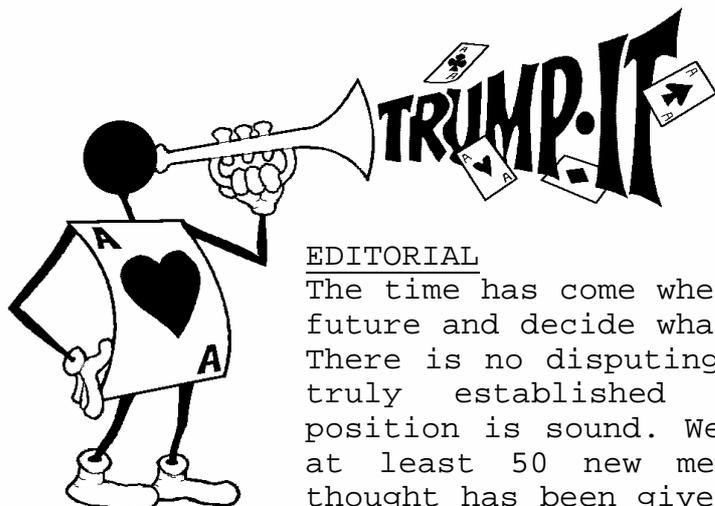


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EDITORIAL

The time has come when our club must look to the future and decide what direction it should take. There is no disputing that our club is well and truly established and that our financial position is sound. We anticipate an increase of at least 50 new members this year and much thought has been given to providing a transition area for these new members. The Committee is very conscious of the expected future growth, over the next few years, and early planning is required if we are going to continue to open our doors to those who wish to learn this game.

The Committee believe that there are two main issues that must be decided upon before further planning can be achieved. The first is whether our club should affiliate with the Queensland Bridge Association and the second is whether our club should be striving to own its own premises.

The subject of affiliation was first raised when our club was formed over five (5) years ago. The inaugural members were in agreement that affiliation was an automatic and correct step to take. It is common place that a club wait until it is properly established before making the move towards affiliation and in June, 1989 the Committee believed that the time was right to place this matter before the members. The President of the Queensland Bridge Association" Keith McDonald was invited to attend a special meeting and speak on the benefits of affiliation and answer questions raised by members. Those in attendance were slightly stunned (including myself) that Keith seemed more interested in the Bermuda Bowl being held in Australia for the first time (World Bridge Championship) than he was in whether our club affiliated or not. His visit had a very dampening effect on us all and nullified any enthusiasm that we may have had. In order to restore some fervour and hope for affiliating in the future, I submitted an Editorial which I hope covered the main reasons and benefits [June, 1989 Vol. 3 Issue 4] and for those who do not have a copy of this issue of the Trump-It, there is one placed on the notice board for your perusal. Following this Editorial, I ran articles on the history of the QBA and ABF in order to give members a little insight into the early days of bridge in Australia and, in particular, Queensland.

Matters of this importance cannot be put on hold forever. Many members are now playing at other clubs and feel that we too should be part of the parent body. Attached to this issue of the Trump-It is a survey form - asking members for their opinion of

whether it is now time to take this step forward. Please complete this form and return it to Deborah Dwyer within two (2) weeks of receiving your Trump-It. If the survey proves that the majority of members wish to proceed with affiliation, then a special General Meeting will have to be called where members will be free to debate the matter and finally a vote taken.

The second issue is whether our club should be looking towards owning its own clubrooms. A Sub-Committee has been formed to look at the feasibility. A number of areas must be explored before it can be put to you, the member. Can we obtain suitable land? The cost involved in building etc. etc. If any of you have a suggestion or feel that you can help in any way, please see Bob Pearce, Peter Nottingham or myself (members of the sub-Committee).

Judy Valentine (Editor)

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1991 INDIVIDUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

This event was conducted as a Shomate Individual (i.e. meeting all other players except those who were sitting in the same compass position at round 1). The Individual movement was added to the National Championship's Calendar to find the player who was most skilled when playing with different bridge partners. However, it is never taken seriously and treated as a "fun event" rather than a serious championship. It is handled the same way in our club, but nevertheless it is a great title to hold. Peter Nottingham actually won both the Open and Handicap Championships, however, as it is a club rule that he cannot wear both hats, he relinquishes the Handicap title to the 2nd placegetter - Joyce Rosser. Congratulations to you both.

PETER NOTTINGHAM	[OPEN]
JOYCE ROSSER	[HANDICAP]

The only National title that my old soul mate McNeil has never won is the Individual and believe me, I hear about it every time I see him. Talking about McNeil, I have had a letter from him which contains a message for you all so I have included it in the Trump-It.

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LETTER FROM McNEIL

Most of you signed a "get well" card for him. He was very down in the dumps after two more operations on his foot and was feeling very sorry for himself. I wrote him a rather stern letter, telling him to get up and fight and start on his second book. He started on his first book the week he returned from my book launch and it is now at the proof-reading stage. This is his reply to my letter and your card. Ed.

"Dear Judy (W.F.A.!!),

Your card from all at A.H.B.C. cheered me up immensely. It was GREAT to hear from you all - I still remember with enormous pleasure - the book launch party and the sheer fun of that what a lovely group of people. One of the highspots of my life!

Nothing new from here. The foot is no worse, which is a bonus. There is only a slim chance it will get better but I'm still hoping for a miracle. Have had to give up Bidding Forum and my Sunday Mail column - my hands are getting quite numb and bloody cold. Am reduced to going to football in a wheelchair and when I tell you that my "driver" is about as 10% as good as Lindy Ward, you will appreciate the position. [See Trump-It Vol. 4 Issue 6 - September/October 1989 for the McNeil article on Expo - soon to be published in his first book. Ed.] He is my oldest friend - 66 years old. and residing in a War Veterans Home. He is being treated for extensive skin cancers on his head, arms and hands. He is bald and his head has sticking plasters covering the dressings and also on his hands. What with him pushing me with both feet bandaged like Col. Blimp with gout, it looks worse than the blind leading the blind!!

Once, he left me on an incline outside the football ground while he went to buy our tickets. The brakes did not work on the chair he "borrowed" from the Home and off I went. An old frail lady selling buttons for the Salvation Army, managed to grab the chair but she could barely hold it and struggled on, calling for help. It would have been worth filming and selling tickets!!

Klinger is trying to talk me into writing the ICAMcN Joke Book. Will you both never stop and just let me die quietly????

Love and kisses to Pam and all the very best to all of you. Be sure to let your members know how much I loved the card and their messages. Your old mate, McNeil"

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HIGHLIGHTS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 13.5.91

The committee agreed to a mid-year Seminar in lieu of a playing session. It is proposed that we hold it in early September but confirmed dates will be given once I know my overseas travel arrangements. It is intended that the Seminar will cover Competitive Bidding - when to bid one more level or when to double. For those who do not wish to attend, a playing session will be arranged, provided there are sufficient numbers.

Muriel Miller was ratified as the Special Events Co-ordinator. It will be Muriel's task to delegate the various jobs and generally over-see that the events run smoothly.

