

Bulletin 11

ANC TEAMS —STANDINGS AFTER NINE MATCHES

<u>OPEN</u>			<u>WOMEN</u>		
1	NSW	299.1	1	QLD	127.6
2	WA	134.4	2	NSW	111.6
3	VIC	103.4	3	WA	18.6
4	QLD	51.6	4	TAS	-10.6
5	SA	-33.6	5	VIC	-13.9
6	ACT	-34.5	6	NT	-55.5
7	TAS	-259.7	7	ACT	-75.6
8	NT	-269.7	8	SA	-107.0

<u>SENIOR</u>			<u>YOUTH</u>		
1	VIC	224.2	1	NSW	137.0
2	WA	136.1	2	TAS	56.6
3	SA	129.8	3	VIC	51.1
4	ACT	88.0	4	SA	43.7
5	QLD	-2.5	5	WA	-102.9
6	NSW	-133.2	6	ACT	-195.3
7	NT	-209.5			
8	TAS	-240.4			

APPEAL1

EVENT: YOUTH PAIRS

Date: 17th July 1999

Appeals Committee:

CHAIRMAN: Ivy Dahler **Other Members:** Ralph Parker, Penny Crittle, Neville Francis, Charlie Snashall

APPELLANTS: Haken Lyngsjø, Ben Barned

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Richard Grenside.

Bd No. 11 Deal: S Vul: Nil

North

KQ10873

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J8

K8754

West

A95

Q10962

K109

92

East

42

AKJ75

AQ65

AJ

South

J6

843

7432

Q1063

S

W

N

2S¹

E

X

3C ²	3H	Pass ³	4C ⁴
Pass	4D	Pass	4H [*]
Pass	4S	Pass	4NT ⁵
Pass	5D	Pass	6H

All pass

* Hesitation (Agreed)

Basic System: Standard

Alerted Bids:

1. Blacks or Reds
2. Correctable
3. Blacks
4. Cue, agreeing hearts (denies spade cue)
5. RKCB

Final Contract & Result: 6H making +980

Tournament Director's Report and Result: Corrected to 4H

Appellant's Claim: East has made a slam try (4C) over 3H (by a passed hand). The decision to proceed on to 4S over the 4H bid by East is consistent with the 4D cue. East has failed to cue 3S therefore East knows that the SA is vital. The choice to cue 4D first clearly shows that West was proceeding towards slam soon as partner made the move. For a passed hand he has the extra trump of quality fitting D cards (on the auction) and a known keycard that partner has said they are interested in. The hesitation (agreed) plays no part in East's decision. It was just good bridge.

Appeals Committee Decision: Adjusted to 6H making.

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DIRECTOR!

If an irregularity occurs at your table, the Director should be called. This means **any** irregularity. For example I have noticed that while the Director is almost always called when there is a revoke, quite often players don't bother in the case of an insufficient bid.

But did you know that if either the insufficient bid, or its correction to the cheapest legal level could be conventional, then the partner of the insufficient bidder is barred for the rest of the auction? The director does.

Active ethics require you to call the Director when your side has committed the irregularity. For example, if only **your** pair has been slow at your table, **you** should call the director to prevent the opposing pair sharing your slow play fine. (NB It is better to accept a two imp slow play fine than lose 10 imps through rushing the play of a cold game)

NOW I'VE HEARD EVERYTHING

To Tell Or Not To Tell

Opponent was asked the strength of the 1NT rebid, and said that it was 12 - 14. When asked the strength of the 1NT opening bid, the same lady said that it was also 12 - 14. Now came the question "What is the difference between your opening 1NT and your 1NT rebid?" she retorted "I'm not going to tell you!"

The Director was called and the situation was explained to him. He then asked for an explanation, to which she replied "Look, it's taken us two years to work out our secrets, and we're not going to tell anyone!"

Friendly Partnership??

“Why didn’t you bid game when I bid so strongly?”
She replied “It’s a good thing I didn’t, seeing as how you only made 3”
Said he “I would have made 6 if I had played better!”

Ask a Silly Question?

Opponents quickly bid
1C 1H 1NT
Question “What system do you play?”
Answer: “ Acol, but this is standard”
Question: “Is that an Oxymoron?”
Answer: “No. 14 - 16 points

But I Can Count to 13!

Weary ANC worker asked “Is today the 18th?” When told that it was, she then asked, “Oh, so is tomorrow the 19th?”

I’m Tired!!!

“How long is that 6 card heart suit?”



CONGRESS RESULTS

Tuesday July 20

MACCABI BRIDGE CLUB PAIRS

- 1st.** Walter Martins & Robbie Sachs
- 2nd** Charlie & Lily Lim
- 3rd** Jeanette Collins & Milton Miller

RENDEZVOUS FLIGHTED PAIRS

National , State & Below

- 1st** Ian Clark & Fred Hess
- 2nd** John Coleman & Pim Briss
- 3rd** Sue Surman & Jenny Elphick

Grand & Life

- 1st** Jill Del Piccolo & Andrew Swider
- 2nd** Linda Bedford-Brown & Heather Williams
- 3rd** Pauline Hammond & David Matthews

APPEAL2

EVENT: INTERSTATE RND 5

Date: 19th July 1999

Appeals Committee:

CHAIRMAN: Ivy Dahler

OTHER MEMBERS: Jonathan Free, Phil Gue, Neville Francis , Michael Kent

APPELLANTS: ACT Women

RESPONDENTS: NSW Women

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Richard Grenside

Board No. 21 Deal: N Vul: N/S

North		
Mitchell		
A4		
752		
75		
AKQ832		
West	East	
Cummings	Feitelson	
QJ987532	K106	
94	1063	
J	A10982	
54	106	
South		
Maher		
—		
AKQJ8		
KQ643		
J97		

S	W	N	E
		1C	Pass
1H	4S	Pass	Pass
4NT	Pass	5C	Pass
5D	Pass	5H	Pass
6H	Pass	Pass	Pass

PLAY: Queen of Spades lead; **RESULT;** EW -1430

Tournament Director's Report and Result: Called after play of match was completed. EW claimed damage due to incorrect explanation of the 5C which had been explained as "I take it as 3 controls" on this basis West decided not to lead her singleton D as the probability of East holding an Ace was remote. I was unable to determine the agreement and according to the principles of misexplanation, ruled an infraction. Adjusted the score to NS -100.

Appellant's Claim: Dispute as to the facts. North and South giving differing explanation after the auction but before the opening lead. West therefore damaged her own case by leading instead of calling for the TD. Element of "double shot" only asking for a ruling for the second lead if her first did not work. West not "damaged". South correctly described her red two suiter, lead so killing lead still possible.

Appeals Committee Decision: The committee is unanimous that there is no evidence to suggest as infraction of mis-explanation. If North had been asked the meaning of 4NT, there may have been a case and if North had had the chance to explain their (N/S) understanding. If anything, any infraction that has occurred is by West(East) in not calling for the director at the time. Table score to be reinstated.

Signed by: Chairman and members

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LITTLE OLD LADY
by Hilda Lirsch

The women's teams has been stereotyped as a bunch of sweet little old ladies bidding gently to part scores.

But Nola Church (ACT) is a L.O.L. with ATTITUDE. Witness her actions on this hand from match 6:

Board 21 Dir N N/S vul .

	K92	
	KQ64	
	5	
	QJ973	
Nola		Julia Hoffman
AQJ54		106
873		A102
KQJ87		A10964
void		64
	873	
	J95	
	2	
	AK10852	

N	E	S	W
pass	2C(1)	Dble	5D
6C	pass	pass	6D(2)

- (1) multi, either some sort of strong hand or a weak 2 in diamonds
- (2) when in doubt bid one more just in case one or both of the slams make

When North found the best lead of the king of hearts, the LOL declarer showed no emotional disappointment. Instead Nola routinely won HA, drew trumps and took the spade finesse.

N won SK but then had to guess. Had Nola started with a singleton heart or a void in clubs? Lured by Nola's in-tempo play at trick one, North guessed wrongly with a club switch -ruffed +920 !

The other table was 4S by W for +450 and 10 imps for the team of the granny with the bicycle chain.

Declarer Play Problem

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Match Point Pairs

(Ed) Vul against not, partner opens 1C in second seat, RHO overcalls 1D and you bid a pragmatic 4H.

K865
5
1032
AK96
J7
AKJ10986
85
J5

LHO cashes AD followed by DK to which all follow, then switches after a moment's pause to S2.

Which spade do you play from dummy ?

Left to your own devices you have only one way to play the spades namely hope LHO was dealt the ace. But now you have been given a choice.

This problem was faced in the Invitation Individual event by declarer, Allison Stralow. In making her decision she needed to assess her opponents. LHO was Henry Christie and RHO was Paul Brayshaw. All three live in Perth and hence 'know' each other's style etc.

Decide **Now** before looking

Board 19 (session 2) D/N E/W vul.

Q103	
Q7	
QJ974	
Q43	
K865	J7
5	AKJ10986
1032	85
AK976	J5
A942	
432	
AK6	
1082	

Tough decision n'est pas?

Why has a good player given you a choice of plays. As declarer, you don't know what has prompted this play. LHO may be unaware whether you have the CQ. At pairs, the defence isn't always trying to defeat the contract. If it looks to be cold, their strategy may be to stop overtricks.

Allison had to consider whether Paul Brayshaw would overcall 1D without the A or K of that suit and without an outside ace or king.

In the event she decided that on the evidence, RHO was more likely to have the SA than the SQ and she called for a low card from dummy.

OUCH! Brayshaw won the SQ and shot back a spade to Christie's ace and that was -100.

I know some players who 'solve' ace/queen or king/jack guess problems like this by always sticking with a rote answer and not trying to analyse the clues. So people who ignore the choice presented as in this example and go in with the king will have notched up +620 here.

But those people will score -100 from time to time when the clues do add up to letting it run - after all defenders often make mistakes.

I confess, I would have played the same way as Allison and gone -100, what about you?

Peter Jamieson

PS I was the Gung Ho 1C opener. . .well it seemed that 10-11 hcp's was all that most people had for their opening bids in the Individual so why not me too!

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A new WA Youth Player asked (As Chris Diment patrolled the playing area) "Is his name Caddy?"

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Slam Action -Session 8
Interstate Teams (Seniors)

Board 2 Dir E N/S vul .

	AQ104	
	K52	
	K954	
	A4	
J962		7
A984		J106
83		1076
QJ6		1097532
	K853	
	Q73	
	AQJ2	
	K8	

Morrie Herman (WA) was declarer in 6S. Gary Malinas (QLD) led the ace of hearts and continued hearts.

Morrie played a spade to the ace in the approved manner on which West (Gary Malinas) contributed the 9!!.

Playing the 9 in this situation is a textbook play - I have read it recently (was it a Bols Bridge Tip?)

Morrie had to decide whether this was a singleton 9 or not.

After due thought he decided it was and cashed the SQ - groan -down 1.

Well carded Gary - tough luck Morrie.

Peter Jamieson

BIDDING DECISION

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Way back in the early days of this fortnight of bridge in Perth there was a hand that caught my eye.

In the Butler Pairs you pick up

854 Q1082 Q5 10984

Partner opens 1NT 12-14 at nil vul and your RHO doubles for penalties. Its your bid! You can stick it and pass or bid 2C showing clubs and a higher suit. **Decide.**

The case for passing is that your good pips and two queens may make 1NTX the best spot. The opening leader may not have a clearcut lead and could easily blow a trick on opening lead.

Passing 1NT with a few crumbs like this may flush out the player sitting over you, who, with meagre values may call 2 of a 5 card suit thus taking you off the hook.

But bidding 2C may find you and partner a nice 4-4 fit and the opponents may abandon penalty thoughts and bid their suits or may whack you in 2C or 2H and expend much energy getting you down one or two doubled

with a cold game available in one of their suits.

On the other hand, what if you have no 4-4 fit? If 2C is doubled, and partner is say 4 3 4 2, he tries 2D and you bid 2H, they double. . . playing 2HX in a 4-3 fit may get ugly with a -500 or -800 (even not vul) in the offing.

Then again bidding 2C may flush your LHO into bidding his suit or even passing if he has no clear Action, whereas he may feel 'obliged' to pass 1NTX in case partner has an excellent long suit lead etc. There are extra factors on this occasion. This is the first of 10 boards, you are a substitute, and your partner is in form with a batch of recent high level tournament results to his name.

If partner has a 'dead centre' 13 hcp's or even a nice 5 card minor, then 1NTX down one or even making could be a great start to the match.

(Ed) I held the problem hand. I decided to pass hoping that Ishmael Del'Monte would escape for down 1 or down 2 at the most.

Gloom @ @ ...Henry Sawicki led AH and switched to diamonds and in due course we were writing down - 500, with 3NT failing because the diamond finesse (% play) is losing.

Peter Jamieson

PS When I play bridge with my wife, Ruth ,we use modified "SWINE" In that system I have no choice - I *must* bid 2C on a hand like this showing clubs and higher suit. A pass by me forces partner to redouble - definitely not a good move on a hand like this!

I think I prefer the method I was using with Ish but the bridge gods were unfriendly on my decision. You will note 2CX only goes down one on careful play.

The full hand:

Board 11 Dlr S Nil vul .

	854	
	Q1082	
	Q5	
	10984	
Q7		KJ62
AKJ64	95	
AK108		J972
65		QJ2
	A1093	
	73	
	643	
	AK73	

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