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EDITORIAL

How quickly this year has passed. Here we are again thinking of what to buy everyone for Christmas and trying to remember in which cupboard we put the Christmas decoration (I seem to have put mine away only yesterday). In the next issue of the Trump-It, our last issue for the year, we will recap the activities of events during the past year.

Of course, the year is not over yet. We still have our Christmas parties to go. In the very near future, someone will be rushing around with a sheet of paper asking members to provide a plate of "goodies" for our break-up parties. The festive time is full of high spirits and good cheer and our club's Christmas parties are always a lot of fun. A draw for partners and a short game of bridge commences the Tuesday and Wednesday break-up parties. Players from the student groups are invited to participate in this very light-hearted game where the emphasis is on a fun social time, rather than good bridge.

Tuesday day-time	Christmas party	December, 11th 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday night	Christmas party	December, 12th 7.30 p.m.

The 1990 Pairs Championship, held over the last two Wednesday nights attracted 22 pairs. The Championship was run as a round robin event with all pairs meeting each other once over the 2 sessions. The eventual winners were -

OPEN WINNERS - D. & T. CULLEN

HANDICAP WINNERS - T. McGRATH - A. BOX

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

Presentation of trophies for all Championship events will be made at the Wednesday night Christmas party. We hope as many of you as possible from the Tuesday day-time club will also be able to attend on the Wednesday night.

Judy Valentine (Editor)

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1990 MELBOURNE CUP

And they're racing in the 1990 Melbourne Cup.

"DOUBLING Debbie" ridden by Armstrong has made the OPENING LEAD from "JUMP-n-Joan" ridden by Miller who TRANSFERRED to this TOP little filly after her WIN at YARABOROUGH last week and RUNNING in 3rd place is "Dash-n-Dot" ridden by Burgoyne. This fast TRACK seems to SUIT the 3 LEADERS.

At the first TURN it's "May-Pole" ridden by Hooper in 4th place from "I dream of Jeannie" ridden by Hull who is RESPONDING well and "San-Fran-cisco" ridden by Baxter who has accepted the INVITATION and moved into 6 SPOT.

Behind this group is "PREMPTING Pam" ridden by Cameron who is SET UP to secure 7th position from "Bonnie Vonnie" ridden by Allan who seems to have DISCARDED a shoe at the barrier position when there was a HOLD-UP due to a wrong CALL from the starting DIRECTOR. Back in the field jockey Wright has command over "MAJOR Margaret" and is trying to SHUT-OUT the rest of the field by DUCKING from 1 SIDE of the TRACK 2 the other in an endeavour to CUT off the other riders. They will soon get JACK of her.

"Wendy's Ice-cream" ridden by Rothwell has made a BREAK from the PACK when jockey McIntrye on "BRIDGING Betty" became UNBALANCED in the saddle when SIGNALLING Anderson on "LEAP-n-Lavania" to PASS. McIntrye is an old HAND at GRAND SLAM events and will have an ODD TRICK up her sleeve to come up TRUMPS.

"Maid Marian" ridden by Perkins is now making a POSITIVE BID to TAKE OUT at least a MINOR place in the cup even though she is VULNERABLE over this long distance.

Lewis on "Ripper Rita" has shown her DEFENSIVE TECHNIQUES by keeping a tight HAND on the reins. This jockey is no DUMMY.

Now it is Baker-Finch who pushes "Joy Stick" forward. This is such a GAME little filly with a big HEART and there appears nothing that can STOP-PER from becoming QUEEN of the TOURNAMENT.

Last in the field we have "Jolly-old-Judy" ridden by Arundel who appears to have missed the rather large MUD hole only to end in the RUFF. It's time this mare was put out to pasture as she is out of SHAPE and too STIFF in the fetlocks. Last week this mare was sold at the AUCTION. When the FINAL BID was MADE, the DEALER DEMANDED a CASH settlement. He refused to accept a CONTRACT as he didn't want the BUYER to RENEGE on the DEAL after the RESULT of the race was known. He knew the mare would be a LOSER.

There appears to have been some INTERFERENCE as they reach the half-way marks and after much SHUFFLE it is "Dash-n-Dot" who is OVERTAKING the field. This is how she ENTERED the STRAIGHT.

producing the extra trick. Remember the extra trick comes from ruffing in a short trump suit hand and not the long. If my partner had responded 2NT to my 2C bid (yes you may tell a lie about the length of your minor suit but never the length of a major provided you have a good reason for doing so) I would have raised her to 3NT because both 3NT and 4S should produce the identical number of tricks. As it turned out, partner showed shape by bidding 2H and our final contract was 4H (selecting the superior 4-4 major fit in preference to the 5-3). Those players who ended in 4S were defeated when trumps broke badly and the Ace of clubs was off-side. Prue as East, received the singleton spade lead (a reasonable lead against 4H) and North won with the Ace and returned a spade for the ruff. Now South is in a bind. If a diamond is led, declarer can run it to the Queen for no losers in diamonds and surrender, at the end, a club. If the club Ace is cashed, and the suit continued, declarer now throws 2 losing diamonds from dummy on the now set up spade suit. There is no defence available, at this point in the game, to beat 4H. In actual fact, there is no defence Double Dummy (when all hands are viewed) that can beat the 4H contract.

I do not suggest for one moment that every 12-15 point hand with trump support should change suit. That would be crazy. It is only the flat 4-3-3-3 hand that warrants thought for an alternative bidding sequence. It should be pointed out that there are a few grey areas that, to the beginner, would be very confusing and are better left alone until players are more conversant with the system. This is just one of them.

While I am on the subject of ruffing power I would like to make comment on another type of hand and bidding sequence. From time to time I do hear or see players who are rebidding a 5-carded suit as a responder when holding the poor 6-10 range opposite a partner who has found a rebid of 1NT.

Q 7 6 5 4 Partner opens say 1C, you bid 1S and partner rebids
 K 7 3 1NT. You should pass this bid and not rebid 2S. The
 Q J 9 extra trick available in suit comes from ruffing in
 9 4 the short trump suit hand which is opener's hand.
 Opener has announced a flat hand. If opener holds a
 doubleton spade, then the remaining cards are divided 4-4-3, no
 ruffing suit available. If opener holds 3 spades, then the
 remaining cards are divided 4-3-3 or 4-4-2 and the NT contract
 is still the best place to play.

It is when hands are distributional (at least the holding of a singleton or void) that the opponent's hands are likely to throw the same shape. If the poor 6-10 hand holds a 6-carded suit then the hand is classified as unbalanced and responder should play in the safer suit contract. Where a 5-carded suit is held without the holding of another 4-carded suit, the hand is classified as semi-balanced and without a known primary fit, the partnership should look to a NT contract rather than the suit contract. I suggest that those of you who are at fault in this area should look at Lesson 5 - page 2 of my book which explains

that when an auction is ending (6-10 opposite a minimum partner) the rebid of responder's own suit shows a 6-carded suit, not a 5-carded suit. When the auction is game going, then a jump rebid of responder's own suit shows a 5-carded suit. Rebidding of a 5-carded suit by the responder with the poor hand opposite a minimum partner will produce an inferior Match Point result 99% of the time.

Back to the race.

As they approach the finishing line it is "Ripper Rita" who is the ADVANCER, closely FOLLOWING SUIT is "Maid Marian" a LENGTH back to "LEAP-n-Lavania" and "I dream of Jeannie" who are charging UP-THE-LINE. But it's "Ripper Rita" ridden by Lewis and "I dream of Jeannie" who have tied for the HONOURS in this year's Melbourne Cup.

Final placings have been posted and weight is correct.

- = 1st "Ripper Rita" ridden by J. Lewis
"Maid Marion" ridden by J. Perkins
- = 2nd "Leap-n Lavania" ridden by M. Andersson
"I dream of Jeannie" ridden by G. Hull
- = 3rd "Prempting Pam" ridden by M. Cameron
"Bridging Betty" ridden by J. McIntrye

SWEEP WINNERS

1ST	Merilyn Wright	Jessie McIntyre	Allan Box
2ND	Margaret Joyce	Fran Husband	Joy Anderson
3RD	Rita Wood	Wella Hooper	Vonnie Wallace

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*** L O S T P R O P E R T Y ***

Left at the Book Launch Dinner -

1 Tupperware chicken storer container
1 amber coloured bowl - 23cm diameter

Left at Tuesday morning bridge session -

1- white shawl

Owners should contact Muriel Miller phone 263 5829.

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R E M I N D E R

Notice of Special General Meeting to be held Wednesday 5th December, 1990 at 7 p.m. at the club rooms