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### President's Report:

Our Congress was very successful with the numbers up from last year. Jan McRobbie did a great job. Thanks go to all our helpers and those who donated items for the raffle which raised \$1000.

Jan and Peter Anderson helped us get sponsors-AVEO, IGA Brookside and Arana Leagues Club. The final total for Congress isn't in yet.

Some of our less experienced players feel that they don't get a chance to earn points when playing in an open field, so committee has decided that starting July, on Mondays, we will have 2 sections. One for less experienced and one for more advanced- this will be entirely voluntary. We will review it after a few weeks. It seems to work well at other clubs.

The lessons have finished and hopefully we will have some new players. Please cherish them as they are part of our future.

Sadly we lost Sam Pennisi who died last week. Sam played mostly on Monday nights. Our sympathy to Alda and family.

### Val Acklin

### NEED A PARTNER??

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Q. Where can men over the age of 50 find younger, sexy women who are interested in them??

A. Try a Bookstore... under fiction!

Q. What is the most common remark made by 50+ year olds when they enter antique stores??

A. Gosh! I remember these!

Q. How can you avoid that terrible curse of the elderly...wrinkles??

A. Take off your glasses!!

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## BOOK REVIEW

**SQUEEZES MADE SIMPLE – By David Bird and Marc Smith**

Whilst the title sounds like some sort of oxymoron, the authors do a good job in explaining the various types of squeezes in relatively simple terms. This is an easy book to read as it contains a mere 61 pages.

Squeezes include simple, positional, automatic, the Vienna Coup, double, non-positional double, and non-simultaneous double. Each situation is explained in simple terms with example hands given, followed by a summary of the key points and a series of quizzes for the reader to test his/her skills.

In order for any squeeze to work, declarer must first “rectify the count” – ie, get rid of your loser(s) early before attempting the squeeze. A squeeze simply will not work if you fail to recognize this, as a key defender will have a safe discard when you play the squeeze card. Here is an example:

Contract is 6NT by South, opening lead Spade King.

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

There are 11 tricks and a 3/3 break in hearts or clubs will provide the twelfth. The only remaining possibility is that the same defender will hold a guard to both these suits and can be squeezed. However for the squeeze to work you must first “rectify the count” by losing a trick early - duck the first spade, and take the second obvious spade lead. Now, run your diamonds ending in hand. This will be the position with the last diamond to play:

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

When you play the Jack of Diamonds, East is now squeezed. (If you had not ducked a Spade at trick one, East would have a safe Spade discard and would not be squeezed.) Looks simple doesn't it? But it's not quite as easy as that. There's a small matter of watching the discards...

The final 14 pages are devoted to “defending against squeezes”. It contains some vital hints to improve the defensive part of your game.

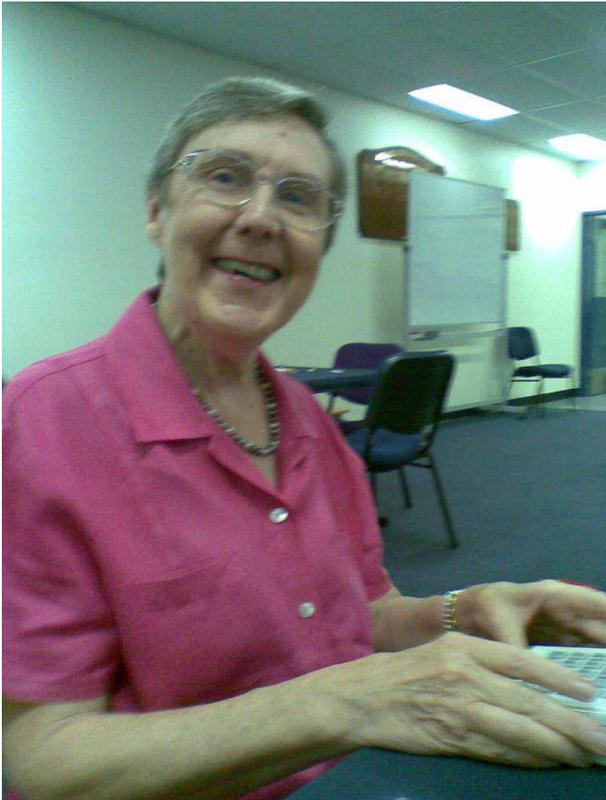
So if you want to add squeezes to your declarer repertoire, head to the library

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**David Lehmann**

Note to my partner...  
At the Bridge table, my mind works like lightning!! One brilliant flash, and then it's gone!!

### Our History

New Members looking for a history of the Arana Bridge Club will find it in the library in the lower locked area, but it can be borrowed. It has 3 sections:-  
Arana Contract Bridge Club Building Diary: A28 Arana Contract Bridge Club Building Story: A27 Arana Contract Bridge Club History 1968- : A26  
Each one written by Deslei Den Haan



### **PEGGY'S STORY:**

I was born at the Hillcrest Hospital, Rockhampton prior to World War II. I spent my early years on a cattle property forty kilometres from Clermont in Central Queensland. My father had drawn a block of land at the height of the Great Depression. He named it Kilmarnock after the town in Scotland from which his father had migrated. My younger brother Jim and I had a wonderful childhood running free surrounded by horses, dogs and angora goats whose kids made delightful pets. With the war raging, my mother made the decision to school us herself by primary correspondence. When I was eleven years I was sent to boarding school at St Faith's School at Yeppoon.

My parents then decided to move to Brisbane for a period whilst Jim and I completed secondary school. I attended Clayfield College and after the Junior Examination I worked at the AMP Life Insurance Company. I continued my Senior Studies at night, passing English, Logic and French.

Along the way I met Ken who worked at a fire, accident and marine insurance company. We thought we could set up a combined insurance company so we decided to marry. My parents and brother had returned to the property so we were married at All Saints in Clermont. We were to drive to Mackay to honeymoon on Lindeman

Island. However a cyclone intervened and we left Clermont by train. In those days there was strict segregation of males and females on trains. As a concession to the newly-weds we were allowed a compartment to ourselves. We got a right royal send-off from the wedding guests and onlookers. There were even firecrackers!

We lived in my parent's home at Wilston, until their retirement. We then built our own home at The Gap. By then we had a son and a daughter. They attended the Gap Primary School and I became very involved with Tuck Shop, P&C meetings, school and church fetes. I also spent four years at the Modern Language Institute trying to master the French language.

When both the children were at Grammar I said to myself, "Life begins at Forty!" I had read of a new course of Podiatry at the Queensland Institute of Technology. However I needed Senior Maths<sup>1</sup>, Chemistry and Physics.... so, back to school at Hubbard's Academy. I managed to pass the subjects in a year. It was the hardest that I have ever had to work. After three years at QIT I graduated as a podiatrist. I took over as Locum at a practice in Penney's Building in the city. The aged podiatrist eventually sold the practice to me and I worked there until the end of 1996.

Meanwhile, our son had graduated as a doctor and our daughter as a psychologist. Both married and presented us with five beautiful grandchildren. Ken retired from insurance and we planned to travel. Upon my retirement we have travelled both overseas and in Australia. In 1998 my next door neighbour said "You should learn Bridge." I thought "It can't be that difficult." If only I had known!! Thus began my bridge adventure, the highs and the lows. We are very lucky with our friendly bridge club so when I was asked to be the Librarian, I was happy to accept. I now know the reading habits of all you bridge players!! I am also a committee member of the Gap Probus Club, I volunteer at the Wesley Hospital and this year I lead The Gap Trackers. We are a Heart Foundation group who walk on a Friday morning. Ken and I have been married for 52 years and we both feel that we have been very fortunate.

**Peggy Whittaker**

**TEST YOUR DEFENCE**

*Hand No 1*

**Dealer North, Nil Vulnerable**

**The bidding:**

	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>W</b>
	<b>P</b>	<b>1H</b>	<b>1S</b>	<b>2C</b>
	<b>P</b>	<b>3C</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>4H</b>

You are South holding:

S	A Q 6 5 3
H	A 7
D	10 9 8
C	8 7 3

Also, you will have deduced that partner may hold 3 trumps – you have 2 and the opponents probably 8 (5-3).

You win the heart lead with your ace and return the club 8 (high card asking partner to return a spade- obvious anyway, from your bid). Win the ace and return the third club for partner to ruff and so defeat the contract.

**What lead are you going to make to give the best chance of defeating the contract and why?**

**ANSWER –**

If you answered, “A club” you are correct. When holding the ace of trumps you have a distinct advantage as defender. It enables you to set up a ruff if, as in this case, you suspect partner may be short in clubs. Opponents may hold 8-10 (having bid and supported the suit) and you hold 3. Partner will either ruff the 1<sup>st</sup> round and return a spade (your bid suit) or follow.

The full deal:

	S	K 10 9 7		
	H	8 4 2		
	D	J 7 6 4 3		
	C	2		
	S	J 4 2	S	8
	H	K J 10	H	Q 9 6 5 3
	D	2	D	A K Q 5
	C	A K Q J 9 5	C	10 6 4
	S	A Q 6 5 3		
	H	A 7		
	D	10 9 8		
	C	8 7 3		



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