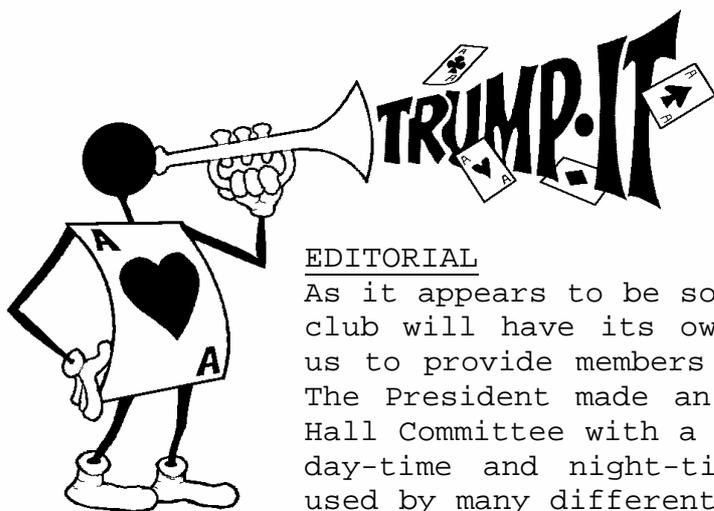


# ARANA CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INC



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## EDITORIAL

As it appears to be some years away yet before our club will have its own premises, that will allow us to provide members with many playing sessions. The President made an approach to the Pine Shire Hall Committee with a view of procuring additional day-time and night-time hire. The hall is well used by many different organisations and obtaining further permanent bookings is extremely difficult.

The hall Committee agreed to provide us with a Monday morning reservation 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. for a twelve month period that commences first week in July. However, we were unsuccessful in obtaining a permanent booking for the additional night session. The hall has fixed hirers every night except Friday and the Hall Committee will not allow any group to have a monopoly on this night. They did agree, however, to allow us to have the hall whenever a vacancy occurred. This is the best we can do for the night-time players at the moment. The bookings that have been made for the additional Friday night sessions are displayed on the notice board.

The Committee hopes that members will take advantage of the extra playing sessions and their continuation is totally dependent on the support received from club members.

Judy Valentine (Editor)

## WINNERS OF WINE RAFFLE

We again thank club members for supporting our Fundraising raffle of a basket of wine. This was drawn on Wednesday 10th June. The winners were -

1st Prize	KAY PAULL
2nd Prize	GEOFF DOYLE

Tickets are presently being sold in our next raffle that is a dinner for two at the French Restaurant "Le Bressan".

## LIBRARIAN

As you are all aware, Johnnie Baker-Finch has been very ill and it is likely to take some time before she recovers completely. Johnnie is our club Librarian and even when she is able to return to play at the club I am reluctant to place any duties upon her shoulders until her health is completely restored. I am asking that someone take over this role for the time being. Please let me know if you are prepared to help out. Maybe two of you could alternate week about.

REPORT ON REPORT ON 1992 PINE FESTIVAL PAIRS

This event was held on Wednesday 10th June and was conducted as a 12½ table Mitchell movement with a total of 26 boards being played.

A special supper of hot and cold finger food was provided by members.

The overall winning pair was determined by the best percentage from North/South and East/West and we congratulate TED McGRATH and ALLAN BOX who produced a 70.8% round to take off the prize.

Councillors Battersby, Henderson and Healy presented Ted and Allan with vouchers to the value of \$25 each on Wednesday 17th June.

1992 HILLS EXPO

Saturday 13th June - Leslie Patrick Park.

Our club was represented at the Expo by a small number of members who took part in an informal teams match during the day. Some members played all day; others took part in one or two sessions. The maximum number of players at one time was 12.

Play took place at 10 a.m. in a tent kindly loaned by the local S.E.S. branch who assisted with putting it up. Ted McGrath came to open up the storeroom at 9 a.m. so that we could obtain furniture and materials. Play ceased at about 4 p.m.

Our club was advertised via a large banner made by Bob Pearce and information sheets created by Richard McLauchlan were available for members of the public. The day was very successful with a large number of people in attendance and quite a lot of inquiries about the club.

I believe we should involve ourselves in future "Expos" as a very effective way of publicising our activities and attracting new members. However, it would be good if a few more members were to take part next time.

Participating Members

Bob Pearce	Richard McLauchlan
Jenny Lewis	Pam Horton
Frances Orford	Ann Pearce
Judy Perkins	Muriel Anderssen
Trevor Cullen	Darryl Cullen
Judy Valentine	Margarite Golden
Hazel Bitomsky	Deborah Dwyer
Deslei Den Haan	

Bob Pearce (Organiser)

REPORT ON 1992 EPSON PAIRS

The competition was played either on Friday 19th or Saturday 20th throughout the world and any pair obtaining a score greater than 1600 was eligible to win. The event was controlled in Paris, France and any Australian results in excess of 1600 were faxed through via the Australian Bridge Association, by Sunday.

Our club conducted the competition on Friday night 19th June and I was the non-playing director. The conditions of entry required no half tables and that all participants play a total of 24 boards only. Our club attracted 8 tables and a skip Mitchell with 32 boards in play was used, with the session finishing when players had completed the required number of boards.

Being a World-wide event, every precaution was taken by the sponsoring body to ensure secrecy. The special score cards provided were sealed and their opening had to be witnessed by two players from different partnerships, as was the hand record booklets, commentary by Omar Sharif, distributed at the conclusion of play.

Scoring was completed at the hall after play finished so that any eligible result could be phoned through to the Queensland organiser by next morning. Unfortunately, no pair achieved a score greater than 1600 (66.6%). The winning pair from each direction received certificate from the World Bridge Federation as an acknowledgment of their win in the club session. As the event attracted Red Masterpoints, the results were posted to the ABF representative. The best scores in our club were as follows

North/South	East/West
1st B. Pearce - R. McLauchlan	1st P. Horton - J. Lewis
2nd T. McGrath - M. Miller	2nd V. Burgoyne - V. Mann
3rd A. Smith - P. Smith	3rd T. Cullen - D. Cullen

Judy Valentine

REPORT FROM BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE

Letters dated 25.5.92 were received from Councillor Battersby with copies of council minutes pertaining to the land at Chinook Street.

The Minutes suggest that the Council is giving preference to a site at James Drysdale Recreational Reserve for us. However, they have requested a layout be drawn of the site at Everton Glen, to see if there is sufficient room for a Clubhouse and parking.

Their concern about the site at Chinook Street is primarily about adequate parking. Since they have now decided to retain all the land formerly occupied by the Treatment Plant, this has greatly reduced the amount of land available to us and the site is no longer as attractive.

Further to the possibility of a site at James Drysdale, on Sunday 14th June, all members of the Building Sub-Committee met with Brian Battersby for an inspection of the area. He supplied us with site plans showing the area in question and outlined the Council's future intentions.

Preliminary inspection suggests that only two possibilities exist for locating a building. These are on the ridges between the gullies that Council proposes to use as tips. Both lie adjacent to Bunya Road. Of the two, the first seems to have more potential since the second will eventually be used by a road connecting James Drysdale Reserve with Bunya Road.

**Advantages** connected with this site could include:

1. It is firm and relatively level.
2. It is large enough to allow for future expansion.
3. It is away from residential areas.
4. Once the Hutton Road connection is made, it is relatively accessible from all directions.
5. Once the tip is full, it will be relatively quiet and attractive.
6. Council may be prepared to give us financial assistance in locating at James Drysdale.

**Disadvantages** could include:

1. It will not be ready for use for a number of years.
2. It is not as central as our present site or Chinook St.
3. Services such as sewerage would be more expensive to provide.
4. It would be liable to vandalism due to its isolation.
5. It may suffer from the proximity of the tips and other users, especially during the initial period.
6. The site may be perceived as too remote by our members.

Bob Pearce (Chairman)

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#### LADIES TOILETS

The Hall Committee is concerned about the untidy state of the ladies washroom area. It is believed that casual hirers over the week-end period are responsible and that the cleaners may not be servicing this area each week. We have been asked to report any time we arrive and find this area to be in a mess. Please notify any Committee Member who will contact the Hall Committee.

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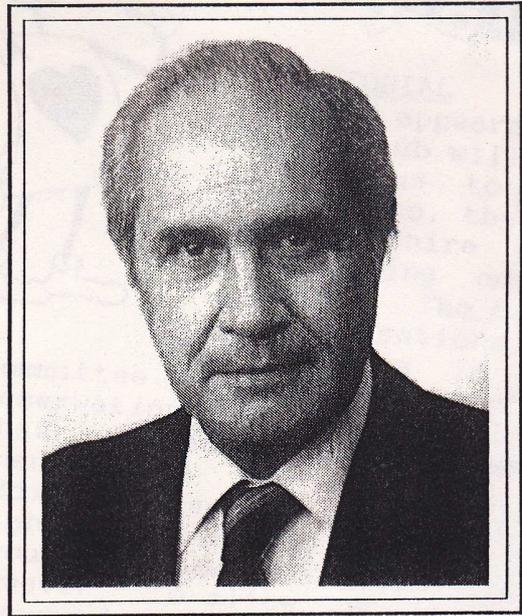
#### GYMPIE CONGRESS

This Congress will be held on the week-end 8th and 9th August. Gympie offers a friendly Congress, mostly made up of local country players. I am the Director for the week-end and Pam and Jenny will be assisting me with the Barometer scoring. Entry forms are available at the club.

OBITUARY

ERIC BERNARD FERDINANDS

Born Rangoon, Burma 1/7/1918 - Died Brisbane 12/6/1992



Those who knew Eric were saddened to hear of his sudden death. Eric and Violet Ferdinands were inaugural members of our club and have been regular supporters. They joined the club after completing a series of lessons I conducted at the Ferny Hills school before the club was founded.

Both Violet and Eric were held in the highest esteem by all who knew them. Their quiet, unassuming, thoughtful manner at and away from the bridge table endeared them to us all.

Violet will be returning to England with her family and she takes with her our condolences, friendship and sincerest wishes for the future.

The address given by their daughter at the funeral, captures the true character of Eric as we shall all remember him.

"My father was a reserved and complex person. He needed his space, and did not seek a lot of social interaction. So, I wanted to say a few words about him as it was not easy to know him well.

My father was a good man. He had a strong sense of responsibility, high standards that he always tried to live up to, keen comprehensive, great capability, kindness, generosity, humour, courage and inner strength. He carried his burdens privately.

Whatever he did in career, as husband, as father, he did the best he could. And he did fine. Just fine.

He loved us, and protected us and provided for us. He devoted so much of himself to caring for us. My mother was lucky to have him for husband. I am honoured he was my father.

His death is a terrible shock and loss to us.

We grieve. We shall miss him terribly.

But also, we shall cope. So that he may go, rest in peace."