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Editor's Desk

CONGRATULATIONS Arana, our second congress was at least as good as, if not better than, last year's event. I lost count of the number of players who said the congress, the food, the people, the atmosphere and the whole darn event was just great. And that came from the top players right down to the tail of the consolation.

Any event like the congress requires a lot of dedication and effort from a lot of members, all of whom deserve praise.

Firstly, a big thank you to Pam Horton. As convenor, Pam organised and put the show together. There were some nice touches from the rookie prize for the best performing first congress entrants, to the lucky chocolate prize at lunch.

Deborah Dwyer and her kitchen team kept everyone well fed and deserved their rave reviews for the lunches and snacks.

Don Cutmore attended to all the little bits a pieces as Pam's man Friday. The hall entrance looked more like a bush house, courtesy of Philip & Ailsa Smith and Kay & Jim Paull. Alison Fulwood and Trevor Cullen helped swell the coffers with the raffle.

Not forgetting the sponsors, Deslei Den Haan organised the sessional wine prizes from The Gap Tavern while bidding sheets were supplied by the Bank of Queensland. Reg Busch (director) and Joan McPheat (scorer) kept the show running smoothly.

And my wife Helen, who is not a member, volunteered (I didn't ask) to help in the kitchen on Saturday and with pickup slips on Sunday. So thanks to all you sandwich stokers, quiche cooks, soup stirrers, pavlova

providers, and any and everyone who played any part large or small in making the 94 congress such an outstanding success. Give yourself a pat on the back, you deserve it.

Richard McLauchlan

Director!

MURIEL Anderssen and Bob Pearce sat and passed the QBA club director exam on 28 May. Test your knowledge on a couple more questions from last year's exam.

Q1. With 3 tricks to go, spades as trumps, declarer (S) on lead, W and S hold:

8 - 7 5 -

J 7 A - -

South says 'the rest are mine.' West queries and South adds 'drawing trumps, of course.' You are called; what do you rule?

Q2. South opens 1S out of turn. What are the penalties if:

- (a) East was dealer;
- (b) West was dealer;
- (c) North was dealer?

Trevor Cullen

Positions vacant

SUPPER coordinators for Wed nights. Bev and Cynthia have bought the milk, coffee, tea and biscuits for over 2 years and would like someone else to take over.

Publicity officer: duties - write 100-150 words on general club news per month for local newsletters (Hills Echo, Village Pump).

Trump-It reporter: write items of interest for inclusion in Trump-It. Access to pc and WordPerfect preferred.

Arana congress

CONGRESS day 1994. Convenor, Pam Horton was nearing the quivering jelly stage by 9:30 as she rehearsed her opening remarks. Pine Rivers mayor, Yvonne Chapman is due to get the show started but at 9:50 she is nowhere in sight. Never fear, 9:55 and Yvonne arrives, purchases a couple of raffle tickets and opens the congress. Not au fait with bridge, she is not sure if she is expected to fire a gun, drop a flag or just say 'GO'.

Some players certainly got out of the blocks smartly nonetheless and some Aranans fared well in the first session with Steve and Verna Brookes, Philip and Ailsa Smith and surprise packets Tony and Sharon Agar all winning their sections. The rest of us relied on the terrific lunch, especially the desserts, to quell the opposition.

Something must have worked because Bob and I managed to have a win in this session. Along the way, we played Philip and Ailsa who managed to score 1700 against last year's champs, John Mills and Andrew Pryde via:

Board 27/ S/ Nil

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

After 2 passes, Philip (N) opened 1C. Andrew (E) psyched with 1H / 2H X. At this point, Andrew nodded off. Normally, he would redouble for takeout and 3D (maybe doubled) could be a great result, since the popular score was 4H N, making 11. Philip's X was also takeout, but Ailsa was happy to leave it in. A few minutes later, Philip was writing down 2H*E 1 (that's ONE) 1700 to N/S. No wonder the Smiths made the championship, along with the Brookes, Agars and Joyce Rosser.

Sunday was a new day but not very auspicious for Arana. The Brookes were well in contention for the championship but faded slightly in the run home for 4th. Hazel Bitomsky withdrew due to Ron's ill health and Jenny

Lewis stepped in to partner Lillian Kemp into 3rd in the consolation.

As a minor consolation, we cleaned up in the raffle with Jean Parry hard at work in the kitchen taking the Chivas Regal, Joan Hill the terrarium, and Hazel Bitomsky the chocolates. Mayor Yvonne Chapman won the fruit tray and promptly gave it away to a good home.

The championship was won by QBA President Keith McDonald and David Grimshaw. The rookie prize to the best performing first congress pair was never in doubt after the Saturday, Tony and Sharon Agar winning comfortably. The atmosphere of our congress ensures we will have a good roll up next year.

Richard McLauchlan

Management Committee

ITEMS of interest from the management committee meeting of 30 May include:

Bob Pearce and Muriel Anderssen sat the QBA club director exams on 28 May.

Pine Shire mayor Yvonne Chapman was invited and will open the 1994 congress.

Should Arana host the Brisbane interclub teams on the last Sunday in November?

Next red masterpoint sessions will be Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 August.

Entry forms required for club teams (Tue and Wed) events in July.

Psyche record book purchased, Steve Brookes as first entry.

Club computer and printer for scoring after play is a security risk and not a priority until we are in our own clubhouse.

Results are being forwarded to Sunday Mail via Darryl, Margarete, Bob and Ann.

Request for advanced tuition cannot be met this year. Experienced players to contribute articles to Trump-It?

Australia-wide multi pairs

Generally, this year's boards favoured the bidder, with overtricks important. Scoring is interesting when you consider the best result for N/S was on board 11 where E/W played in 3S (making 8), 5D (11) or 3NT (7, 9, 10, 11). Any less than 3NT making 11 (a 60% E/W score) saw N/S score 64% or better.

Similarly, the best result for E/W was board 21 where N/S played 2D (9), 3D (12), 3NT (10, 11, 12) or 5D (12) on a combined 26 count. Any less than 3NT making 12 (55% to N/S) saw E/W score 67 % or better.

More judgement was required on boards 6 and 16. After 3 passes and non-vul, would you open these 11 point hands?

Board 6	Board 16
♠ A 7 4 2	A 10 9
♥ A 9 6	K 5 2
♦ 5	10 7 6 5 4
♣ K 9 6 5 4	A 9

Every pair opened board 6 with 2s making 10 scoring 64% and 4S making 10 getting 83%. Results on board 16 were mixed and opening often let the opposition in. With Ds and the majors dreadful, I passed (the only passed in board all night) for 68%.

Respective winners N/S and E/W were:

Mixed

Philip & Ailsa Smith	56.0%
Joyce Rosser – Gary Lynch	56.8%

Women

Deborah Dwyer – Hazel Bitomsky	50.3%
Val Acklin – Betty Willson	64.3%

Men

Bob Pearce – Richard McLauchlan	57.6%
Ted McGrath – Allan Box	59.0%

Val and Betty's 64.3% earned an E/W 18th Australia-wide.

Richard McLauchlan

A real mixed bag

THE Queensland mixed pairs was played at Toowong on 14-15 May. After our 35th last year, Pam Horton and I decided to have another go. Jenny Lewis and Trevor Cullen also lined up for this years 32½ table event. And we both drew the half-table sit out section.

A few changes to our normal systems saw me playing McKenney discards, low encourage and CRO Blackwood, with Pam concentrating on Gerber. And all to good use on board 12.

Board 12/ W/ NS		W	E
A Q 9 8 7 2	J 6 5 4	1S	3S
Q J 7 5 4	8 2	4C	4S
--	A K 6	4NT	5S
K J	A Q 9 2	/	

If Pam's (E) jump bid showing opening points were from SK HA HK and CA, then 7S

is almost lay down. The 4C was Gerber, 4S is 2 aces but which? One shouldn't really mix ace asks, but 4NT was CRO Blackwood and 5S showed 2 aces of the same rank – minors with me holding SA. With no cover in Hs, I bailed out at 5S. N led the S10 killing his partner's K. I discarded 4 of my Hs on dummy's Cs and Ds for 12. We must have done something right because we finished 3rd in this session and were in real danger of qualifying for the championship.

Ho ho. Nothing like lunch and an afternoon snooze to stop that rot. Much to Pam's delight we also missed the Plate and lobbed into Consolation 1 along with Jenny and Trevor who threw down the gauntlet with a 'we're going to finish in front of you!'

They got off to a good start, taking the lead after round 1. But it was short lived as we took over on round 4 and held the lead until round 13, often by playing in NT and scoring marginally better than the suit bidders. When we met on round 10, Pam and I took the honours with a + 11 (of a possible 21) from 3 ordinary looking scores. We almost caught a chill from the draught as the O'Callaghans went past on round 13 but held on for second.

So 18 in the championship plus 16 in the plate plus second now makes us the 36th best mixed pair. That is one down from last year but we got a lot more masterpoints and cash. Trevor and Jenny finished 7th, but would have been higher if Trevor could play as well as Jenny can bid, right Jennifer?

Richard McLauchlan

Ethics & proprieties

THE director must be called to rule on any infringements during bidding or play and is the only person permitted to alter or adjust a score, award an 'average' or impose a penalty.

It is illegal to hesitate during play. It is also illegal to draw inference from such hesitation. All cards should be played at the same tempo. So, if you hold Kxxx and dummy lays down AQxx behind you, make a preliminary decision at trick 1 as to what you are going to do if declarer leads the J or 10 of that suit. Do not hesitate, play the K or duck smoothly. Similarly, if you hold xxx and the J is led, smoothly play a rag in tempo. Do not attempt to deceive declarer by hesitating.

KO'd for gold

TWELVE teams entered the Brisbane zone gold point knock out teams in May. Arana's teams included 2 visitors and our club had the second highest entries (pipped by Toowong). Entry fees were \$160 per 4 teams, Alan Gibson directing, with pre-set boards and hand records.

Teams were seeded according to the average handicap of their team members. A complete round robin of 8 board matches was played over 3 weeks. A win was worth gold masterpoints and with every team winning at least 2 matches, all players scored some gold. The event was well supported and we will enter again next year, although it is a bit close to our own club teams events.

The top 3 teams progressing to the Brisbane Zone finals at BBC in June were: PEARCE (R Pearce, R McLauchlan, S & V Brookes), HORTON (P Horton, J Lewis, J Rosser, J Sargeant) and CULLEN (T & D Cullen, V Acklin, L Fredericks, A Perkins). Hope they can keep the Arana flag flying.

Calling no 149

RON Bitomsky (no 149) spent some time in surgery earlier this year. Follow up tests were not good and Ron is back in the Wesley for another dose. Hang in there Ron, we all wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you back at Arana soon.

Director's verdict

CORRECT answers to the questions from page 1 are:

Q1. A claim has been made before all trumps have been drawn. The statement 'drawing trumps of course' was made only after a query from W who still had a trump. Viewing the hands, it is obvious that S can win all remaining tricks by leading the SJ. However, the law must favour the defenders if a claim is made and the director must construct the play in the least favourable way for the claimant. This would be either leading the HA ruffed by W or leading S7 won by W. Transfer 1 trick to E/W.

Q2. (a) The call is cancelled and E is allowed to bid. If E passes, then S must repeat the call (no penalty). If E bids, then S may make any legal call except NT or double. If S bids with the lowest possible call in the same denomination, then offender's partner (N) must pass at his next turn. If S does not repeat denomination, then N must pass at every call and lead penalties apply if N/S become defenders.

(b) S's call is cancelled and N must always pass. If the pass damages E/W, then an adjusted score may be given. S may make any legal call on his turn. Lead penalties apply if N/S become defenders.

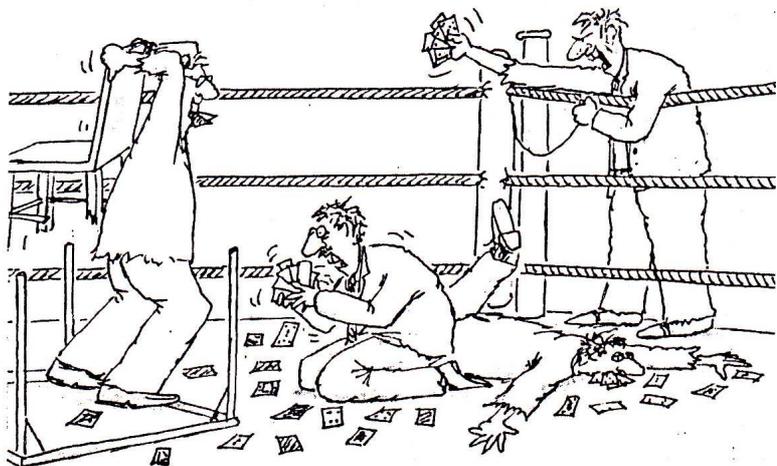
(c) The procedure is the same as if W were dealer, *ie* N must pass and lead penalties apply.

Note: if W accepts S's bid out of turn, then the auction proceeds without penalties.

Important dates

- Mon 20-27-4/6 Gold point teams finals
- Sun 26/6 Toowong 1-day pairs
- Sat 2-3/7 Gold Coast July congress
- Tue 5/7 Swiss teams (3 weeks)
- Wed 6/7 Teams championship (3 weeks)
- Sun 10/7 Qld graded teams (QCBC)
- Sun 17/7 Noosa 1-day pairs
- Sun 17/7 Lockyer 1-day
- Sun 24/7 Caloundra 1-day teams
- Mon 25/7 Management committee meeting
- Sat 30-31/7 Bundaberg congress
- Sat 7/8 Toowoomba 1-day

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