

ARANA CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB



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EDITORIAL

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Wednesday Night Individual Championship was held over 2 weeks commencing 10th. May, and was our first Championship Event for the year. As Players changed partners each board, the individual is considered to be a fun event rather than a serious Championship. The Open Division was won by Neil Orford, and the handicap winner was Ilene Bishop.

I apologise that a wrong handicap % was allocated to Eric Ferdinands who was announced as the Handicap winner. Results are now corrected, and we congratulate Neil and Ilene on their win.

The Committee decided to introduce Championship Events into Tuesday daytime play, but the Individual had to be disbanded when a couple of players failed to turn up on the day. Due to a reduction in numbers on Tuesday, the two remaining Championship events may have to be cancelled until such time as numbers increase.

Beginner's Classes for 1989.

Due to the large number of students wishing to continue in Beginner's classes for the remainder of the 1989 year, it's not practical to accept new enrolments, especially where they are complete beginners to the game. The drop-out rate has been minute, and all students are keen to consolidate what they have already learned.

Membership Fees.

Members are reminded that Fees for the year ending 30/3/1990 are now due. The subscription fee of \$15 should be paid to the Treasurer Peter Nottingham or the Asst. Treasurer Pam Horton.

Name Tags.

Any member who has not yet received their name tag, please check with Merilyn Wright.

Guest Speaker - Affiliation with the Qld Bridge Association.

The President of the Qld Bridge Association, Keith McDonald, has offered to attend our Club night on Wednesday, 21st. June at 7.15 p.m. to speak to members on the benefit of affiliation with the Q.B.A. As this is a most important step forward for our Club, we ask as many members as possible attend. Some form of club play will be held at the conclusion of the talk.

Teams of 4 Championship.

Nomination forms are now available for the July Teams of 4 Championship. Teams may consist of up to 6 players. We remind those entering that it is imperative that 4 members of a team be present each night that the Championship is being conducted. When more than 4 players are registered

in a Team it is the Captain's responsibility to ensure that Team members are aware of when they are to be present for play.

If only a 4 member team is entered, and one member is unable to attend for any good reason, another member may be added to that team. Please advise your Captain, who will in turn contact the Director if an additional member is required to make the team complete.

Judy Valentine.

"MORTON'S FORK".

Each year the Qld Bridge Association conducts an event called the Qld Wide Pairs. All Clubs affiliated with the Q.B.A. are invited to participate in this event. Hands that hold interest in playing technique are chosen by an individual selected by the Q.B.A. Clubs are then responsible to duplicate the set hands. As all Clubs are playing the same hands scoring is done across the whole of the Qld State.

A nominal entry fee is charged for this event, and all profits are returned in the form of prize money. Prize money is distributed down to about the 10th place. At the conclusion of the night's play, all participants receive a booklet illustrating the hands, and how they should have been played.

For this issue of the TrumpIt, I have chosen a hand from the 1982 Qld Wide Pairs. In this particular year, Richard Ward was selected to compile the hands.

Hand 2.

Dlr. E	86		East-West should reach 5 Spades after South
NS Vul.	92		overcalls in Diamonds. As no immediate discard
	8543		will help, ruff the opening diamond lead and
	109653		play the Ace of Spades. If both opponents
J10952	N	AK743	follow, draw the remaining trumps. South is more
K53		A10874	likely to hold the Ace of clubs, so lead the 2.
AK2	W	E	-
K8		Q72	If South puts up the Ace, you have the heart
	S		discard on the Club Queen. If not, discard your
	Q		clubs on the ace-king of diamonds and lose a
	QJ6		heart only. This type of coup is known as
	QJ10986		"Morton's Fork" and named after Cardinal Morton,
	AJ4		Chancellor under King Henry VII, who habitually
			extracted money from the wealthy London

merchants for the Royal Treasury. His approach was that if the merchants lived ostentatiously, it was obvious they had sufficient income to spare for the King. Alternatively, if they lived frugally, they must be saving substantially and could therefore afford to contribute to the king's coffers. In either case they were impaled on "Morton's Fork".

EDITOR'S COMMENT.

On the diamond lead, if you rise with the Ace, and throw away a small club, cash your king of diamonds, and throw away another small club, you will not have eliminated a loser. You will lose the Ace of clubs and a small heart.

Throwing away hearts on the Ace & King of diamonds will produce the same result, losing a heart and the Ace of Clubs. The only method of making this contract is the way it is described by Richard. This is one of the most interesting hands I have seen.