

Bulletin 12

ANC TEAMS - STANDINGS AFTER TWELVE MATCHES

<u>OPEN</u>			<u>WOMEN</u>		
1	NSW	330.9	1	NSW	161.9
2	WA	204.5	2	QLD	107.6
3	VIC	171.4	3	WA	29.6
4	SA	18.9	4	VIC	-17.2
5	ACT	-16.0	5	ACT	-26.6
6	QLD	-22.7	6	NT	-44.5
7	TAS	-319.1	7	TAS	-66.6
8	NT	-380.8	8	SA	-149.0
<u>SENIOR</u>			<u>YOUTH</u>		
1	SA	228.2	1	NSW	179.7
2	VIC	220.2	2	SA	155.6
3	ACT	156.3	3	VIC	127.1
4	WA	112.2	4	TAS	24.6
5	QLD	-18.0	5	WA	-194.3
6	NSW	-103.2	6	ACT	-302.9
7	NT	-266.7			
8	TAS	-339.7			

COME TO THE VU-GRAPH ON FRIDAY AT 1.30PM TO SEE THE FINAL SET OF BOARDS IN THE ANC TEAMS

COMMENTATORS

Michael Courtney
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Geoff Pocock
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The ABF Tournament Committee altered the format of the 1999 ANC Teams from 4 x 20 board matches per day to 3 x 24 board matches per day.

CAPTAINS - Did you? did your players? like this or prefer the previous format EHR, on behalf of the ABF Tournament Committee, welcomes any comments from any CAPTAINS.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY MICHAEL COURTNEY.
THE BIG 40!!!**

MISTAKES I HAVE MADE 1

by Neville Moses

I thought I had done well not to keep bidding my 8 card solid club suit. Now if only we could prevent the opponents from making ten tricks in spades:-

(Me)
10
K2
Q7
AKQJ10753

AKQ654	J873
843	AQ10
K54	J86
2	964

92
J9765
A10932
8

I led King of clubs of course and continued with the Queen. Declarer (East) ruffed the second club, drew trumps, ending in dummy, and ruffed dummy's last club. Next he hooked the Q hearts, cashed the Ace and dumped Inez in with the Jack. She exited with 10 diamonds and declarer picked the position by rising with the King. A second diamond left me on lead with nowhere to go.

"Can't beat it" I said to Inez. "Even switching to Q diamonds at trick 2 doesn't help"
"No" she said sweetly "unless perhaps you dump the Q diamonds under the King."



SHE'S QUICK !!!!

Ally (you know —the blonde who **can** play bridge) answered the telephone in the Scoring Room yesterday.

Caller " Is that Betty?"

"No", said Ally

"Then is that the fruit and veggie section?"

"No" replied Ally "We don't have any fruit or vegetables here, but we do have plenty of nuts.



THE YOUNG, THE OLD AND THE UGLY

by Hilda Lirsch

Match 10 Board 24

N		E
Q3		A4
K9532		J108
J83		KQ75
J106		K753
W		
KJ9862		
AQ7		
9		
Q84		
S		
1075		
64		
A10642		
A92		

Rebecca Plush (ACT Youth) and Len Dixon (ACT Seniors) both declared 3NT as East on this hand, and both played identically.

A low diamond was led to the nine Jack and King. The Ace of spades was led at trick two, then a spade to the King - an avoidance play which was spectacularly successful when North held the doubleton Queen. Spades were now cashed, declarer discarding two hearts and two clubs. Now a club to the King secured the ninth trick and a brace of game swings.

The ugly thing about this hand is that the avoidance play may have been premature. I suggest, instead, the Jack of hearts at trick two.



OPEN TEAMS

by Ted Chadwick

Session 10 N.S.W. vs A.C.T.
Board 19

West	East
2D (1)	3S (2)
7S (3)	

(1) Strong
 (2) 3S = 8+ HCP 3 spades 1 heart (5 4 minors)

N		E
73		J85
J32		10
A7542		
874		
W		
AKQ106		
AQ764		

- AK6 KJ1096
QJ32

S
942
K985
Q83
1095

I'm prepared to bet that no one else in the interstate field had the same auction we did. I've no idea why we have this club in our bag but Beauchamp used it for the first time ever in our partnership.

3 spades showed a 3 1 (5 4) distribution 8+ HCP. We have never discussed continuations to this auction so bid a crisp 7 spades.

Liz Havas found the only lead to trouble this contract, a trump.

After this diabolical lead the best percentage play now is to finesse the Queen of hearts.

Beauchamp knows his odds, finessed the Queen, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart to establish the suit and claimed +2210

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CONGRESS RESULTS
Wednesday July 21

BAWA FLIGHTED PAIRS

National Sue Surman & Jenny Elphick
State Bridget lane & Elizabeth McNeill
Local Anne Lemonis & Challis Ezekial

Grand & Life

1st Pauline Hammond & David Matthews
2nd Eddie & Robin Vaughan
3rd Jill Del Piccolo & Andrew Swider

**If you can smile while all around you are getting better scores than you are,
then you are a better sport than I am Gunga Din!**

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SLAMMING
SESSION 9 ANC TEAMS



MORE ACOL BOOKS AVAILABLE AT THE BOOKSTALL outside the ballroom (see Daily Bulletin #9 for list of more Acol books)

TITLE	AUTHOR	PUBLISHED	PUBLISHER	COST
."Simple Conventions for Acol System"	Klinger	1995	Mr Bridge	\$ 9.95

Pocket sized booklet detailing simple conventions which can be incorporated into your Acol system. Includes extended Stayman, Baron, Flint, Swiss, Benji Acol, Negative Doubles, Unusual No Trump and Michaels. Good for newish players aspiring to learn more.
(beginners/intermediate bidding)

Summary of the Acol System of Contract Bridge"	Crowhurst	1994	Mr Bridge	\$ 9.95
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Pocket sized booklet summarising Acol system with brief explanations of bids, responses and rebids. Typical auctions are shown and explained, and there is a short commentary on slam-bidding, pre-empts, take-out doubles and overcalls.
(beginners/ intermediate bidding)

"The Kunac Approach to Acol"	Kunac P	1997(2 nd)	Kunac	\$14.95
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10 chapters devoted to the conventions and treatments that New Zealander Peter Kunac adds to the Acol system. Includes idle bids, multi two's, inverted minors, Tartan two's and control asking conventions. Very useful and simply written - Good value.Intermediate players.

"Acol-ite's Quiz"	Lederer P	1992,1993	Collins	\$15.95
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6 sections deal with basic rules of bidding each followed by a very comprehensive series of exercises and then a competition quiz which can be played by two or more people or used by bridge teachers to instruct students. An Acol classic.(intermediate bidding).

"Guide to Better Acol Bridge"	Klinger & Kambites	1998	Victor Gollancz	\$18.95
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Klinger and Kambites combine again to write the Acol version of this very popular Klinger book. Heaps of information and lots of exercises in 32 chapters divided into 4 sections - constructive bidding, defensive and destructive bidding, expanded constructive bidding, competitive and defensive bidding. Great value.
(intermediate bidding)

"Bread & Butter Bidding"	Senior B	1991,1997	Batsford	\$19.95
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A very comprehensive guide to Acol bidding by one of the UK's foremost bridge writers. This is designed for those who have just completed a 'beginners course' and want to take the game further. Lots and lots of exercises follow each of 5 sections, and there are 15 quizzes also. Good value. (beginners bidding)

"Paul Marston's Introduction to Bridge-Acol Edition"	Marston	1989,1996	Grandslam Books	\$11.95
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Marston's best selling introduction to bridge is available for Acol bidders at low cost. Designed for beginners, it has 6 chapters detailing the basics of the system. Great value. (beginners bidding).

MORE: The step-by-step series is published by English book publishers BATSFORD and all of them concentrate on a 4-card major system and weak no-trump and so are excellent for Acol players.

Titles:	Step by Step Constructive Bidding	Sowter T	All published since 1995 at a cost of \$22.95
	Step by Step Competitive Bidding	Sowter T	
	Step by Step Slam Bidding	Mould A	
	Step by Step Overcalls	Brock S	
	Step by Step card play in suits	Senior B	
	Step by Step card play in No Trumps	Berthe & Leberly	

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MISTAKES I HAVE MADE 2

by Neville Moses

I was playing 5D from the South hand after John Brockwell (East) had interposed spades. Things looked like this:

NS Vul. E Dealer

	Inez	
	963	
	Q	
	A92	
	AKJ1076	
George J		John
2		AQJ54
AJ964		10532
J43		10
9853		Q42
	Me	
	K1087	
	K87	
	KQ8765	

Naturally George led his singleton spade to John's Ace - and **I FAILED TO DROP THE KING!!!**

Would John have continued spades or would he have switched? He tells me he doesn't know himself, so we'll all die wondering!

P.S. I wonder how many geniuses in the Open dropped the King and made 5 diamonds after a switch by finessing 9 trumps and setting up the clubs??

P.P.S. No doubt **THEY** all simply played 3NT.



Session 12 Match Report

WA vs VIC (Open Teams).

Here are some of the swing boards.

Firstly Board 6.

D/East E/W Vul .

	A9	
	98762	
	K102	
	A106	
KQ106532	J7	KJ104
3		873
AJ		
532	Q74	
	84	
	Q5	
	Q9654	
	KJ98	

In the closed room East WA (Don Allen) opened 1C showing 8-12 and 4+ hearts and less than 4 spades. Jim Borin passed and Trevor Fuller bid 1D (invitational to game). Don Allen rebid 2S! showing 10-12, 5+ hearts and spade shortage. Trevor could now pass. Borin led spade 4 to declarer's J. Next came A & K hearts

pitching a club. In due course 9 tricks were made.

In the Open room, Robert Van Riel opened 1H! and rebid 2H over Felicity Beale's 1S. Felicity's 4S closed the auction. Ron Cooper led D2 to Ace. Declarer tried the H finesse, losing. Other winners for the defence were DK,CA,SA,CJ,CK for down 3 vul.

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Board 9

D/North E/W Vul .

Q972

Q10

QJ1086

93

AJ53

J653

4

KJ42

864

K984

A5

AQ85

K10

A72

K9732

1076

In the Open room, East ,Robert Van Riel opened 1NT, passed out making 6 tricks.

In the Closed room,Allen 'opened' a forcing pass. Borin overcalled 1D, Fuller bid 1D (7-10 pts & 4 hearts). Richman bounced to 4D and Don Allen's 4H closed the auction. DQ lead was won by the ace and Trevor Fuller could see 4 probable major suit losers. . . unless South had Q10 doubleton heart. So declarer called for H4 at T2 hoping to see the H10 appear. Borin flew HA and switched to SK. Declarer now had 10 tricks for an unexpected +620!

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Brd 12 D/West N/S Vul.

K9

J84

KJ863

A95

J75432

10763

void

J74

1086

A95

A1095

832

AQ

KQ2

Q742

KQ106

Ron Cooper (Open room) opened 1D as North - Henry Christie responded 2D (inverted), 2NT -3C cue 3D -4D: 5C - 5D all pass. The ugly D break scuppered this contract.

In the Closed room Trevor Fuller opened 1S (this was a "fert" or fertilizer bid showing 0-8 pts any shape), Richman overcalled 1NT (12-14 pts) and Borin, after some time in the think tank, elected not to look for a thin slam and raised to 3NT.

Don Allen's opening D10 lead was not good for the defence and Richman could claim eleven tricks.

If Don had found a MUD spade lead then Richman has some work to do but should emerge with 9 tricks.

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Board 15 D/South N/S Vul.

	K106	
	98	
	A762	
	KJ52	
Q53		75
KQJ2		6543
Q5		KJ98
10976	Q84	
	AJ942	
	A107	
	1043	
	A3	

In the Open room, Christie, South, opened 1S, N bid 2C (G/F and natural), S rebid 2N and Ron Cooper's 4S (fast arrival) concluded the auction.

1. HK
2. QH to Ace
3. C3 to J losing
4. H exit ruffed in dummy
5. C to Ace
6. A spade to the 10! and +620

In the closed room Borin opened 1S,2C from Richman, a temporising 2D from Borin. 2S North (non forcing) and a bold 4S from Borin (Ax clubs =nice). Same play to T1 and T2 then Borin ruffed a heart in dummy, cashed SK and ran the 10 losing to the Q - gloom.

It was hard for Trevor Fuller to switch to a diamond on the bidding so he got out with a heart.

Borin ruffed this and cashed his last two trumps that put the defence under pressure. Dummy pitched a diamond and then a club. Don Allen elected to pitch two diamonds. Now Borin could play Ace and another diamond and the D10 was his 10th trick. Well done Jim after mis-guessing spades.

No Swing!

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Board 22 (see next page) saw yet another 1S "fert" (fertilizer bid) from Don Allen in the East chair showing 0-8 points and any shape. Jim Borin bid 2C a natural opening bid limited to 14 points and Bob Richman's 5C concluded proceedings.

With just two aces to lose that looks boring.....but maybe not !

	N	
	KQ4	
	2	
	AQJ52	
	10976	
W		E
J8532		10976
AKQ105		J83
86		943
3		A52
	S	
	A	

9764
K107
KQJ84

In the Open Room Henry Christie opened 1C. Felicity Beale climbed into the auction with 2C (Michaels Cue Bid). Ron Cooper bid 2D, Van Riel chipped in with 2S. Over Christie's 3D, Ron Cooper elected to bid 3NT. After the H3 lead the defence grabbed five heart tricks but the club Ace went to bed for only one down but still a healthy pick up to Victoria.

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Board 23 ALL VUL Dealer South

N	
J93	
KQ7	
A632	
A98	
W	E
K87	105
543	AJ109862
K1054	98
543	K10
S	
AQ642	
void	
QJ7	
QJ762	

In the Closed room Borin opened 1S and over Richman's 2D, Don Allen interposed 2H. Borin's 3C rebid ostensibly showed a canape (longer clubs than spades and typically 4-6 shape). Richman bid 3NT and Don Allen led H10 (Rusinow-promising a high honour and maybe the Jack as well).

In the fullness of time, the defenders kept the right cards and Richman was down 2 for -200.

Borin crimed himself for not rebidding 2S but next time getting the club suit in early could be vital for a nice club slam.

In the Open room Cooper & Christie duly got to 4S after a 2H overcall and a raise to 3H. This made 11 tricks for a good pick up to WA.

Board 24 Nil Vul Dir West

In the Open room Cooper, North, opened 1D and Christie responded 1H. Then Beale overcalled 1S, Cooper rebid 2C, and Robert Van Riel bounced to 3S.

N	
109	
K2	
KQ754	
AJ54	
W	E
KQJ64 A8753	
Q105	864
86	J9
Q96	1082
S	
2	
AJ973	
A1032	

K73

Christie cue bid 4S over which Cooper bid 5C, Christie bid 5D and after considerable reflection Ron Cooper judged that there should be some play for twelve tricks - Kx hearts = good holding and he bid 6D which proved to be easy on the actual layout.

In the closed room Fuller opened the bidding with 1D showing 8-12 pts and 4+ spades & <4 hearts. Richman bid 2D, natural, and Don Allen also bounced to 3S.

Jim Borin had less information to work with than Henry Christie and judged that 12 tricks might be hard to procure and accordingly jumped directly to 5D. Richman looking at 109 of spades and fearing two spade losers passed.

If Allen had bounced to 4S would Borin would have compensated etc with a leap to 6D?

These seven hands were the big swing hands but there were numerous small swings eg Board 13 was passed in the Open room. In the Closed room Richman opened the North Hand 1D (sort of Precision-ish) and Borin got to play it in 1NT making 7 tricks.

The result of this 24 board match was 7 imps to WA.

By the way in case readers were not aware, Richman-Borin are not a regular partnership. Rob Fruewirth had qualified to play for VIC with Borin but had to return home on 18/7/99 one hour before the teams began! NPC for VIC, Felicity Beale now became a player partnering Van Riel - a regular partnership. Martin Willcox took over as NPC. Borin is playing Richman's system ie Big Club and light openings in first and second seat. But in third and fourth seat they switch to Standard!

Fuller and Allen are one of WA's top pairs. They had seven Forcing Pass openings, five 1S Ferts, and 5 transfer openings. Such bids are very tiring to play against....many unusual decisions are required. .it is uncomfortable but can be fun.

Peter Jamieson & Hilary Yovich