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Contract Bridge Club Inc

The Friendly Club

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From the President

It was pleasing to see such a good attendance at the AGM, indicating the interest and support of members in their club. I believe two records were set on the day. Firstly, with 26 tables this was our biggest playing attendance for a regular club day. I also understand it was the shortest AGM on record!

A big "thank you" to the outgoing committee members for their contribution – Val Acklin and Gay Hull for their stints as Vice President and Treasurer (although both are staying on as general committee members), and Lyn Haysom and Val Cran. A warm welcome to our new committee members - Barbara Holmes, Jan McRobbie and Anne Gulley.

We all tend to take a lot of things for granted, and whilst the focus at the AGM has been on your committee, we should not forget those hard workers in the club who contribute every week - our directors, dealers and scorers (without them we simply don't play Bridge), and our provedore, editor and librarian. On behalf of all members, thank you for your dedication and hard work.

Bridge lessons are well under way with an attendance of around 25 beginners under the careful eye of Ray Cowie. Hopefully we will see them progress to the table where we can welcome them into our ranks.

Your new committee looks forward to the challenges ahead and to carry on the traditions of those hard workers before us. The club is in good shape with excellent facilities and a sound financial position. We will have the opportunity to reflect on this progress and success at our 20th

anniversary on Saturday 25th March. Please come along to meet some of our founding members and enjoy some fellowship with them.

David Lehmann

Arana 20 Years' Celebration

Saturday 25th March



1:00 pm Start

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Arana Contract Bridge Club Committee 2006 - 2007

President:	David Lehmann
Vice President:	Barbara Holmes
Secretary:	Tony Agar
Treasurer:	Jan McRobbie / John Black
Committee:	Val Acklin
	Ray Cowie
	Anne Gulley
	Gay Hull
	Carol Wilson

AGM MINUTES

A copy of the Minutes of the AGM is fixed to the notice board for members' information.

Arana Contract Bridge Club Volunteer Groups for 2006 – 2007

Photocopying	Geoff Gulley & Co
Catering	Marion Arnold
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	John Martin, Arthur Pomery
Scoring	Val Cran, Lorraine Steele
	Robert Matthew
	Richard McLauchlan

Arana Contract Bridge Club Special Positions 2006 - 2007

Position	Appointee
Auditor	Jack Ernisse
Beginners' Classes/ Supervision	Geoff Gulley
Brisbane Zone Representative	Richard McLauchlan
Caring Club Contact	Liz Marshall
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Chief Director	Val Cran
Chief Scorer	Richard McLauchlan
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Librarian	Peggy Whittaker
Masterpoint Secretary	Robert Matthew
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Membership Register	Tony Agar
Name Tags	Tony Agar
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Partner Contact	Carol Wilson
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A Profile – Don & Darlene Smith

Don and Darlene attended the same High School, in Palo Alto (Spanish for Tall Tree), California, where Don was 2 years ahead of Darlene. They also attended the same church youth club, and lived around the corner from each other. They were married in 1958, and took their first bridge lesson in early 1960.

Darlene says it was a great “bridge” program. In the mail each week you would receive a chapter of a bridge book (Goren System). During the week there was a TV show based on that particular chapter (no VCRs so you had to stay home). Friday night you went to a local bridge club and had a lesson on that chapter. Darlene recalls there were 12–15 chapters.

Their local club was at Lockheed Aerospace Center, so most of the players were engineers. One night near the end of the lesson their teacher was asked to provide a pair to play in a competition in the “big room” as they were short one pair. She asked Don and Darlene to play. They had nothing to lose. Darlene says their bridge was so simple that they confused quite a few of the experienced players. (Sound familiar!)

Over the next dozen or so years they played bridge intermittently. Silly little things like having children, working, moving house just kept interfering in their bridge life.

In 1973, when Don was studying for a Masters Degree in Educational Media, the Queensland Department of Education approached his University. They were offering an all expense paid trip to Brisbane for the price of two years work. After much discussion, Don and Darlene accepted the offer in early 1974. Their children were 14 and 10 at that time. With all the hassle of visas, police checks, shipping household goods etc, it was August 1974 when they actually arrived in Brisbane. Eighteen months later they knew they had found the perfect place to stay so they put their California house up for sale and purchased a home in The Gap.

Don and Darlene continued playing bridge with friends but admitted that their “systems” were getting rougher and rougher. They had even reached the bottom of the barrel by using a card table cover that told you what to bid and respond according to your cards. (No they didn’t buy it themselves, it was a gift from Darlene’s mother.)

As the years progressed, they felt they really wanted to learn to play “proper” bridge again and

return to duplicate play. The local newspaper had an advertisement for bridge lessons taught by that famous “champion” Judy Valentine. Of course, that name meant nothing to Don and Darlene at the time, but the club was close at hand and the Wednesday night lessons were convenient. Darlene is not sure what year it was but guesses it was probably 1991.



They were very impressed with Judy’s teaching technique and grew to learn and respect Judy as a teacher and friend. The system Judy taught has worked very well for them and over the years they have made few adjustments, although Judy’s book is never too far away to solve any queries which may arise in each other’s play.

Don and Darlene are now retired and have found various ways to assist the club. Darlene has held the position of secretary and Don has been a committee member. Darlene was editor of the Trump-it for four years. Darlene has also worked preparing meals for congresses, serving and running results to the scorers. Don took photos of our new clubhouse building in all the stages of its construction. Each of these jobs was enjoyable in their own way. Darlene said she is looking forward to learning how to score and update the website with the results of our sessions. She says this is a wonderfully innovative idea and is very excited about becoming involved.

Over the years Arana Contract Bridge Club has proved to be a wonderful organization for Don and Darlene. They find the bridge game a challenge to their minds; they have the enjoyment of meeting with old friends and making new acquaintances and are looking forward to many more years of association with everyone at ACBC.

Barbara Holmes - Editor

Thanks to Jenny Lewis for the following article 😊 😊

A doctor is called away from a bridge tournament to attend to an emergency. There is still the last board to play. They ask a kibitzer to take his place, although he knows nothing about the game. They tell him "Just bid what you have got and follow suit." He, sitting South, thereupon starts the following bidding sequence.

South	West	North	East
1C	Pass	2H	Pass
2S	Pass	3C	Pass
3H	Pass	4NT	Pass
7D	Dbl	Pass!	Pass
Pass			

This is the deal:

	♠A 9		
	♥A K Q 6 5		
	♦A K		
	♣Q 10 5 4		
♠K Q 10 8		♠7 6 5 4 2	
♥J 10 9 7		♥8	
♦Q 10		♦J 9	
♣K J 8		♣9 8 7 6 3 2	
	♠J 3		
	♥4 3 2		
	♦8 7 6 5 4 3 2		
Lead: ♠K	♣A		

South took the lead of the King of Spades with the Ace, cashed the Ace and King of trumps, came to hand with the Ace of Clubs and played all his diamonds. On the last one, West was hopelessly squeezed in Hearts and Spades, and ultimately discarded a Heart, whereupon South made the last four tricks in Hearts.

When the opposition saw South's hand, they called the director who asked for an explanation of the bidding, and got the following reply:

"I was told to bid what I have got, and I have one club, two spades, 3 hearts and 7 diamonds!"

If only it was so easy!

Gold Coast Bridge Congress 2006

The Gold Coast Bridge Congress was indeed an International affair.

Teams came from Argentina, Canada, Germany, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Macau, New Zealand, Romania, the UK and the USA. The team who will represent Australia at the Commonwealth Nations Games also participated.

Some of Australia's top players Paul Marston and Ron Klinger set up an "Ask the experts stand" and the \$1.00 fee was donated to charity.

A complimentary bus service was arranged, so that people wishing to inspect the New Venue for 2007 were taken to the Convention Centre at Broadbeach.

Finally an interesting snippet of information was published in Vol. 4 of the ABF Bulletin stating: -

There is more money being spent on breast implants and Viagra today than on Alzheimer's research.

This means that by 2040, there should be a large elderly population with erections and perky breasts and absolutely no recollection of what to do with them.

Yvonne Auer

QUOTE OF the Day

I am sorry I have not learnt to play cards. It is very useful in life; it generates kindness and consolidates society.

James Boswell, 1773

Link to Arana Session Results:

<http://aranabridge.customer.netSPACE.net.au/>

Senior Moments in Canberra

Helen and I played the senior's pairs with John and Valerie Rose (from Warwick), while Liz Marshall and Barry Mitchell teamed with Val Acklin and Betty Willson in the same event at Canberra this year.

Of the 94 teams at Rydges, we were seeded 48. With the typical first round Swiss draw of top half versus bottom, that meant that first up, we drew **team 1** – just a few Aussie & Kiwi internationals in B Neill, D Lilley, J Lester, Z Nagy, B Haughie, R Klinger. We did point out to Valerie that if she had a few more masterpoints we might have been playing team 94 instead of 1 on the first round.

Our only real claim to fame was that John & Valerie playing Zolly Nagy & Bill Haughie had a kibitzer who seemed to make copious notes about the match. Much to Valerie's chagrin, these notes became the lead story in the NOT News the next day. Board 15 was one to get a mention.

Vul: N/S	♠ K 9 4 2			
Dealer: S	♥ K 10 7 4			
	♦ - -			
	♣ K 7 6 4 2			
♠ 8 3		♠ Q J 10 6 5		
♥ A 6 3 2		♥ 9		
♦ Q 10 9 5 3 2		♦ A K 8 7 4		
♣ 8		♣ A 5		
	♠ A 7			
	♥ Q J 8 5			
	♦ J 6			
	♣ Q J 10 9 3			

From the newsletter: "Bill (S) opened 1C, Zolly (N) replied 1H and John (E) chose a simple 1S. After the auction continued 2H from Bill and 3C from Zolly, John opted for 3D. This lit Valerie's fuse, perhaps not surprisingly on the layout. Valerie's bid of 5D did not present many problems for John. Other partnerships managed the auction to less effect; and inspection of the datum sheets showed a number of E-Ws playing partials, going down in 4S, or defending N-S part scores. Admittedly, two declarers joined John in 5D but were lucky enough to get doubled!"

At our table, Lilley-Lester also found 5D with the E-W cards but we weren't having any of that. Helen's 6C bid was doubled and I (S) was under pressure to go no more than 1 off. Unlucky... the

HA was led and E scored a H ruff as well as the CA. Minus 500 (our table) plus 400 (other table) saw us lose 3imps on the board.

Another little gem from board 9 of the same match... holding –

♠ Q ♥ J 9 7 6 3 ♦ A K 10 3 ♣ K Q 9

Zolly bid an impeccable 1H, but John with -

♠ 9 6 5 ♥ A K Q ♦ 8 ♣ A 7 6 4 3 2

was the first to have doubts about this peccability when Valerie responded 2NT to his 2C overcall... End result was 3NT 3 off (unlucky, but well defended), while we were 1 off in 3D (N-S) at our table.

Yes, we did lose this match rather badly, but recovered to win 6 of our 9 matches without rising to any great heights. Team Mitchell also won a similar number of their matches AND played them at much lower numbered tables.

Richard McLauchlan

Bring and Buy Table

Many thanks to Anne Gully for the administration of this project which has been a great success with \$2,200 raised to date. These proceeds are donated to the Library for the purchase of new books etc.

JAMES O'SULLIVAN AWARDS

**Most MPS earned this year as at
15/02/2006**

Liz and Barry have earned positions in the top ten players in Queensland in their individual ranking as at 15/02/2006.

LIFE

Pos.	Player	Green	Red	Gold	Total
7	Liz MARSHALL	0.93	0.00	5.40	6.33

*NATIONAL

Pos.	Player	Green	Red	Gold	Total
7	Barry MITCHELL	0.93	0.00	5.40	6.33

Director's Corner

Penalty Cards

Most players believe a penalty card must be played at the first legal opportunity. This is not always the case. Penalty cards are classified as either Major or Minor.

Law 50 (b) states:

- A single card below the rank of an honour and exposed inadvertently becomes a "minor" penalty card.
- Any card of honour rank (ten and higher) however exposed is a major penalty card.
- Any card exposed through deliberate play, whatever its rank, is a major penalty card.

When a defender has a minor penalty card he may not play any card (below the rank of an honour) until he has played the penalty card. He may however play an honour card and leave the minor penalty card on the table.

A major penalty card must be played at the first legal opportunity whether leading, following suit, discarding or trumping.

If you are unsure of the classification of a penalty card ask the director at the moment of designation.

Frank Hoult - Director

The History of Playing Cards



The origin of playing cards is obscure, but it is almost certain that they began in China after the invention of paper. It is likely that the ancestors of modern cards arrived in Europe in the late 1300s, and spread rapidly across the continent.

The earliest cards were created by hand, one at a time, and were thus very expensive. Woodcuts were used to produce cards on a slightly larger scale, before the advent of modern printing.

The four suits (hearts, diamonds, spades, clubs) now used in most of the world originated in France. German suits are hearts, bells, leaves, and acorns, while Spanish and Italian decks use clubs, coins, swords, and cups.

Masterpoint Movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members for the period to 15th February 2006.

Graduate Master

Beth O'Reilly
Jenna Edwinsmith
Christine Fatcher

Club Master

Joan Ann Crank
David Backstrom
Maurice Booler
Peter Ebert
Keith Howman
Judy Wilkinson

Local Master

Jacqueline Carbone
David Lehmann
Kathy Burgess
Gloria Cruice
John Hull
Kay Milliner

***Local Master*

John Martin

Regional Master

Jan McRobbie
Gold Life Master
Val Acklin

Robert Matthew (MP Secretary)

New Members

A very warm welcome to the following new members:

Daphne Buse
Bruce Huston
Thea Lundberg
(Doreen) Beryl Smalley

Bribie Challenge

An inter-club challenge is being organised by Col Anderson between Arana, Caboolture, Redcliffe and Bribie Island clubs for Sunday 16 July. Look out for the notice which will be posted on the board in the coming weeks.



LIBRARY LINES

Librarian Peggy Whittaker

Hello everyone, I have agreed to be your Librarian for 2006. I would encourage all of you to make use of the library which has a number of recent publications as well as some very helpful videos.

I am indebted to rosemary Matthew who has agreed to be my computer whiz.

Please feel free to ask me for any assistance in using the library – it will be my pleasure. This especially applies to new members of the Club who would not be familiar with the workings of the library.

Peggy Whittaker



Our guest book reviewer this edition is Peita Grant

“Better Bidding for Improving Players” by Ross Dick

In this, Ross Dick’s first bridge book, he claims in the introduction “bidding is at least 75% of the game of Bridge” (Edwin Kantar 1980)

From my own point of view, playing Standard American, the earlier chapters caused me to rethink a couple of my somewhat entrenched ideas. Chapter 2 deals with “opening light” in 3rd or 4th position giving useful guidelines. Can you handle partner’s most likely response? Your call should be based on a good suit as lead direction is the main reason to open light, and vulnerability must be taken into account. A minimum of 9+ points is suggested.

For example:

- ♠ A76 If not vulnerable, open 1H.
- ♥ KQ102 A good lead directing call.
- ♦ 942
- ♣ 876

- ♠ 1098 If not vulnerable, open 1D.
- ♥ A76 Definitely pass at next turn.
- ♦ KQJ54
- ♣ 42

- ♠ 5 Pass at any vulnerability
- ♥ K9653 If you open 1H can you
- ♦ K56 handle partner’s most
- ♣ K752 likely response, 1S?

Ross recommends the use of the Drury convention to check on how good the 3rd position opening by partner is. He gives examples.

Another chapter deals with 1NT openings and the follow up bidding. He strongly recommends widening the point count to 15 – 18 and also to open 1NT with a 5 carded major if the hand is balanced. This is a change of concept for most of us and Ross describes the follow up bidding in detail.

Competing over 1NT, Chapter 11 details 5 separate defence conventions viz, Aspro, Cappelletti, Don’t, Hello, RCO. These were of academic interest to me at my current level but would enlarge the repertoire of the more advanced competent bidder.

Opening TWOS are well covered in chapters 4 & 5. Many players are now using the “Multi TWO” opening, and not all of us are clear as to the meaning/s of this bid. A whole chapter is devoted to this type of opening. Three of the simplest meanings are either a weak 2 in Hearts or a weak 2 in Spades (the usual 6-9 points and a good 6 carded suit), or a strong balanced hand (21-22 HCP). The author points out that in 1st or 2nd seat it is advisable NOT to open 2D with a weak 2 in a major when you have 4 cards in the other major, eg ♠K1075 ♥AJ10872 ♦43 ♣8. Pass & await developments.

Some pairs also add to the Multi 2 meanings, a Strong 9-10 playing trick hand in either Clubs or Diamonds, but these are not common. Note: A 2C opening in this system is always strong.

Actions by responder are clearly set out in each case, and make interesting reading.

Many other most interesting bidding situations are covered in the book, from Doubles to Team Play tactics, and I recommend it to all players interested in improving their game.

Peita Grant

Important Dates

March		
Fri	3	PM Arana GNOT Heats Week 1
Sat	4	Red Points
Sun	5	Toowong Novice Pairs <100 MPs); Broadwater Swiss Pairs
Fri	10	PM Arana GNOT Heats Week 2
Sat	11	11-12 QBA Team trials (days 1 & 2) 11-12 Rockhampton Butler Pairs
Sun	12	Arana Swiss Teams; Dalby Swiss Pairs
Thu	16	16-20 ABF Open/Women's play off
Fri	17	PM Arana GNOT Heats Week 3
Sun	19	Sunshine Coast Graded Pairs Surfers Paradise Graded Teams
Sat	25	Arana's 20 th Anniversary Celebrations 25-26 QBA Trials - Open & Womens Day 3,4)
Sun	26	Proserpine Teams; BBC Graded Pairs; Coolum Swiss Teams;
Mon	27	BBC Graded Teams
April		
Sat	1	QBA Team Trials Open & Women (Day 5)
Sun	2	Northern Suburbs Pairs; T'ville Pairs
Mon		Red Points
Sat	8	8-9 Gympie Butler Pairs & Swiss Teams 9-9 QBA Trials Seniors (days 1 & 2)
Sun	9	Redlands Novice Teams (<100 MPs)
Fri	14	Good Friday - No play
Sat	15	15-16 Townsville Pairs & Teams
Sun	16	16-17 BBC Graded Pairs & Teams
Mon	17	Easter Monday
Wed	19	Red Points
Sat	22	22-23 Cleveland Bay Diggers Prs & Teams 23-24 QBA Trials Seniors (Days 3 & 4)
Tue	25	Anzac Day; Anzac Teams (QCBC)
Fri	28	28-1 Mackay Pairs & Teams
Sat	29	29-1 Toowoomba Swiss Pairs & Teams

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