



# ARANA

## Contract Bridge Club Inc

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### Editor's desk

OUR tenth birthday is just a couple of months and one AGM (7 February) away. We really do need a secretary (Margarette is retiring after 2 years in the job), committee persons, a congress convenor, publicity officer, kitchen provedores etc. If you are willing to take on any of these jobs, please nominate. Notices for agenda items are available if you have any burning issues for discussion at the AGM.

The tenth birthday party promises to be a big event and shouldn't be missed. Make a reservation now with Deslei Den Haan or Alison Fulwood.

Judy's classes start in March so if you know of any potential students, steer them to Pam Horton for enrolment.

Judy will be busy over the next month. Between the QBA Gold Coast congress (17-24 Feb) and the 96 classes (5-6 Mar), she will present seminars on Tue/Wed 26/27 Feb.

**Richard McLauchlan**

### Class of '96

ARANA's 1996 bridge classes start on Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 March. Cost of 12 fortnightly lessons is \$40. The weeks alternating with lessons are play nights, costing (normal member) table fees of \$3 per session. Throw in Judy's book at \$25 brings the total cost of 24 weeks tuition to \$101.

After the lessons finish, students can continue in the help with play group for the remainder of the year (about 16 weeks) at \$3 per session for those who join the club, or \$4 for non-members.

With other clubs charging \$50 to \$55 for 6 to 8 lessons, Judy's classes are the best value on offer by the proverbial country mile. If you know of anyone who wants to learn the world's most popular card game, please refer them to Pam Horton for an enrolment form.

### Masterpoint movements

NEW masterpoint rankings at the end of December for members whose home club is Arana include:

#### State\*

Betty Willson

#### State

Rita Wood

#### Regional

Joan Sadleir

#### Local\*\*

Julie Cutmore

#### Local\*

Deborah Dwyer

Alison Fulwood

Ken Hooper

#### Local

Julie Hankinson

Joan Hill

#### Club

Joyce Anderson

Dianne Davis

Judith Homan

Gay Hull

#### Graduate

Mary Backstrom

Bob Dancer

Lorraine Martin

Jean Parry

Mary Wilson

Paula McMahon

Catherine Percy

Brigid Robertson

Pat Spencer

Gill Lycette

**Jenny Lewis (MP sec)**

### Qld & Aust-wide results

TREVOR and Darryl Cullen scored well in the Australia-wide pairs played at the end of October last year. They finished second in the restricted section (below state master) and fourth outright.

Top scorers at Arana in the Qld-wide pairs in November were visitors Bill Hunt & Larry Moses who finished 10<sup>th</sup> overall. Best Arana finishes were Ted McGrath & Allan Box at 13<sup>th</sup> (N/S) and Val Acklin & Betty Willson at 19<sup>th</sup> (E/W).

## Ten years ago

### Arana Contract Bridge Club 1986-1987

#### *Lead up to the formation of the club*

In 1985, I was asked by the P & C Committee of the Stafford Heights State School to take over a bridge class for beginners when their then present teacher resigned without warning. I agreed, on the proviso that they arrange for another teacher to take over for subsequent lessons, as I did not feel that these type of classes (8 lessons only) were advantageous. In fact, it took several months for another teacher to be found and I was obliged to carry on with a second class.

The same year, I was asked to take over a class at the Ferny Hills State School when their teacher also resigned without warning. At the conclusion of each series of lessons, I arranged for the students to attend a help with play night (Thursday) at my home and many from these classes attended.

The numbers swelled to such an extent that I was unable to accommodate all wishing to attend. In November 1985, I told the group present that a more suitable venue would be needed if they wished to continue and suggested the idea of forming a bridge club.

All were enthusiastic about the idea and it was agreed that an official meeting be called in March 1986 with the view of forming a club. In the meantime, different members of the group were to search for a suitable venue for the club and a notice of the meeting was to be placed in the local papers.

#### *The inaugural meeting*

This meeting took place at my home at 26 Ardisia Street, Arana Hills on 13 March 1986; 16 people attended with 2 apologies recorded. After a motion that a bridge club be formed was carried, the following were elected to fill the required positions:

President    Bob Scott  
Secretary   Neil Orford  
Treasurer   Mary Smillie  
Committee   Barry Fabian and Judy Valentine

It was agreed that the club's aim would be to foster beginners and continue tuition for the more experienced players. The Qld Bridge Association's constitution for its member clubs was distributed for consideration and the name of North West Contract Bridge Club was proposed.

The Enoggera Memorial Hall in Wardell Street was chosen as the venue, at a cost of \$12.60 rental per week. The meeting also agreed to a fee structure of:

Joining fee                      \$10

Yearly membership        \$15  
Table fee (members)        \$2  
Table fee (non-members)   \$3

It was proposed that the first club night be 19 March 1986, with an half hour lesson preceding a short organised game. During the months that followed, committee members met regularly, and supplies were gradually purchased as funds became available. In the early stages, players were required to bring along tables, cards and coffee mugs.

Six bridge tables were donated by David Valentine of Brisbane Insurance Brokers P/L and Ray Gledhill donated several packs of cards, courtesy of National Mutual Insurance Company.

On 2 July 1986, a special general meeting was held to approve the constitution of the club. At the same meeting, members agreed to move to a new venue - the Hills District Community Centre at Dawson Parade, Arana Hills, and the name of the club was changed to the Arana Contract Bridge Club. The first night at the new premises was held on 16 July 1986.

I conducted the first beginner's classes for both Tuesday daytime and Wednesday evening in August 1986. There is no record of attendance for these classes. In October 1986, I conducted the first Sunday seminars on play. Two sessions were held and most of the club members at that time were present for both. In November 1986, I prepared 5 set hands with notes being supplied at the conclusion of play. Members appreciated the extra tuition.

By the time we had our first Christmas party, our club was well established and the friendly atmosphere the club offered was becoming known to outsiders. I provided and iced a cake to mark our first Christmas party, and David Shum was given the honour of cutting same. David had attended all sessions since the club's inception.

A Gestetner duplicating machine (30-1-87) and a typewriter (30-3-87) were purchased to produce seminar notes and the like, and a library (established July 1986) was expanded.

In March 1987, beginners classes were conducted on Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening. During this month, the first bidding seminars were conducted and proved popular with members. Again, no records of numbers attending the classes or seminars were kept.

The committee worked very hard in the first 12 months of operation to ensure that the club was run in the best way possible, and that the aim of the club to provide tuition for beginners and inexperienced players was continued.

**Judy Valentine**

## Scoring dilemmas

SCORING the (usually) 4 sections per week takes a little time, even with the help of a computer, and there are fewer hassles if everyone does their little bit to help.

It starts with neat legible printing with a sharp pencil - names, numbers, section and scores.

If you have played any session over the last few years, you have a computer number. If you are not sure of your number, check the list on the notice board.

The computer expects the scores in the correct order. When a score is entered on the wrong line, the whole card can end up out of kilter.

Make sure you score in the right column, *ie* N/S or E/W.

Check the number of tricks made and the score, particularly for doubled contracts making or going down.

Always watch the vulnerability. Errors often occur when one side is vul but the other is not.

When scores are checked before the last round, don't routinely tick them off. Check that they are correct. Wrong scores are often copied when a second table gets the same result.

The scorer can only correct obviously incorrect scores, eg a score of 50 is not possible if both sides are vul. If a score is possible but does not agree with the stated contract and tricks made, the score stands. After all, N/S entered it and E/W agreed when they signed.

Remember, it is not just you and your partner, nor your opponents, who are disadvantaged by an incorrect score, it is the whole field. A little extra care can make my job so much easier.

**Helen McLauchlan (Scorer)**

## Important dates

- Sat 3-4/2 Western Suburbs Pairs (Toowong)
- Wed 7/2 Annual general meeting
- Sun 11/2 Warwick Swiss pairs
- Sun 11/2 Gympie teams
- Sun 11/2 QCBC novice teams
- Sat 17-24/2 QBA Gold Coast congress
- Sun 25/2 Redlands novice teams
- **Mon 26/2 Management committee meeting**
- **Tue 27/2 Seminar**
- **Wed 28/2 Seminar**
- Sun 3/3 Sunshine Coast pairs
- **Tue 5/3 Bridge classes**
- **Wed 6/3 Bridge classes**
- Sat 9-10/3 Qld team trials (open & women)
- Sat 16-17/3 Qld team trials (open & women)
- **Mon 11/3 Birthday red point sessions**
- **Tue 12/3 Birthday red point sessions**
- **Wed 13/3 Birthday red point sessions**
- **Sun 24/3 Tenth birthday party**

## Birthday bash

THE club's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations will be held on Sunday 24 March. Lunch will be catered in by Le Bressan restaurant of Stafford. The total cost for the day will be \$17 per person, which includes 2 sessions of play, lunch, drinks (champagne, beer, softies) and a birthday cake.

As the caterers need to know numbers, if you are coming, would you please write your name on the slip below and give it to Alison Fulwood or me along with your payment as soon as possible.

If you would like to play but your usual partner can't make it, ring Betty Willson. She is the partner contact and will try to find you a partner for the day.

**Deslei Den Haan**

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To: Deslei Den Haan or Alison Fulwood

Yes, I am coming to the 10th Birthday Party on Sunday 24 March 1996

Name: .....

Amount: \$17

## Positions Vacant

Position.....	1995 .....	1996 .....
Assistant treasurer .....	Don Cutmore .....	Don Cutmore .....
Auditor .....	Peter Nottingham .....	Peter Nottingham .....
Chief director .....	Trevor Cullen .....	Trevor Cullen .....
Congress convenor .....	Pam Horton .....	.....
Fund raising .....	Alison Fulwood .....	Alison Fulwood .....
Hall committee representative .....	* vacant * .....	.....
Hand reporter .....	Jenny Lewis .....	Jenny Lewis .....
Hand setter .....	Gay Hull .....	Gay Hull .....
Historian .....	Deslei Den Haan .....	.....
Librarian .....	Joan McDonald .....	.....
Masterpoint secretary .....	Jenny Lewis .....	Jenny Lewis .....
Membership register .....	Peter Nottingham .....	Peter Nottingham .....
Name tags .....	Richard McLauchlan .....	Richard McLauchlan .....
New members/ visitors liaison .....	Hazel Bitomsky .....	Hazel Bitomsky .....
Partner contact .....	Betty Willson .....	Betty Willson .....
Photocopier .....	Betty Willson .....	Betty Willson .....
Players representative .....	Jenny Lewis .....	Jenny Lewis .....
Publicity officer .....	* vacant * .....	.....
QBA delegates .....	Bob Pearce/Ted McGrath .....	.....
Refreshments (Mon) .....	Albert Lewis .....	Albert Lewis .....
Refreshments (Tue) .....	Val Cran/ Margaret Weldon .....	.....
Refreshments (Wed) .....	Don & Julie Cutmore .....	Don & Julie Cutmore .....
Score board/ records .....	Muriel Anderssen .....	.....
Scorer .....	Bob Pearce .....	Helen McLauchlan .....
Special events coordinator .....	Julie Cutmore .....	Julie Cutmore .....
Stock controller .....	Joan Sadleir .....	Joan Sadleir .....
Teacher .....	Judy Valentine .....	Judy Valentine .....
Trump-It distributor .....	Betty Willson/Margarette Golden .....	Betty Willson .....
Trump-It editor .....	Richard McLauchlan .....	.....



**INVITATION**  
**Arana Contract Bridge Club**  
**Tenth Birthday Celebration**  
**Sunday 24 March 1996**

