



Stage 2 and Seniors under way

18 tables of Seniors' brings the total Butler entry to 158, a new record.

Stage 2 has just begun with Open pairs getting the chance to feature on bridge-cam.

For those disappointed to find themselves at a loose end, consider the **Canberra Pairs** starting 7.30 tonight, where you can win a place in one of the ANC Pairs event. Also the **Consolation Butler**, which starts Wednesday at 10am.

Seeding and scoring

Qualifying by section produces some strange results. Our NS section was creamed for the whole event, with the eight pairs averaging 14.5 VPs over the 128 boards. The pair that came second in the section scored 240, exactly average, and made Stage 2! Can that be right?

Here are some Stage 1 hands:

ABF events

Exact times to be confirmed!

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 - Fri 10.30, 2.30, 8pm

Victory Dinner – Fri at 7pm

at Great Hall, Uni House, ANU

Stage 1, Match 14, Bd 10

E/Both ♠ 7
 ♥ A Q 10 9 7 6
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ 8 6 3 2

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

♠ K 6
 ♥ K 8 5 2
 ♦ K 10 9 3
 ♣ A K 4

6♥ makes but the datums suggest many declarers fluffed it.

Say East leads the ♣J, not that it matters. You win, draw trumps then lead a spade up. East flies and exits a spade, so you run the trumps to reach this ending:

♠ — ♠ J 8 5 3
 ♥ 10 9 ♥ —
 ♦ 6 ♦ Q 7
 ♣ 8 6 3 ♣ —

♠ — ♠ —
 ♥ — ♥ —
 ♦ K 10 9 ♦ —
 ♣ A K 4 ♣ —

It's a straightforward trump squeeze. When you cash a trump, pitch a club from dummy, setting up the twelfth trick in whichever suit West discards.

Stage 1, Match 13, Bd 8

W/Nil ♠ K 10 9 6 5 4
 ♥ 6
 ♦ 7 6 4 3
 ♣ 10 6

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

♠ A Q J 3
 ♥ J 5 3
 ♦ Q 9 2
 ♣ K Q 9

In the spirit of the game

Congratulations to the declarer in the Women's Butler who was about to concede one off in her 6♥ contract, until her opponent switched to a trump. She claimed and all the table accepted 980.

However after the session she realised that even on the trump switch the second loser did not vanish. As quick as a flash she was back to the management to correct the score.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	2♠	4♥	4♠
5♥	End		

North leads a dull spade (a minor lead shoots it). To give the defence a chance, South must find the difficult switch to the ♣K. Declarer wins (in case North has a singleton) ruffs the spade, then runs the trumps, playing South for the ♦Q. When dummy comes down to ♦AKJ ♣J, South can be thrown in.

Stage 1, Match 12, Bd 14

N/Both ♠ 10 9 3 2
 ♥ A K 9 6
 ♦ A K J
 ♣ 3 2

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

♠ K J 8 6
 ♥ Q 8 3 2
 ♦ Q 9 5 4
 ♣ Q

If EW are polite, NS might be allowed to play in 3 or 4 of a major. They will be disappointed with the red suit breaks, conceding -300. No matter because EW are cold for 6♣. Were there any 1540s? David Morgan doubled 5♣ and watched declarer calmly cross-ruff for a safe 11 tricks. A gallant uppercut by partner with the ♣Q meant that

David could claim the last two tricks with the ♣3 and ♣2, for -750!

Here's a textbook defensive hand, spotted by Al Simpson:

Stage 1, Match 15, Bd 2

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

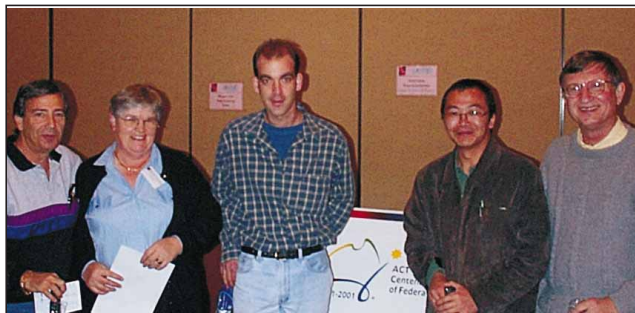
Say North bids 3NT over South's 1♣ opening and East leads the ♥Q, ducked, and another heart. Declarer wins the ♥A and takes the losing diamond finesse. When West returns a diamond, it's time to try spades. East wins the ♠10 and returns a heart. To shoot it, West must jettison the ♠K! Not so hard if you're awake.

Stage 1, Match 16, Bd 13

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♥	3♦	No
No!	?		

This hand was the cause of many last round disasters. It's reasonable



Centenary Teams winners with Julia
Ken Miller, Henry Hudson, Li-Sheng Yu, Jim Dahlmeier

for NS to reach 4♥ for -100 or -200. At least two Easts decided it was time for the spectacular ♣K lead, netting a slightly unlucky -620.

This hand caused Coleta to poll some top players, looking for support. As North, I doubled. Before you point the finger, our 1♥ opening is 11-15, 4+ hearts and denies four spades. After some thought, she passed this for -670, could have been -870. The panel were split between double, pass and 3♥ with my cards and lent towards 3♥ over a double with her cards.

**Feature Restaurant
CHAIRMAN & YIP**

108 Bunda St, Civic Ph:6248 0253
Bridge Players' Winter Session
from 5.30 pm every night
Banquet for minimum 4 people -
\$25 per person

- Shallot bread
- Duck pancakes
- Home-made Jiao Zi dumplings
- Pan-fried seasonal fish with chilli jam
- Pan-fried chicken with lemongrass and ginger
- Grilled sirloin with spring onion & shallot sauce
- Chairman's red lamb curry
- Includes a 200ml glass of premium wine

Tables to be vacated by 7.45 pm

NOTE : Congress players could win vouchers for these restaurants

Coleta's Corner

A definition from the NT mob:

Vagintiophobia: fear of being redoubled (Vaginti from the Latin for 20 which is XX)

*Do you get much exercise?
Only when I sit EW.*

Don't forget to collect your satchels from the Congress room.

Stage 1 datums

Bd	Open 12	Bd	Women 11
25	110	25	100
26	-450	26	-420
27	-280	27	-270
28	-250	28	-270
29	-370	29	-230
30	80	30	120
31	590	31	620
32	260	32	370
Bd	Open 13	Bd	Women 12
1	-10	1	-40
2	80	2	130
3	-430	3	-650
4	110	4	90
5	-270	5	-270
6	60	6	80
7	420	7	550
8	-310	8	-300
Bd	Open 14	Bd	Women 13
9	410	9	360
10	610	10	450
11	370	11	350
12	-190	12	-200
13	-1010	13	-950
14	-360	14	-290
15	-350	15	-320
16	-490	16	-560
Bd	Open 15	Bd	Women 14
17	-30	17	-40
18	290	18	270
19	20	19	50
20	-380	20	-280
21	-290	21	-430
22	380	22	430
23	480	23	400
24	-400	24	-380
Bd	Open 16		
25	-260		
26	-650		
27	-290		
28	60		
29	-40		
30	-450		
31	-140		
32	90		

Stage 2 datums

Bd	Open 1	Women 1	Seniors 1
1	270	420	260
2	-420	-290	-360
3	-120	-140	-120
4	80	-80	50
5	0	10	80
6	-620	-630	-620
7	90	140	110
8	-110	-100	-30
9	170	160	120
10	-10	20	20
Bd	Open 2	Women 2	Seniors 2
11	-580	-470	-480
12	-80	-180	-80
13	-420	-610	-380
14	-80	-80	-50
15	-310	-460	-460
16	-40	30	-40
17	-90	-60	-90
18	-250	-280	-80
19	140	-40	-30
20	-90	90	70

Canberra kindness

15 Years ago the first NT pair qualified for Stage 2. Now the second - congratulations to Rex and Julia from the NT mob. ♦♦