

ANC Bulletin – Canberra 2001

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It just gets tougher

This year, Stage 1 of the Open Butler has two more rounds. Over the full seven days of the event, the survivors will have played 450 boards (128 + 140 + 182), roughly the same as the combined SWPT & NOT each January.

As this issue goes to print, the Open field has played 11 of 16 rounds. Basically you need to finish first or second in your section. Note: Having non-contending pairs above you does **not** improve your chances. The Women get a lighter load; they've played 10 of 14.

ABF events

Exact times to be confirmed!

Stage 1 (Open & Women's)

Sun 10am, 1.30

Stage 2 (& Seniors' A)

Sun 8pm
Mon 10am, 1.30, 8pm
Tue 10am, 1.30

Stage 3 (& Seniors' B)

Wed 11am, 1.30, 7.30
Thur 11am, 1.30, 7.30
Fri 11am, 1.30

Restricted Butler

Wed - Fri 1.30

Butler Presentation

Fri at 6pm in the Menzies Room.
Also interstate welcome.

Pairs (all 5 categories)

Sat 21st 1.30 & 7.30

ANC teams (4 categories)

Sun - Wed 10.30, 2.30, 8pm
Thur 10.30, 2.30

ANC finals

Thur 8pm
Fri 27th 10 am, 1.30
(Vugraph at 2.30)

Victory Dinner – Fri at 7pm

at Great Hall, Uni House, ANU

Bridge Cam

This goes online tonight, for the start of Stage 2.

The system will produce a display of the hand, followed by a camera capturing the bidding, which will be done by bidding boxes, and play. The display is being fed through the hotel TV system, so it can be followed from all hotel suites (scroll to find the channel). As well a TV will be positioned in the dining area, so those who are frequenting the bar can follow the current match.

However to ensure security of the hands, the ABF has instigated the following procedures:

- The display will not commence until the Bridgecam table starts its second board, about 10 minutes into the session.
- When the display starts, no further kibitzers will be allowed to enter ANY playing room.
- A kibitzer who leaves after Bridgecam commences will be unable to reenter ANY playing room.

The ANC organisers wish to thank Mark Abrahams for the hand display software, and Professional Computing (Henry Hudson) for providing the hardware.

Through the wringer with Ish

Hard to reach 7♣ on this hand when East opens a heart but Ish found a devious way:

Stage 1, Match 10, Bd 10

	♠ 10 9 6 4 3		
	♥ Q 7 2		
	♦ Q 2		
	♣ 10 9 6		
♠	Q J 5	♠	A K 2
♥	A	♥	9 8 6 5 4 3
♦	A K J 9	♦	6
♣	A Q 5 3 2	♣	K J 7
	♠ 8 7		
	♥ K J 10		
	♦ 10 8 7 5 4 3		
	♣ 8 4		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Ish		Sartaj	
		1♥	No
1♠!	No	2♠	No
2NT*	No	3♣	No
3♦	No	3♠	No
4NT*	No	5♥*	No
5NT*	No	6♣	No
7♣	End		

2NT was forcing, allowing East to complete shape-showing, then came RKC Blackwood with East showing two key cards. 5NT asked partner to cue a king, so Ish knew partner had ♠A-K and ♣K. Just what he needed.

Seres saves a trick

Richard Hills

Tim defended like a real beginner here:

Stage 1, Match 4, Bd 31

S/NS	♠ 10		
	♥ 10 8 6 2		
	♦ 10 7 2		
	♣ A J 10 6 3		
♠	K 9 8	♠	Q 7 6 4
♥	K 9 5 4	♥	A Q 7 3
♦	Q J 6 5 3	♦	A K 8
♣	8	♣	9 7
	♠ A J 5 3 2		
	♥ J		
	♦ 9 4		
	♣ K Q 5 4 2		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Finikiotis	Nagy	Hills	Seres
			1♣
1♦	2♣	3♣	No
3♦	No	3♥	No
4♥	End		

Zoli Nagy overtook Tim's ♠K lead to punch dummy with another club. After the ♥K collected South's ♥J, North covered dummy's ♥9 with the ten, revealing the 4-1 break.



Not a beginner

On a low spade towards dummy, Seres hopped ace (otherwise 11 easy tricks) and made the "beginner mistake" of giving a ruff and discard. However, this set up a trump trick for North, saving an IMP.

Kirsten keeps quiet

Phil Gue

Kirsten Bailey was my first partner in a National Championship - the Youth teams in the "old" Hotel Canberra back in 1973 (I think). Since then she has gone on to become a strength in Tasmanian bridge and managed to teach husband Gavin a thing or two. On this hand against Barry Noble and me, she taught Gavin another lesson - how keeping quiet in the bidding can be a winner.

Bd 22 Session 3 - Open

E/EW	♠ K J 8 3		
	♥ J 10		
	♦ Q 10 5		
	♣ K J 10 2		
♠ 10 7 6 2		♠ 9 4	
♥ AKQ92		♥ 7 6 4 3	
♦ 9 6		♦ 7 3 2	
♣ 9 5		♣ A 8 7 4	
	♠ AQ5		
	♥ 8 5		
	♦ AKJ84		
	♣ Q63		



We need hands!

If something classy or weird happens at your table, tell us about it. Grab a *What happened?* form, or speak to Nick or Nicoleta.

Ring any time (1 am is good, just before the deadline) on 0414 876 175. We're in Room 215.

Or send an email to nhughes@bigpond.net.au.

After Gavin passed as East, I opened a Polish 1♣ with South and Kirsten chose to pass. Barry and I had an uninterrupted auction to 3NT, checking for a spade fit on the way as I showed a balanced 15-17 with the South cards. Kirsten had no difficulty cashing the heart tricks and then finding the club switch to gain maximum penalty.

Now look what happens if Kirsten overcalls 1♥: North will bid 1♠ and South will force with 2♦ or 2♥. Force of strength will get N/S to game and with no heart stopper, 4♠ will be the resting point. This contract will make with no minor suit ruff for the defence and only 3 top losers.

Around the room there were stories of how N/S had reached 4♠. Perhaps if those Wests had been as silent as Kirsten, they would have been scoring +100 rather than -420.



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BridgeOn.net
for great articles
and tips.

It's hard to reach 4♠ after a strong 1NT but maybe Ron Klinger has a way. Acol players should get there via 1♦ : 1♠ : 2♣ : 3♣ : 3♠.

Should you make 6♥ here?

John Roberts and Bruce Neill are playing Standard at the moment with one gadget, upside down RKC Blackwood (so 5♣ & 5♦ show two key cards). It's like a dose of methadon for relay players suffering withdrawal.

They used the method to reach this good 6♥ after a splinter from North:

Stage 1, Match 8, Bd 15

S/NS	♠ K Q J 4		
	♥ AK 9 7		
	♦ 10		
	♣ 9 7 5 3		
♠ 9 7 2		♠ 10 8 5	
♥ Q 10 5 4		♥ —	
♦ 9 7 3		♦ K Q J 4 2	
♣ Q 8 2		♣ K J 10 6 4	
	♠ A 6 3		
	♥ J 8 6 3 2		
	♦ A 8 6 5		
	♣ A		

The 4-0 break kills it, no matter how you squirm. The only winning line is to take a deep finesse on the first round of trumps, more than a little suspicious.

This brings up a useful way of categorising a slam:

Hungarian slam

One that makes.

Balkan slam

One that makes if you can see your opponents cards.

Called Balkan to avoid offending any particular ethnic group. That 6♥ was a Balkan slam.

Victorian slam

One that could have made.

Armenian slam

One that fails, Karapet!

Any sympathy?

When you balance your vulnerable opponents into a game that makes, look for a place to hide:

Stage 1, Match 9, Bd 7

S/Both	♠ AK		
	♥ 9 8 7 5		
	♦ 8 4		
	♣ K Q J 10 8		
♠ Q J 10 3		♠ 9 8 6 2	
♥ AK 10 6		♥ 4 3	
♦ 9 6 5 3		♦ K Q J 7 2	
♣ 5		♣ A 3	
	♠ 7 5 4		
	♥ Q J 2		
	♦ A 10		
	♣ 9 7 6 4 2		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nunn		McManus	
			No
2♣*	No	2♠	No
No	3♣	3♠	No
4♠	End		

2♣ showed majors. North protected, which prompted EW into some nice re-evaluation. -620 and 10 IMPs out. It's in my long term marital interest for players to agree that 3♣ wasn't so bad.

Quick quiz

Which king has no moustache?

Which honours are 1-eyed?

Stage 1 leaders after 11 of 16

Open (Top 2 qualify plus 1 best third)

1A	Weston & Stark	193
2	Smart & Morgan	188
=3	Marston & Thomson	185
=3	Klofa & Collins	185
1B	Klinger & Dyke	205
2	Giura & Hughes	179
3	Ware & Geromboux	177
1C	Neill & Roberts	210
2	Ewart & Wawn	177
3	Boulton & Macheski	163
1D	Fordham & Prescott	190
=2	Marinos & Kahler	180
=2	Robson & Lee	180
1E	Seres & Nagy	188
2	Hanson & Herring	184
3	Gauld & Lowe	179
1F	McManus & Nunn	204
2	Crichton & Crichton	185
3	Antoff & Simpson	176
1G	Hinge & Chua	204
2	Del Monte & Hans	202
3	Williams & McDonald	175
1H	Peake & Moir	195
2	Abraham & Jonsson	191
3	Bayliss & McGeary	188
1I	Foster & Wilkinson	194
2	Lester & Cormack	186
3	Mill & Atkinson	182
1J	Gaspar & Richman	212
2	Chadwick & Morrison	178
3	Hills & Finikiotis	168

Women (Top 3 + best 5 x 4th)

1A	Murray & Snashall	192
2	Blutstein & Mill	178
3	Eddie & Szabo	156
1B	Thompson & Evans	166
2	Whitby & Lachman	160
=3	Kahler & Back	157
=3	Faranda & Berger	157
1C	McKinnon & Zines	170
2	Clark & Reaney	155
3	Tonkin & Gregory	134
1D	Kalmin & Urbach	163
2	Tobin & Roworth	153
3	Frazier & Mott	151
1E	Lees & Sear	164
=2	Moses & Halvorsen	159
=2	Borman & Snow	159
1F	Folkard & Kaplan	183
2	Hall & Yuill	173
3	Wright & King	169

Retireinvest Sydney Festival

at the Hakoah Club, 61 Hall Street, Bondi.

Parking for the entire event at \$3 per day.

Sydney Seniors' Swiss Teams

13-16 September 2001

- No evening sessions
- 2 days of qualifying rounds begin 13 September
- Semi finals on 15 September and final on 16 September
- Playoff qualifying points for the finalists
- Gold masterpoints
- \$480 prize money for winners and prizes for all finalists
- Sponsored by NSW Department of Sport & Recreation

The Dick Cummings Blue Ribbon Pairs

15th & 16th September

- IMP Pairs: one day qualifying, one day, 4-table final
- Separate N-S & E-W fields for the qualifying rounds
- Playoff qualifying points for top 4 placegetters
- Gold masterpoints
- Free entry to Safilo Swiss Teams for non-finalists
- \$400 prize money for winners and prizes for all finalists
- No evening sessions

Safilo Swiss Teams

16 September

- 7 x 8 board matches 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Gold masterpoints for every win
- Winners Safilo spectacle frames & prizes to 5th place

Conveners: Valerie Cummings (02 9959 4946)
(e-mail vcummings@ozemail.com.au) &
John McIlrath (02 9922 3644)

From the Chifley management

Many of you have previously experienced the hospitality of the Chifley but for those on their maiden visit, a heart-felt welcome.

Executive Chef Neil Abrahams will provide the *piece de resistance* throughout the day and night. Neil's temptations aren't restricted to lunch and dinner.

Smaller speciality delights beckon in-between times. Here is just a sample of the dishes and

morsels that Neil will create:

Lunch: pastas / soup / salad \$11

Dinner: carvery & dessert \$20

Food available over the bar:

Assorted salad rolls	\$3.90
Gourmet pies	\$3.00
Pasties	\$2.75
Jumbo sausage rolls	\$2.20
Fruit	\$1.50
Soft drink / fruit juice	\$2.00
Tea & coffee	\$2.00
Cappuccino	\$3.50
Cakes, scones, muffins	\$1.50
Nuts	\$2.20
Chocolates	\$1.70
Biscuits	\$0.50



Stage 1 datums

Bd	Open 1	Bd	Women 1
1	30	1	60
2	0	2	-30
3	-180	3	-290
4	310	4	300
5	20	5	20
6	0	6	30
7	600	7	610
8	-280	8	-310
Bd	Open 2	Bd	Women 2
9	50	9	20
10	700	10	580
11	-950	11	-920
12	170	12	140
13	80	13	40
14	-220	14	-210
15	520	15	570
16	110	16	250
Bd	Open 3	Bd	Women 3
17	0	17	0
18	-450	18	-450
19	70	19	120
20	-540	20	-620
21	-50	21	-50
22	90	22	30
23	-600	23	-600
24	20	24	20
Bd	Open 4	Bd	
25	-620	25	s
26	-60	26	n
27	290	27	o
28	70	28	o
29	210	29	z
30	-80	30	i
31	-50	31	n
32	-40	32	q
Bd	Open 5	Bd	Women 4
1	-250	1	-110
2	-360	2	-400
3	120	3	110
4	500	4	290
5	-890	5	-860
6	450	6	450
7	-600	7	-600
8	-20	8	-20
Bd	Open 6	Bd	Women 5
9	110	9	0
10	-220	10	-130
11	-380	11	-370
12	120	12	-30
13	120	13	120
14	80	14	50
15	-450	15	-450
16	250	16	220
Bd	Open 7	Bd	Women 6
17	110	17	170
18	-430	18	-440
19	-1130	19	-760
20	-90	20	-50
21	30	21	50
22	280	22	390
23	70	23	180
24	-380	24	-330
Bd	Open 8	Bd	Women 7
25	0	25	110
26	-600	26	-540
27	130	27	170
28	-230	28	-230
29	1410	29	1140
30	-280	30	-350
31	670	31	390
32	300	32	270
Bd	Open 9	Bd	Women 8
1	10	1	30
2	730	2	680
3	520	3	520
4	90	4	50
5	-450	5	-450

6	-80	6	-10
7	-160	7	-150
8	-370	8	-340
Bd	Open 10	Bd	Women 9
9	90	9	80
10	-1200	10	-480
11	-280	11	-230
12	-40	12	-20
13	0	13	-10
14	30	14	50
15	-80	15	-50
16	-530	16	-640
Bd	Open 11	Bd	Women 10
17	90	17	110
18	300	18	310
19	110	19	150
20	20	20	20
21	-210	21	-210
22	250	22	250
23	-100	23	-90
24	-50	24	-50

Coleta's corner

hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia:

= fear of long words.

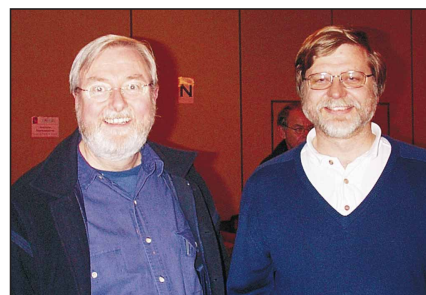
Today (Sunday) is world-wide **Cow Appreciation Day**. Seriously.



Have an udderly fantastic day!

It's also **Respect Canada Day**. Clearly a put down. Commiserations to Toronto for coming second to Beijing in the contest to hold the 2008 Olympics.

In other news, the Liberals have a slight lead in the bi-election and the Wallabies beat the Lions 29-23.



*Parliament Pairs winners
Bernie Waters & Roy Nixon*

Please post your reviews

What to Canberrans do on cold winter evenings. Well, some of the city's restaurants are supposed to be good; Denise McKinnon will soon be presenting some unofficial reviews from various people.

Ron Klinger was very impressed with the new Australian Museum, featuring the Land - People - Nation theme. Just the place if your somehow miss Stage 2 and don't fancy the Seniors' or the Consolation.



*Pam Crichton
- Recorder.*

*The Appeals
advisor is David
Hoffman.*

Congress Events

Walk-in Pairs every morning at 9.30 (exc Sat 21st)

Other walk-ins Sun 15th at 7.30pm, Sat 21st at 1.30 & 7.30.

Festive Teams Mon & Tue at 1.30

Canberra Pairs Mon & Tue at 7.30

Qualifies a pair to each of the five ANC Pairs on Saturday 21st.

Consolation Butler Wed 9.30 & 1.30, Thur 9.30 & 1.30, Fri 1.30

*** **Gold Points** ***

Restricted Butler Wed, Thur & Fri at 1.30

*** **Gold Points** *** For pairs with < 300 MPs

JP Morgan Teams Wed, Thur & Fri at 7.30

ACT B of Sport Teams Sun 22nd at 9.30 & 1.30

Barton Graded Pairs Mon & Tue at 1.30

Chifley Teams Mon & Tue at 7.30

Social Players' Day Wed 25th, 10am - 3pm

Hurry Back Teams Wed & Thur at 1.30

ACTEW Swiss Pairs Wed & Thur at 7.30