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Editor's desk

ANOTHER very successful congress returned a tidy profit. Thanks to all the willing helpers who seem to have fallen into an apparently effortless routine, ensuring everything runs smoothly and efficiently. A few first-timers in the field were really impressed, especially with the food. Well done to all involved.

Don and Darlene Smith are now representing us on the hall management committee.

Discussions are continuing with the Brisbane City Council regarding a possible club house site on the old Ferny Grove tip.

The teams progressing to the Brisbane Zone final of the Gold Point KO teams are: McLauchlan (Helen, Val Acklin, Betty Willson, Margaret Welldon, Marilyn Wright, Rita Wood), Horton (Pam, Jenny Lewis, Joyce Rosser, Gary Lynch) and McLauchlan (Richard, Bob Pearce, Trevor Cullen, Darryl Cullen).

After 2 of the 3 weeks of the finals, only the Horton team are showing any form.

Please refer any items in need of repair (eg the plastic boards) to Carol Wilson.

Richard McLauchlan

Management committee

THE main points of interest from the Committee Meeting held on 26 May include:

A quiet meeting.... no arguments, no violence. So far, there never has been.

A big thanks to all the members who look after the kitchen for Monday and Tuesday morning teas and Wednesday night supper. It is not an assigned job and we (the entire Bridge Club) thank you very much.

Bob Dancer has taken the position of Publicity Officer. We are all grateful for his input.

Continued discussion on the Forest Place Day set for 30 June.

Building: We have received an offer of a 5 year lease from the Brisbane City Council for land near the Railway Museum. The concern is over the length of time on the lease. Val called to discuss it with the man in charge only to find he has resigned and at this time, there is no replacement. Discussions will continue as soon as possible.

A welcome to new member Gloria Bissell.

The 1999 Congress has been set at 5-6 June and the Community Hall has been reserved.

The final note on the meeting: the secretary had volunteered to bring something for the Committee's supper and forgot... Fortunately, President Val had something on hand in the freezer, so the Committee did not go home hungry. The secretary has promised to remember next meeting and has written it down on every calendar in the house.

Darlene Smith (Secretary)

Important dates

- Tue 7-14-21/7 Swiss teams championship
- Wed 8-15-22/7 Club teams championship
- Sun 12/7 Qld graded pairs (QCBC)
- Fri 17/7-1/8 ANC (Adelaide)
- Sat 18-19/7 Goondiwindi congress
- Sat 18-19/7 Noosa pairs & teams
- Sun 26/7 Lockyer pairs
- Sat 1-2/8 Bundaberg congress
- Sun 2/8 Northern Suburbs novice pairs
- Mon 3/8 Colin Stone teams start (QCBC)
- Sat 8-9/8 Qld mens & womens pairs (QCBC)
- Sun 9/8 Sunshine Coast novice pairs
- Sat 15-16/8 Maryborough congress
- Sun 16/8 Toowong novice teams
- Mon-Tue-Wed 24-25-26/8 Red point session

Mixed pairs

I Usually partner Pam Horton in this annual event. at Toowong. With some health problems in the Horton family this year, I dumped (Pam's words) Pam to play with my other half. The field seems to shrink a couple of tables each year (to 30 this year) but the overall strength is increasing.

In the qualifying sessions, we drew E-W in the toughest section (Tony Jackman entered with a relatively inexperienced partner who withdrew and was replaced by Denise Dodd). The only joy was getting one back against Bill Hunt and Rosa Lachman.

21/ N-S/ N	A 9 7 3 2	
	Q 8 6 3	
	A Q 7	
K 8	9	6
K 9 4		2
9 6 3 2		K J 10 8 5 4
A K 5 4	Q J 10 5 4	J 10 8 6 3
	A J 10 7 5	
	--	
	Q 7 2	

Sitting N-S, what looks like a reasonable contract? 4S looks pretty good and you can even go to 5 (1H + 1C loser) if E-W bid their minors. What contract would you not like to be in? Try 5D by S with a 0-3 trump fit. Truly!

Bill (N) opened 1S and I bid 2NT showing at least 5-5 in the minors and 6-10 hcp (well it's nearly 6 and I am 6-5 and the vulnerability was right). Rosa's 5D splinter bid elicited 2 passes (Bill expected Rosa to double 2NT, then splinter) and some quick thinking from me. PASS. They had clearly stuffed it (deliberately on Bill's part, I suspect) and I was happy to play for 100 a trick. They made 5 for 6 down, score +600 and the most fun we had all weekend.

Sadly, we missed the plate by a few match points but con 1 was just as bad. We were mostly mid-field with not much excitement. The eventual championship winners were Ivey Dahler and Neville Francis. Maybe next year please Pam?

Richard McLauchlan

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Darlene Smith (Secretary)

GNOT - club heats

THE final standings from the club heats of the gold point knock out teams are:

McLauchlan (H, V Acklin, B Willson, M Wright, M Welldon, R Wood)	205
Horton (P, J Lewis, J Rosser, G Lynch).....	177
McLauchlan (R, R Pearce, T & D Cullen).....	170
Cutmore (D, K Rooney, J Cutmore, B Dancer)	150
Yates (P, J Rae, J Perkins, C Wilson, M Richardson, J Parry).....	144
Box (A, E McGrath, M Miller, V Cran)	133
Smith (D & D, N Orford, F Hoult, A McIntyre).....	121
Willson (J, J Hill, Z O'Connor, N Towler).....	78
Steele (L, A Fulwood, D Den Haan, A Lewis)	69
Golden (M, C Maher, L Baumann, P van Eden)	63

The top 3 teams progress to the Zone final.

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NOW that all the bills are in and paid, I can present a statement showing a healthy profit of \$1,310.75. Well done all you bakers and workers. This is really the only fund raiser we hold during the year and your continued support is needed if we are to one day have our own club house.

There are many people to thank. Marian Richardson and Lorraine Steele called forward to take charge of the kitchen. All the workers: Deslei Den Haan (always purchases the wine), Alison Fulwood (always handles the raffle), Gloria Cruice, Tricia Diddams, Carmel Steer, Ann Fursman, Pat Smythe, Pam Feehely (made half the soup), Paul Yates (made the other half), Marie Harvey, Betty Brandt, Edna Miscamble and Wendy Pollard (always my coffee ladies).

The Sunday girls worked extremely hard as 2 of my workers were called in to play because of illness and Jenny and I had to play a round while we waited for a late comer. There were NO men in the kitchen although there were a few around for setting up and clearing away: Ted McGrath, Bob Pearce, Richard McLauchlan, Albert Lewis and Philip Smith (thanks guys).

Darlene Smith needs special mention she baked all sorts of yummy goodies which I just had to sample. She also worked both days in the kitchen, out on the floor and anywhere else I asked her to go. She went home hardly able to move with a had back.

Jenny Lewis was also worked so hard that she too went home feeling none too well.

Alison Fulwood was grabbed when she came to draw the raffle and wasn't allowed to go home..

Carol Wilson was originally asked to come, just in case. She wasn't allowed to go home either.

Mary Wilson came for the morning but was made to stay till well into the afternoon.

I feel that these ladies will be very reluctant to work next year. My sincere thanks to you all.

Setting up the hall on Friday night took us only an hour as there was a great roll up. The guys I've mentioned; the ladies included Val Acklin, Jenny Lewis, Ilene Bishop, Carol Wilson and Ailsa Smith who again supplied half her garden to decorate the hall.

Bob Dancer did a great job with a press release on the radio and in the papers. He says that next year, he will start earlier.

If I have left anyone off the list, I am sorry. THANK YOU ALL.

The congress itself ran smoothly under Reg Busch and Joan McPheat and we thank them for their continued interest in our club.

There were many comments again this year - all good. Some of the top players continue to come each year. John Mills and Ralph Parker arrived at 8 am on Saturday for breakfast coffee and pikelets. John says he waits all year for the homemade goodies and soup at our congress.

THANK YOU ALL FOR A JOB WELL DONE

Pam Horton (Convenor)

Arana: player's perspective

PLENTY of bright-eyed, bushy-tailed Aranans were hoping for big things in the 27 table field which included several name players. Most Ns thought all their Christmases had come at once on board 22 in qual 1.

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

This was our 2nd round when S opened 1H and N bid 4C (ace ask), 4S (2), 7NT. I led the H8, dummy winning with the A. N led a C to his K, small S to the 8 (amazing how many people did not realise the S8 was an entry), CA discarding the D2. Now N said 'Oh anything... no wait... the C6 which I'll ruff with the SA, lead Ss from the top and DA for 13'.

'Hang on', said Bob, 'you're in NT, not Ss'. Bob won the CJ, another 3C tricks, plus the HK and Q. Any surprise that we won this session? Qual 2 wasn't quite as easy and we got quite aggressive on board 12.

12/ N-S/ W	7 4	
	K 10 5	
	A J 9 8	
Q 9 8 6 3 2	K 9 7 2	A J 10 5
J 4 3 2		--
Q		4 3
6 3	K	A Q J 10 8 5 4
	A Q 9 8 7 6	
	K 10 7 6 5 2	
	--	

W	N	E	S	1. Weak 2H/2S or 21-22 flat
2D ¹	/	2H ²	X	2. Hope it's S or strong
2S ³	X	4S ⁴	5H	3. Weak 2 in S (6 card, 6-10)
/	/	5S	6H	4. Suddenly my hand is good
/	/	6S ⁵	/	5. Can't see a defence to 6H
/ ⁶	X			6. Did I open on this muck?

The AD was led and a D ruffed in hand. The S finesse lost to the **bare K** (1 of 14 over the weekend), ruff a D, finesse C, clear trumps, CA, C ruff dropped the K, 1 off and -100. Given N's doubles, the S finesse was reasonable, but oh so close on our combined 17 hcp.

S can make 6H. After a S lead to my A, a second S is ruffed (or a D drops Bob's Q). As long as S leads the HA and finds my void, Bob's HJ is finessable and the Ds are good. We qualified comfortably for the championship along with Val Acklin & Joyce Rosser and Jan Rae & Kath Rooney.

Most of us had fairly ordinary starts in the finals with not much joy in the championship. Bob Dancer & Julie Cutmore were looking good in the plate, as were Philip & Ailsa Smith in the consolation. It got worse when, at the end of round 7, Arana was running 16-17-18 (last) in the major final. Val & Joyce and Bob & I found some late form to claw our way back to mid-field but...

The championship was won by Ralph Parker & John Mills from Richard Wallis & Ian Halford, and Bill Hunt & Kurt Ko third. The plate went to Ashraf Chaudhry & Kildup Bedi, Bob & Julie just missing third. The consolation was won by Lola Heron & Robin Knight, Ailsa & Philip the only Aranans in the money with a tidy second.

Richard McLauchlan

Worldwide bridge

THE 13th worldwide bridge contest was held on 5 and 6 June. Helen & I played the Saturday session at QCBC, an incomplete 6 table Howell, playing 8 (24 boards) of the 11 rounds. The usual scoring system (NS/EW scores converted to 0-100%) will be the last in this competition. Computers and the internet will allow worldwide matchpointing of the Friday session while the Saturday session will be IMP scored, similar to teams scoring.

We were doing Ok with only a couple of stumbles, like bidding board 7 to 6D and going 2 off when the accompanying booklet suggests... N must consider the possibility of slam, but there are too many holes to fill. We got that back on board 10 when our opponents bid to 6H but... slam is a bit worse than a finesse so E/W do not really belong there... and went 1 down. Board 32 was our last chance.

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

After 2 passes, I (E) opened a big 2C; Helen's negative 2D (less than 8 hcp) got 3NT (25 + hcp) from me and agreement with the book. Helen didn't like NT much and tried 4S which prompted me to 6S and... the cards are lying so beautifully for E/W that if they stumble into a slam, they can make it... but...

The C5 was led, dummy's J winning. The SA-K dropped N's Q; the CA & K were cashed; a S to the J pulled S's last trump. At this point, Helen took the winning finesse in Hs and discarded a D on the AH, but she shouldn't have done so. Since the D suit has to be brought in with 1 loser only, the H finesse achieves nothing. Still, she was now at this ending:

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

It all looked hopeless at this point, so Helen cashed the DA and lost 2 D tricks for 1 off and a 4% score. Leading the DA caters for 1 possibility only, one opponent holding the doubleton K-Q, a low percentage chance. The only other option is a low D away from the A. That can't hurt too much as we can't go down more than 1 down.

On a low D, S plays the 9, Helen the J and N wins with the K. The H return is ruffed and a small D to the A drops the Q, making the 10 good. What if S plays the DQ, not the 9? Now Helen plays low, as does N. The C10 is ruffed and the DJ kills N's K. Making the slam scores 91% .

We scored a respectable 58% in a strong field to finish 3rd overall but 1st in the mixed pair category. That was a bit strange as mixed pairs Andrew Pryde & Claire Green (open) won the event and Keith Bishop & Claire Hyne (seniors) were 2nd. Every kid wins a prize? I have placed a copy of the booklet in the library.

Richard McLauchlan

Alert

JUST when you thought you knew the alerting rules, a new version starts. In a nutshell, all the old regulations apply with the following changes:

1. All opening bids above the 1 level, if conventional (*ie* not natural or showing more than 1 suit), must be alerted, *eg*:
2C or 2D (Benjamin style)
2D multi (weak 2H or 2S or strong balanced)
2H, 2S, 2NT showing 2 suits (H + other, S + other, 2 x minors)
All transfer pre-empt openings
Note: all natural 2H or 2S openings (single H or S suit, any strength) are not alertable.
2. All other conventional bids and skip bids (below 3NT) must be alerted, *eg*:
Bergen raises
Two suited overcalls.
3. All jump raises of partner's opening suit or overcall must be alerted if showing less than 8 hcp.

Congress financial statement

Income	Entry fees	\$4860.00	
	Raffle	\$354.00	
	Donations	\$55.00	
	TOTAL		\$5269.00
Expenses	Congress	\$1291.99	
	Prizes	\$1729.65	
	Food	\$936.61	
	TOTAL		\$3958.25
PROFIT			\$1310.75

Pam Horton (Convener)