Bulletin 9

| | <u>OPEN</u> | | | WOMEN | I | |
|---|---------------|-------|---|--------------|-------|--|
| 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 | |
| | SENIOR | | | YOUTH | | |
| 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 | | | | |

ANC TEAMS - STANDINGS AFTER THREE MATCHES

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 *un*forced 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 ney K5 | Helpful Friend AKJ6 A8 KQ953 |
|---|---|
| 1093 A964 KJ96 | |
| | J10 Q542 762 ney K5 1093 A964 |

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 Alida Clark Peter Rogers Margaret Courtney Michael Courtney

Second

LAW Noelene Law Annabel Booth Doreen Jones Rachel Krasenstein

Third WILLIAMS

Heather Williams Geraldine Clarke Linda Bedford-Brown 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:

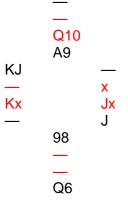
Board 23 All Vul Dealer South

| А | |
|---------|------|
| Q10x | |
| Q10xx | |
| A10983 | |
| KJ10xxx | XX |
| XXX | AKxx |
| Kxxx | Jxxx |
| | J52 |
| 98xx | |
| Jxx | |
| А | |
| KQ764 | |

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|---------|-------|---------|
| Nick | Tony | Luke | Michael |
| Pass | 1S* | Pass | 2S |
| Pass | Pass | 2NT | Х |
| 3C | All pas | s | |

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 perforce pitching another spade. Now, diamond to the Ace, spade ruff low, diamond ruff leaves this position, with South on lead:



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!

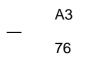
To execute the squeeze you need this sort of trump position, otherwise the entry-shifting threat doesn't exist. So, what if, back at trick 6, Michael **covers** the C10? This leaves this trump position:

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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:

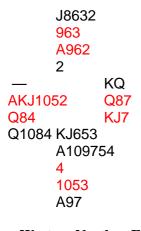


and the squeeze DOES work after all !!

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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



| South | West | North | East |
|----------|---------|-------|--------|
| Pass | $1 H^1$ | Pass | $1S^2$ |
| 2S | 3H | 4S | Х |
| All Pass | 5 | | |

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 |
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Understanding AcolCrowhurst &Kambites1990,1997Victor 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 | Kelsey & Kambites | 1996 | Victor Gollancz | \$19.95 |
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| Bright Improvers | | | | |

20 chapters dealing with strategy in bidding and card play, including subjects such as competitve 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)

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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 | Rowlands,Whittaker | 1995 | Bridge Plus | \$14.95 |
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| Bidding | and Hawthorn | | | |

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 | Rowlands Whittaker | 1998 | Bridge Plus | \$14.95 |
|---------------|--------------------|------|-------------|---------|
| Acol Bidding | & Townsend | | | |

As above, but different hands and different problems - once again great for practice.(intermediate bidding)

| Acol Bridge | Klinger | 1986 | Victor Gollancz | \$14.95 |
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| Made Easy | | | | |

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 | Klinger | 1996 | Victor Gollancz | \$ 9.95 |
|----------------|---------|------|-----------------|---------|
| Bridge Flipper | | | | |

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)