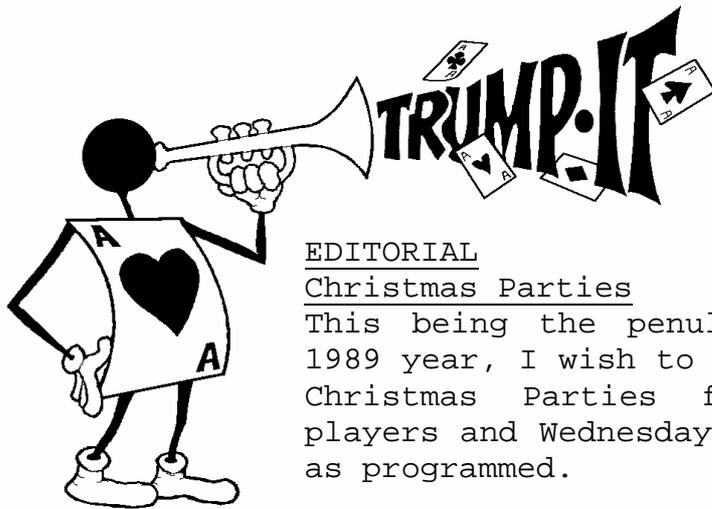


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EDITORIAL

Christmas Parties

This being the penultimate "Trump-It" for the 1989 year, I wish to remind our members that the Christmas Parties for both Tuesday daytime players and Wednesday night players will be held as programmed.

Tuesday day-time	December 12th	9.30 a.m.
Wednesday night	December 13th	7.30 p.m.

The format of both parties will be much the same as previous years. Members are asked to bring a plate of 'goodies' and the club will provide the drinks (beer, wine and punch).

A shortened social game of bridge will commence at the above scheduled times, followed by our party.

Trophies for the winners of the 1989 Championship events will be presented during the Wednesday night festivities.

We hope that many of our day-time members will take the opportunity of attending the Wednesday night party as well as their normally preferred day-time game.

1989 Play Seminar

Two seminars are set down for Sunday 26th November. The first session, commencing 10 a.m. sharp will cover suit play "Preparation at trick 1". The afternoon seminar, covering NT play "Preparation at trick 1" will commence approximately 1 p.m. The Seminar should be finished by 4 p.m.

If you are planning to attend and have not yet given your name to me, please ensure that you do. Due to the cost factor of printing, we will be producing only enough notes for those in attendance on the day.

Those who are intending to be at both sessions, we remind you to bring a picnic lunch. If you prefer, fast take-away outlets are close at hand. The club will provide tea and coffee on the day.

The cost of attending is \$2 per session.

Judy Valentine.
(Editor)

(The following article has been edited as some of the information printed in 1978 pertained to events of that year and are not relevant to the history. Ed.)

QBA HISTORY (1934 - 1960)

Frank CAYLEY (dec.) was the first President of the QBA. From records and press cuttings that Frank had kept, it was established that the date of the formation of the QBA was 15.2.1934, though the President and Committee was not elected till 1.3.1934 (Griffith's Tea Rooms, 309 Queen Street Brisbane).

There are no other official records prior to 1960. When the decision to write the 'History of the QBA' was made, Mrs. N. HATTON, a delegate of the QBA Council until the middle of 1978, contacted M.J. (Mick) SULLIVAN who she hoped would have personal records, old programmes and a very good memory. With his assistance, the following is recorded:

World Olympic (Aust. section)	1936 NS	O.S.Hirschfeld-T.S.Moore
	1939 EW	J.A.Layard-M.J.Sullivan
	1940 NS	F.Garnsey-O.S.Hirschfeld
	EW	H.W.Hiley-M.J.Sullivan
	1941 NS	Mrs.V.Jackson-Miss B.North
	EW	H.W.Hiley-M.J.Sullivan
Australia-New Zealand	1936 NS	W.F.R.Boyce-E.F.J.Ulrich
Olympic (inter-dominion)	1938	W.F.R.Boyce-M.J.Sullivan (92.6%)
	1939 NS	J.A.Layard-M.J.Sullivan
A/Asian Par Point C'ships	1941	F.Garnsey-O.S.Hirschfeld
	1943	H.W.Hiley-M.J.Sullivan
	1950	H.W.Hiley-M.J.Sullivan
World Par Point C'ship (36 nation field 4376 pairs)	1951	F.Garnsey-O.S.Hirschfeld 3rd.
World International Bidding Contest	1953	Australian 6-man team Contest comprising - H.W.Hiley-M.J.Sullivan (Q) J.Makai-T.Seres (NSW) G.Ewing-E.Mohl (VIC)

During 1951 all Australians celebrated a Golden Jubilee - the 50th birthday of the Commonwealth - and to commemorate the occasion, the Australian Federal and State Governments, assisted by many committees, organised a nation-wide series of festivals, sporting events and celebrations. As a contribution, the Australian Bridge Council (now Australian Bridge Federation) decided to widen the 1951 Australasian Par Point Championship into a World Olympic. The contest was sponsored by the Australian Government which provided Jubilee trophies, and was conducted by the Australian Bridge Council with the assistance of international, national and regional contract bridge organisations.

The Olympic had its genesis in a personal letter sent to the Australian Bridge Council by the President of the QBA, M.J.Sullivan. The suggestion was acclaimed and, following traditional practice, the Council appointed the winners of the 1950 A/Asian Par Point Championship, H.W.Hiley and M.J.Sullivan, as Olympic Committee, Handsetters and General Tournament Directors.

The Australian National Championships were conducted in Brisbane in 1937 (McWhirter's), 1949-1954 (City Hall basement) and 1959 (Lennon's Hotel, George Street). State representatives for all National Championships were chosen by a selection committee or in general committee, but trials were conducted in 1954.

"Candidates for both Open and Women's Teams played matches against each other using identical hands, pre-dealt in turn by a member of the selection committee. All bids and play was recorded."

Queensland's first success in the A.N.C. came in 1957 when Mrs.R. Hicks (Q) - Mrs.S. Fead (Vic) won the Australian Women's Pairs Championship.

State Championships for Individual and Pairs were inaugurated in 1938. These were abandoned when World War II broke out and were not restored until 1960 - with Pairs and Teams.

Individual	1938 F.Garnsey
	1939 J.A.Layard)
	M.J.Sullivan) equal
Pairs	1938 Mrs. C.Brennan - Miss B.North
	1939 J.A.Layard - M.J.Sullivan
	1960 Miss M.Leichney - H.K.Tully
Teams	1960 Mrs. R.Hicks
	H.W.Hiley (captain)
	G.McCutcheon
	D.G.Neill

Three Honorary Life Memberships were granted in the fifties.

MRS. E. FENTON ROBINSON (contributed by Dr.D.G.Neill): She died at the age of 101 and played regularly at the club until she was 98. She continued to play at her home when visited by club members. On her 100th birthday she described to me, quite accurately, how her partner on the previous day could have made a small slam she (Mrs. Robinson) had bid, but she did not say anything about it as her friends were "so good to come and play with me". She was an aunt of the LEICHNEY sisters, well known in both Toowoomba and Brisbane bridge clubs.

W.F.R. BOYCE : With M.J.Sullivan he was the joint owner of the Brisbane Bridge Club of 455 Adelaide Street opened c.1932. He was writer for the "Courier" and the "Telegraph" under the name of 'Quart-Major' and was a regular player at the club for many years. He was President of the Association in 1955 and played bridge until well into his eighties and died aged 94. He was an uncle of Mrs. F.H.PENFOLD (dec.), Vice President of the QBA for many years.

The third of this trio was MICHAEL J.SULLIVAN (1894-1974) - his contribution to bridge was so great that it would be impossible to list all his achievements.

Queensland can be justly proud of the bridge achievements of the late MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN, an Honorary Life Member of the QBA and the Australian Bridge Federation. The following is a brief summary of his many achievements.

"Mick", as he was known to all his friends, was born in Beaudesert, in 1894 and was one of the prime movers of the development of bridge in Queensland. The first tournament for State Championships titles, decided by rubber bridge matches under Auction Bridge Laws, was conceived, promoted and conducted by him prior to the formation of the Queensland Bridge Association.

When Contract Bridge, then in its infancy, was introduced to Brisbane he was quick to see the advantage it had over Auction Bridge. He did a tremendous amount of work promoting the game in Australia, particularly in Brisbane.

From his early days, he had a flair for journalism and contributed numerous articles and problems to newspapers, both local and overseas; he corresponded regularly with Ely Culbertson on possible improvements to the game.

He was a fine analyst and as a setter of par point hands, in the opinion of H.W. HILEY, had no peer. With either J.A. Layard or H.W. HILEY he was successful in many World Olympic and Australian (Par Point) Pairs Championships.

On the home front he was official QBA Tournament Director 1938-52 incl., Secretary 1939-45 incl., and President in 1950 and 1951. He was a member of all Queensland interstate teams 1946-57 incl. three times as captain.

The Australian Jubilee Year World Olympic for Pairs (1951) was conceived by him; the Australian Bridge Council appointed Mick and H.W. Hiley as organisers. In similar vein the 1954 World Bidding championship was conceived and organised by him.

The success of these ventures led to the conception of a world body but his ideas were not to come to fruition until 1958 when, at the annual Juan-les-Pins Congress, a conference of Baron Roberts de Nixon (France) Geoffrey L. Butler (Great Britain), Charles H. Goren (U.S.) and Michael SULLIVAN decided to found the World Bridge Federation.

He represented Zone 7 (Australia and New Zealand) on that body from 1958 until his retirement in 1970. He was Chairman of the World Bridge Federation Constitution Committee set up in 1958 and was joint formulator of the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge, published in 1963 as the International Code Laws.

In 1961 and 1963 he organised the World Bridge Federation Global Par Point Championships.

He was the first Honorary Life Member of the ABF. A medallion was struck and presented to him on 25th August, 1974 by the President of the ABF James de C. O'Sullivan, at a function arranged by the QBA at 17 Manning Street, South Brisbane.

An appreciation of his work was published in "World Bridge News" on the occasion of his 80th birthday. He died suddenly on 29th December, 1974 and a personal tribute, written by his friend H.W. HILEY appeared in "Australian Bridge" and was republished in "World Bridge News"

His daughter, Mrs. Mary Brown is a member of the Gold Coast Bridge Club.

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MELBOURNE CUP PARTY

Having been driven from our regular venue by a group of Senior Citizens wielding party hats and balloons, we transferred our group of bridge enthusiasts to 26 Ardisia Street where a Melbourne Cup party was held. I defy anyone to come up with a group of 24 people who were quieter than this lot. Bridge being the serious game it is, it was head down and tail up from the word go. Mind you there was the odd frivolity and the threatening of bodily harm to partner from time to time, which I as Director completely ignored.

The members, as per usual, outdid themselves with providing a luncheon that added a large number of calories to ones daily intake. In the traditional spirit of Melbourne Cup parties, champagne was available to those who wished to participate in a drop or two, and for those who wished to keep a clear head a punch was available.

Jenny Lewis took on the job of running a couple of sweeps and even bridge was adjourned whilst everyone cheered their horse on to victory.

SWEEP WINNERS

Sweep 1-	Muriel Miller (1st)	Sweep 2-	Margaret Cameron (1st)
	Hazel Bitomsky (2nd)		Jenny Lewis (2nd)
	Marion Richardson (3rd)		Sylvia McCutcheon (3rd)

BRIDGE GAME WINNERS

N/S 1st - Dot Cain - Joyce Rosser
 2nd - Jenny Lewis - Hazel Bitomsky
 3rd - Jessie McIntyre - Ian Baxter

E/W 1st - Ilene Bishop - Muriel Anderssen
 =2nd - Slyvia McCutcheon - Margaret Joyce
 =2nd - Joan Sadleir - Nora Towler

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JENNY'S PROBLEM HAND

Jenny Lewis is a very conscientious student of bridge and is always giving me difficult hands to try and solve. This one I have been trying to lose for some time, but Jenny keeps reminding me so I guess I had better do something about it.

	Q 6 5	
	10 5	
	9 6 5 4	
	Q 10 6 5	
A J 9 8 3		4
4		A J 9 8 6
2		A K 10 8 7 3
A K 9 7 4 2		8
	K 10 7 2	
	K Q 7 3 2	
	Q J	
	J 3	

CONTRACT 3NT by East
LEAD Heart 3

Personally, Jenny, I would have put the hand in the bin and maybe then, I would have had a good night's sleep.

The hand will make easily if the defence returns a heart when you give up a diamond trick. Making 2 hearts, 1 spade, 5 diamonds and 2

clubs. When winning with the heart jack on the first trick, I think you have no alternative but to start cashing diamonds from the ace, king, down. If North returns a spade after winning the diamond trick, then the hand can't possibly make. You have no control over any suit and can't return to your own hand to collect winners. From dummy the defence will defeat the contract before you can establish any suit. If North returns a low club, I would duck for one round, just on the off-chance that the club suit may behave by dividing 3-3 (we all live in hope). If south returns a club after the club lead from partner, rise with the ace and set up the suit before the spade ace is knocked out. This will give you at least 8 tricks as the cards lie and if we are lucky, or South gets careless by holding hearts instead of spade, an end-play in the spade suit should give you the entry back into your own via the forced heart lead by south. The danger suit is spades. If they tackle this suit, you've had it. If they find club leads, you have a chance. The only sure way of making the contract is if hearts are returned. Forget about it, Jenny, its not worth losing sleep over!!!!