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Arana Bridge Club Newsletter

March – July 2025

From The President



The Arana Bridge Club operates in a club house building which is owned by our Club. Twenty two years ago the Club secured a twenty year lease with the Brisbane City Council (BCC) for the land on which our building was constructed.

Three years ago the Committee approached BCC for discussions about the wording of a future new lease and we expressed a desire to change some of the conditions in the next lease. BCC listened but did not seek our further input.

As expiry of the lease became imminent towards the end of 2022, we again approached BCC regarding renewal of the lease. Renewal did not occur and instead BCC advised that the original lease would continue to apply on a month to month basis until it was renewed. Over the following two years we continued to urge BCC and Councillor Toomey to have our lease renewed, expressing our frustration with the lack of progress.

In November 2024 BCC finally presented a proposed new ten year lease to the Club for signing. On reviewing the proposed lease, we found that some of the conditions were not favourable for our Club and we submitted to BCC a list amendments that we would like

to make. BCC rejected our request and issued a second proposed new lease for signing with minor amendments not related to our request.

QBA has offered the services of a practicing solicitor (also a bridge player) to examine the proposed new lease to determine if our request for amendments is valid and to provide legal advice before we meet with BCC again.

The Committee will keep you informed of further developments.

Bruce Hansen

President

Positions Vacant

Robert has resigned from his duties of **Providore** for office, stationery and bathroom supplies. If anyone is interested in doing this job, please contact a member of the Committee.

We also need a **First Aid Officer**. If interested, please see Bruce.

Other Matters

GNOTS

After reviewing the options presented by members, it was decided to continue **GNOTS** in the current format of 3 consecutive Fridays.

Disposal of Surplus Equipment

Two printers, a sanitiser, books and DVDs – best offer accepted.

Housekeeping

Please put your **cup** in the dishwasher at the end of the session.

To avoid accidents, please put your **handbag** in the shelves provided at the front of the room.

Director Recruitment

We would like to thank the Club members who currently direct club sessions – Helen and Richard McLauchlan, Dawn Benes, Kit Clarke, Ibrahim Diallo, Kay Lehmann, Kim McDonald, Peter Neil and Sue Norton.

We appreciate your time and effort.

If any other member wishes to study to become a director, the Club will provide whatever support it can.

Welcome to Our New Members

We welcome Robyn Pettingill, Myra Lowe, Jane Geutjes, Luke Geutjes, Natalea Kay, Karen McSweeney, Michelle Nally, Therese Nally, Caroline Ross, Clive Ross, Alastair Silcock, Jane Silcock, Shaughan Forbes, Cecile Horgan and Christopher Moss.

We welcome back Elizabeth Arnold, Leanna Arnold, Marilyn Sheldon, Jennifer Walker, Peter Campbell, Chrissie Carter, John Jenkins and Jacqueline Southwood.

Val Cran

It was with deep regret that we received Val Cran's resignation from the Club. Val was a long time member of Arana and she was granted life membership of the Club in 2017 for her meritorious service to the Club. Val loved to play Bridge. Her expertise as a Director was remarkable. She quietly and expertly organised many games of Bridge. Together with Lorraine Steele she spent hours manually working on results after Bridge sessions as there was no internet to assist.

She was a brilliant Bridge player and she actually taught many of Arana members how to play Mc Kenny defence.

Unfortunately, in the latter years Val was overcome with memory problems. This became apparent in her bidding but there was no problem in playing the cards and in successfully making a contract. We miss her happy personality at Arana Bridge Club and wish her well in her new activities.

Maureen Pears

Masterpoint Movements

Graduate	Rosemary Solomon
Local	Leone James Marcia Applegate Karen Spicer
Bronze Local	Ross Hunter
Silver Local	Joan Mackay Bronwyn Macleod Noel Werth

Regional

Kelvin Wheeler
Leonie Nugent
Gillie Kinsella

Bronze Regional

Alda Pennisi

State Bronze State

Jane Easton
Robert van Beest
Ian Franklin

National Bronze Life Silver Life

Olivia Jackson
Jennifer Vickers
Julie Cutmore
Kim McDonald

John Murphy (MP Sec)

Director's Corner

In Contract Bridge, Law 42B addresses Dummy's rights and responsibilities during the play of the hand. Specifically, it outlines when Dummy can ask about a player's failure to follow suit, attempt to prevent an irregularity, or draw attention to an irregularity after the play has concluded.

Here's a breakdown:

Asking about a failure to follow suit:

Dummy can ask Declarer (but not a Defender) if they have a card of the suit led, by saying "no spades", "no hearts", etc.

Preventing an irregularity:

Dummy can try to prevent an irregularity, like a lead from the wrong hand, by saying "on the table" or "you're in dummy" before the lead is actually made.

Drawing attention to an irregularity:

Dummy can draw attention to any irregularity, such as a revoke, but only after the play of the hand has concluded by calling the Director.

In essence, Law 42B defines Dummy's role as a protector of the rules during play, with specific restrictions on when they can speak up.

*Dawn Benes
Director*



"TRUST ME, JOHN! JUST BECAUSE YOUR BRIDGE PARTNER DUMPS YOU... DOESN'T MEAN I WILL!"

Albany Creek Library Bridge



Dawn Benes ran a session of bridge at the Albany Creek Library for over 10 years. Dawn retired from the role due to her other commitments and the program stopped for a time.

Warren and Marcia Applegate restarted the session and, in the last 3 years, the number of people participating has grown.

NOW

Every Monday morning from 9.30 to around 11.30/12.00 we run an "Introduction to Bridge" session and play social bridge using boards provided by the Club.

Every Friday afternoon from 1.30 to 4.00pm we play social bridge at Crompton Gardens (near the Hypermarket at Aspley).

Since the end of COVID restrictions, popularity of our sessions has grown to the point where we are having to turn late comers away. We are currently considering offering more sessions on other days and we are looking for larger rooms, with the assistance from Moreton Bay Council and a couple of seniors' centres.

These sessions have brought a large number of people to the lessons conducted by Arana Bridge Club. Most of these people have joined our Club so they can play in the assisted play sessions on Thursday, access our library, QBA online resources and social events.

These sessions are very informal. Our motto is "Enjoy the game and everyone is welcome". Anyone interested in helping to deliver this valuable community commitment would be most welcome. Please contact Marcia or Warren on 0474 584 742 or just turn up (but be early)

Warren Applegate

Partner Search

Natalie Bloch is the contact for Partner Search. When looking for a Bridge partner there are several courses of action which can be taken.

Speak directly to another member.

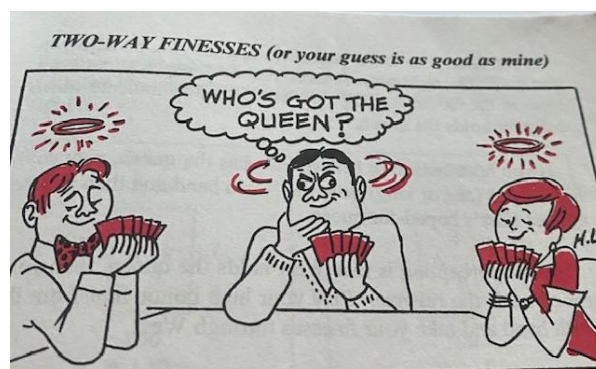
Ask the session director .

Use the Partnersearch service by sending an **SMS message to Natalie (0402 255 020)** stating your name and session for which a partner is required. As a courtesy to Natalie, if you find a partner by other means after registering a Partnersearch request send another message to Natalie to inform her.

Bridge Club Library

Our Club Library has many interesting books. The locks have been removed for easier access. When borrowing a book, please write your name, book's title, date borrowed and date returned on the provided pages.

This cartoon is from "*The Fun Way to Better Bridge Play*" by Harry Lampert



Anna Green

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Competition Results

Arana GNOT March 2025

1. Joyce O'Brien, Judy Sunman, Ibrahim Diallo, Allan McIntyre
2. Natalie Bloch, Richard McLauchlan, David Lehmann, Gayle McCarthy
3. Tony Agar, Wayne Lambley, Liz Marshall, Gary Lynch, Julie Cutmore

Friday Pairs 16th and 23rd May 2025

1. Budi Maher and Ibrahim Diallo
2. Joyce O'Brien and Sri Sriprakash
3. Merv Parmenter and Jeanette Mutzelburg



Australia Wide Novice Pairs 28th May 2025

North-South

Byron Moss and Gillie Kinsella

East-West

Marianne McPherson and Robyn Woodrick

Arana X-Imp Pairs 31st May 2025

1. Nikolas Moore and Rachel Langdon
2. Richard Fox and Raelene Clark
3. James Evans and Pamela Evans

Arana Swiss Teams

First

1. Neville Francis, Patrick Bugler, Maha Hoenig, Nadya Tuxworth
2. Ralph Parker, Jenny Hay, Paul Collins, Sue O'Brien
3. Kuldip Bedi, Larry Moses, Pele Rankin, Paul Hooykaas

Wednesday Pairs 18th and 25th June 2025

1. Terry Nowitzki and Allan McIntyre
2. Margaret McNee and Joan Mills
3. Norma Hansen and Jennifer Walker

Tuesday Pairs 15th and 22nd July 2025

1. Ibrahim Diallo and Carla Webb
2. Richard McLauchlan and Lynley Mason
3. Deidre Taylor and Joan Mills

Congratulations to all the winners.

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Barbara's 90th Birthday



Andy Hung's Noosa Holiday



In May, fourteen Arana members enjoyed Andy Hung's Noosa Holiday. The bridge topics mainly related to defense play. The weather was not kind to us but we had a lot of fun anyway. Hopefully our bridge has also improved!



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