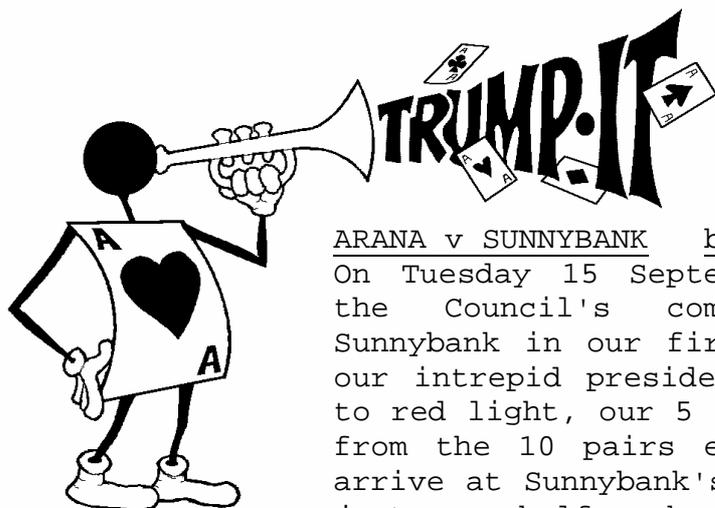


# ARANA CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INC



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## ARANA v SUNNYBANK by Richard McLauchlan

On Tuesday 15 September, 20 members boarded the Council's community bus to tackle Sunnybank in our first inter-club match. With our intrepid president driving from red light to red light, our 5 teams were drawn at random from the 10 pairs entered and we managed to arrive at Sunnybank's home, the Bowls Club, in just over half an hour.

Someone said that the cards had been shuffled by hand but the packs were new. The new cards threw weird distributions and produced a real mixed bag of long suits (8 and 9 carded suits were common), a high percentage of slams (at least 1 per table with about half biddable) and quite a diversity of scores. The cards ran a little better for N/S but E thought he was on a good thing with board 2.

|        |   |            |
|--------|---|------------|
|        | Jxxx  |            |
|        | xx  |            |
|        | J   |            |
|        | Q10xxxxx  |            |
| void   |   | AKQxxxxxxx |
| AQ10xx |  | KJ         |
| A98xxx |   | x          |
| Ax     |   | x          |
|        | void  |            |
|        | 9xxx  |            |
|        | KQ10xx  |            |
|        | KJxx  |            |

Our opponents opened the East hand with a strong artificial 2C showing 8½ - 9½ playing tricks. West's negative response to this 2C bid is 2D, so non-vul, I tried to muddy the waters with a 2D bid of my own. West ignored me and bid 2H, 4C (Gerber) from East got 4NT (3 Aces) and 7NT ended proceedings.

Bob duly led his diamond Jack won by West, a heart to East's King, run the spades, Bob winning the spade Jack. With no more diamonds, Bob led a club to West who went back to dummy on the heart Jack and took the rest of the spades for 1 down.

East's 7NT bid is correct at pairs but not teams where the 10 point difference between 7S and 7NT is worth zeroimps. If I had not bid 2D, Bob would have led a club and West is down 3 (E/W have 10 tricks from 3 spades, 5 hearts, 1 diamond, 1 club) or down 6 if West persists with spades (spade Jack plus 5 clubs). Using the Valentine 3 loser system, I think E/W should bid 2S: 3C: 3S: 4D: 4S: 5H: 7S. West's club and diamond bids could show Ace or King but the heart bid can only be Ace so West has all 3 Aces. 7S is down 1 but the odds of all 4 missing spades being in the one opponent's hand are 2 in 81! Beth and Muriel bid and made 6S for us for +1030 and 14imps.

Board 10 was another big one for us.

Dealer E : Vul All

BIDDING

|   |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| AQJxxxxx  | <u>South</u> | <u>North</u> |
| AQx   | 1H           | 1S           |
| xx  | 4H           | 4NT          |
| void  | 5H           | 5NT          |
|  | 6S           | 7H           |
| Kxx   |              |              |
| KJ10xx  |              |              |
| A   |              |              |
| AKJx  |              |              |

My 4H bid was not particularly good but I wanted to make sure we were in game. 3C is much better showing 5/4 in spades and clubs and Bob can bid 3D as a 4th suit force.

That will get 3S from me and the great spade fit is found. My 6S showed 3 Kings and the odds favoured my holding the spade King (3/1) so Bob punted on 7H, making 13 for 2210. Our opposites only bid to 6H for 1460, a net +750 and 13 imps.

Board 22 (dealer East, nil vul) was a lot of fun - if you weren't the Director. Sitting South, I picked up -

|            |             |                |             |              |
|------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| void       |             | <u>BIDDING</u> |             |              |
| xxx        | <u>East</u> | <u>South</u>   | <u>West</u> | <u>North</u> |
| AQxxxxxxxx | NB          | NB             | 1H          | X            |
| x          | 2C          | 5D             | 5C!         |              |
|            |             |                | NB          | X!           |
|            |             |                |             | 6D           |

I considered opening 5D but decided to wait and see if Bob had anything. When he doubled West's 1H, I knew he had points and probably spades (useless). With a singleton club over East's 2C, I opted for 5D. West countered with an insufficient 5C - Director! While Bob was considering his options, West changed her bid to pass and Bob finally decided to double 5C, he never actually rejected the 5C bid - Director! The Director thought the club bid had been rejected and since Bob could not double his partner, his double was rejected. Holding -

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| AKxxx | he now found the bid of 6D. The opening |
| A     | lead of the club Ace held us to 12      |
| KJx   | tricks. Our opposites bid only 5D for a |
| Jxxx  | net 500 and 11 imps to us.              |

We played 5 tables x 5 boards straight through to 10:15 p.m. and adjourned to a delicious supper (loved the strawberry topped pikelets) while the scores were checked and tallied. The final result was Arana 1-2-3 with Bob Pearce, Beth Douglas, Muriel Anderssen and yours truly taking first place and a bottle of champagne each. The Sunnybank players claimed they were being hospitable by running dead allowing us to score well. We have promised to reciprocate in the next month or so. Back onto the bus and head for home (fewer red lights) completed a thoroughly enjoyable night.

FUND RAISING

by Deslei Den Haan

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

The "White Elephant" stall was held in the Ferny Grove Market on Sunday morning October 18. A big thank you to the people who donated items for this stall. Lots of fun was had by all and I am delighted to announce that we made \$254 towards our future club house. The Fund Raising Committee would especially like to thank those who worked on the Sunday or visited the stall to offer encouragement.

FREE DESSERT OFFER AT "LE BRESSAN"

The offer of a free dessert with your meal at "Le Bressan" French restaurant is open for club members until the end of November. All you have to do is show this Trump-It to the owner, Thierry Clerc. The restaurant is at 256 Stafford Road, just past the Stafford State School. Telephone 857 3628.

MELBOURNE CUP

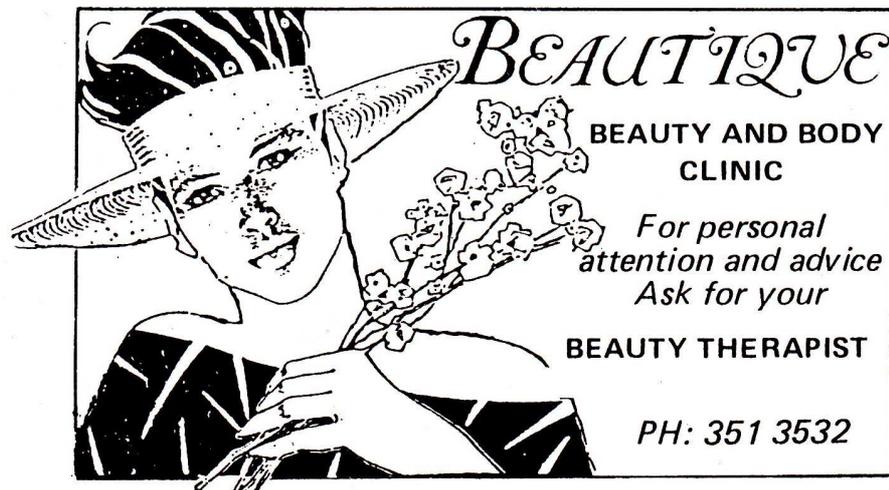
This year the Melbourne Cup is on Tuesday November 3 - normal starting time is 9:30 a.m. The club proposes to have its usual FUN DAY with a sweep and "Judy's lucky dip" for partners! We will also have a stall to raise money for our club house and would like everyone to bring a cake, pickles or handicrafts etc. There will also be a raffle, first prize will be a facial at "Beautique" just opposite the hall. (See ad. below for phone number). Second prize will be a bottle of champagne. So come along everyone - even if your usual partner is unable to come - you will be guaranteed a game.

JUDY                      Please hand your name tag to Judy on arrival for the draw for partners.

MURIEL                   Members are asked to bring a plate of "goodies" for the luncheon. Muriel Miller is now preparing the list of what members are bringing so that a good cross-spread of food is available

PAM & JENNY            The Sweep.

MERILYN & KAY        The Raffle.



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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We will be starting our Christmas Raffle in the next few weeks that will be drawn at the Wednesday night Christmas Party December 16. 1st prize will be a Christmas Hamper and 2nd prize a fruit tray donated by Vasil of Arana Fruit Plaza, Patricks Road, Arana Hills. Tickets will be sold by Merilyn and Kay on Tuesdays and Deslei and Alison on Wednesdays.

MASTERPOINT CERTIFICATES AS AT 30/9/92

Junior Master

|                    |                |               |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Dot Cain           | Darryl Cullen  | Trevor Cullen |
| Deslei Den Haan    | Margaret Joyce | Jan Rae       |
| Richard McLauchlan | Ailsa Smith    | Philip Smith  |
| Merilyn Wright     |                |               |

Club Master

Allan Box                      Ted McGrath

State Master

Jenny Lewis

This little article appeared in the September edition of the ABF Masterpoint News and is worth including for members to read. "In Queensland, both Surfers and Toowong are performing exceptionally well and the newcomer ARANA has come from nowhere to become quite a large club with 141 members! In fact, Queensland as a whole, has certainly performed better than any of the other States this year."

GOLD PHONE NUMBER

For those to whom it may concern, please note that the hall phone number is 855 1598.

FRIDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

The following Friday nights have been booked for club bridge. Please record the dates in your little booklet. Sessions commence at 7.30 p.m.

October 23  
October 30 \*  
November 6  
November 20

October 30 has been set aside for our club to participate in the Australia Wide Pairs. This event is conducted under the auspices of the Australian Bridge Federation and is similar to the Australia Wide Multi Pairs. The only difference is that this event does not have the different categories. We anticipate the event will carry an entry fee of \$6 (the same as the multi pairs) and a booklet, illustrating the hands played will be distributed at the end of the evening. These events are very interesting to play in. You play against all your own club members, in other words it is a normal club session, except the results are sent to the ABF and scoring is done across the entire Australian field.

## 1992 PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

A reminder that entry forms will be soon available for both the Wednesday night and Tuesday day-time Pairs Championship. Entries will be numbered in order of receipt as half table movements are not acceptable. A reminder to those who may be entering a championship for the first time. Conditions of entry stipulate that you are required to attend all sessions as laid down in the club's Tournament Regulations. The event should conclude after two sessions (i.e. two weeks) but if numbers are large or awkward, provision is made for the event to extend to the third week. See Judy if you have a problem.

Dates for this event are shown below.

### TUESDAY

10TH, 17TH, 24TH NOVEMBER

### WEDNESDAY

4TH, 11TH, 18TH NOVEMBER

This Championship is restricted to members only and will attract red masterpoints.

### PROBLEM CORNER

This hand was submitted by Judy Perkins who wants to know the correct bidding sequence.

Dealer North N/S vul

### BIDDING

|          |   | <u>North</u> | <u>East</u> | <u>South</u> | <u>West</u> |
|----------|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
|          | K10   | NB           | NB          | NB           | 2C          |
|          | J63   | 2D           | 2H          | NB           | 2S          |
|          | AJ9732  | NB           | 3D          | NB           | 5C          |
|          | 72  |              |             |              |             |
| AQ652    |   | 98           |             |              |             |
| void     |  | KQ109852     |             |              |             |
| 8        |   | KQ64         |             |              |             |
| AKQJ1064 |   | void         |             |              |             |
|          | J743  |              |             |              |             |
|          | A74   |              |             |              |             |
|          | 105   |              |             |              |             |
|          | 9853  |              |             |              |             |

The beauty of opening 2 of a suit is that there is a game force applied on the partner, so there is no need to hurry in the auction.

Very distributional hands, such as the one held by West, where one suit is very solid and the other is intermediate, it is important to find out if a trump fit exists. You can see by looking at the East and West hands that if East's club and spade holdings were reversed, 12 tricks would eventuate in a club contract on a non-trump lead. The reason for this is that two ruffs only are needed to set up the spade suit. However, as the cards stand, declarer will lose 2 tricks in the spade suit, provided of course that declarer does not play out the Ace followed by the Queen (3 spade losers will eventuate because South's 7 will become promoted), plus the obvious diamond loser.

If the contract rests in 4S, again careful handling of the spade suit is required to escape for two losers only in the suit plus the obvious diamond loser.

Judy, in your auction, as above, your partnership failed to establish where the trump fit was, or, if in fact there was one. The 2C opening promised a 5-carded suit only, the 2S rebid promised a 4-carded suit only, and the 5C bid established where the contract was to play and denied any interest in slam on the values shown by East. West should have rebid 3S after the 3D response to show at least a 6-5 distribution in the black suits. This would have given East the opportunity of choosing between the 4S or 3NT game. East is now aware that West holds serious shortages in both red suits and is in the best position to judge where the contract should play. I believe I would have chose 3NT with the East cards and would expect West to pass on the cards he actually holds here. West must trust partner's judgement and not set out for slam. If East's Values, as shown in the auction by 2H followed by 3D were Aces, then he would not sign off at the game level but would make the slam try.

My reason for choosing the 3NT game in lieu of the 4S is that the bidding has shown all suits to be divided badly and this also means the spade suit. My values in the reds are good and strong and should be adequate to stop any attack from the opponents. If west is top heavy in the blacks, he can bid 4C over 3NT for preference to be shown. If his hand is strong enough to pursue slam, then 4NT is his way of finding out whether the controls, as shown by East, were Aces or Kings.

#### REPORT ON 1992 PLAY & BIDDING SEMINAR

The topic covered in the October Seminar was "The Laws of Duplicate Bridge - Choosing Your Option After an Infringement". Feed-back from members who attended has been favourable with most appreciative of having some knowledge of what action to take when an infraction occurs. Tuesday's Seminar was attended by 36 members and Wednesday night by 17.

#### NEW MEMBERS

The following have been ratified as new club members.

|              |                  |               |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| Ray Rooney   | Don Cutmore      | Alan Rae      |
| Des Mulligan | Marjorie Jameson | Irene Sourris |

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At a tournament, a player had done a lot of bidding with a rather poor hand. At the end of the auction, the partner became the declarer and the poor hand was to be exposed as the dummy. As the player put down the dummy, she said: "Partner, this is an Attyfaad". "Attyfaad?" queried her partner. "Yes, A Tribute To Your Fine Ability As Declarer".

There is a famous story about Maury Braunstein, one of the top American Directors who was faced with the problem of two clergymen who bid very, very slowly to a grand slam. The play was even more tortured and the round had been called, but the play in the grand slam was still continuing. Unable to do anything to hurry declarer, Maury went to the microphone and announced to all and sundry: "Our Fathers, who art in seven, hurried be thy game!"