



# ARANA

## *Contract Bridge Club Inc*

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### **Editor's desk**

CLUBHOUSE discussion dominated last month. Most members were in favour of making an offer for the church hall at Buller & Baden-Powell Streets. The site is ideal but the hall needs extensive renovation, and the final sale price is likely to be well in excess of what we could afford. A special general meeting discussed the condition of the hall and our financial capacity before deciding not to proceed with a tender.

Arana's 3 teams acquitted themselves well in the 1996 interclub teams at Northern Suburbs. But for a few early losses by the C team, we could easily have finished in the placings.

We copped a real hiding from Sunnybank in the annual teams match with only 1 of our 6 teams finishing in the top half of the field (6th).

**Richard McLauchlan**

### **Management committee**

ITEMS of interest from the management committee meeting of 2 September include:

Possible clubhouse sites at Keperra, Mitchelton and near the tramway museum as suggested by Cr Bennison were unsuitable or unavailable.

Committee was not in favour of tendering for the church hall at Everton Park but the member survey returned a strong yes vote, favouring a limit of around \$280 000 to \$290 000. An offer based on the maximum the bank will lend will be made, pending members approval and commitment to meet repayments.

We have \$8 900 cash and \$105 000 invested. With accrued interest, we will roll over \$117 000 to the investment account in mid-September.

Welcome to new members Carol Cox, Edna Ford, Ann Fursman and Dawn Symons.

The pairs' championships will be played in October (Tuesday) and November (Wednesday).

There may be a \$3 per person entry fee to cover pre-dealt boards if these are required.

Due to family commitments, Margarete Golden is resigning as secretary. We will attempt to make do until next year if no volunteers are forthcoming.

### **Northern novices**

ARANANS Judy Perkins, Isabel Bailey, Vonnie Wallace, Margaret Joyce, Pat & Peter MacDonald, Marian Richardson and Carol Wilson competed in the novice pairs at Northern Suburbs on 4 August. Former Aranans Graham Mahoney & Val Welland also made an appearance in the 22 table field.

Some good results were seen in the morning session with Judy and Isabel in third spot at one stage. However, most jumped up and down the field over the day; the best result was Carol Wilson & Joan Schuh who finished fifth overall.

**Carol Wilson**

### **BBC swiss teams**

THE CUTMORE (Julie, Jan Rae, Pat & Peter MacDonald) and ROSSER (Joyce, Joan Sargent, Helen & Richard McLauchlan) teams were among the 22 tables at BBC on 25 August.

Both teams started badly in a tough field. After the director was called to Jan & Julie's table a couple of times, the CUTMORE team donned their boxing gloves, got stuck into some opponents and climbed to 6th outright and top of the plate with 2 rounds to go. The 5th team made life difficult but they still managed a respectable 11th overall and 3rd in the plate.

Overall winners were part time Aranans Steve & Verna Brookes, teaming with Ian & Michelle Halford. The high point of ROSSER'S day was climbing off the bottom with a couple of late wins.

**Richard McLauchlan**

## Interclub teams

THE 1996 interclub teams attracted 9 clubs to Northern Suburbs club on 1 September. In this event, clubs may enter 1 team in each of 3 sections determined by masterpoint ranking. Arana's teams were: A (open) Richard & Helen McLauchlan, Rita Wood, Betty Willson; B (state master or below) Vonnie Wallace, Margaret Joyce, Philip & Ailsa Smith; and C (local or below) Julie Cutmore, Liz Marshall, Val Cran, Margaret Welldon. Board 3 gave us a good result against a strong TOFS (The Old Fire Station) team.

3/S/EW	A Q J 8	S N
	A 10 5 3	1H 1S
	8 4 3	3S 4C
7 5 4	A 4	9 2
8 4		J 7
Q 7 2		K J 10 9 5
K 10 9 7 3	K 10 6 3	J 8 5 2
	K Q 9 6 2	
	A 6	
	Q 6	

After making 6S, Helen (N) admitted that she had intended to bid 6H not 6S. Several pairs (including Betty & Rita's opponents) did bid 6H but went I down. Why? You will find it all in Judy's book under the superiority of the 4-4 fit over the 5-3 fit. Off a C lead, Helen played the Q, K and A. Three rounds of trumps were followed by 5 rounds of Hs, Helen discarding her losing C. The AD, concede a D, cross ruff the last D and C adds up to 12 tricks which are not there in Hs.

Considering the entire A team was eligible for B grade and half the B team was eligible for C grade, Arana did well on the day.

The A team beat QCBC and drew with TOFS, the only bad result being against BBC (0/19) for a total of +26 IMPS and 4th. The B team grabbed the lead from Norths with 2 rounds to go but were ultimately pipped by them by 1 IMP to finish 2nd on +43. The C team had a bad morning session with some large losses. They won most of their afternoon matches by small margins for a -48 IMP total.

A grade was won by Toowong, B by Northern Suburbs, C by TOFS. The overall winner and interclub champion was BBC, Arana finishing a creditable 5th (+21 IMPS), just behind QCBC.

**Richard McLauchlan**

## Sunshine Coast novice

THE SC attracted 30 pairs to their novice day. Pat & Peter MacDonald were consistent all day to finish 2nd, while Vonnie Wallace & Margaret Joyce continued their recent form with a tidy 6th.

## Church hall survey

FINAL tally of the survey on whether we should tender for the church hall at Buller & Baden-Powell Streets Everton Park was:

Abstain.....	2
Go with committee.....	7
Go with majority.....	3
No.....	24
Yes .....	78
Total.....	114

Of the 'yes' voters, 14 favoured \$250 000, 12 went for \$300 000, 16 suggested the borrowing limit or committee decision, while the rest were mostly between \$260 and \$330 000.

## Sunnybank slaughter

HAVING organised our teams for the annual grudge match against Sunnybank, I went on holidays confident that we would do well in our quest to retain the trophy. That's the good news.

The bad news started with some late withdrawals necessitating a few last minute changes. Sunnybank handled the somewhat wild cards better than Arana to record a comfortable +171 to -171 IMP win.

Sunnybank's teams ran 1-2-3-4-5-12; Arana ran 6-7-8-9-9-11. Best performing Arana team was Albert Lewis, Lillian Kemp, Carol Wilson and Judy Perkins who will score a few masterpoints for their -15 IMP total and 6th. Maybe next year?

**Richard McLauchlan**

## Important dates

- Tue 8-15-22/10 Arana President's pairs
- Sat 12-13/10 Dalby congress
- Sun 13/10 Redlands swiss pairs
- Sat 19-20/10 BBC (inc Qld pairs) congress
- Sun 27/10 Qld graded teams (QCBC)
- **Wed 30/10 Australia-wide pairs**
- Sun 27/10 Qld graded teams (QCBC)
- Mon 28/10 Management committee meeting
- Sat 2-3/10 Northern Suburbs congress
- Tue 5/10 Melbourne Cup day
- **Wed 6-13-20/10 Arana pairs championship**
- Sat 9-10/10 Noosa congress