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Contract Bridge Club Inc

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From the President

Greetings all,

What a wonderful attendance we had for our 20th birthday celebrations. Thank you to all members both past and present for their support. It gave us a great opportunity to catch up with some of our past members and to meet the Club's original president (Bob Scott) who made a special effort to attend the party after play. Please refer to Lorraine & Val's full report in this bulletin. A special thank you to Gay Hull and her team of willing helpers for organizing the catering and the clean up afterwards.



Your committee is in the process of organizing some much needed maintenance on the building. Over the next few weeks, depending on the availability of tradesmen, we hope to have the exterior cleaned and the ramp repainted. Gordon Broadley has kindly offered to take on the role of "building supervisor". Thank you Gordon.

At our recent meeting the committee approved a request from both the Football and Cricket Clubs to allow them to permanently display Honour Boards in the main clubroom. This decision was made on the basis that whilst we may regard the building as ours, it is actually known as "The Judy Valentine Bridge & Community Hall". Our right of tenure is conditional upon us sharing the facility with the Football and Cricket Clubs. The decision was thus made in the spirit of co-operation with those clubs and having regard to our lease obligations.

The club teams championship is being held on 7th May. This year, there will be two sections; open and under 100 masterpoints to encourage all members to participate. The committee has also decided that after expenses and director's payment, all entry fees will be allocated for prize money over the two gradings. This is not just an event for the better teams. Please nominate a team and come along as we would like to see this event well supported.

David Lehmann

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20th Anniversary Celebration Saturday 25th March 2006



Venue: The Judy Valentine Bridge & Community Hall, Tramway Street, Ferny Grove Qld 4055
Attendance: Ninety-nine past and present members and friends and 'Cinca' (seeing-eye-dog in training)

The afternoon's proceedings opened with a 'Warm Welcome' from the current President, David Lehmann, inviting those present, to sign the attendance book, and participate in a friendly session of Duplicate Bridge. Frank Hoult – the Director, soon organized three movements of 8 tables, to accommodate the 96 players.

Traditionally, Arana is noted for providing scrumptious, home-made delicacies, and today, was no exception. Gay Hull, and her helpers set out the food and beverages. The players '*grazed as they played*'. At completion of play, Val Cran scored the event. The winners were: Carol Wilson/ Margaret Joyce; Irena Hall/ Joyce Rosser; Peter and Janelle Cuffe; Valmai Burgoyne/ Zelma O'Connor; Colin Anderson/ Mary Gillies; Beryl Smalley/ Murray Perrin.

Photographs were taken to record this great celebration, one of which is 'Six Presidents' – David Lehmann (2006); Bob Scott (1986); Bob Pearce (1991-1993); Richard McLauchlan (1994-1996); Val Acklin (1998-2000); Bob Dancer (2001-2003).



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The Raffle: Organized, and prizes donated, by Deslei Den Haan and Alison Fulwood, raised \$250. Liz Marshall and Deslei Den Haan, compiled a booklet of the History of the Club 1986-2006 (*a very interesting read*). The popular 'Pictorial Memories', displayed on the computer monitor, showed numerous images of members and activities, throughout the twenty years (1986-2006) – CD created by Val Cran.



Bob Pearce, (Arana's third President) performed the cutting of the 20th Anniversary Cake. Arana's first President, Bob Scott was present.

President David Lehmann, closed proceedings, as folk continued to reflect, and enjoy friendships made during the 20 years at Arana.

Many thanks to all who attended, and contributed to making another memorable day in the History of Arana Contract Bridge Club.

Lorraine Steele & Val Cran

A Profile – Judy Valentine

Judith Elizabeth Valentine nee Parkinson was born at the Royal Women's Hospital, Brisbane on 1/9/42. Her parents, Ronald & Dorothy were dairy farmers from the Mary Valley District, Chinaman's Creek, via Pomona. In 1946 the family moved to Caloundra where Judy's father started Caloundra's first sawmill. Judy attended Caloundra State Primary School and was a boarder at St Patrick's Convent, Gympie – completing a Commercial Course in 1958.



Judy commenced work in January 1959 at Luya Julius Pty Ltd (transport, shipping, importing company) as secretary to Sir George Green with added duties of typist in the Custom's section. She changed jobs in late 1960 to work for Mercantile Credits Pty Ltd.

Judy met her husband David in 1959 at a fencing tournament – Judy fenced for the YWCA and David for the Railway Institute. They were married at St Marks C of E, Albion on 11/2/61 and this year celebrate 45 years of marriage.

In 1965 David's employer, Hartford-Monarch Insurance Group, transferred him to Mackay where their son Peter was born in 1967, and it was here in Mackay that Judy's love of bridge was rekindled.

Judy began playing auction bridge at the ripe old age of 6. Whilst browsing in a bookstore in Mackay, she found a book on contract bridge and purchased it. She read a chapter at a time, met with three friends and taught them what she had read. Thus began Judy's reintroduction to the game of bridge. In 1968 she heard that a small group was starting up a bridge club, attended the inaugural

meeting, and became a foundation member of the Mackay Contract Bridge Club.

Following David's transfer to Maryborough in 1970, their daughters, Michelle (1971) and Deanna (1973) were born. In 1970 Judy formed the Maryborough Contract Bridge Club and continued her role as teacher until 1973. The club honoured Judy as a Life Member.

In 1970 Judy attended the Gold Coast Congress and met George Stephens who assisted her with teaching skills and arranged for her to sit an examination, which gave her some accreditation as well as a certificate.

Judy travelled to Bundaberg and Rockhampton and was instrumental in the establishment of these bridge clubs. She taught them to how to conduct and score duplicate movements. Judy also assisted with the formation of other country clubs throughout Queensland, often doing this via correspondence.

There was very little contact by country clubs with the QBA in the early years and following the commencement of country inter-town competitions, Judy approached the QBA to see whether it was possible for the country club members to obtain experience by playing against the stronger Brisbane players. So in 1972 began one of the most important events in Queensland Bridge history – the Queensland Teams Championship. Judy was captain of the Wide Bay Zone representative team in the first championship.

A further transfer for David saw them arrive in Townsville in 1973 and Judy joined the Townsville Bridge Club. Here Judy teamed with Margaret Ward and won the North Queensland Open Bridge Congress in Mackay in 1975. The prize was a week's holiday for four people on Lindeman Island. *(They don't have prizes like that anymore.)*

Judy also teamed with three others to win the title of Champion Country Team at the Gold Coast Congress on two occasions. During her last year at Townsville Judy was asked to direct their congress and although she had no experience she muddled through and this was the start of a long association with the Townsville June Congress, as she travelled there each year thereafter to run the event.

David's final transfer was to Brisbane in 1976 and Judy was asked to take over the role of Queensland

Bridge Association secretary. This she accepted with the needs of country players and clubs foremost in her mind. Judy held this position for five years. (1976 – 1981), with the introduction of The QBA Bulletin in 1977 as one of her most worthy contributions. Judy sensed the segregation of rural members in relation to the QBA and Brisbane and a larger more regular form of communication in her opinion was needed so the old occasional one sheet newsletter was transformed into the multi-page QBA Bulletin, and a copy provided to every QBA member.

During this period Judy directed all QBA Championship events, including the ANC and ATT trials and travelled around the State directing club congresses. Judy assisted with the preparation of the Daily Bulletins at many ANC and special events and in 1985 when Sydney hosted the Far East Championships, Judy was asked to assist with the production of the Daily Bulletins.

Judy was also instrumental in the formation and distribution of clubs into official “bridge” zones within Queensland.

In 1976 Queensland was host to the World Champions, the Italian team, which included Omar Sharif. Judy was privileged to be included in the team which played against them. In 1980, partnering Alison Dawson, she was a member of the Queensland Women’s Team in the ANC in Hobart and in 1981 partnered with Clare Jackman won the Gold Coast Congress Champion Women’s Pair. In 1986 with partner Jessica Mortess, she was a member of the winning Queensland Women’s Team at the ANC in Canberra. They also won the best Women’s Pair at the Dunhill Congress, were the Champion Women’s Pair at the Gold Coast Congress and members of the winning Country Teams at the same Congress.

In 1986 she was asked to help find a replacement teacher for the Stafford High School evening bridge class. After failing to find a suitable teacher she reluctantly agreed to take the classes herself. Seeing a need for this special type of teaching she published her student textbook “Bridging My Way”. The Stafford group attended her home on Thursday evenings after conclusion of the lessons for “help with play”. Ferny Hills State School asked for assistance with their bridge class and this group also came to Judy’s on Thursday nights. The number grew too large to accommodate so she found herself forming another club. That was in

1986 and the Arana Contract Bridge Club was founded. Judy is also a Life Member of this club.

After leaving Brisbane to live at Caloundra Judy travelled down each Tuesday morning and Wednesday night to teach at Arana until 1994 when she began travelling around Australia. Judy and David are now fully retired at Caloundra. Judy plays bridge once a year with long-standing bridge partner, Jessica Mortess, at the Gold Coast Congress in February. Judy also plays in the Gold Coast teams each year with Pam Horton and Jenny Lewis.

Judy and David travel for approximately 4 – 5 months of the year, usually from March onwards. When home Judy writes prose and poetry as a member of Caloundra Scribblers, a creative writing group meeting twice a month. Judy now has four grandchildren, aged 4 – 14 years. Two girls and two boys. Some Arana members may remember James who sometimes visited the club with Judy. James is now aged 14 and a high school student.

Thank you Judy for the enjoyment that you have given so many people over the years through your love of bridge. You have many friends here at Arana and we welcome you back any time. Our clubroom is aptly named The Judy Valentine Bridge & Community Hall out of respect for a wonderful patron of the “art of bridge”.

Barbara Holmes – Editor

Some information taken from “Mind Games – a Biographical History of Bridge in Queensland” edited by Colin Masters.

ARANA CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 2006

9:30am Sunday 7th May 2006

**Entries Close: 5:00pm
Tuesday 2nd May 2006**

Entry Fee: \$12.00 per person

**BYO Lunch
(tea, coffee & biscuits provided)**

The Psychology of Bridge by Ian Price

(Taken from “Mind Games A Biographical History of Bridge in Queensland” – copies available in our Library)

“Bridge is a fascinating game. It is a game of wits and good fortune. An alluring mix of knowledge and skill to arrive at and play the best contract, and subterfuge and manipulation to outsmart and bedevil opponents. In the midst of this we have to deal with the vagaries of finesses and bad breaks, and the diverse nature of human beings. In this article we will look at some of the things that make bridge so fascinating, and the reasons why so many of us keep coming back. As well, some ideas about how psychology features in the game of bridge.

It is worth noting at this point that the approach in this article differs from that in most bridge publications. It is not written from the point of view of a professional bridge player and layman psychologist, but rather by a professional psychologist with long experience in the game. It has aimed to delve a little more deeply into the psychological aspects than is usual in bridge articles, and in so doing, to provide a version which is potentially more rewarding to a keen student of the game.

Psychology in bridge is most often talked about in terms of personality, or deceptive plays, or psyche bids. But psychology comes into bridge in many ways. The acquisition of knowledge and technique, the honing of memory and judgement, the maintenance of concentration and vigilance, the emotional management of yourself and your partner, and the predicting of opponent behaviour, are all areas to which a knowledge of psychology can contribute.

The Fascination of Bridge

What attracts us to bridge and provides the fascination for most of us is the psychological effect of the game. This psychological effect can come in many forms and depends very much on the unique needs and desires of each person. Winning is an important aspect of bridge as in any game. We can only assume that winning satisfies a deep combative nature, the psychological vestige of some long ago link with animal rivalry. But not everyone wins. Why do those who do not win regularly return?

For many, the deepest sense of satisfaction comes from just doing better than before, acquiring greater knowledge and mastery, and being able to do this in a pleasant, supportive environment. For many, there is a certain escapism from the virtuous humdrum of daily chores. All those things that seem to matter in the daily grind of existence can be forgotten about for a few hours. The businessman weighed down by a day of dealing with invoices, employees, and customers, or the farmer frustrated with broken fences and lost sheep can, at least for a short while, pretend that all is well.

For others, emotional indulgence itself is an attraction. Bridge provides a small but frequent taste of emotions we often do not experience. Victory, defeat, relief, despair, suspense, fascination, glee, pride, delight, satisfaction, smugness – are all part of the deal. Of course negative emotions can also be aroused such as anger, hostility, anxiety, shame, and guilt. To be human is to experience emotion. The good with the bad. If negative emotions are experienced in a pleasant supportive atmosphere, they are not always destructive. They provide the contrast, the relief, against which life’s brighter moments are measured. For others still, it is more to do with the social occasion. The catching up with acquaintances, the chat over a cup of tea, the laugh, or the gossip.

For all of us, it is a shifting mix of all these things at one time or another or even at the same time. But the total experience obviously needs to be on the plus side of the ledger to keep bringing us back and encourage others to take up the game. Furthermore, if emotional state is optimal, other benefits flow from that, such as greater concentration, better judgement, improvement and learning, and hence better results.”

Next Issue:

“Psychology vs Technique” and “Personality”.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Playing cards are a survival of our less rational, more frightful, more beautiful past.

David Mamet, 1989

Director's Corner

Hesitation (during bidding)

HESITATION can occur during the bidding and during play. It is covered under Laws 73 and 16 – communication and unauthorised information.

Generally, all bids and plays should be made in even tempo. Variations in tempo can result in partner receiving unauthorised information on which **they are NOT entitled to act**. This can cause serious problems during the bidding.

Consider this recent hand – with NS non-vul and EW vul, South dealt and opened 1S. West held a nice looking

♠ 9 6 ♥ -- ♦ K J 10 ♣ K J T 9 8 6 5 4

and valued his hand as worth 3C (vul). North bid 4S. East tanked for 10-15 seconds then passed. South also passed and West re-entered the auction with 5C. This Director was called and the final contract became 5CxW which went 1 off.

Considering the board later, I adjusted the score to 4SS making 11. Every other table played in 4 or 5S, making 11, and sometimes 12. No other EW played in Cs.

In the ensuing discussion, West even admitted that partner obviously had 'something' (obvious from the hesitation) and so he 'saved' in 5C, an action he was NOT entitled to take. Quite frankly, at the vulnerability, West suicided in 5C and was lucky to get out only 1 off. Had EW gone for 500 (outright top to NS), that score would have stood.

We all get bids we weren't expecting and are entitled to thinking time, especially after high level pre-empts. However, the longer you think **and then pass**, the more you have stitched up partner who **must** be able to justify further bidding on their hand alone. So if partner tanks then passes, start thinking (a most honourable and ethical) pass at your next bid.

Richard McLauchlan

Masterpoint Movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members for the period to 24th March 2006.

Graduate Master

Ken Mewburn
Samuel Pennisi

Club Master

David Cook
Janet Cook
Gary Ypinazar

Local Master

John Spencer

***Local Master*

Neil Orford

Life master

Julie Cutmore

Robert Matthew (MP Secretary)

New Members

A very warm welcome to the following new members:

Ann Wood
Karin Kappel

ARANA SWISS PAIRS & TEAMS CONGRESS 2006

PAIRS - Saturday 3rd June 2006
TEAMS - Sunday 4th June 2006

Entries Close: 5:00pm
Wednesday 31st May 2006

Entry Fee: \$25.00 per person

BYO Lunch

In Memoriam

Joan Fitz-Herbert passed away in April. Joan was a past committee member of the Club and is fondly remembered by those who knew her.



LIBRARY LINES

Librarian Peggy Whittaker

Peggy has been on holidays in our Southern States. Thanks to Lorraine Steele for her assistance in Peggy's absence.



Our guest book reviewer this edition is Allan Box

“Guide to Better Card Play” – Ron Klinger

This book was first published in 1990. As Klinger says “it is designed to cover the fundamentals of a skilful declarer play and sound defence”.

He indicates that though there are countless choices available when it comes to bidding systems, once agreed together with certain “standard” methods of play, e g signalling etc, the choices in the play of the cards for best results are more limited.

The book is set out in four parts, each of 8 chapters. Parts 1 and 2 are designed to improve defensive and declarer play for Improver – Intermediate groups whilst Parts 3 and 4 are aimed at the more advanced players.

There are numerous practice exercises to cement the methods learnt in each chapter with answers and reasons for such choices provided at the end of the book.

The subjects covered include:

- Card leads from short / long suits.
- Opening leads in a no trumps / suits.
- Discards and signalling.
- Setting up a long suit / finesses / unblocking.
- Surround leads / strip and throw-in / end plays.

The amount of information contained in this book of a little under 200 pages is immense and would keep the reader busy for many weeks. It would be a very useful addition to any home library.

Why did I choose this book for review? Well, I asked one of our more recent, rapidly advancing players to nominate which book has been of most value to him since his attendance at classes just a couple of years ago. He had no hesitation in nominating this one (thank you David). I must agree that this book would be of great value to all players.

Allan Box

Alert

4-Way Interclub Competition

Arana–Bribie Island–Caboolture–Redcliffe

First session to be held at Arana on Sunday 16th July, 2006.

Be on the look out for the notice, which will be posted on the board in the coming weeks. Eight (8) pairs from Arana will be required for each session. If you are interested, please place your name on the sheet. Colin Anderson is the convenor for this special event.

High Percentages

The best so far this year...

- 76.19 Barbara Hopley – Ray Cowie
- 73.01 Mary Gillies – Bev Quine
- 72.38 Andrew Guminski – George Macionis
- 71.96 David Lehmann – John Black
- 71.25 Gay Hull – John Hull
- 71.13 Val Cran – Frank Hoult
- 70.83 Keith Barnard – Catherine Scheikowski
- 70.71 Val Acklin – Joyce Rosser

Important Dates

May		
Mon	1	Labour Day
Fri	5	Red Points
Sat	6	BBC Graded Swiss Pairs (7), Caloundra Teams
Sun	7	Arana Club Teams Championship
Sat	13	Surfers Swiss Teams
Sat	20	QBA Mixed Pairs - Toowong
Sun	21	Toowong Novice Mixed Pairs
Wed	24	Australia Wide Autumn pairs
Sat	27	QBA Mind Games - Teams
Sun	28	Northern Suburbs Novice Pairs (<50 MPs)
June		
Sat	3	Arana Swiss pairs
Sun	4	Arana Swiss teams Redlands novice pairs
Fri	9	9 - 12 QBA Barrier Reef Congress (Cairns)
Sat	10	10-11 QBC pairs & teams - Rest sect < 100 mps
Sat	17	17-18 Sun Coast Swiss Teams and Butler Pairs
Sun	18	Toowong Swiss Pairs (rest sect) (< 150 mps)
Tue	20	Tuesday Teams (week 1)
Sat	24	24-25 Gold Coast Swiss Teams; Bowen Pairs
	24	QBA Club Directors Exam
Sun	25	BBC Novice Pairs (<75MPs);
Tue	27	Tuesday Teams (week 2)

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