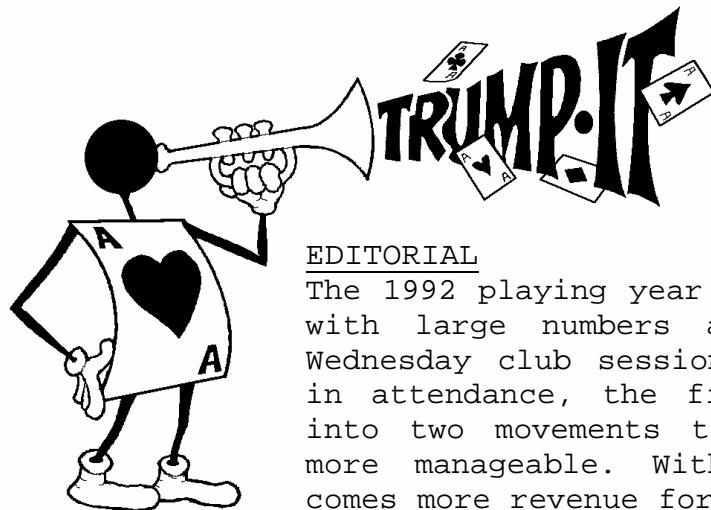


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EDITORIAL

The 1992 playing year has started with much gusto with large numbers attending both Tuesday and Wednesday club sessions. Because of the increase in attendance, the field has had to be divided into two movements to make the playing session more manageable. With the increase in numbers comes more revenue for our club and at a time when fund raising for our own clubrooms is about to commence, this extra revenue is most welcome. It is important, during this growth period, that we do not lose sight of the high standards we adopted at inception and have now come to expect at each club meet.

As many of the student group have now joined the main-stream club and visitors from other Brisbane Clubs are now attending our playing sessions, I feel it is important to make a few points.

[1] STARTING TIME

All players must be present at the clubrooms 10 minutes before starting time and be seated at least 5 minutes before the scheduled 9.30 a.m. /7.30 p.m. starting time so that boards may be distributed. Any players arriving later than this may be refused play by the Director unless prior arrangements for late arrival have been made.

[2] SLOW PLAY

Slow play has been a serious factor in the past and the Management committee have now made the following rule on the basis that consistently slow players detract from the enjoyment of everyone's game. Once the bell has sounded for play to cease, the move will be called. Any table that has not started the actual play of the board (i.e. still bidding) will not be allowed to complete the board. Each partnership will receive 0 matchpoints. If the table is in the course of the play of the hand, 2 minutes will be allowed for completion of the board. If the table is unable to finish the board within this period, the Director will instruct play to cease and allocate 0 matchpoints to both partnerships.

Tardiness and slow play are a breach of the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge. There will be times when we all need a little more than the allocated time to complete our set of boards (difficult bidding - difficult hand to play) but we should all be able to finish within the extra 2 minutes allowed. Consistently slow play is performed out of habit, rather than need.

The Laws provide a protection for a partnership playing against a very slow pair. If you wish to exercise this right, thus avoiding the automatic 0 matchpoints allocated if play is not completed within the specified time limit, the Director must be called before the finishing bell has sounded. Failure to call the Director before the finishing bell forfeits your rights. Many of you may be reluctant to call the Director on a club member who has the reputation of being consistently slow each board, but you wouldn't hesitate to summon the Director if he/she bid or led out of turn. Slow play is also a breach of the Laws and calling the Director does not, in any way, dishonour the player concerned.

[3] RECORDING OF BOARDS

On the first round of the movement, each table is required to record the hands. This exercise is performed for a very important reason. If, during the course of play, a misboarding occurs, it can be rectified immediately to its original state and scored. If a table has failed to record the hand, then we are totally reliant on player's memories to reinstate the board to its original condition - not very satisfactory and most times impossible. The Director allows an extra 5 minutes for the recording of boards on the first round - this is more than generous. It has come to the attention of Directors that some players are using this extra 5 minutes to complete the play of their set of boards, rather than for recording. Now when the move is called, the Director must either give this table further time to record or alternatively allow the boards to be moved on without recording. In future, you are asked to record each board immediately play is completed on same and not leave recording until all boards are played. This will ensure that most of the boards are recorded when they are moved on to the next table.

[4] FINISHING TIME

Players are reminded that whilst the club aims to finish playing sessions as close to scheduled finishing time as possible, it is not always feasible to do so. The size of the movement and the number of boards to be played influence the finishing time. It is again a breach of the Laws to withdraw from the session without prior permission from the Director. It is therefore suggested that appointment times and baby sitting arrangements be allowed a 1/2 hour grace.

[5] RULING

Several members complained to me, last year, that the Director was not always being called when an infringement occurred at the table. I was given several examples where players were making their own rulings at the table and, in some cases, the wrong ruling was made. Players must not rule at the table, no matter how simple the infringement is. It doesn't matter what happens in other clubs it is wrong to allow players to make rulings for themselves and is frowned upon by the governing bodies. The Director must be called even if all 4 players know the rule.

[6] ETHICS AND ETIQUETTE

The subject of "Ethics and Etiquette" has been brought to the attention of the Management Committee and this subject is so important that I will be drawing up a special document for distribution to all members, visitors and students.

Other matters from the Management Committee meeting:-

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Trevor Cullen has volunteered to be Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee and we thank him for taking on this role. Any member who would be prepared to assist on this Committee or has ideas for fund raising, please see Trevor or a member of the Management Committee.

BIDDING SEMINAR

Due to the lack of attendance at the Play Seminar held on Sunday 13th October, the Bidding Seminar as scheduled for Saturday, 19th April is cancelled. Instead, a Bidding Seminar will be held in lieu of club play on Tuesday 7th /Wednesday 8th April at the regular starting time. Anyone wishing to attend will be required to register their name with Deborah Dwyer in March to ensure that sufficient notes are provided. Those players who do not wish to attend the Seminar may use the Craft Room for a game, provided sufficient players are in attendance.

DIRECTOR'S TRAINING COURSE (TUESDAY)

Each Tuesday in the month of March (3, 10, 17, 24, 31), after the finish of the playing session until 2 p.m., instructions will be given to those who wish to learn Directing skills. It is essential that we have more people prepared to direct Tuesday games if this Club is to continue. Notes will be provided so it is necessary to know the numbers interested in attending. Please register with Deborah Dwyer as soon as possible.

AFFILIATION FEES

Distributed with this issue of the Trump-It is a form from the Treasurer in relation to Affiliation Fees. All members are required to complete same and return to Peter Nottingham or Pam Horton as soon as possible.

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