



# ARANA

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### Editor's Desk

THE 1994 AGM was largely a case of out with the old and in with the new: a new president, vice-president, treasurer and 4 new committee members.

A major disappointment was the lack of response for the position of secretary. Thanks to Betty Willson for taking over photocopying which consumed a lot of secretarial time.

Quite a few motions were debated and opinions expressed. But why wait until the AGM. If you have a suggestion for improving the club, contact a committee member, or drop me a note. I'll be happy to start a 'Letters to the Editor' column.

**Richard McLauchlan**

### Director!

LAST year, I became an accredited club director. The exam was in 2 sections; one on movements and scoring, the other on laws and rulings. In the next few Trump-Its, I'll include questions from the exam for you to test your knowledge of the laws. The correct answers are on the back page.

*Q1.* South as dealer opens the bidding with 1NT. He then discovers that he holds only 12 cards while the others all have 13. The missing card is found at the previous table. What is your ruling?

*Q2.* South is declarer. In the middle game, he plays a small spade from the table to his AQ8, intending to finesse for the K. However, E discards the H2, so S rises with the A, W following with the S6. Now E discovers that he has spades and you are called.

(a) You rule that E must correct his play with a S and the H2 becomes a minor penalty card – right or wrong?

(b) E corrects his play and you advise S that he can withdraw his SA without penalty. S does so and plays the SQ. You now advise W (who holds the SK) that he too can retract his S6 without penalty and play the SK – right or wrong?

(c) Would your ruling have been any different if E had not discovered his error until after S had led to the next trick?

*Q3.* You are called to bidding of: W N E  
1C / X

(a) What do you rule?

(b) Subsequently, EW become defenders. What lead penalties (if any) apply?

(c) What would be your ruling if the double had been followed by 3 passes?

**Trevor Cullen**

### 1994 AGM

THE AGM on Wednesday 2 February was a lively affair. In his final report after 3 years as president, Bob highlighted club growth, the first congress, classes, increased Tuesday competitions, seminars and Monday sessions, and thanked the club's many helpers for their assistance.

Peter Nottingham also stepped down as treasurer. His financial report showed a nett gain of \$17,522 for the year, with the club's total assets at \$58,367.

The new committee is Richard McLauchlan (president), Trevor Cullen (vice-president), Kevin Simpson (treasurer), Pam Horton, Bob Pearce, Alison Fulwood, Beth Douglas, Darryl Cullen and Julie Hankinson.

Peter Nottingham was appointed honorary auditor. No nominations for secretary were received.

Fees for 1994 remain the same as last year, ie \$10 joining fee and \$15 pa (or \$7.50 for July-December). Table fees are \$3 for members and \$4 for non-members. If Arana is your home club, then QBA and ABF levies of \$8 and \$5 are also due, bringing your total (continuing) membership fee to \$28, payable by the end of February.

Members voted to have a pa system available at all sessions and the AGM. Display of results, distribution of the Trump•It, awarding prizes, kitchen duties, the day of the AGM and by-laws were also discussed.

### QBA's USA connection

RENOWNED American players and authors Larry Cohen and Eric Rodwell have been invited to Qld by the QBA. They played at several clubs in and around Brisbane from 13 to 19 February, before attending the Gold Coast congress.

Bob and I went to a special session at the Brisbane Bridge Club on Monday evening 14 February. Eric partnered wife Donna (N/S), while Larry drew a random partner (E/W) from the 16½ tables attending. Sitting E/W, we played Eric and Donna on round 6.

Board 14, E, nil:

K 10 6 5	A 9 7 3 2	W	E
J 10 7 5	3		1S
A 4	Q 9 7	2C	3C
Q 6 4	A K 10 9	4S	

With N/S silent throughout, we got to 4S fairly easily. Bob's 2C bid was a 'Valentine' 11 pointer: change suit first (2H shows 5; if you have to lie, lie in a minor) then support strongly.

Eric lead the DJ which didn't look like a singleton, so I let it run to my DQ. With Eric holding D length, then Donna was more likely to hold spades if they were breaking badly. So a S to dummy and back through N was called for.

My S2 dropped the Q-K-4. Was that a bare Q, QJ, Qx or QJx? I played for the drop, but the Q was bare and Donna made the J. Still, 11 tricks was a 70/30 score to us. Eric's lead

of the DJ from K-J-10-6-3 drew a polite 'no no no no' from Donna.

Board 13, S, NS:

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

Eric opened 2NT (20-22), raised to 3 by Donna, and Bob led the S3-7-Q-A. Eric led the D2, won by dummy's Q. The C7 to the Q was followed by the CA and C8 to my K, Bob discarding the H2. I returned Bob's S (hearts looked better) won by the K.

The CJ saw S discard the S8 and W the H10. The H3 went to Eric's A and Bob's K. The coup-de-grace came when Eric led HJ-Q-x-x. Bob exited with the S6 to Eric's J. The H4 to dummy's 9, then the H8 and a D to the A gave them 11 tricks, a 100 to 0 score, and thanks for coming.

The defence left a lot to be desired, right from the opening lead (HK is better, but Eric will duck), to not rising with the DK, not switching to hearts, and retaining spades at the expense of hearts after declarer discarded a spade on the fourth club. Still, top players make the most of their opponents' mistakes, and they do it so politely.

**Richard McLauchlan**

### Management committee

AN OFFER by Margarett Golden to take on the job of secretary was gratefully accepted and she was duly appointed at the first MC meeting on 11 February. Please give Margarett all the support you can as she and the 5 other new faces on the committee learn the ropes. Items of interest from the meeting include:

We need someone (draftsperson, architect etc) to draw up a clubhouse concept plan for submission to Pine Shire Council.

A public address system will cost \$800 to \$1500. We will hire the council pa until a suitable system is determined.

Still need directors for 1994. No excuses now the pa is available.

Julie Hankinson takes over from Muriel as the players' representative.

Entry to the knockout teams (worth GOLD masterpoints) close 15 March. See the noticeboard for entry.

Investment funds will be rolled over into a 3 month higher interest account.

New members: Lorraine Baumann, Steve and Verna Brookes.

Club pairs championships will be red point events but teams will be extra weighted green points only. Remaining red points (expected 6) will be played for on 3 Tue/Wed sessions. First is 15/16 March.

Preliminary planning for our 94 congress starts now. Any suggestions for improving on 93, see Pam Horton.

Unfilled special positions include publicity officer and hall management committee rep. Any volunteers?

### Toowong congress

FIRST congress of the year for Bob and me was Toowong on 5/6 February. Other Aranans present included Perry Hooper & Frank Luiten, Joyce Rosser, Betty Willson & Rita Wood, and Val Acklin.

I have been known to get some curry from opponents for being too critical of Bob, but on the second board, the spade holdings were:

and I managed to get in a weak 2S bid. Still the opposition found 3NT and Bob led the S3. South erred by playing the 5-8-4. The S2 felled the A and dummy's Q, Bob being alert enough to discard the K. When we got in again, a run of spades saw south 3 down. 'A bit early in the morning for such brilliant spade play isn't it?' I remarked in praise of partner. 'Harumpph! He didn't do anything special; it was all textbook stuff; anyone could have done it. It's not good form to gloat!' retorted North. A tough session (aren't all qualifying?) saw us well down at lunch, Perry and Frank doing best with a second.

The afternoon wasn't much better but board 20 was a help. Dealer W, all vul. After 2 passes, I opened the E hand 1S 2D 2H 3D 4H X. South led the DA (out of turn). Bob had nothing in Ds so he figured I might, and accepted the lead. A

Q5
K73      JT9862
A4

switch to Cs saw them take 3 tricks and +790 to us. So what's so special? Only that S was

6	AK983
KQJT7532	A98
4	K76
973	T5

Frank Duffy and N was John Mills (Arana congress winner) who was not impressed.

Final positions were Perry-Frank 3<sup>rd</sup> and into the plate (just missing the championship much to Frank's delight), Joyce 7<sup>th</sup> to consolation 1, Betty-Rita 9<sup>th</sup> cons 2, Val 12<sup>th</sup> cons 3, and the rest 13<sup>th</sup> cons 4. 'We'll peak later in the year' Bob suggested. 'Looks like about 31 December at this rate'.

A very wimpy start to the final with our opponents in 2H making 8 when we can make 5D (on 19 hcp and a void). Next board, they are in 2S making 8 when we can make 4H (23 hcp + singleton). Even after my 5Hxx making 11 for +1000, we went to second last! Still, that was our worst round and we fought back to 4<sup>th</sup> at lunch.

Further steady progress through the afternoon had us in a thin 2<sup>nd</sup> (the leaders had cleared out) with one round to go. A + 10 on the last round wasn't good enough and we were pipped 43/42 for second and some prizemoney. Worst of all, we were beaten by the first pair (and our wimpy start) we played on Sunday.

Still, life in consolation 4 was easier than the other sections, with Perry-Frank finishing 10<sup>th</sup> (after being as high at 5<sup>th</sup>), Joyce 11, Betty-Rita 13 and Val 6.

**Richard McLauchlan**

### QBA rules, Ok

The laws of the game entitle each player to have a review of the auction up to their turn to play to the first trick. So under QBA regulations, once third hand has played, the bidding sheet should be turned over or removed and this is dummy's responsibility. Incidentally, each player is always entitled to know what the final contract is and may ask at their turn to play.

### Queensland-wide pairs

FINAL results from the Qld-wide pairs played at the end of November last year saw 4 Arana pairs in the top 30. Oddly, they all played E/W even though the field was seeded with equal strength in both directions. Our top 4 and their placings were:

- 3. Bob Pearce – Richard McLauchlan
- 8. Steve Brookes – Verna Brookes
- 18. Jan Rae – Paul Yates
- 30. Hazel Bitomsky – Deborah Dwyer

### Director's verdict

CORRECT answers to the questions from page 1 are:

Q1. The missing card is restored to the board and play continues without penalty.

Q2. (a) Wrong; since the H2 was exposed deliberately, it becomes a major penalty card.

(b) Right; any subsequent cards played after the play has been corrected can be withdrawn without penalty and another card played.

(c) No; the revoke is not established until E/W have played to the next trick, so the ruling remains the same. E must correct his play with a S. All subsequent cards played can be withdrawn, including the lead of the next trick by S.

Q3. (a) The double is cancelled and a legal call must be made by the offender (E). The

offender's partner (W) must pass whenever it is his turn to call.

(b) When E/W become defenders, lead penalties will apply. Declarer may prohibit offender's partner (W) from leading any suit at his first turn to lead and for as long as he is on lead.

(c) The inadmissible double must never be accepted. All subsequent calls (including pass) must be removed, and the inadmissible double cancelled and made legal.

### Important dates

- Sun 5/3: Sunshine Coast 1-day pairs
- Sat 5-6 & 12-13/3: Qld team trials
- Tue 15: Red point session
- Wed 16: Red point session
- Sun 20/3: Surfers 1-day
- Sat 26-27/3: Caloundra congress
- Sat 2-4/4: BBC easter congress
- Sat 9-10/4: Dennis Hordern pairs
- Mon 11/4: Management committee meeting
- Sat 16-17/4: Gympie congress
- Sun 17/4: Northern suburbs 1-day pairs

### Brisbane's bridge timetable

Club	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Arana CBC	9.30	9.30					
Arana Hills			7.30				
Brisbane BC			10.00				
Sherwood		7.30		7.30	7.30	1.30	
City BC		10.30			10.30		
Downey Park							1.00
Corinda CBC							
Corinda				7.30			
Northern Subs BC	10.30		10.30				
Hendra			7.30			1.00	
Queensland CBC	10.30	9.45	10.30	10.30	10.00		
Woolloogabba	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.30	1.00	
Redcliffe BC							
Redcliffe	12.30	7.30			12.30		
Redland CBC							
Cleveland			7.00				
Sunnybank CBC					10.30		
Sunnybank	7.30			7.30			
Toowong BC	10.30	9.15	10.30	10.30	10.30		
Auchenflower	7.30		7.30	7.15	7.30	1.00	1.00