



# ARANA

## *Contract Bridge Club Inc*

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### From the PRESIDENT

Arana has participated in some recent interclub events - the three-way interclub pairs between Caboolture/Bribie, Redcliffe and Arana (which we won) and the interclub teams (where we did not fare so well). Thank you to the participants for being fine ambassadors for our club.

Sadly, we have lost two of our valued members recently - Alice Brown and Beryl Smalley.

Our next round of beginner's lessons is scheduled for early February. If you are looking for a Christmas present for that "difficult to buy for" family member or friend, lesson gift vouchers are now available at a cost of \$70.

Would those of you who use our library please refrain from writing in the books - ie answers to questions, or highlighting/underlining sections. please respect the publications as they are for the use of all members.

A reminder to members that mobile phones must not be used during play. If you have an emergency, please inform the director who may allow your phone to be switched on during play.

As this is my last report for the year, on behalf of the committee I wish you all the compliments of the festive season. **Don't forget the Christmas party on Saturday 8th December.**

**David Lehmann.**

### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our latest new member – John Nibbs. May your association with the club be a long and happy one.

### BRISBANE WATER QUALITY

Due to the lack of rain in the water catchment areas that supply Brisbane, the quality of our water has decreased dramatically. This had lead to the porcelain bowls and basins in the bathrooms staining more readily. The cleaner is endeavouring to keep this under control.

### BOOK REVIEW

*"100 Winning Bridge Tips"* by Ron Klinger

Are you one of the club members who never read the bridge books in the library? Think again. This book is one for all players, whether they are relatively new at the game or the higher ranked members who have been playing for many years.

Ron Klinger has written many bridge books, some relatively complex, but this book is not one of those. The tips given are short (usually one sentence) and to the point. Particular situations in the areas of bidding, opening leads, declarer play and defence strategies are shown. They cover such diverse matters as when to continue to compete at the three level; when to lead or not lead the trump suit if your opponents are the declarers, suggestions about finessing and when to throw out a red card or a black card. Appropriate examples are given for each tip when necessary.

All readers will find that their game will improve even if they use only a few of the tips in the book.

**Joan Mills.**

## Masterpoint Movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007.

### Graduate master

*Yvonne Howman*

*Maureen Pears*

### Club Master

*Ann Wood*

### Local Master

*Judith Carr*

### \*Local Master

*Kathy Burgess*

### \*\*Local Master

*Ian Broadley*

*Josephine McKittrick*

### Regional Master

*Carmel Steer*

### State Master

*Jan McRobbie*

### \*\*National Master

*Gary Lynch*

**Robert Matthew** (MP Secretary).

## Driveway Entrance to Bridge Club Grounds

We have now received a reply from Council to our request that the No Stopping zone beside the driveway to the Bowls Club be extended by 3 car lengths to improve visibility when exiting our driveway. Unfortunately, the Council has advised that this will not greatly improve visibility but will impact upon the availability of on-street parking in this area and therefore they cannot accede to our request. The Committee is disappointed with this decision.

In view of this we stress to all members that before exiting the driveway, you should stop completely, then proceed slowly to ensure that the roadway in either direction is clear.

## Access To Bridge Club Office

The Committee has requested that access to the office should be limited to committee members, dealers, directors, scorers and those on official Club business. If for some reason you need to access the office, you should approach a committee member for assistance.

**Barbara Holmes** for the Committee

## IMPORTANT DATES

November		
Sun	25	QCBC novice teams (<100).
Wed	28	<b>Queensland wide pairs</b>
Fri	30	30-Dec 3 – GNOT final.
December		
Sun	2	Toowong swiss teams
Fri	7	QBA mixed teams (rd 4) – QCBC
Sat	8	<b>Christmas party.</b>
Sun	16	QBA individual
Tue	25	Christmas Day – <b>No play</b>
Wed	26	Boxing Day – <b>No play</b>
Thu	27	27-29 Brisbane Festival of Bridge

### ♣ ♦ Important Phone Numbers ♥ ♠

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## DON'T FORGET

- 1. SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS PARTY.**
- 2. THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – PAUL LAVINGS' WORKSHOP.**
- 3. CHANGE of WEBSITE.** (See Important Phone Numbers on p.2).

**THANK YOU TO RICHARD McLAUHLAN for SETTING UP THIS NEW COMPREHENSIVE, USER-FRIENDLY WEBSITE.**

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

### Murphy's Laws of Directing.

The Director's role is never easy, and I am certain that most of our Directors can relate to the following Murphy's Laws.

Law 1. If it is possible to foul the movement, the players will do so.

Law 2. The pair scoring on the wrong line are always the pair scoring in ink.

Law 3. The degree of attention paid by players to the Director's announcements varies inversely with the importance of the announcement.

Law 4. The board that is fouled in a teams event is never a flat board.

Law 5. When you are standing at the table looking for a specific Law in the book, you can never find it.

Law 6. Pleasing half of the players half the time, equals perfection.

Law 7. Your seeding is perfect if everyone is complaining about it.

**Val Cran.**

### IT'S ALL IN THE TIMING by Bobby Wolff

Vul: Both  
Dir: South

♠A63  
♥943  
♦105  
♣AK742

♠K1097  
♥J2  
♦QJ984  
♣Q6

♠Q52  
♥Q108  
♦K73  
♣J1053

♠J84  
♥AK765  
♦A62  
♣98

W	N	E	S
			1♥
P	2♣	P	2♥
P	4♥	All Pass	

Opening Lead: ♦Q

*"All great discoveries are made by men whose feelings run ahead of their Thinking."*

----C.H.Parkhurst.

West leads the ♦Q. South refused the first diamond and won the second with his ace. How should South proceed?

South can be so engrossed with the need for a diamond ruff that consideration of other dangers would be neglected. The diamond ruff was not only needed but had to be done **at the right time**.

Having won with the ♦ ace, South ruffed a diamond in dummy and cashed the two top trumps. This was followed by a club ruff declarer hoping for a 3-3 split. Had they behaved, South would enjoy a spade discard on a long club, using dummy's spade ace as an entry. When clubs proved to be 4-2 (the more likely distribution), the hand was destined to be one down.

South was right not to win the first diamond. The first round duck allows the choice for the timing for the diamond ruff; but before ruffing a diamond one of dummy's clubs must be able to be discarded.

At trick three, South should cash the two top trumps and play three rounds of clubs. If they split 3-3, a diamond is ruffed, and clubs played – resulting in an overtrick!

When the clubs break 4-2, the diamond ruff provides the vital entry for another club ruff. One of South's spades goes on dummy's fifth club and the defenders get only one spade, one trump and one diamond.

Incidentally, it might have been noticed that a spade switch by the defence at trick two would scuttle the contract by prematurely removing a vital entry to dummy.



EDITORIAL



In this season of goodwill to all, I should like to highlight your bridge partner in this context. He or she does not mean to have a diamond in the hearts and therefore result in a disastrous heart contract; does not mean to not return your lead – five tricks later; does not mean to ignore winners in dummy (you), cross back to hand and thereby miss the chance of achieving the contract, or even over-tricks! Nor does your partner wilfully trump your winner, leave you on your cue bid or miscount the trumps, thereby going down instead of winning the contract. I am sure we are all guilty of committing all of these bridge sins, and others – only rarely of course!

May you have a happy and holy Christmas, and happy, friendly, keenly-fought bridging in 2008.

**David Backstrom**

## Memories of Alice Brown



I first met Alice just over 12 months ago when she arrived in Brisbane from Cairns and joined our bridge club. In fact I had the pleasure of playing with her in one of her first games at Arana. It was soon known that she was a very good bridge player and was soon much sought after as a partner. Alice and I became partners in January this year and as our partnership grew so did our friendship.

At the Mackay Congress in June, Warren and I met some folk from Cairns and of course we mentioned that Alice was now a member of our club. Alice was a much respected and popular member of the Cairns Club for over seven years and had a number of good friends there. This was where she learned to hone her bridge skills. The folk we met spoke very highly of Alice, and the gentleman said one of the things he missed most about Alice was her spontaneous laughter which would ring out across the room. I think we all know what he meant by that. Her laughter came straight from the heart.

Alice was passionate about her bridge. She played 6 days a week and competed in Sunday teams' events, club championships and congresses whenever possible. As well as Arana, she was a member of Northern Suburbs and Toowong Bridge Clubs. If an extra game was in the making, out would come the three Club booklets and with a bit of push and shove a time would be found for another game of bridge.

I spent quality time with Alice the week before her death. She was strong and talked of her life, her family and her love of bridge.

Alice was a loving mother and grandmother, a good friend and an accomplished bridge player. She has left many good memories and the legacy of a bridge system she called "Modified" Acol. For those of us who are now using that system and were privy to her bridge expertise, we can be reminded often of the lady who cared enough to freely share of her knowledge and experience.

My life and the lives of many others are the richer for knowing Alice.

Rest in Peace Alice.

**Barbara Holmes**

## DINNER GUEST

A beggar asks a man on the street for \$5. "Will you buy booze?" the man asks. "No", said the beggar, "I don't drink." "Will you gamble it away?" "No, I don't go in for gambling." "Will you make bets at the golf club?" "No, I don't play golf." Then the man asks, "Will you come home with me? I'd like my wife to see what happens to a man who doesn't drink, gamble or play golf."

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## A HOAX

I apologise for the article in the October Trump-It re the use of your mobile phone if you are held-up at an ATM. I am reliably informed that this is a hoax, so next time this happens to you, my advice is to do exactly as you are told by the would-be robber!! Please God, none of us will ever be put in this situation anyway!

**The Editor.**

## PAUL LAVINGS' WORKSHOP

**Paul Lavings will be conducting a workshop on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December.**

The topics are:- **Conventions You Need**  
**After Opponents open the Bidding**

Cost: \$20 per person, but reducing to \$15 if 50 or more attend.

**So, support yourself and your club by registering. Remember, the more who are there, the cheaper it is!!**



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## YES, I AM A SENIOR CITIZEN

I am the life of the party.... even if it lasts until 8:00 PM.

I am very good at opening child proof caps.... with a hammer.

I am usually interested in going home before I get where I am going.

I am awake many hours before my body lets me get out of bed.

I am smiling all of the time because I can't hear a word you are saying.

I am very good at telling stories, over and over and over and over.

I am aware that other people's grandchildren are not nearly as cute as mine.

I am so cared for.... long term care, eye care, dental care, private care.

I am not really grouchy -

I just don't like waiting, crowds, lawyers, loud music, unruly kids, barking dogs, politicians and -  
A few other things I can't remember right now.

I am sure that I am a walking storeroom of facts, it is just that I have lost the key to the storeroom door.

Everything I can't find is in a safe secure place – somewhere.

If you are only as old as you feel, How can I be alive at 150?

**Yes I am a senior citizen and having the time of my life.**