

ANC ~ melbourne ~ 2004

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results				swiss pairs			
open ~ stage III - round 10							
		Score	Imps			Total	
1	R Klinger, B Neill	196.0	148.0	1	R Bailey & J Stewart	109	
2	B Richman, G Gaspar	170.0	69.0	2	J Bell & E Thomson	105	
3	P Gumby, W Lazer	163.0	64.0	3	G Eggins & I Robinson	105	
4	N Rosendorff, A Kanetkar	163.0	21.0	4	M Elson & J Hall	105	
5	C Snashall, D Smith	162.0	24.0	5	D Janzekovic & T Strong	102	
6	I Del'Monte, C Feitelson	160.0	32.0	6	N Borin & A Creet	101	
7	B Haughie, Z Nagy	152.0	5.0	7	G Atkinson & S Ozenir	101	
8	M Bloom, P Gill	152.0	-5.0	8	J Lund & B Stacey	100	
seniors ~stage b ~ round 10				anc swiss butler ~ round 8 ~ session 2			
Place	Name	Score	Imps			Score	Imps
1	J McGeary, P Bayliss	187.0	120.0	1	J Pszczola, R Jedrychowski	170.0	241.0
2	J Ashworth, T Piper	182.0	117.0	2	L Gold, J Ebery	151.0	135.0
3	B Thorp, A Struik	176.0	103.0	3	J Eddie, F Kovacs	149.0	12.0
4	P Grant, R Crichton	168.0	40.0	4	M Brifman, M Mullanphy	138.0	105.0
5	J Marks, E Auerbach	161.0	35.0	5	S Tishler, A Sarten	137.0	79.0
6	P Kahler, J Collins	157.0	30.0	6	R Misior, K Glasson	137.0	73.0
7	E Ramshaw, J Brockwell	155.0	21.0	7	M Prescott, J Hughes	136.0	71.0
8	R Livingston, P Hill	154.0	3.0	8	R Grenside, S Grenside	136.0	50.0
women's ~ stage III ~ round 10				anc congress matchpoint pairs			
		Score	Imps			Total	MPs
1	M Woods, M Bourke	173.0	66.0	1	B Stacey & J Lund	119.9	2.32
2	J Courtney, R Kaplan	166.0	55.0	2	C Lanzer & Dr A Blecher	119.1	1.62
3	M Watts, B Folkard	166.0	45.0	3	T Strong & D Janzekovic	118.5	1.16
4	A Mellings, M Spurrier	166.0	36.0	4	S Ingham & T Brown	108.3	0.77
5	H Snashall, S Murray-White	163.0	33.0	5	A Creet & J Dunstan	102.3	0.58
6	J Hay, H Lowry	163.0	16.0	6	T Horder & A Eastaugh	102.0	0.46
7	C Herden, P Evans	160.0	20.0	7	H Kremer & A Hegedus	100.0	0.39
8	A Weber, S Richman	155.0	20.0	8	J Hughes & M Prescott	98.7	0.33
				congress swiss pairs			
					Names	Total	
				1	S Hinge & T Chira	116	
				2	A Murray & A Murray	115	
				3	D Crafti & I Stewart	105	
				4	I Webb & P Kalina	105	
				5	G Pick & S Pick	104	
				6	M Brion & W Harman	102	
				7	D Thompson & R Gallus	101	
				8	D Davis & L Gold	101	

congress events this coming weekend

- saturday 31 july ♣ 10am ~ walk-in pairs / directors course
 ♣ 2.30pm ~ toorak travel open pairs & regional gold point pairs 1 / 2
 ♣ 7.30 pm ~ toorak travel open pairs & regional gold point pairs 2 / 2
- sunday 1 august ♣ 10am ~ regional gold point teams & metropolitan teams 1 / 2
 ♣ 2.30pm ~ regional gold point teams & metropolitan teams 2 / 2
 ♣ 7.30pm ~ walk in / novelty / speedball

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go annie and marion! ~ kitty muntz

Anne Mellings and Marion Spurier have surprised themselves (and maybe others) by qualifying for first Stage II of the Women's Butler, and then Stage III, where they are still performing well (in second place after round 6). Board 13 in round 8 of stage II was a case of lucky 13 for them:

	852		
	86		
	965		
	AT532		
964		AKQJ3	
KQJ9		AT	
KT843		AJ7	
8		KJ7	
	T7		
	75432		
	Q2		
	Q964		

Anne and Marion had been out to dinner, and by their own admission, had drunk a little more than usual.

The auction was:

		2C (GF)
2D	-	2S
3D	-	3S
4NT (KCB)	-	5D (1 or 4 key cards)
5S	-	7S (4 key cards, not one!)

After a non-club lead 13 tricks were made when the diamond ace was played after drawing trumps. Opponents Rena Kaplan and Jill Courtney were not impressed, and were heard to mutter "This is not bridge". They will have their chance for revenge on Thursday when the 2 pairs meet again in stage III.

Another funny story about Anne happened in Darwin at another ANC. Michael Courtney's partner was admiring Jane Rasmussen's hair (all those gorgeous natural tight curls). She said to her "I have two questions – is it real and can I touch it?". Answers: yes and yes. Michael then turned around to Anne Mellings who was wearing a rather revealing top, and said "I have two questions for you". Answers: yes and no!



timetable ~ saturday 31 july

championship
no championship events
♣note: congress events on page 1♣

timetable ~ sunday 1 august

championship
ANC pairs ~ open }
womens } 10.30am
seniors } 2.45pm
youth }
mixed }
ANC representatives welcome 7.00pm
♣note: congress events on page 1♣

fifty years ago ~ www.bridgeworld.com

A Look Back at December, 1945
It would be nice, we think, if there were a Deal of the Year award that earned the respect of the bridge world. The December, 1945, *Bridge World* reported that the *New York Times* had reported that New York experts had agreed on the deal of the year—or at least the best play of the year—for 1945.

East dealer
Both sides vulnerable
North-South 60 on score

	NORTH		
	♠ J 10 8 6 4		
	♥ 7 6		
	♦ 9 7 2		
	♣ 6 3 2		
WEST		EAST	
♠ -		♠ A 5 3 2	
♥ J 8 4 3		♥ K Q 10 9	
♦ K 10 8 6 4		♦ J 5	
♣ K J 8 7		♣ Q 9 4	
	SOUTH		
	♠ K Q 9 7		
	♥ A 5 2		
	♦ A Q 3		
	♣ A 10 5		

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
-	--	--	1 ♠
1 NT	2 ♦	Pass	Pass
2 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West led the diamond six to the jack and queen. South, Howard Schenken, had a very good idea of what the hidden East-West hands looked like. But how would that help him make the contract? If he led spades, East would hold up his ace until the fourth round, leaving declarer with no conceivable way to take more than seven tricks.

Schenken found the answer. At trick two, he returned his small diamond! West won and continued diamonds, which seemed safe. East discarded his apparently useless deuce of spades, so declarer's fortunes had taken a sudden upswing.

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story four ~ comment on the king of spades introduced by ian mccance

Aunt Fanny has been meeting some rugged opposition in her weekly game with the girls. Being the youngest she has not had as much practice in the intonations, gestures and glances that are such an aid to the bidding system used by the group. Consequently, despite North running through her entire repertoire of depressive bids and actions, she bid a gently stubborn 6♠.

♠ 874	♠ Q92	♠ K10
♥ 1087	♥ AJ	♥ 6532
♦ J986	♦ 107432	♦ AK5
♣ 1098	♣ Q64	♣ J532
	♠ AJ653	
	♥ KQ94	
	♦ Q	
	♣ AK7	

With ♠10 led the contract depends on avoiding a trump loser. Aunt Fanny led a low spade from dummy and East with an air of innocent indifference played ♠K. East, a wily octogenarian was viewed with suspicion, but as she looked quite unconcerned as she hummed "The death of Willy" Aunt Fanny finessed ♠9 against ♠10xxx at West. She is certain East found ♠10 amongst her clubs, but who wouldn't fall for the only winning defence play.

Poor Aunt Fanny was still to be plagued by ♠K.

♠ K6	♠ 9	♠ 542
♥ J72	♥ AKQ643	♥ 10985
♦ KJ63	♦ 7	♦ 10952
♣ AJ82	♣ 109754	♣ 63
	♠ AQJ10873	
	♥ -	
	♦ AQ84	
	♣ KQ	

Ten hands later she bid and rebid spades, casually mentioned diamonds and finally removed North from an obstinate but makeable 4♥ to a reproving 4♠. West, an acidulated spinster noted for her searing "pass partner" glances, led ♣A and then paused to consider the messages that had been passed across the table. Obviously East had nothing for the old lady was busy adding up the score while South's pitying shake of the head when North bid 4♥ seemed to indicate a void. As this seemed to be the only hope West made the only killing lead of ♠K.

This so startled the old lady that she stayed in 1961 long enough to hold her 4 diamonds and down came Aunt Fanny, losing 3 diamonds and a club.

test your play ~ www.bridgeworld.com

Test Your Play is an advanced-level declarer-play quiz.

December, 1995, Problem B

Rubber bridge
South dealer
East-West vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 8 2
♥ 7 6 5 2
♦ K Q
♣ A K 8 7 5

SOUTH
♠ A K J 10 9
♥ A
♦ J 10 9 8 7
♣ 3 2

	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1	♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2	♦	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2	♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4	♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West leads the heart jack

Plan the play (solution next page)

fact or fiction?

The truth, alas, is that no one knows precisely where the name bridge for the card game came from, although it is fairly certain that it has nothing to do with other senses of the word bridge.

The invention of bridge in the 19th century was, evidently, based on a card game long popular in the Near East and known at that time as Russian whist. The word whist itself, by the way, is an old British equivalent of shhh!, and is a natural name for a game that demands silence from its players. Russian whist was also known as biritch or britch, both of which do sound Russian although neither of them seems to be an actual Russian word.

In any case, once the British took up the game, britch became bridge through a process known as folk etymology, which is a fancy way of saying that people often substitute a word they do know for one they don't, even when the substitution makes no sense. So the answer is that the name bridge is almost entirely random and does not mean a thing.

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solution ~ test your play

NORTH

- ♠ 8 2
- ♥ 7 6 5 2
- ♦ K Q
- ♣ A K 8 7 5

WEST

- ♠ Q 6 5 4
- ♥ J 10 4 3
- ♦ 3
- ♣ Q 9 6 4

EAST

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

SOUTH

- ♠ A K J 10 9
- ♥ A
- ♦ J 10 9 8 7
- ♣ 3 2

Four spades by South
Lead: Heart jack

If your diamonds were not blocked, the correct play would be to win the heart ace, cash the ace-king of spades, then knock out the ace of diamonds, never leading trumps again. Assuming trumps were three-three or one opponent had four to the queen, you would lose two trump tricks and one diamond. (Taking a spade finesse, or leading a third round of trumps, would risk losing control against a four-two trump break, because the opponents would have an additional lead value with which to force a trump out of the closed hand.)

However, with the blockage in diamonds, that play is not good enough to prevail against all four-two trump breaks. For example, suppose the cards are distributed as in the diagram. If the play begins heart ace, spade ace-king, diamond to the ace, heart, you have to play off the high diamond in dummy; this requires you to force the closed hand an extra time.

Instead, you must play diamonds early, after one round of trumps, running the risk of a diamond ruff (but losing only when that ruff comes with a short trump holding). After diamonds are unblocked, you can use the second trump honour to return to the closed hand to continue diamonds.

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Fog then sunny	Fog then sunny	Rain developing	Windy with showers
High: 14 Low: 5	High: 13 Low: 4	High: 15 Low: 7	High: 14 Low: 7
Dew point: 3 Humidity: 48% Wind at 09:00: 8kph, N Wind at 15:00: 2kph, NNE Rain probability: 10% (0.0mm)	Dew point: 4 Humidity: 50% Wind at 09:00: 11kph, N Wind at 15:00: 8kph, NE Rain probability: 20% (0.0mm)	Dew point: 5 Humidity: 57% Wind at 09:00: 7kph, ENE Wind at 15:00: 8kph, ESE Rain probability: 40% (3.0mm)	Dew point: 7 Humidity: 73% Wind at 09:00: 4kph, S Wind at 15:00: 9kph, S Rain probability: 60% (3.0mm)

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