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From the President



YOU may recall that a recent Tuesday was nominated as a charity day. Members were invited to make suggestions as to a suitable and worthy recipient. Several suggestions were received, all most suitable and worthy. After some deliberation the committee decided that this year the money would go to FARA. This is an Australian non-profit organisation that has the sole purpose of funding research into Freidreich Ataxia, a condition for which there is currently neither cure or treatment. The decision was based primarily on the rational that "charity begins at home". One of our members suffers from this rare condition, but despite being wheelchair bound still manages to attend regular sessions at the club, displaying a determined independence that I am sure we all admire.

Rosemary Matthew has certainly been a busy lady recently. As well as her excellent work in organising the congress, Rosemary has done a lot of work on another club project. We are planning some major improvements to the kitchen area, and to this end we have applied

for a government grant. Rosemary has done the lion's share of the work in facilitating our submission. Thank you so much Rosemary for all your efforts.

Congratulations to Tom Peake/ Robert Van Beest and Jim Webster/ Ed Choroszynski for their success in the Novice Pairs played on Fri 30th May.

The weekend congress was a great success. As well as Rosemary, our thanks to all those who contributed. Many members provided some wonderful food. The effort of all those who helped out in the kitchen was outstanding, and special thanks to John Martin who worked tirelessly to keep us supplied with cards during the event. Our thanks also to Peter Busch for his excellent direction.



Sue Norton & Gabriel Boross – congress novice pairs winners.

On the Saturday Val Cran and Gordon Broadley did really well to secure 3rd place in category B. They did even better on Sunday in the teams when in company with Ian Broadley and Ross Shardlow they won the category B

section. Congratulations also to Sue Norton and Gabriel Boross who won the novice pairs prize, and the team of Dawn Benes, Glenys Bobbermien, Lorraine Pescatore and Audrey Webster who won the best novice team prize.

I am away in South America for 7 weeks, but look forward to seeing you all on my return.

Allan McIntyre (President)

Masterpoint movements

NEW rankings for Arana home club members for the period to 31 May 2014

<i>Graduate Master</i>	Simon Wood
<i>Club Master</i>	John Murphy Penny Baker Robert Winders
<i>Local Master</i>	Jenna Edwinsmith Sophie Quinlivan
<i>*Local Master</i>	Perry Morgan Liane Morris Maureen Pears Trish Waters
<i>**Local Master</i>	Ivo Giacheri Beverley O'Hara Thomas Peake Cynthia Sharp
<i>Regional Master</i>	Edward Choroszynski
<i>State Master</i>	Dawn Benes Carla Webb
<i>*State Master</i>	Darlene Smith
<i>National Master</i>	Glenys Bobbermien Judy Perkins John Nibbs
<i>**National Master</i>	Judy Wilkinson
Gold Life	Joyce Rosser

Robert Matthew (MP Sec)

New Members

A warm welcome to new members in April-May: Bob Gannon, Karen Garner, Denise Mapstone, Owen Marks, Shirley O'Ryan, Elaine Pomeranke, Barbara Sheppard, Dolour Smith and Yvonne Zande. We hope you enjoy playing at Arana. Total membership is now 310 (251 home + 59 non-home).

Tony's Tips

Hand Evaluation

THIS is an extract from an Australian Bridge article from June 1977. It is still instructive,

even allowing for significant changes in bidding systems since then.

Some tips where, on occasions for lack of a better bid, partner's suit may be raised on a **secondary fit** (5-2 or 4-3). In 1977 these adjustments were suggested in applying point count:

- o Deduct one point for any doubleton honour (Qx or better, ie Kx, Ax).
- o Deduct 2 points for a lower doubleton.

If partner's suit has been jump-rebid, the correction becomes:

- o Deduct one point for a low doubleton or singleton honour (Q or higher).
- o Deduct 2 points for a lower singleton.

Corrections to be made applied to both opener's and responder's hands:

- o Add 1 point for 4 aces.
- o Add 1 point for 2 singletons, 2 points for a singleton and void, 3 points for 2 voids (correction for freaks).
- o Deduct 1 point for a flat 4-3-3-3 hand.
- o Deduct 1 point for any **unbid** bare king, doubleton Q-J or singleton queens and jacks. If more than one of these features is held only one is penalised.

Wait there's more! For No Trumps: For balanced hands, only high card points are counted. For hands with a 5 card or longer suit:

- o If the suit is solid or readily established (AKQxxx, AKJxxx or KQJxxx), count two points for each card over 4.
- o If the suit is possibly establishable (AQxxxx, KQxxxx or Axxxxx), count one point for each card over four.
- o If the suit is not establishable, no long-card points are counted.

One may question the usefulness of trying to commit all this to memory on top of all the counting we already have to do. It is suggested that once we understand the concept of adding and subtracting points for distributional shape, initially as a guide at least, then the better prepared we are to decided whether to go for game or settle in a part score.

Tony Agar

Bits and Pieces

Email received from a recent visitor from Victoria: Thank you so much for the

hospitality I received at your club. You are a nice group. Until I see you again, happy bridging. Cheers. Yvonne Minton.

Cost of plastic sleeves for system cards is now \$1. We make no profit from these as this is the QBA fee.

Thanks to the members for donations to the bring & buy table which is ably administered by Julie Cutmore. Please put some money in the jar even if you only intend reading a book and returning to the table. All the little donations help keep our playing costs to a minimum.

Congress revisited

PAIRS: Helen & I had been travelling Ok until we were thumped by the ultimate winners at table 2. That dropped us from 4th to 12th where we sat NS on the last round. On our last board, I (South) pondered my opening on my 4-loser 20 count.

Bd: 27 ♠ 8 2
 Vul: Nil ♥ Q J 5 2
 Dlr: S ♦ J 10 9
 ♣ 8 6 5 4

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

♠ K
 ♥ A 10
 ♦ A K 8 4 3
 ♣ K Q J 10 3

I chose 4Nt – game force in a minor, pass, 5C from Helen and after a few milliseconds, 5S from a known (who shall remain nameless) burglar. What now? At Butler (IMP) scoring, it pays to take the money and run rather than make high risk bids.

I dithered between X & 6C. Was East keeping us out of slam? I bid 6C which was not doubled. Bad choice. Knowing Helen would have bid 6C over 4Nt if she held a decent hand, I should X. Minus 150 (3 off, not Xed, thank you) was not a bottom but it did cost us 4imps. Plus 300 would have been outright top and +8imps.

At table 1, Andy Slater opened the South hand 1D which, after some strategic passing

from Parker-Hainsworth, became the final contract, making 10 for equal top. Wimpy? Well they ran second while we finished 8th!

TEAMS: We teamed up with Ian Afflick and Andy Slater on Sunday. A couple of early wins had us playing top 10 teams for the rest of the day. Board 11 in the afternoon helped Parker to a win.

Bd: 11 ♠ 6
 Vul: Nil ♥ K Q 9 8 4 2
 Dlr: S ♦ A J 10 5 2
 ♣ J

♠ K J 7 5 4	♠ Q 8 2
♥ J 10	♥ 7 6 5 3
♦ 6	♦ K Q 8 7
♣ A K 6 5 2	♣ 7 4

♠ A 10 9 3
 ♥ A
 ♦ 9 4 3
 ♣ Q 10 9 8 3

	S	W	N	E
Our table				
John		Helen	Ralph	Richard
Pass		1S	2S*	3S
Home table				
Andy		IanH	IanA	Michelle
Pass		1S	2S*	3S
Pass		Pass	4H	Pass
5C		Pass	5D	Double

* Michaels' cue showing Hs + Minor

At our table, John Mills was happy to pass my 3S bid, fearing a dreadful mismatch in the red suits their way and knowing 3S would be difficult. I had also considered doubling 2S hoping for them to bid a red suit. The defence was not too good, Helen getting out 1 light.

At our home table, Ian bid 4H over 3S and Andy tanked for some time before deciding Ian's minor might be a better option. His 5C was corrected to 5D and the 2S led.

The old coulda, woulda, shoulda trick. With the ♥J-10 coming down doubleton, 4H was the last making contract: 2 off, -300, 8imps out in a match we lost by 14. This board was played in 3-4-5 D-H-S (once in Nt), sometimes doubled. On a good day...

Richard McLauchlan

Australia Wide Novice Pairs

THIRTEEN pairs (each player under 50 masterpoints) participated in the Australia Wide Novice Pairs at Arana on Friday 30 May.



Club winners: Jim Webster, Robert Van Beest, Ed Choroszynski and Tom Peake.

Director's Corner

Card Played

Each player, except dummy, plays a card by detaching it from his hand and **facing** it on the table immediately before him. (The opening lead is made face down unless the Regulating Authority directs otherwise).

A Defender's card held so that it is possible for **his partner** to see its face must be played to the current trick.

The card may not be changed simply for a change of mind.

However, if the decision to lead that card was based on misinformation that has now come to light, then the card may be retracted.

Declarer (West) called for a small card from dummy and South played the Ace. Declarer played the King then realised the Ace had been played. Declarer cannot retract the played card (Ace). There is no redress once declarer plays a (non-revoke) card from his own hand.

Arrangement of Dummy

"Arrangement" does not include changing the position of the suits in the dummy.

Dummy once arranged must not be rearranged, either by closing or moving another suit into a void.

Returning Cards to Board

After play has finished, each player should shuffle his original thirteen cards and restore them to the pocket corresponding to his compass position.

Thereafter, no hand shall be removed from the board unless a member of each side, or the director, is present. Note: if you are at a sit out table, do not touch cards.

Dawn Benes (Director)

Trivia

Stuff you didn't know you didn't know!

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades: David; Hearts: Charlemagne; Diamonds: Julius Caesar; Clubs: Alexander the Great.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%... but the percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%.

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$16,400.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

$$111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987, 654,321$$

Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested? Obsession.

Which day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year? Father's Day.

At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow!

Married life is like playing Bridge. It all starts with Diamonds and Hearts but after 25 years, you wish you had a Club and a Spade.

I cdnuolt blveiee taht I cluod aulacly uesdnatnrd waht I was rdanieg. The phaonmneal pweor of the hmuan mnid Aoccdnig to rscheearch at Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it deosn't mttar in waht oredr the ltteers in a wrod are, the olny iprmoatnt tihng is taht the first and last ltteer be in the rghit pclae. The rset can be a taotl mses and you can still raed it wouthit a porbelm. This is bcuseae the huamn mnid deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the wrod as a wlohe. Amzanig huh?

Now - go lick your elbow.