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TURNING OF THE FIRST SOD CEREMONY



The building of our new club facilities will commence on 3 September 2001. To mark this occasion Liz Marshall arranged a "low key" turning of the first sod ceremony on site on Thursday 30 September 2001. This date was chosen to accommodate the availability of the local State Government member Geoff Wilson and the local Councillor Ann Bennison. Liz and Bob Dancer prepared a press release and the North West News sent a photographer.

The purpose of the function was to introduce the local community to the project and hopefully to get new members for all clubs as a result. The football club was represented by Doug Hogarth and the cricket club by its president Chris Keating. The project manager, Richard Mason, and his wife Kathy were also present as were a small number of bridge club members. The

ceremony went very well with Geoff Gully a most efficient Master of Ceremonies. Gary Lynch gave a brief summary of the project to date thanking those who had assisted in getting us to this stage. Geoff Wilson then spoke of the need for clubs to get together if projects are going to attract government support and commended the three clubs involved in this project for doing that. Ann Bennison spoke of her long held hopes for this site, which go back eleven years, and precede bridge club involvement. She was very pleased that this project was a reality and committed the Brisbane City Council to provide funds in its 2001-2002 budget for an upgrade to the car park.



Barry Mitchell purchased a brand new shovel for the actual turning of the sod and was given the privilege of doing this to complete the proceedings. It has been suggested that the shovel be engraved and stored in a glass cabinet in the new hall to mark the occasion. Don Smith had his camera at the event and promised to make regular trips to the site so that a history of the building at various stages will be recorded for posterity.

Gary Lynch

G.N.O.T. UPDATE

Arana was well represented in G.N.O.T. Brisbane Zone Finals. The Mitchell team, Barry Mitchell, Betty Willson, Val Acklin and Liz Marshall, narrowly missed out on going to Sydney, coming in a close third.

THE DIRECTOR IS CALLED!

The Question:

“What happens when your partner (North) makes a bid, either opening or overcall and you (South) are asked to explain – which you do – and then suddenly realise you have given the wrong information?”

1. Can you correct immediately before any other bid is made?
2. Can you correct after West has bid or passed?
3. Can North realising you have made a mistake change his bidding to suit your wrong explanation?
4. If North plugs on regardless of your wrong explanation, can you then bid on correctly to his bidding or must you continue to bid to your wrongly given explanation?

The Answer:

Partnership Agreements – Law 75

C: Answering Questions on Partnership Agreements

When explaining the significance of partner's call or play in reply to an opponent's inquiry (see Law 20), a player shall disclose all special information conveyed to him through partnership agreement or partnership experience, but he need not disclose inferences drawn from his general knowledge and experience.

D: Correcting errors in explanation

1. Explainer notices own error

If a player subsequently realises that his own explanation was erroneous or incomplete, he must immediately call the Director.

2. Error noticed by explainer's partner

A Player whose partner has given a mistaken explanation may not correct the error before the final pass, nor may he indicate in any manner that a mistake has been made; a defender may not correct the error until play ends. After calling the Director at the earliest legal opportunity (after the final pass, if he is to be declarer or dummy, after play ends, if he is to be a defender), the player must inform the opponents that in his opinion, his partner's explanation was erroneous.

Footnote – The director may award an adjusted score if there is a reasonable possibility that the non-offending side was damaged.

D. Buse, Director



LIBRARY LINES by Ilene Bishop

Arana Bridge Club Librarian

Test Your Finessing (T3) by Hugh Kelsey is designed to show that finessing can be a lot more complicated than first meets the eye. The problems are set on the front of the page with some of the bidding sequences given, the lead shown and a review offered. The solutions and explanations are on the reverse side of each problem page so it is harder for you to take a peak and cheat.

You may have a two-way finessing situation- which hand do you wish to end up in, or maybe it's which suit to play rather than which card. Further, perhaps you may decide not to finesse at all.

The problems are graded with the easier ones first, progressing to the harder with no particular order in the type of finessing situation given.

According to Kelsey, “You can consider yourself a good finesser if you get more than twenty of the thirty-six problems correct. More than twenty-five right makes you a first-

class finesser and more than thirty an expert finesser.”

I flunked the quiz or in this case the whole book as I started out with five of the first six easier problems wrong. I stopped counting as it would have been too embarrassing ie. casually forgetting a few golf strokes and penalties might be a similar situation. Needless to say, I need to read this book again very thoroughly. A very practical and well laid-out read.



Bridge Hand of the Month

By Eric Kokish

Pre-emptive bidding has evolved to the point that there are no absolute truths. The requirements for a vulnerable first seat two or three level opening vary widely from partnership to partnership. While I prefer to have a good suit, and not too much outside, I suspect that I am a fossil in this area. See if you and your partner feel the same way about these hands.

Sitting South, you are dealer and you are vulnerable, your opponents are not. What is your plan with each of the following hands?

- 1) ♠K 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♥ - ♦9 7 3 ♣ A Q 7
- 2) ♠A 9 7 6 4 3 2 ♥7 ♦ 3 ♣ AJ 7 3
- 3) ♠K Q J 10 6 5 4 ♥ 8 6 ♦ K 7 2 ♣ 9
- 4) ♠K 10 7 2 1 0 ♥A 8 7 ♦ 9 6 ♣ Q 10
- 5) A K J 10 5 3 ♥ 7 ♦ 6 5 4 ♣ 8 6 4

- 1) ♠K 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♥ - ♦9 7 3 ♣ A Q 7

Pass. This hand, with two first round controls and a poor suit, would make a poor three-bid. Given a choice between 3♠ and 1♠, I would open 1♠ and believe that would be the mainstream choice. Nonetheless, the “pure” action is to pass now and bid later. The hand will be well described by a follow-up jump overcall in spades; partner would expect long-spades but a hand

unsuitable for an opening action (outside cards, weaker suit, insufficient high cards). Of course, it might not be convenient to jump in spades later and 1♠ is certainly a practical solution.

- 2) ♠A 9 7 6 4 3 2 ♥ 7 ♦ 3 ♣ AJ 7 3

1♠ You could argue along the lines suggested in #1, but this hand has the feel of an opening bid. With no rebid problems and two defensive tricks, the one-level bid is the smallest lie. No pre-emptive action comes close.

- 3) ♠K Q J 10 6 5 4 ♥ 8 6 ♦ K 7 2 ♣ 9

3♠: The suit quality is right for this vulnerability and a king outside is acceptable. You have six and a half tricks, which is protection enough for a three-level bid at this vulnerability.

- 4) ♠K 10 7 2 1 0 ♥A 8 7 ♦ 9 6 ♣ Q 10

Pass: If you are playing weak two-bids, this hand does not qualify as a vulnerable 2♠ bid. The suit is not good enough and the outside strength offers support for other strains and more defensive strength than you’d like for an essentially “offensive” bid. The weak two-level suit bid is best used as a constructive tool describing a six-card suit that has some internal solidity without too much outside strength; an outside ace or king would be acceptable, particularly vulnerable.

- 5) A K J 10 5 3 ♥ 7 ♦ 6 5 4 ♣ 8 6 4

2♠: Classic. ♠ K Q 10 9 5 3 ♥7 6 ♦ A 8 7 ♣ J 3 would also be an acceptable example of a vulnerable weak 2♠ opening.

Important dates

- Mon 17 Sept - Monday pairs (week 3)
- Sat 22 Sept – Caloundra Swiss Pairs
- Sun 23 Sept – Caloundra Swiss Teams
- Sun 23 Sept – Surfers Birthday Teams
- Sat / Sun 29=30 Gold Coast Congress
- Sun 30 Sept – Cards Novice Teams
- Tues 2 Oct – President’s Pairs (red Point) Arana Week 1
- Wed 3 Oct – Wednesday Pairs (red Point) Arana Week 1
- Tues 9 Oct – President’s Pairs (wk 2)
- Wed 10 Oct – Wednesday Pairs (wk 2)