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From the President

G.N.O.T.

The Club received a letter from Past President of the QBA, Larry Moses of Toowong Bridge Club praising us for the manner in which our event was run. It is great to receive such recognition.

Ferny Grove Falcons Football Club

I presented the Arana Cup for the Best & Fairest player on Sat 25 Sept. Congratulations to the Falcons as not only did they win the finals in the Under 16s but also the Juniors faired very well. Pride has much to do with their effort along with the facilities. We have all been given the incentive to go that extra yard.

Aged Care Centre – Settlement Road, The Gap

The new Aged Care Centre is open and I have been approached by Chris Colledge to organise a fortnightly game on Thursdays. The residents are under full care and their abilities are limited. However, Chris believes our help would be invaluable in stimulating the minds of those who have played bridge. Can I have some voluntary help please?

Photocopier – Believe it or not, 5,000 copies per month: true cost \$350.00.

Session Attendance - There has been a slight decline in attendance due to sickness and holidays. This will continue through to Christmas. Please put your Home Club first. Declining support can be infectious and we wish to expand our sessions not decrease.

Library – additional video purchases have now been made. **PLEASE! DUE TO HEAVY DEMAND ONE WEEK ONLY.**

Your continued support for the Bring & Buy Table is essential. So far in excess of \$1,000 has been raised – all proceeds have gone to the Library.

Roslyn Akers – Due to other commitments Ros cannot attend as often as she wishes. This does not stop her from attending the Club Thursday fortnightly to deal a week's supply of cards. Many thanks Ros and to all those who operate the dealing machine that we now take for granted. PS How would you like to go back to hand dealt cards with no computer records..

Pearl Cowie – From your Club – Many Happy Returns – 90 years young. I bet she would have some stories to tell.

Illness – To all on the sick list the Club sends best wishes and we look forward to you returning soon.

Membership – Ask amongst your circle of friends. Invite them to sit in on a session and observe. They don't know what they are missing. Our bodies aren't what they used to be, but let's keep the grey matter alive and well.

Remember Bridge is but a game!

Neil Hamilton

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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

A FEW PROFILES By Deslei Den Haan

Towards the end of 1985 Judy Valentine was holding "help with play" sessions at her home when she suggested to the players they form a bridge club. An inaugural meeting took place on 13th March 1986 at Judy's home – sixteen people attended and there were two apologies. It was agreed that the first official club night would be held on 26th March in the Enoggera hall. Of the sixteen people attending the inaugural meeting at Judy's home, two only have continued their membership uninterrupted to this day – Jan McRobbie and Neil Orford. Two others, Gloria and Ray Gledhill rejoined after several years break. Of the three new people who arrived on the 26th for the first official club night, I am the only one remaining and have been a regular weekly player since.

Jan McRobbie was following a Beginners class at Stafford Heights when she and her partner Adrienne Brougham heard about the meeting at Judy's home. Adrienne went on to become the club's President from 1987 to 1991 before moving to the Gold Coast. In 1987 Jan took joint responsibility for the handicapping and produced the club's first diary. She was the club's secretary in 1988 and 1989. Because of work commitments she played only an occasional game for several years. Since her retirement in 2000, Jan has been making up for lost time and is currently playing Monday and Tuesday as well as an occasional Wednesday night and Friday.

Neil Orford and his wife Francis joined one of Judy's classes in the hope of finding partners for social bridge and then continued on with the "help with play" sessions. At the time they had a young child so Francis was unable to join the fledgling club but has played on and off over the years until last year when she became a permanent Monday player. Neil, on the other hand, was volunteered by Judy to be the club's first secretary. Because of his family and work commitments (he is a physical education teacher at Craigslea high), he usually only manages three or four games a year. However, he has tried to teach his teenage pupils to play bridge – lots of fun, hi-jinks and rude remarks (ask Neil) – but not really very successful!

Gloria and Ray Gledhill followed Judy's classes and continued on with the "help with play" sessions. Gloria and Ray were the club's first "tea ladies". However Ray's work at the D.P.I. got in the way of bridge and they were forced to resign. They rejoined the club after Ray's retirement in 1988. At the moment they are Monday and occasional Saturday players.

I would also like to mention our auditor, Peter Nottingham. To many members he is merely the signature at the end of the yearly auditor's report, but Peter's association with the club goes back many years. He joined the club after finishing Judy's first official class in August 1986 and eventually he and Kevin Simpson, who was an inaugural member, became partners. Both men were accountants and in 1987 Peter became the club's treasurer and Kevin the auditor. They continued in these positions until 1994 when they swapped around and Kevin became treasurer and Peter the auditor and secretary. Peter was a member of the first sub-committee appointed to investigate the possibility of the club owning its own premises and he did most of the work required for the club's incorporation in 1990. Tragically Kevin died in 1997 and Peter decided he could no longer continue to play bridge on a regular basis. He continues to be the club's auditor and financial advisor.

Footnote: This is the last in a series of **Historian's Corner** by **Deslei Den Haan**. Deslei's contribution to the Trump-It has given us an amazing insight into the history behind our Club. Deslei stood down as the Club Historian earlier this year but continued to unselfishly give her time for our pleasure. My personal thanks to Deslei for the support she has shown me in my first year as Editor. Enjoy your full-time retirement. **Barbara Holmes**



Our guest book reviewer this edition is Peggy Whittaker

**"A Treasury of Bridge Tips"
2nd edition by Edwin B. Kantor**

When I picked up this book by Eddie Kantor to review, I knew this man had to have a sense of humour because under the title was a sub-title "540 Bidding Tips to Improve Your Partner's Game". On the back of the book he made an interesting statement – "Bridge is a game of fits and misfits".

The book itself is aimed at players who fit between the extremities of beginners and experts. For the majority of us who fit into this category the book could prove very useful. I now intend to set out a few of the tips to enlighten us all.

1. Before opening the bidding with a distributional hand, prepare your rebid. Assume partner will respond in your shortest suit – he always does.
2. A direct natural response of either 2NT or 3NT denies a singleton. A 1NT response may contain a singleton or even a void.
3. In competition, a response of either 2H or 2S promises at least a 5 card suit. With a 4 card major, think "negative double".
4. After a 2 level response to the opening bid, a new suit by the opener is forcing.
5. A new suit by the responder is unlimited and forcing unless the opener rebids 1NT.
6. When you overcall, a reasonable minimum for a one level overcall is a 5 card suit, at least 8HCP plus 3 of the top 5 honours in the suit.
7. When overcalling beware of the death distribution : 5-3-3-2. With this distribution the suit must be strong regardless of vulnerability.
8. The most effective overcalls are those that take up the most bidding space from the opponents.
9. When partner overcalls and you respond some number of NT, you promise one stopper, usually two, in the opponents' suit. You do not promise stoppers in the unbid suits although it is a little easier on the nerves if you have them.
10. After you overcall and partner changes suit denying support for your suit, do not rebid your suit unless you have a strong six card suit.
11. The ideal distribution for a takeout double is 4-4-4-1. Double with as few as 11HCP if your right hand opponent opens in your short suit.
12. Do not pass a low level takeout double because of weakness. The only excuse for passing is length and strength in the opponent's suit : either 5 cards headed by 3 of the top 5 honours or 6 cards headed by 2 or 3 of the top 5 honours.
13. In most slam auctions, the stronger hand bids Blackwood. The weaker hand tells; the stronger hand asks. Re-read this one!
14. When partner bids Blackwood respond 5C with no aces or all 4 aces. If partner can't tell the difference from your previous bidding, either you can't bid or partner can't play.
15. After partner makes a limit raise, do not even think about a slam unless you have a singleton or a void.
16. Pre-empt as often as possible consistent with vulnerability. After you pre-empt, partner is in charge and takes the sacrifices, not you.
17. When the opponent's pre-empt, an overcall of a pre-emptive suit shows opening values. A jump over a pre-empt is strong. With a pre-emptive hand of your own, pass for the time being.
18. A response of 3NT to a 3 level pre-empt ends the auction.
19. When you are a passed hand, a new suit response to an opening bid is not forcing.
20. Do not use Stayman with a 4-3-3-3 or 3-4-3-3 distribution.
21. If you find yourself losing your hair when partner plays the hand, bid NT sooner!
22. More points at the bridge table are lost through cowardice than recklessness. It's a bidder's game.
23. One of the great secrets to being a winning bridge player is knowing when to pass.
24. Systems cannot replace judgement. Nothing can.
25. Play with someone you like as a person and who likes you. Amen

Peggy Whittaker



LIBRARY LINES

Librarians Jan Rae & Kath Rooney

Visit the Library and borrow some videos. We now have the full series of Klinger videos:

Defensive Play

Competitive Bidding I

Competitive Bidding II

Tips on Bidding

Bidding over Pre Empts

Signals and Discards

Advanced Bidding Technkques

Please Note: Members are restricted to borrowing one video at a time for the duration of one week only due to the popularity of these videos.

Two new books have been added to the Library:

25 More Conventions by Seagram & Bird
Bridge Below the Belt by Lenny Cohen & Les Davis.

All purchases of books and videos are being funded from the proceeds of the "Bring and Buy Table".

Saturday Afternoon Bridge 😊😊

Attendance at Saturday afternoon bridge has declined. The Committee is adamant that they want this session to continue.

If parking has been an issue please note that the football season has finished and there is now plenty of parking close to the Club house. In fact, the "iron gate" is always open on Saturdays throughout the football season and Club members are welcome to drive through and park near the Club room entrance.

Let the Committee know if you have any concerns that may prevent you from attending a particular session. It is your Club - you are the "Club".

Arana Travellers

Judy & Gary Mitchell and Anne & Geoff Gulley are heading off in November to Italy for a month on a cruise ship which departs from Genoa. The ship visits Naples, passes through the Suez Canal, then on to the Seychelles ending in Durban, South Africa.

Mid-October will see Marian Arnold and Pat Valentine departing Sydney for South America on the first ever direct flight between these two ports on a Captains Choice Tour. A Qantas jet and crew has been hired specifically for this tour. They will visit Cuba and Mexico, enjoy a cruise down the Amazon and return via Easter Island. The tour will take 17 days

To all our members, wherever you are travelling, we wish you safe & happy trekking.

Short Bridge Puzzles



(see Page 7 for answers)

Finesse For a Jack

Assuming you have adequate entries to either hand, and no clues from the bidding and early play, what is the best play of each of these card combinations for five tricks at notrump:

1. A K 10 3 2 opp. Q 4
2. A K 4 3 2 opp. Q 10

Finesse For a Queen

Assuming you have adequate entries to either hand, and no clues from the bidding and early play, what is the best play of each of these card combinations for five tricks at notrump:

1. A K J 10 9 opp. 8 7
2. A K J 10 9 opp. 8 7 6

Finesse For a King

Assuming you have adequate entries to either hand, and no clues from the bidding and early play, what is the best play of each of these card combinations for the maximum tricks at notrump:

1. A Q 6 5 4 opp. J 3 2
2. A Q 6 5 4 opp. J 3



The Director's Chair

Authorised -v- Unauthorised Information

Information at the bridge table can come to you from a variety of sources – the opponents' system card, the bidding, the play, the way bids are made, the way cards are played, comments, explanations, gestures, facial expressions and so on.

Some of this information comes to you legally – you are entitled to know it and make your own bids and plays with it in mind.

Authorised Information

This includes information from:

- ♣ Admissible (legal) calls
- ♣ Cards legally played
- ♣ Alerts by opponents
- ♣ Explanations by opponents
- ♣ Mannerisms of opponents
- ♣ Information from any withdrawn call or play provided you are on the non-offending side

However, you may also be the beneficiary of other information that you are **not** supposed to know. Using this information to determine how to bid or play is not legal- and liable to penalty. So, as a player, you need to be very aware of the difference.

Unauthorised Information

A. Information from partner via

- ♣ A remark
- ♣ A question
- ♣ A reply to a question
- ♣ Unmistakable hesitation
- ♣ Unnecessary speed
- ♣ Special emphasis, tone, gesture, movement, mannerism etc

In the case of 'A' you may not choose an action that may have been suggested by the unauthorised

information e.g. bidding again instead of passing out the auction; leading a suit that you would otherwise not have led; making a double that your hand would not otherwise suggest.

When your opponent believes such information may have been given, and it could damage his side, he may say that he reserves the right to call the Director later. If you dispute the claim you should call the Director immediately.

If your opponent believes you have made an illegal choice and considers it may have damaged his side, then at the end of play or when dummy is exposed, the Director should be called immediately. The Director will award an adjusted score if he considers damage has occurred.

B. Information from other sources

- ♣ Looking at the wrong hand
- ♣ Overhearing calls, results, remarks at another table
- ♣ Seeing cards at another table
- ♣ Seeing an opponent's card at his own table prior to the auction

In the case of 'B' the player who has received the unauthorised information should call the Director immediately.

If the Director feels that the knowledge will affect normal play he may:

- ♣ Adjust positions so that the player concerned receives that hand
- ♣ Appoint a temporary substitute (by agreement)
- ♣ Award an adjusted score and not allow the hand to be played

C. Information from Withdrawn Calls or Plays

- ♣ If you are on the offending side then all information gained is unauthorised

In the case of 'C' you may not choose an action suggested by information gained from the withdrawn or substituted call or play by your partner or the opponents. If you do, then the Director may follow the actions outlined in 'A'.

Next month: Systems – what are Green, Blue, Red and Yellow Systems? How do you know which category your system comes under?

Bob Pearce

Declarer Takes Advantage of Friendly Lead

Good players choose the right opening lead more often, but it is impossible to master the art. Why not? Because the same lead could be great on one deal and lousy on the next. On today's deal declarer would have no chance with a club lead; but West, as most players, did not want to lead from an ace-queen combination.



4 ♠ by South

Both Vul

♠ 7

♥ A K 9 4 2

♦ K Q 3 2

♣ J 7 5

♠ J 10 9

♥ Q 10 7 3

♦ 5 4

♣ A Q 9 6



♠ Q 4 2

♥ J 8 5

♦ J 10 9 6

♣ K 10 8

♠ A K 8 6 5 3

♥ 6

♦ A 8 7

♣ 4 3 2

Lead: ♠ J

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	All Pass	

The first four bids were routine: South showed five spades with his opening bid, and six with his rebid; North showed five hearts and four diamonds. South's next call was unattractive. Rather than bid notrump without a club stopper or raise diamonds with only three cards, he elected to overstate the quality of his spade suit. North raised to game to end the bidding.

West led the spade jack... and then there was life. Declarer won the king, cashed the spade ace (throwing a club from dummy), and quickly cashed two hearts to discard a club. Declarer still was not home. Should he return to his hand and lead a spade, hoping spades are three-three? Or should he play three rounds of diamonds, hoping that suit breaks three-three? In the latter case declarer could discard another

club on the last diamond, limiting his losers to two trumps and a club.

Which play would you choose? Obviously, the first one works as the cards lie; but the proper choice is *neither*. There is a better chance. Declarer ruffed a heart, led a diamond to the queen, and led another heart. East could not gain by ruffing — South would throw a club loser — so he discarded and South ruffed. (If East had followed suit to the fourth heart, declarer would *discard a club* and later hope for a three-three spade break.) Finally, declarer crossed to the diamond king and led the last heart (which was good) to get rid of a club as an opponent ruffed — making four hearts.

Anyone for leading the unbid suit? An original club lead will defeat the contract *two* tricks with perfect defense: West wins the third club trick and leads his *last club*, which East ruffs with the *spade queen*. Ouch!

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

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Masterpoint Movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members for the month of August 2004:

Graduate Master

Ron Heather

Club Master

Margaret Bell

Local Master

Ann Pearce

John Martin

Regional Master

Evelyn Faulkner

State Master

Peggy Whittaker

** National Master*

Margaret Welldon

Helen McLauchlan (MP Secretary)

The Dummy Reversal

Today's deal occurred in a local club game. The bidding is shown as it happened at one table.

North-South were playing weak two-bids (strong two-bids are becoming obsolete at duplicate bridge). Therefore, South had to open two clubs, strong and artificial, to which North responded two diamonds, negative (0-7 points). South then showed his real suit and North happily raised. The next two bids were ace-showing (trying for slam), and South took the final plunge into six hearts.

Of the 13 times this deal was played only seven pairs managed to reach the excellent six-heart contract (one pair bid *seven* hearts — oops!). And of those seven pairs only *two* were successful.



6♥ by South

None Vul

♠ J 8 2

♥ J 9 8 7

♦ A 7 4 3

♣ 9 2

♠ K 10 4 3

♥ 6 5 4

♦ K Q 10 8

♣ 7 6



♠ Q 9 6

♥ 2

♦ J 9 6 5

♣ J 10 8 5 4

♠ A 7 5

♥ A K Q 10 3

♦ 2

♣ A K Q 3

Lead: ♦K

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
All Pass			

After the obvious lead of the diamond king, the ace was won in dummy. The unsuccessful declarers sooner or later tried to cash three top clubs, intending to discard a spade so that a spade could be ruffed in dummy. When the third club was ruffed, it was all over. Dummy could overruff, of course, but there was nothing declarer could do to avoid losing two spade tricks.

The successful declarers were made of sterner stuff. They recognized the potential of a “dummy reversal” – establishing the dummy's hand by ruffing losers in declarer's hand.

After winning the diamond ace, a diamond was ruffed *high* in the South hand. Two top clubs were cashed (this could have been postponed as the cards lie, but was technically correct), followed by a low trump to dummy and another diamond ruff *high*. The heart 10 was overtaken by dummy's jack and the last diamond was ruffed by South. Dummy was entered by ruffing South's small club and the last enemy trump was drawn. One of dummy's spade losers could then be discarded on South's high club. That came to 12 tricks.

Notice that the recommended line required that only *two* clubs be cashed instead of three – a fact which proved to be the winning edge.



Answers

Finesse For a Jack

- (1) Cash the top honors;
- (2) Lead the two and finesse the 10.

The reason for the difference is that with (1) you can benefit from a doubleton jack, whereas with (2) the 10 will fall on the same trick.

Finesse For a Queen

- (1) Finesse the jack then finesse the 10;
- (2) Cash the ace then finesse the jack (and the 10 if necessary).

The reason for the difference is that with (1) you could not finesse twice if you cashed the ace first.

Finesse For a King

- (1) Finesse the queen then (if it wins) cash the ace;
- (2) Lead the four to the jack.

Note that with (2) it is impossible to win all five tricks, and leading toward the jack gains when the opponent in front of the jack has K-x.



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Sat	2	Tamborine swiss pairs
Sun	3	Tamborine novice swiss teams (0-99) Redlands swiss pairs
Tue	5	President's red point pairs (wk 1)
Sat	9	Gold Coast butler pairs & teams; Dalby pairs; Mackay teams
Sun	10	Arana Novice teams (0-99) Dalby teams; Gympie pairs; Cleveland Bay (T-ville) teams
Sat - Sun	16 - 17	BBC pairs (inc Qld open & novice)
Fri - Sun	22 - 24	Magnetic teams (T'ville)
Sun	24	Qld graded teams (QCBC)
Tue	26	Australia wide spring pairs
Sat	30	(30 - 31) Northern Suburbs pairs; Central Qld teams (Mackay); Hervey Bay pairs
Sun	31	Surfers novice teams (0-99); Hervey Bay teams

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