



# ARANA

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### **FIRST ANNUAL ARANA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

On Sunday, 29th of September, 10 teams fronted up to find out if they were best. Each played 6 – 9 board matches, ably directed by Richard McLauchlan. The finishing positions were:

First – Team #10 – McLauchlan – Richard and Helen McLauchlan, Margaret Welldon and Peter Gill.

Second – Team #8 – Dancer – Bob Dancer, Gary Lynch, Vonnice Wallace and Julie Cutmore.

Third – Team #5 – Gulley – Geoff Gulley, Tony Lye, Frank Houlton and Val Cran.

Fourth – Team #7

Fifth – Team #3

Sixth – Tie – Team #2 and #6

Seventh – Team #9

Eighth – Team #1

Ninth – Team #4

A good time was had by all and it is hoped that next year we will have a bigger field to challenge for CLUB CHAMPION.

### **FIRST ARANA NOVICE TEAMS EVENT**

On Sunday October 13, 2002, Arana held its first Novice Teams event, open to players with under 50 Masterpoints. A field of 9 teams competed.

First place went to the SYMONS team: Dawn Symons, Kerri Malt, Judy and Gary Mitchell.

Second place – Bill Law, Peter Van Eden, Wendy Pollard and Margaret Woodroffe.

Third Place – Gay Hull, Margaret Dancer, Leslie White and Fay Collard.

### **From the President....**

The last QBA meeting gave us more than a little food for thought. The total number of players in QBA-approved congresses is roughly constant from year to year, while the total number of club members is increasing. The number of clubs is also increasing, and so is the number of congresses.

You don't have to be an Einstein to work out that the average number of players per congress is decreasing. It seems that those congresses which are well-promoted are increasing their attendance, while those who depend on simply sending out entry forms are dying slowly. We will therefore do some work early in 2003 to determine the best approach for us to promote such events.

At the last committee meeting we also discussed ways to ensure that most of the events we run do a little more than cover their cost. This will ensure that the ordinary club player is not subsidising the club's better players. This can easily be done, providing that a full outline of the costs of running an event is available well beforehand, before entry fees are decided. These will next year be put before the committee three months before events such as congresses and club championships.

We are finally running a session on Saturday afternoons, and are quite happy with the modest start so far. For the first two months, we will be giving a day's free play for both First and Second places to encourage members and visitors to join us and try it.

After a visit from our friendly local tax-man, we at first thought we might have made some errors in the way we handled GST last financial year. Now, however, it all appears to be resolved, and we do not expect any additional costs at this stage.

Some members have been a little alarmed to hear the young football and cricket club members referring to 'their clubrooms'. This is strictly correct, as the City Council is the legal owner of the building, while all three clubs have clearly defined rights to use the building. Our committee regards it as important for all three clubs to have a sense of ownership and pride in the building, as this will guarantee that it is looked after in the long term. I would like to remind our members that all clubs have rights of access to the disabled toilet, and we should be careful not to block the connecting door with rubbish bins or anything else which will prevent easy access.

It is quite a milestone in the club's history to have all hands being dealt by machine, so that hand records are available for all sessions. This can become a two-edged sword, as the time required for post-mortems can be significant.

Finally, I have received a few complaints from members about other members berating their partners, (and particularly their spouses), at the bridge table when a hand is completed. We all occasionally feel an urge to chide (or even strangle) a partner, but I would ask all members to keep in mind the following:-

- A verbal assault on a partner can be deeply unpleasant to others at the table.
- It is amazing how often the analysis on which the attack is based is simply wrong.

I would ask all members to be considerate to all others at their table.

**Bob Dancer, President**

### MONDAY PAIRS

The Monday Pairs (Green Points) started on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September with 32 pairs competing. It was unfortunately called short after only 2 rounds, the third being called a non-event. The first three place winners were:

First Place – Geoffrey Gulley – Bob Dancer

Second Place – Jenny Lewis – Pam Horton

Third Place – Julie Cutmore – Liz Marshall

Handicap winners – Gary and Judy Mitchell

Congratulations to all.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Playing and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Northern Suburbs Novice Teams on 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2002 were:

Colin Anderson  
Nora Towler  
Rosemary Matthew  
Robert Matthew

### MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS AS OF 27 September 2002

<i>Graduate</i>	Joan Anne Crank Beatrice Kassulke Heather Salzgeber
<i>Club</i>	John Black Peter Carton Ray Cowie Jan McRobbie
<i>Local</i>	Caroline Black
<i>Local *</i>	Anne Gulley Kerry Malt Wendy Pollard Maree Tyas
<i>Regional</i>	Carolyn Garden Allan McIntyre
<i>National *</i>	Jan Rae
<i>Silver Life</i>	Peter Gill

Well Done to all!!!



### LIBRARY LINES

by Ilene Bishop  
Arana Bridge Club Librarian

"A surprising number of otherwise good partnerships founder on the mutual lack of partnership understanding in defence," according to Tony Sowter, author of ***Bridge: Improve your defence (B5)***. In the first chapter he states that the defender on opening lead must decide whether to produce a "BUSY" or "PASSIVE" lead. "A busy lead will take the chance of giving declarer a trick or

tricks that he could not make without your help, in the hope of establishing enough tricks for the defence before declarer has time to make his contract. A passive lead is an attempt to avoid giving declarer an extra trick in the hope that, provided he is given no help, he will have insufficient wherewithal to make his contract." To make such a decision it is necessary to consider two pieces of information – the bidding and your own cards.

Sowter uses numerous examples including those from World Championship players to illustrate his suggested avenues of play. Some of the other chapters are Signalling and Discarding, Deceptive Defence and Don't Blame Partner, it was Your Fault!

The author has a conversational style of writing that is easy to follow. He gives, you the reader, a hand or the entire deal and then asks you to try various means of play discussing the possibilities and hence the consequences as the play proceeds.

From the Foreword by Ben Garozzo: "What is often overlooked is that the brilliant piece of card play that produces the end result started with a simple plan."

P.S. In The QBA Bulletin May-June 2002 is a review of Opening Leads in Bridge, a current book by the above author, Tony Sowter.



### A BRIDGE LESSON

By Eddie Kantar

A good partnership has most common (and not so common) bidding sequences defined. In the following sequences North is the opener and South the responder. Your job is to decide whether the last bid ("?") in the sequence is forcing or not forcing.

	North	South
1)	1♦ 2♥?	1♠
2)	1♣ 2Nt	1♥ 3♥?

- 3) 1♠ 1NT  
2♦ 3NT  
3♦?
- 4) 1♠ 1NT  
2♦ 2NT  
3♠?
- 5) 1♠ 1NT  
2♦ 2NT  
3♥?
- 6) 1♣ 1♠  
2♦ 2♠  
2NT
- 7) 1♥ 1♠  
2♦ 2NT  
3♠?



- 1) Forcing: A reverse after a one-level response is a one-round force. After a two-over-one response, a reverse is a game force.
- 2) Forcing: After a jump rebid to 2NT, any non-game rebid by the responder is forcing.
- 3) Not forcing: Opener is showing a minimum spade-diamond two-suiter.
- 4) Forcing: Opener is showing extras with six spades and four diamonds. With a minimum 6-4, opener normally rebids the six-card suit first. Responder's rebid of 2NT shows a maximum 1NT response, typically 10 HCP.
- 5) Forcing: Opener is showing a game going hand with a likely 5-3-4-1 pattern. With a 5-4-4-0 pattern, opener is supposed to rebid 2♥, not 2♦.
- 6) Not forcing: Responder's rebid of 2♠ is forced (opener's 2♦ rebid is a one-round force so responder may be weak) and 2NT is passable showing a likely minimum reverse with 17-18 HCP.
- 7) Forcing: Delayed support at the three level is forcing. Opener is describing a hand with three spades, too strong to raise directly. Responder's 2NT rebid, not forcing, shows about 11 HCP, opener should be in the 15-17 HCP range.

### New Words for 2002

**Swiped Out:** An ATM or credit card that has been rendered useless because the magnetic strip is worn away from extensive use.

**Blamestorming:** Sitting around in a group, discussing why a deadline was missed or a project failed, and who was responsible.

**Cube Farm:** An Office filled with cubicles.

**Stress Puppy:** A person who seems to thrive on being stressed out and whiny.

From The Hills Echo August 2002



### **Important Phone Numbers –**

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### **Important Dates**

- 19 - 20 Oct Sat-Sun BBC Congress
- 22 Oct Tues President's Pairs (wk 3)
- 26 Oct Sat Hervey Bay Congress
- 26 - 27 Oct Qld graded teams (QCBC)
- 30 Oct Wed Australia Wide Spring Pairs
- 2 -3 Nov Northern Suburbs Butler Pairs
- 3 Nov Surfers Novice Teams
- 3 Nov Cleveland Bay Pairs
- 5 Nov Tue Melbourne Cup
- 6 Nov Wednesday Pairs (wk 1) green points
- 10 Nov QCBC Pairs
- 10 Nov Toowong Novice Teams
- 13 Nov Wednesday Pairs (wk 2)
- 16 Nov Eastern Suburbs Teams
- 20 Nov Wednesday Pairs (wk 3)
- 27 Nov Queensland Wide Pairs



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