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From the President



THE year has almost ended, and this will be my last report. I want to thank everyone for the help you have given me over the past 3 years. Although I have enjoyed my time as president, I feel it is time to hand over the reins.

Recently Arana hosted the Gnot finals. Yvonne Howman and Lyn Haysom worked tirelessly on the catering all weekend, ensuring the event was a success.

Arana Pairs Championship was held in September. This event never attracts many entries. Can anyone think of a solution? Congratulations to David Lehmann and John Nibbs for winning this year.

Unfortunately, twice in the last few weeks our club house has been vandalized – after all these years! Hopefully this will be the last occurrence.

Don't forget our Christmas Party on December 8th – looking forward to seeing you then, if not sooner.

Val Acklin (President)

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Masterpoint movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members for the period to 31st October 2012.

<i>Graduate Master</i>	Jill Gofton
<i>Club Master</i>	Carol Bellis
<i>Local Master</i>	Beverley O'Hara Lyn Holden
<i>*Local Master</i>	Frances Orford Jim Webster Ed Choroszycki
<i>**Local Master</i>	Geoff Doyle Carla Webb Lynley Mason Susan Kennard
<i>Regional Master</i>	Jean Stone John Hull
<i>State Master</i>	Ross Shardlow
<i>*State Master</i>	Allan McIntyre Ian Broadley John Nibbs

Robert Matthew (MP Sec)

Tony's Tip

What do you lead from three card suits?

When partner has bid a suit and you hold:

Axx- lead the Ace against a suit contract and low against no trump.

Kxx, Qxx or Jxx lead low against either suit or no trump contracts. Leading a low card in partner's suit infers you hold an honour card.

10xx and xxx. Opinions differ. Some experts prefer low and others the 10. Few prefer the middle card. Note this is a suit your partner

has bid. Leading from an unbid suit try MUD-**Middle Up Down-** from 3 low cards. 853.

Keep in mind that the adage "never say never" applies doubly to which card to lead from a three carded suit. If you and partner agree to lead lowest from 972, the bidding of the next hand may give you reason to prefer the 9 in the next hand, indicating you don't want the suit returned or the 7 or 2 for other reasons.

Whatever method of leading you use, be sure you and partner know what each other tend to do.

Tony Agar

Director's Corner

PLAYER ETIQUETTE.

Player's should be aware they must not take up precious time filling in their record sheet when they are required to bid, or lead. This can be done without holding up play, while others are bidding. Some players need all the time available to them to play a game, and it is only courtesy to accommodate them.

There is still confusion by bridgemate operators, when to enter "pass" or press the "0" for "not played". If Declarer has made a pass, followed by the next three players, then "pass" must be entered. If players run out of time to bid or play a board, then "0" must be entered. This gives the players their overall average for that board. **IN THESE INSTANCES, IT IS TO YOUR DISADVANTAGE TO ENTER "PASS".**

When the 3 minute warning alarm has sounded, if bidding has not commenced, then the "0" should be entered into Bridgemate, the cards shuffled and returned to the board. If dummy is not already faced when the 1 minute warning alarm sounds, then again enter "0" and abort play. By not doing so, you hold up the whole field.

At the end of day, East is requested to empty the rubbish bins. Tables should be left tidy, boards and Bridgemates returned and placed in the box, in numerical order. Cups should be returned to the kitchen and washed. Always keep the kitchen clean and tidy.

Val Cran (Director)

Special Club Events

Games & Cards Afternoon

Come and enjoy an afternoon playing a variety of card / board games. E.g. Canasta, 500, Monopoly, Backgammon, Social Bridge, etc. Bring your own favourite game to share. No partner required – meet new friends – invite relatives, neighbours etc. All welcome.

Where: The Clubhouse.

When: Thursday afternoon at 1pm on the 22nd November.

Cost: \$5.00

Special New Years Eve Party

Arrive 7pm. Until late! **Cost:** \$5.00

BYO drinks, and a plate of food to share.

Play Contract Bridge, or any other card or board games, and all be together to welcome the New Year.

For further information on these events, contact:

Val Cran 3300 1447, or

Lorraine Steele 3351 6173.

Arana Bridge Club History – Our Birth

(Researched and written by our Historian, Deslei Den Haan. This position was continued by Liz Marshall in 2004).

WE started out in 1986 on a Wednesday night, with a very small nucleus of 3 and 4 tables. The need for our own building was already apparent in 1987 during the second year of the club's existence.

In 1985 Judy Valentine, Australian bridge champion, bridge teacher, congress director and former Secretary of the Queensland Bridge Association, was asked to take over a bridge class when the present teacher resigned without warning. Later the same year she took over a class at the Ferny Hills State School when that teacher also suddenly resigned. At the conclusion of the lessons,

Judy invited her students to attend “Help with Play” sessions at her home. When the numbers swelled to the extent that she could no longer accommodate everybody, she suggested they form a bridge club. The idea was enthusiastically received and sixteen people attended the inaugural meeting in March 1986 at Judy’s home in Arana Hills. Bob Scott was elected as the first President and Neil Orford was voted in as the first Secretary. The Queensland Bridge Association’s Constitution for its member clubs was distributed for consideration and the name “NORTH WEST CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB” was proposed. The Enoggera Memorial Hall in Wardell Street was chosen as the venue at a cost of \$12.60 per week rental and the first club night was held on March 19 1986.

On July 2 1986 a Special General Meeting was held to approve the Constitution. At the same meeting, members agreed to move to a new venue – the newly constructed Community Centre in Dawson Parade, Arana Hills and the name of the club was changed to “ARANA CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB.” The first bridge session in the new premises was held on Wednesday night July 16 1986.

(To be continued)

**BOOK REVIEW of Ron Klinger’s
“BID BETTER – MUCH BETTER”
(Library Index B40)**

HOW would you bid the following hand after a NT opening by West?

WEST		EAST	
Spades	Q 7 2	Spades	J 9 5 3
Hearts	A K T 6	Hearts	J 7 5 4
Diamonds	Q 9 8 2	Diamonds	A 3
Clubs	A 7	Clubs	Q J 8

Using simple or extended Stayman the bidding would go 1NT by West, 2 Clubs by East, 2 Hearts by West, 3 Hearts by East, all pass. Unfortunately, with North holding the Heart Queen, the contract fails by one trick.

The author goes on to pose various other bidding problems involving transfers over a

1NT opening where the bidding can get too high, and offers a bidding solution whereby you can stop at the appropriate level. The bidding system is known as “Puppet Stayman” and in typical Klinger style, the subject is thoroughly explored and explained with many sample hands.

The basic system summary to Puppet Stayman after a 1NT opening has the following 2 level responses by responder:

- 2 Clubs = a puppet to 2 Diamonds.
Opener is obliged to bid 2 Diamonds.
- 2 Diamonds = transfer to Hearts,
- 2 Hearts = transfer to Spades,
- 2 Spades = range enquiry, asking opener
are you minimum or maximum?
- 2 NT = transfer to Clubs

Thus in the sample above Responder would bid 2 Diamonds, Opener would accept the transfer by bidding 2 Hearts (and showing minimum opening range) and responder would pass.

Chapters are devoted to explaining in full the range of options after a 1NT opening – signing off in a suit, inviting game in a major, inviting game in NT, inviting game in a minor, force to game and locate a 4 card or 5 card major, force to game with at least 5/4 in the majors, force to game with at least a 5 card major and a 5 card minor, force to game with a 6 card major, and force to game with a 5 card major and no second suit. The author also explores some advanced methods, including bidding Splinters after 1NT and offers some ideas for slam bidding. A chapter is also devoted to coping with interference.

120 practice hands (and solutions) are given to help the reader adapt to the system.

This is one of the recently donated books new to the library and is recommended for those intermediate players who are looking for a way to bring more accuracy to their No Trump bidding.

(David Lehmann)

Profile

Philip and Ailsa Smith



AILSA and I both spent our early years in CSR sugar towns of Far North Queensland, Ailsa near Innisfail and me near Cairns-but we did not know one another in those days. My working life started with the C.S.R. Co. in Brisbane. After 2 years it became apparent that promotion beyond Junior Office Boy was unlikely, and a career change was called for. So I found myself at Medical School. A few years later Ailsa came to work at my old work place, and eventually our paths crossed. We married soon after I graduated.

Getting into Medical School was probably easier in the days before TE scores, but staying there was hard work. Because of the high failure rate (40 % in year 1, 30% in year 2) competition was serious, with little time for the activities other students became involved in. Hospital Residency years were also hard work—incredibly long hours, and the concept of overtime pay had not been thought of.

After spending 3 years of hospital training (Brisbane and Adelaide) we then lived in Mildura for 1 year, London for 1 year then Grafton NSW for 13 years. In country towns like Grafton the hospitals do not employ any medical staff, so all medical services are provided by the local doctors. As specialists are scarce this involved a wide range of hospital based activities—in my case mainly anaesthetics.

As I was seldom home this left Ailsa to bring up our 3 children. However she did find time to establish a garden, and perfect her

cooking and catering skills—even to the extent of catering for the local Beef Steak and Burgundy Club and catering for a wedding.

Whilst in Grafton we had the opportunity to take 3 months off work, which we spent on a quick caravan dash around Australia. Over the years we have been fortunate to see a lot of Australia via camping or Caravan. In recent years overseas travel has become possible. Africa, India and North America have all proved fascinating in different ways—the incredible wild life of Africa, the colour, chaos and culture of India, the grandeur of USA and Canada.

We have 3 children---Andrew is an accountant-(one time Taxation Commissioner for NT), now with a law firm in Brisbane. Madeline is a Graphic Artist in an advertising firm in Sydney, and James (our baby) is a computer programmer who works part year in Australia and part in Chicago

When the children were about to commence High School, it seemed time to move back to Brisbane rather than send them to Boarding School. I went into a solo practice-quite a contrast from the large group practice I had left. As well as working in the Surgery, Ailsa has always been a keen gardener, and her garden at Russell Street was open to the public via the Australian Open Garden Scheme several times. With her Garden Club we go on interstate tours once a year. This gives access to many places you would not normally see and the magnificence of many of these gardens cannot be described.

Another of Ailsa's interests is embroidery, and our house is adorned with many of her works of art.

In 2005 I “retired” and soon after that we moved to a home with a more manageable sized yard.

We did some basic Bridge Lessons before coming to Brisbane, and joined the Arana Contract Bridge Club in its early days. It has become an important part of our lives, and many of our close friends are people we have met through this club.

Philip Smith

Melbourne Cup Day (Tues Nov 6)

A sea of beautiful flowery hats and fascinators greeted us all on Melbourne Cup Day at the club last Tuesday. Brilliantly organised by Bev O'Hara, this was a great day that all enjoyed. The food was scrumptious, the champagne and punch flowed and oh yes, some bridge was played as well. There were a number of sweeps organized by Sheikh Shardlow and many winners of these, including Ray Cowie, Sri Sriprakash, Lyn Haysom, Charlie Chambers, Maureen Pascoe and Yvonne Howman. Well organised Effendi !

We were a little late at the starting gates with the play, but the stewards John and Helen soon had the day under way.

We found out during the occasional trivia questions posed by Mrs O'Hara how little we actually know about the cards that we play with all the time.....I for one did not know that the King of Hearts was practically suicidal (note the sword behind his head) but the way I played him last week, I am hardly surprised.

The best hat competition was won by Carmel Steer, with special mention going to Glenys (get your sunglasses out) Bobbermein and Jan Powell for their millinery creations.

Judge Helen McLauchlan had a hard task selecting the winners, as there were many to choose from. And yes, there was a prize for the best male hat as well and this was awarded to Brother Hugh Reilly who was posing as a champion jockey.

Our thanks to our sponsors UDC Pharmacy McGinn Road, for donating prizes and to Peter Anderson for the prize of a buffet for two at the Broncos Club (won by Raymond Stewart).

A surprise visit by another horse rider (Ross Topweight Shardlow) had us briefly entertained as he gave us a few tips for the race and when he was suddenly in need of medical attention, vet nurse Sue Norton was on hand with a horse enema or some such remedy, which had him running away faster than the horses!

Many photos of the day were taken by Lorraine Steele and Bob Dancer, and some of these are in this issue.

The race was able to be viewed on the wall by a very happy crowd, although of course, slight disappointment at the result experienced by 23 out of 24 punters, as per usual Melbourne Cup result, and I imagine that this was nation wide, also as usual!

A great day was had by all on this auspicious occasion.....if you missed it, get yourself a fancy hat and be sure to get there next year!

Cheers, Sue Kennard



Sue Kennard and tabled goodies



Dorothy James and Sri



Winners of the best costume and hat



The jockey who lost his horse



Lorraine Steele in Cup spirit

Places we have all been (courtesy of Darlene Smith)

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

I may have been in Continent, and I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing!

Games Afternoon on October 18

The Variety Games and Cards Afternoon was well attended. Many thanks to members who loaned their games, to those who assisted at the games tables, and others for contributing to the afternoon tea.

Appreciation also to:-

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who donated the attractive Presentation Basket of fruit for the "Lucky Door" prize, won by Jan Powell.

Some Trivia

The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows. In the Renaissance era, it was fashion to shave them off!

Because of the speed at which Earth moves around the Sun, it is impossible for a solar eclipse to last more than 7 minutes and 58 seconds.

Google is actually the common name for a number with a hundred zeros.

It takes glass one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!