

Bulletin 9

ANC TEAMS - STANDINGS AFTER THREE MATCHES

<u>OPEN</u>			<u>WOMEN</u>		
1	NSW	86.7	1	QLD	73.1
2	SA	32.0	2	NSW	30.1
3	ACT	22.4	3	NT	5.5
4	VIC	7.0	4	SA	-2.0
5	QLD	2.6	5	WA	-7.4
6	WA	-8.0	6	ACT	-7.6
7	NT	-51.7	7	VIC	-22.6
8	TAS	-91.0	8	TAS	-69.1

<u>SENIOR</u>			<u>YOUTH</u>		
1	ACT	88.0	1	TAS	16.7
2	VIC	81.0	2	NSW	10.0
3	SA	62.4	3	VIC	7.0
4	WA	24.8	4	SA	-0.5
5	TAS	-33.8	5	WA	-8.1
6	NSW	-69.4	6	ACT	-27.6
7	QLD	-86.4			
8	NT	-99.6			

CAPTAIN'S LOG, H.M.S. PINAFORE

by Hilda Lirsch

So now I am the ruler of the Queen's navee.

I will listen to input from the team, but will make the final decision on lineups, and whether to appeal a Director's ruling. I will also provide advice on defences to the opponents' systems.

You're very very good, and be it under stood, I command a right good crew.

We win together, so smug superiority is silly. There should be no public criticism of partner or teammates. However, any problems can be raised with me confidentially, and I will do my best to resolve them. Remember that bridge is only a game, and the purpose is to have fun.

What never? No, never! What never? Hardly ever.

Ideally, the players should never make a bridge error. We do not live in an ideal world, but at the very least *unforced* errors can be kept to a minimum. Apply the basic team strategies of bid thin games, when in doubt bid one more, do not double for one off, do not sacrifice, take the money when they sacrifice, safety plays, leading your longest and strongest, in a nutshell being totally predictable and boring.

PERTH ANC RECORDS

Keith McDonald

I had taken the pledge never to captain a team again after 10 previous efforts at various ANCs. However, I was delighted to accept the offer of captain of the Queensland Senior team. In my view, 13 years as President of the QBA is equivalent to the life span of any Senior player! I remember the 1984 Perth ANC when I captained the Queensland Youth team and played in my first Butler.

By 1991 I had been promoted to captain of the Qld Women.. I shared a room with the late Colin Stone who was in charge of the Open team. Poor Colin had a terrible week as captain of one of the strongest Open teams we had ever entered in an ANC. The team did not fire and required a rearrangement of partnerships. Paul Lavings never returned to Queensland after this event. I know he will make it back before his bridge career ends and play for Queensland again.

Perhaps I should have insisted on the position of captain of the Open this year and accepted the Seniors for the next Perth ANC. This would have been a more logical progression to the Top Job!?

I would be interested if someone could tell me if this record has ever been achieved ie four ANCs in the same city as Youth, Women, Open and Senior captain. Who has captained the most teams at ANCs in Perth?

I am also looking forward to playing in the Mixed Pairs with Ivy Dahler. In 1984 I partnered Kym Ellaway and in 1991 Margaret Millar. If Ivy chooses not to partner me again (and who could blame her?) perhaps I can aim for another record. in 2007!!!

Sue Surman and her team have maintained the record of excellent Perth ANCs. I have met many local players and all have been positive about WA bridge. I hope to meet many more before the event is over. I know that those experiencing their first ANC will be hooked for life and join the wonderful 'family' that seems to reappear year after year.

I hope to see you all in Brisbane for the 2000 event.

Keith McDonald President ABF

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A FAMILY THING?

It was pointed out to the *Asst. Ed.* today that fathers, mothers and sons are playing in 6 ANC Teams:

ANC Ian Robinson (Open)
Sue Coleman (Women)
Adam Robinson (age 15, Youth)

NT Eric Nunn (Open)
Pam Nunn (Women)
Tony Nunn (NSW Youth)

WITH A LITTLE BIT OF HELP FROM MY FRIENDS

by- Hilda Lirsch

Michael Courtney's win in the Individual was mostly due to his own superb bidding and cardplay, but occasionally he had help from partner.

Session 1, Board 10

Dealer E, All vul.

8752	
J10	
Q542	
762	
M. Courtney	Helpful Friend
Q6	AKJ6
Q8732	K5
1073	A8
AJ8	KQ953
1093	
A964	
KJ96	
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After a 1C opening and 1H response, at many tables East rebid a miserly 1S, resulting in a 3NT or 4H contract. At Courtney's table, the helpful friend got his hand off his chest by jump rebidding 2S. This caused Michael to look favourably upon his black suit honours, and jump to 4C. Michael's partner tried for a grand slam with a 4D cuebid, but when Michael discouraged with 5C, settled for a 6C contract.

The 4D cuebid discouraged South from leading diamonds, and on the actual trump lead declarer had no difficulty in establishing Courtney's fifth heart for a diamond discard and +1370.

Courtney noted that, as the cards lie, even the more testing diamond lead would fail to defeat the slam. Declarer draws exactly two rounds of trumps, four spades are then cashed, discarding two diamonds from dummy, then a diamond ruff is the twelfth trick.

CONGRESS RESULTS

SKYWEST TEAMS

Sunday July 18

First	CLARK	Second	LAW	Third	WILLIAMS
	Alida Clark		Noelene Law		Heather Williams
	Peter Rogers		Annabel Booth		Geraldine Clarke
	Margaret Courtney		Doreen Jones		Linda Bedford-Brown
	Michael Courtney		Rachel Krasenstein		Suzanne Goodall

A THING OF BEAUTY

by Paul Yovich

I sat down to watch the Round 2 Youth Teams match between NSW and SA in the hope of seeing some fireworks. With NSW's Tony Nunn and Michael Wilkinson playing Suspensor (a Polish forcing pass system) against Australian Youth team members Nick Croft and Luke Matthews, I felt sure I'd find some bulletin-worthy

stuff. After 6 boards I had seen nothing but steady, tight bridge. One high-level competitive deal was of interest, but I'll save that for later, because the gem of the match was soon to follow:

Board 23 All Vul Dealer South

	A	
	Q10x	
	Q10xx	
	A10983	
KJ10xxx		xx
xxx		AKxx
Kxxx		Jxxx
—		J52
	98xx	
	Jxx	
	A	
	KQ764	

South	West	North	East
Nick	Tony	Luke	Michael
Pass	1S*	Pass	2S
Pass	Pass	2NT	X
3C	All pass		

Tony's 1S opening showed 8-12 points and either 0-2 or 6+ spades(!). Michael was able to "raise" with his doubleton, and Tony passed to confirm his length. 2NT showed the minors, and 3C was the final contract. After a heart lead to the King, then Ace of hearts and another heart, Nick probably thought his side had missed game: a 2-1 trump break makes 5C laydown. When he played a club to the King and got the "bad" news, he proceeded to wrap up 10 tricks, but he'd missed a chance for an "*Adventure in Card Play*".

On the club king Tony must pitch a spade because of the threat of having his DK ruffed out. Suppose Nick now plays a spade to the ace and runs the C10, Tony performs pitching another spade. Now, diamond to the Ace, spade ruff low, diamond ruff leaves this position, with South on lead:

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	—	
	Q10	
	A9	
KJ		—
—		x
Kx		Jx
—		J
	98	
	—	
	—	
	Q6	

Now the lead of the CQ both draws that pesky trump and effects an entry-shifting squeeze on poor Tony! If he throws a spade, Nick ducks in dummy, ruffs his spades good and ruffs a diamond back to hand to enjoy it. If Tony throws a diamond, Nick **overtakes** the CQ with the ace, ruffs the DQ good and ruffs a spade back to dummy to enjoy it!

To execute the squeeze you need this sort of trump position, otherwise the entry-shifting threat doesn't exist. So, what if, back at trick 6, Michael **covers** the C10? This leaves this trump position:

A9

— 5
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ruining the squeeze.

BUT WAIT, there's more!!! If, back at trick 4, Nick leads the C8 (or 9 or 10) to his King on the first round of trumps, covering the C10 won't help the position at trick 9 is as follows:

— A3
— 5
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and the squeeze DOES work after all!!

Now that I've calmed down, I can report the deal I referred to earlier, in which all four players did well

Board 19 E/W Vul Dealer South

J8632
963
A962
2
— KQ
AKJ1052 Q87
Q84 KJ7
Q1084 KJ653
A109754
4
1053
A97

South	West	North	East
Pass	1H ¹	Pass	1S ²
2S	3H	4S	X
All Pass			

1. 8 – 12, 0 –2 or 6+ Hearts
2. Relay, invitational or better.

North-South piled on the pressure, and Michael took some time to double. I admired Tony's ethical pass, which was rewarded by the result. Nick gave 4SX his best shot after the HA lead. He ruffed the heart continuation, played a trump to the Ace, played AC and ruffed a club, heart ruff, club ruff, trump exit.

Now Michael led away from his KJ7 of diamonds, avoiding the ruff-and-discard and scoring +100. That, it turns out, is par, because a ruff will defeat both 5C and 5H. By the way, SA won the match by 50 IMPS.

AssEd: The IMPS on both boards were:

Board 23 +11 (E/W 4H +1)
Board 19 +7 (Part score swing)

ACOL BOOKS AVAILABLE AT BOOKSTALL

TITLE	AUTHOR	PUBLISHED	PUBLISHER	COST
Understanding Acol	Crowhurst & Kambites	1990, 1997	Victor Gollancz	\$24.95

Divided into two main sections : uncontested and contested auctions, with 13 chapters and quizzes after each chapter. Also has appendices dealing with negative doubles, transfers, special NT re-bids and 'Law of Total Tricks'. This book comes highly recommended; acol bidding carefully and succinctly explained by two great "Acolites". (Intermediate bidding)

Acol Bridge for Bright Improvers	Kelsey & Kambites	1996	Victor Gollancz	\$19.95
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20 chapters dealing with strategy in bidding and card play, including subjects such as competitive decisions, suit combinations, opening leads and much, much more. Quizzes follow each chapter. Designed to enable keen Acolites to become strong club players. Excellent value, once again written by leading world authorities on the system. (Intermediate bidding and card play)

Acol Bridge for Bright Beginners	Kelsey & Kambites	1996	Victor Gollancz	\$19.95
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12 Chapters devoted to bidding and 6 chapters on play designed for those who have only a limited knowledge of Acol bidding, or those who have never played Bridge before. Each chapter is followed by a quiz and the principles are simply written and easily understood. Great value for the self-teacher (beginners bidding/play)

Acol in the 90s	Reese & Bird	1990, 1996	Robert Hale	\$22.95
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15 chapters on Acol bidding as it has evolved to date with recognition of the changes that the system has undergone since the 'early days'. Two of the best writers in the history of Bridge detail numerous applications of Acol in both competitive and uncontested auctions, and they also explain the mechanics of "multi-two's", cansino, lebensohl and slam bidding. Excellent! (intermediate/advanced bidding)

Test Your Acol Bidding	Rowlands, Whittaker and Hawthorn	1995	Bridge Plus	\$14.95
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240 cut-out hands to test your "rubber bridge or teams" bidding skills with detail showing how the hands could be best bid and ratings are awarded for the final contract reached. Many tricky bidding situations are discussed. Great for practice (Intermediate bidding)

Practise Your Acol Bidding	Rowlands Whittaker & Townsend	1998	Bridge Plus	\$14.95
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As above, but different hands and different problems - once again great for practice. (intermediate bidding)

Acol Bridge Made Easy	Klinger	1986	Victor Gollancz	\$14.95
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Beginners guide to Acol with simple explanations of basic bidding and tips on declarer play and defence. Great for those very new to the game, by Australia's most renowned Bridge writer. (beginners bidding/play)

Basic Acol Bridge Flipper	Klinger	1996	Victor Gollancz	\$ 9.95
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New edition flipper designed for use at the bridge table by beginners and social players. Recommended for use in conjunction with "Acol Bridge Made Easy". Easy to use for quick reference. (beginners bidding)