



# Trump·It

## Arana Bridge Club Newsletter

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### From The President



It has been a while since our last Trumpit. All our daily club activities were happening without any problems.

Membership numbers have slightly increased since February but it seems difficult to get the new members to start playing on the more regular days. Please assist the new members if you hear of anyone requesting a partner. During lease negotiation meetings with the Council, I expressed concerns about the safety of our members during the visits to our clubhouse. The lack of maintenance of the grounds and communication with the other tenants is a great concern.

The club is changing our **communication** with our members through the ABF website. We are **not** joining their payment service. [more in this newsletter].

The committee has started planning our Christmas party which will be similar to last year's. An update will be sent out by email when more details are available.

Our congress in June went well with a profit of around \$1500.

Next year we are planning an increase in playing fees to \$7. This is to cover increases for abf points, insurance, rates and consumables.

Kit Clarke, with assistance from Trish Lye and Sue Norton, has taken over the teaching of the Beginners' Lessons and the assistance

sessions once the lessons are finished. On Thursday mornings Jim Taylor has started intermediate lessons for those wishing to improve their play.

Please keep enjoying playing bridge which will help your committee to improve our facilities and social interaction.

Your president,  
Robert van Beest

### From the Committee

#### MyABF Communication System

Sue and Trish have spent a lot of time and effort in establishing the new **MyABF Communication System** to replace Mailchimp. We will use MyABF for emails only. It is important that member details in MyABF are current. When your contact details change :

- If you have a MyABF account –

Change the details yourself in your account. Then you email the Membership Secretary about the relevant change. Email [Membership@aranabridgeclub.org.au](mailto:Membership@aranabridgeclub.org.au)

- If you do not have a MyABF account –

Email the Membership Secretary about the relevant change. Email [Membership@aranabridgeclub.org.au](mailto:Membership@aranabridgeclub.org.au)

#### Partner Search

Partner search will also use the MyABF Communication system.

**Natalie Bloch** is our Partner Search Contact. If you need a partner **SMS Natalie on 0402 255 020** stating your name and session(s) for which a partner is requested. Please **do not** leave a voice message. Natalie will then send an email to all the members whose email addresses are on our club's database. No

names will be published, just information about points.

### 2025 Committee

A number of members of the current Committee have indicated that they will be retiring in 2025. We need new ideas and input. Please consider nominating.

### Air-conditioning

Our air conditioning unit has been serviced. It needs modifications/changes. Carseldine Air will install 3 extra averaging sensors.

The A/C should be set at 24 °C.

### Building Maintenance and Improvements

As our occupancy seems to be secure for next 5 – 6 years, it was decided to prepare a project plan for items needing maintenance and/or replacement. Bruce is in charge of compiling the list. One of the items discussed is replacement of the chairs.

### Increase in fees in 2025

ABF has notified us that there will be increases in 2025 in member affiliation fee. They will increase to \$23.30 (an increase of \$3.30). The cost of the masterpoints will also increase. More information is in the latest copy of ABF magazine – “Investing in the Future” by David Fryda. A copy of the article is on the Club’s noticeboard.

**Link:** [http://myabf.com.au/media/attachments/club\\_224/Investing\\_in\\_the\\_Future.pdf](http://myabf.com.au/media/attachments/club_224/Investing_in_the_Future.pdf)

**Badges** The cost of club badges is now to \$12.00. Wearing your badge promotes a friendly atmosphere at the Club.

### Welcome to Our New Members

In **June** we welcomed Sue Kennard, Peter Cranny, Dennis Sullivan, Jagtar (Jack) Rakhra, Ronald Whiston, Rosalind (Roz) Azizi, Colleen Carmody and Helen Bunsell.

In **August** Tony Boddice, Peter Cuffe, Josephine McPherson, Yvonne Stalling and Peter Wilce joined our Club.

Welcome, everyone to our friendly Club.

As at 12<sup>th</sup> August we have 265 members.

### Beginners’ Lessons

Learn to Play Bridge lessons commenced on 6<sup>th</sup> July. They will continue for 9 Saturday mornings. Our average attendance for these sessions is 16 students. It would be wonderful if a large portion of these novices continued their bridge at our Club.

### Intermediate Lessons

Jim Taylor has commenced intermediate lessons on Thursday mornings.

### Bridge Club Library

We are very fortunate to have a selection of bridge books in our Bridge Club Library. One of the books available is “**All About No Trumps**” by **Paul Marston**. It was one of the first books I borrowed soon after starting to play bridge. I found Paul’s style of writing very clear, concise and quite entertaining. This tip is very useful:

#### Defenders’ tip

- “When you are sitting after declarer with no clear choice of lead, lead through dummy’s strength.
- When you are sitting after dummy and you are not sure what to play, the best strategy is to lead around to dummy’s weakness.”

Anna Green



### Masterpoint Movements

Congratulations to the following members on their recent promotions:

<b>Club</b>	Karen Spicer
<b>Local</b>	Simon Wood Mike Haysom Ray Derbyshire
<b>Silver Local</b>	Andrew Renton Anastasia Watson Jeanette Mutzelburg
<b>Regional</b>	Rosemary Roy Bruce Hansen Mike Palmer Marianne McPherson Robyn Woodrick Merv Parmenter
<b>National</b>	Pauline Ford
<b>Bronze National</b>	Trish Lye
<b>Silver National</b>	Carla Webb

**John Murphy (MP Sec)**

**Bridge is one of the  
last games in which  
the computer is  
not better.**

**-Bill Gates**



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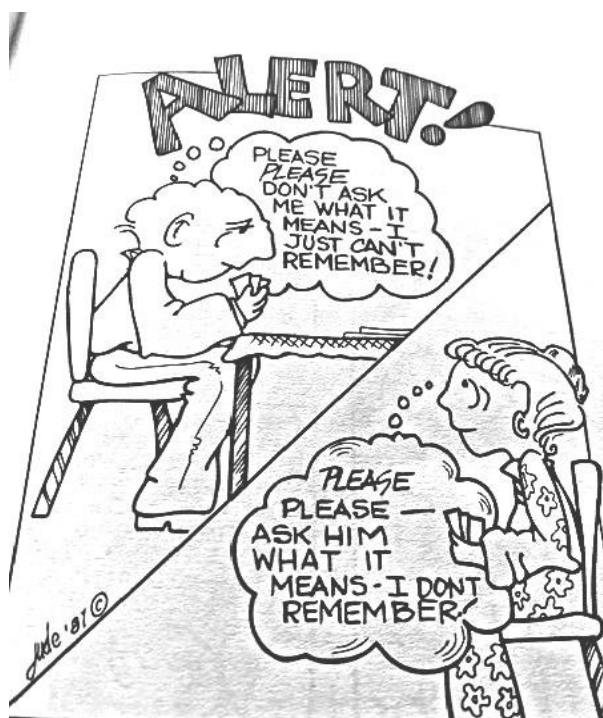
### Director's Corner

LAW 20 – Review and Explanation of Calls  
“During the auction and before final pass, any player may request, at his own turn to call an explanation of the opponents’ auction. (...) 5 (a) A player whose partner has given a mistaken explanation may not correct the error during auction, nor may he indicate in any manner that a mistake has been made. (.)

(b) The player must call the director and inform his opponents that, in his opinion, his partner’s explanation was erroneous but only at his first legal opportunity, which is:

- (i) for a **defender**, at the end of play
- (ii) for **declarer or dummy**, after the final pass of the auction.”

“The Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017”



“Go Ahead, Laugh” Jude Goodwin

### Competition Results

- **Arana Gnot 2024** played in March  
Winners were Team **Gosney**, Team **Bloch** (Natalie Bloch, Richard McLauchlan, Gayle McCarthy and David Lehmann) were second and Team **Agar** (Tony Agar, Wayne Lambley, Gary Lynch, Liz Marshall and Pam Langford) third.

- **Friday Pairs** played in May were won by **Deidre and Jim Taylor**, Margaret Plunkett and Greg Gosney were second. **Byron Lye and Lucy Bresnehan** won on handicap.

- **Australia Wide Pairs** were also played in May.



North-South winners were **Ross Hunter and Russ Sowden** ; East-West **Bev Orton and Dawn Chappel**.

- **Arana Imp Pairs** played in June were won by Ewa Kowalczyk and Connie Schoutrop. Kim McDonald and Carla Webb came 6th.



- **Arana Swiss Teams** also played in June were won by team **Gosney**.
- **Tuesday Pairs** played in July were won by **Richard McLauchlan** and **Lynley Mason**. **Peter Cuffe** and **Tony Boddice** won on handicap.
- **Arana Teams Championship** played last weekend was won by team **Gosney** (Gregory Gosney, Margaret Plunkett, Annette Hyland and John Henderson) . Teams Miller and Agar came second and third.



*Congratulations to all the winners.*

### Coming Events

- **GNOT Brisbane Zone Final – QCBC** – 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> August
- **Monday (am) Pairs** – 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September. Members only. Red points. Email an entry to the Convenor [Entries@aranabridgeclub.org.au](mailto:Entries@aranabridgeclub.org.au)
- **Arana Pairs Championship** – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October. BYO lunch.
- **Melbourne Cup** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – more details to follow

### At our Club



Byron Lye recently celebrated a big birthday. Best wishes, Byron.

### Newsflash

Leone James won first prize in the Intermediate Cake Decorating section at the EKKA with this wonderful creation. Congratulations, Leone.



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