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Editor's Desk

AM I imagining it, or are the years rolling around at an ever increasing pace? Another new year heralds the annual general meeting, new office bearers and a new committee. While the committee meets only 7 times a year, we really do need a secretary to keep the club operating efficiently.

Apart from the official positions, there are a host of special positions ranging from librarian to QBA delegate that need to be filled. If anyone has their own PC and would like to do the scoring (any semi-computer-literate teenager could handle the scoring program), we'd like to here from you. The AGM is only a couple of weeks away (2 February) so nominate now.

Management committee

ITEMS of interest from the MC meeting of 7 December include:

Recommended fees for 1994 to remain the same as 1993.

Directors are required, sign up now. The QBA directors course (free) is on Sunday 23 January; see Jan Rae if you would like to attend.

BCC redevelopment plans for the Ferny Grove tip site are unsuitable for our requirements.

A poor response to Friday night sessions, their cost, and the council's unwillingness to take even semi-permanent bookings will see almost no Friday night play in 94.

New members: Moray Pearson, Annette Todd, Valerie Stott, Liz Marshall and Janelle Coffey.

ABF newsletter is now being received after contacting QBA.

Bob Pearce met with Noel Harvey (Pine Shire) and discussed clubhouse requirements, suggesting 30 x 17 m floor space (similar to N Subs), quiet location, air conditioned, permanent card table setup, parking for 60 cars. Noel indicated that Drysdale Park plans were some way off and still awaiting the engineer's report. He canvassed interest in strata title ownership of 1 floor of a multi level building to be built by the council, but would not indicate where.

Australia-wide pairs

FINAL results saw Arana figure prominently in the N/S results, mainly because the stronger players sat that direction. No Arana players figured in the E/W results.

In the restricted section, Arana's winners Geoff Toon & Alun Preece finished 6th overall with 1554, followed by Bob Pearce & Richard McLauchlan (7), Trevor & Darryl Cullen (8) and Neil & Frances Orford (23). In the open section, Joyce Rosser and Jennifer Lewis did best at 22nd.

Book review

The Complete Guide to Contested Auctions
by Mike Lawrence

IN 13 chapters, Mike Lawrence covers what to do when opponents make life difficult.

Ch 1: The weapons and judgment necessary to win where the enemy interferes with your opening bid.

Ch 2: When opponents overcall at the 1-level. Recommends the use of negative doubles; be satisfied with a part score; use the

WJSC (weak jump shift in competition) as against a strong jump shift; differences in NT responses with and without an overcall by opponents; simple and jump cue bidding; should opener re-open after an overcall has been passed back.

Ch 3: When opponents overcall at the 2-level. Stopping short of game; responder's jump bids, cue bids, difficult hands.

Ch 4: Take out doubles. Jordan 2NT raise after major suit opening and a double overcall; redouble; the 2C constructive raise; the Cappelletti convention (transfer bids).

Ch 5: Penalty doubles. Bidding after 1NT overcall; cue bidding 2NT; Hamilton and Bluhm conventions.

Ch 6: When opponents make a WJSC overcall at the 2 and 3 level; actions you can take.

Ch 7: Cue bids and how to defend against them (splinters).

Ch 8: The support double and redouble.

Ch 9: After your 1-level response to opener, opponents make a take out double, or a strong NT, or after responder bids 1NT and the funny 2NT rebid. Law of Total Tricks; working out tricks you can take and therefore, what your opponents could take (18 tricks).

Ch 10: When everybody bids.

Ch 11: Everybody bids except responder.

Ch 12: Opener's RHO balances.

Ch 13: More unusual doubles.

Comment: I found this book needs several readings, but is very enlightening to the player who reads about bridge.

Joan McDonald

When you're on a good system. . .

ARANA played the Queensland-wide pairs on Wednesday 24 November. Bob Pearce seeded the field to ensure an equal strength sitting N/S and E/W. Gay Hull dealt the 26 preset boards and Trevor Cullen directed. A half table (not allowed) was avoided by calling in Neil & Frances Orford on stand-by.

The resultant 12 table Mitchell required an unwieldy 36 board (26 preset plus 10 fillers) movement. The required relay table (no skips allowed) was added after play started so that boards 34-36 were out of sequence on the relay. the QBA later indicated that they could not

guarantee scoring this movement, but if not, they would refund fees (\$3/head).

Final Qld-wide results should be available by mid-February but Arana's (provisional) winners were Richard McLauchlan and Bob Pearce. Our success in this event seemed largely due to having our lesser results on boards 27-36 (which did not count) and good results on the preset 1-26 boards. One notable exception was at our second-last table.

Board 2, dealer E, N/S vul.

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| | 4 | | |
| | K 9 7 4 2 | | |
| | 10 7 4 3 2 | | |
| A Q 2 | 10 9 | K 9 7 5 3 | |
| J | █ | A Q 8 5 | |
| A K Q 9 | █ | -- | |
| A K Q 6 3 | J 10 8 6 | J 8 7 2 | |
| | 10 6 3 | | |
| | J 8 6 5 | | |
| | 5 4 | | |

Our system says our opening bids are 12+ hcp. But we had been travelling pretty well up to this point and, sitting E, I liked the looks of my 10 hcp hand (5-4 in the majors, diamond void), so I opened 1S. With his 2 loser hand, Bob could hardly believe it and 4C 4H (1 ace) 5C 5H (1 king) produced 7S.

6NT and 7C are easy; 7NT may need the heart finesse (which works); 7S is doomed with south's S holding. If I had stuck to the system, Bob would have opened 2C 2H 3D 3S... but we don't end up in S. Still, Cynthia Jamie and Beverley Quine were delighted with their +50, the only N/S score.

Richard McLauchlan

1994 Interclub teams

THE 1993 event was hosted by the Brisbane Bridge Centre (BBC) on Sun 28 Nov. Clubs eligible for the teams trophy (3 teams) were BBC, City, Corinda, QCBC, Sunnybank & Toowong; others were Northern Suburbs (2), Arana & Redlands (1). Our team was Bob Pearce, Richard McLauchlan, Julie Cutmore and Nora Towler.

First opponents were BBC and I ended up in 6H on the very first board. No bad trump breaks, no ruffs on the opening lead, 13 tricks cold, all too easy. There must be some stinkers around to make up for this.

Corinda 2 and board 20's typical pre-empt

♠ Q J 10 9 8 6 5 2 ♥ - ♦ J 7 5 ♣ 10 5

was not really strong enough for an opening 3S vul but I was hoping to get in a weak 2S overcall – until E opened 2C (4 losers, any suit). I bid 2S; 3H / 4C (Gerber), so I tried again; 4S 5H / 6C / 6NT which made 13.

Our best results were against City 1 (Joyce Rosser's team). Board 19 saw us put 6NT down 1 while Julie made 13 in 5C. On board 20, Bob negotiated a bad trump break to bring home 4S while Julie and Nora held their opponents to 9 tricks. Two 12 imp swings to the good guys.

Sunnybank 1: At S (board 26), I picked up

♠ A 7 4 3 ♥ A 10 8 6 5 2 ♦ A J ♣ Q

W passed, Bob opened 3S. While considering 4S or 6S, E doubled. Hmmm, game, overtricks, insult, this could be good: / 4D 4S 5D 5S // X XX and I couldn't get the XX down quick enough! A lay down 12 scored 1600 against 1430 for 6S undoubled at the other table. Revenge was swift when Bob opened 1H 5C X. Declarer ruffed the opening ♥ lead and led ♦ A then ♦ x, clearly intending to ruff another D in dummy. Bob failed to knock out dummy's only trump and 5Cx made for -750 vs -100 when Nora went down I at the other table (undoubled). I like Judy's 3 loser opening 2s, but I may have to reconsider after picking up this 4 loser 20 hcp.

♠ K 4 ♥ K 4 ♦ A K Q J 10 8 ♣ A 4 2

I opened 1D / / / and made 11 while our opponents managed 3NT making 11 from a 2C opener (8½ – 9½ playing tricks).

The final match was against Sunnybank 2. After 5 matches at the hottest table in the non-air-conditioned room, we were completely drained. 6H making 12 against us but going down at the other table (a 17 imp swing) was typical and we finished at the tail of C grade.

Winners were QCBC (A grade), BBC (B) and QCBC (C). Overall winners were BBC from QCBC with Sunnybank third (from 2 C grade and 1 B grade teams).

Richard McLauchlan

1994 calendar

PROPOSED Arana calendar for 1994 is:

Jan 12/13/17: play resumes

Feb 2: annual general meeting

21: management committee meeting

Apr 11: management committee meeting

27: Aust-wide multi pairs

May 30: management committee meeting

Jun 3: Epson world pairs

4-5: Arana congress

Jul 5/12/19: Swiss teams

6/13/20: Teams championship

25: management committee meeting

Sep 5: management committee meeting

13: Sunnybank teams

Oct 24: management committee meeting

26: Aust-wide pairs

Nov 1: Melbourne Cup

2/9: Pairs championship

8/15: President's pairs

23: Qld-wide pairs

Dec 13/14: Christmas break-up

Jan 10/11/16: play resumes

Feb 1: AGM

Masterpoint movements

LATEST masterpoint ratings as at end 1993 (for members whose home club is Arana):

*State master **

Pam Horton

*Local master **

Muriel Anderssen

Ted McGrath

Richard McLauchlan

Local master

Rita Wood

Club master

Mary Craig

Valerie Cran

Julie Cutmore

Julie Hankinson

Kenneth Hooper

Fran Husband

Lillian Kemp

Albert Lewis

Sylvia McCutcheon

Kay Paull

Marian Richardson

Vonnie Wallace

Margaret Welldon

Graduate master

Sharon Agar

Tony Agar

Joan McDonald

Wendy Pollard

Henry Polt

Brigid Robertson

The masterpoint scheme is running a 'Top 50' competition. Only MPs earned at your home club count. Jenny Lewis is Arana's leader at no 48 Australia-wide.

Jenny Lewis MP sec)

Important dates

- Fri 21/1: close AGM nominations & agenda items
- Sun 23/1: QBA tournament director course
- Wed 2/2: annual general meeting
- Sat 5-6/2: western suburbs pairs (Toowong)
- Sat 19-26/2: QBA Gold Coast congress
- Mon 21/2: management committee