



ANC ~ melbourne ~ 2004

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| results | timetable ~ monday 2 august |
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| friday matchpoint | championship |
| Mps | ANC Teams open } 10.30am |
| 1 J Solomon & D Janzekovic 134.5 | womens } 2.45pm |
| 2 B Howe & L Gold 112.7 | seniors } 8.00pm |
| 3 P Edwards & P Van Lierop 112.6 | youth } |
| toorak travel final | congress events |
| 1 J. Hughes & M. Prescott 61.9 | Graded Pairs 1 / 2 10.00am |
| 2 J Dunstan & C. Schwabegger 60.6 | Graded Pairs 2 / 2 2.30pm |
| 3 J Courtney & T Horawicz 58.0 | Match Point Pairs 1 / 2 7.30pm |
| toorak travel pairs plate | womens winners ~ |
| 1 R & S Grenside 59.6 | meredith woods & margaret bourke |
| 2 S Tishler & I Tyrmand 58.0 |  |
| 3 M Courtnry & V Gardiner 56.1 | |
| toorak travel consolation ~ NS | |
| 1 G Rogerson & P Wilkinson 59.8 | seniors winners ~ |
| 2 G Hill & J Tunks 55.6 | john ashworth & terry piper |
| toorak travel consolation ~ EW |  |
| 1 F Herbert & P Lewin 56.0 | |
| 2 C Boylson & T Ong 55.4 | Presentation of the butler medallions by the President of the ABF, Keith McDonald |
| regional gold point pairs | |
| 1 V Evans & A Thompson 67.1 49.2 116.3 1.72 | |
| 2 D Sarten & B Forage 52.1 61.5 113.6 1.20 | |
| 3 E Berger & T Berger 58.2 54.6 112.8 0.86 | |
| 4 M Ross & E Taylor 49.5 61.4 110.9 0.57 | |
| 5 M Callander & K Daws 55.7 53.2 108.9 0.43 | |
| 6 J Hackett & T Hackett 53.8 53.4 107.2 0.34 | |
| 7 J Lever & E Seikel 54.5 52.5 107.0 0.29 | |
| 8 I Mansfield & N Burica 56.7 49.7 106.4 0.24 | |

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victor the irritator ~ charlie snashall

Playing with Victor in the in the Brisbane ANC about 12 years ago we came up against the unusual combination of Richman/Lavings.

Victor was keeping up an almost constant stream of questions, comments and post mortems and Bobby was becoming quite irritated. With a couple of boards to go Paul, who had a lady kibitzer, mumbled something to me that I didn't catch and left the table.



Victor lost no time in subjecting Bobby to a barrage of questions. Finally an impatient Bobby growled hostilely at the kibitzer "Where the hell has he gone?" The lady, somewhat taken aback, replied nervously "I...I...I'm sorry, I don't know."

An immediately contrite Bobby apologised to the lady, saying "I'm terribly sorry, I am never irritated by anybody at the bridge table" Then, after glaring malevolently at Victor for a while, he turned to me and drawled "Well hardly anybody".

round 11 ~ senior's butler a ~ colin shugg

E/W play in 3NT. Deep finesse says 7C, 7S or 7NT al make. So how does it go off?

Charlie S

| | |
|--------|--------|
| KQ1082 | A4 |
| A10 | 72 |
| 1062 | AK3 |
| J96 | AK8752 |

Colin S

Lead is KH taken by A

Declarer leads JC. North follows, declarer plays KC, south drops the Q. How do you

Continue. Is it reasonable to go back to hand via Ace and small spade and run the 9c. It was, declarer did just that, up pops the 10c. Heart return, one off.

The full hand:

| | | |
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| | 963 | |
| | KQJ53 | |
| | Q85 | |
| | 43 | |
| KQ1082 | | A4 |
| A10 | | 72 |
| 1062 | | AK3 |
| J96 | | AK8752 |
| | J75 | |
| | 9864 | |
| | J974 | |
| | Q10 | |

It didn't do Charlie and Colin much good. They lost the match 10/20.

blast from the past ~ bill jacobs

Ron Klinger from NSW was a member of the winning Seniors team in Darwin last year. This year, he steps back into the Open arena to try for his fourth victory in that division, his first win there being way back in 69.

In 1977 in Perth, Ron and Andrew Reiner spearheaded NSW to a narrow victory over the home side WA. This deal from the final 10 boards on Vu-graph saw Andrew Reiner reading the cards beautifully:

Dealer South
Nil vulnerable

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|------------|---------|----------|
| | S AQ83 | |
| | H KQ2 | |
| | D Q82 | |
| | C A97 | |
| S K52 | | S J7 |
| H 104 | | H 98753 |
| D KJ109763 | | D - |
| C 6 | | C KQJ543 |
| | S 10964 | |
| | H AJ6 | |
| | D A54 | |
| | C 1082 | |

West North East South

Pass

3D D'ble Pass 4S

Pass Pass Pass

In 4S, Reiner won the singleton club lead with the ace, crossed to heart ace, and made the key play of playing a spade to the queen. When this won, he cashed the spade ace, and led out the remaining hearts. West let the third heart win.

Now Reiner could execute an endplay on both opponents in any order! West would be thrown in with a trump to lead away from the diamond king. And East would be thrown in with a club to provide a ruff and discard. Whichever order Andrew played it, he would lose just two clubs and a trump.

What swing did Andrew earn for his fine play? A loss of 2 imps! At the other table, North doubled 3D_for penalties_ (well they could do things like that back in 1977) and an easy 500 point penalty.



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story five ~ victor champion introduced by ian mcccance

aunt fanny rides again

Kibitzed one of Aunt Fanny's games with the Old One and two of the suckers who provide her with gin money. In a game where nothing, but nothing, is barred, South, after a mournful 1♠ opening by the Old One at West breezed into 5♦ for, after all, ten red cards look pretty. The Old One fumbled her try to get a lead on to the table before her sucker could double. Aunt Fanny never redoubles unless she is playing the hand:

| | | |
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| | ♠ K32 | |
| | ♥ 92 | |
| | ♦ A10653 | |
| | ♣ AQ7 | |
| ♠ AJ987 | | ♠ Q1084 |
| ♥ J10 | | ♥ AQ64 |
| ♦ 4 | | ♦ K8 |
| ♣ KJ1092 | | ♣ 653 |
| | ♠ 6 | |
| | ♥ K8753 | |
| | ♦ QJ942 | |
| | ♣ 84 | |

More in anger than in hope the Old One led ♥J which East took with ♥A and carefully selected ♥Q for return, thus setting up 3 heart tricks for South. It never occurred to her to finesse the club, cash ♦A and throw 3 spades on the hearts to make 5♦ doubled. South ran ♦Q on which the Old One managed to drop ♣2 with ♦4 but alert Aunt Fanny whipped it up before East could see it. East, in on

♦K and remembering West's encouraging ♥10, led ♥6. This unorthodox defence bewildered South who ruffed her winning heart. The Old One leaned across and said "Well played". Basking in this unusual praise South came back to her hand with a trump and ruffed her next best heart with ♦A. Deciding an all black finish would be spectacular, South led out her red cards to come to this position:

| | | |
|--------|-------|-------|
| | ♠ K | |
| | ♣ AQ7 | |
| ♠ A | | ♠ Q |
| ♣ KJ10 | | ♣ 653 |
| | ♠ 6 | |
| | ♥ 5 | |
| | ♣ 84 | |

On the lead of ♥5, the Old One stiffened and Aunt Fanny's hand hovered over dummy to quickly discard the right card. When the Old One discarded ♣10, ♠K disappeared like a magician's assistant. As 5♦ doubled was being scored, an ashen Aunt Fanny said "Well done for seeing and setting up the squeeze". East, as usual, reached for her purse whilst South just looked smug.

The Old One, wig awry – she is as bald as a bubble – just looked at ♠A.

Mr Bennett's' fateful hand ~ www.bridgeguys.com

There were many pioneers in the development of the game of Bridge. One worth mentioning is Mr. John S. Bennett.

In Kansas City, Kansas, in the year 1931, Mr. Bennett was playing with his wife as his partner against Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmann. The couple had had some serious communication problems that day and they were uttering some rude remarks in public about the bidding and playing abilities of each other in derogatory words.

Then came the fateful hand when Mr. Bennett bid a Spade, the Left Hand Opponent overcalled with Two Diamonds, and Mrs. Bennett raised to Four Spades. Mr. Bennett did not fulfil the Contract, and Mrs. Bennett could not hold her tongue. She became so enraged that she seemed hysterical. Mr. Bennett reached across the table, slapped her several times, as witnesses reported.

Mrs. Bennett went into her mother's bedroom, retrieved the family automatic weapon, returned to the game room, and pointed the weapon at her husband. Mr. Bennett raced toward the bathroom and slammed the door behind him. But Mrs. Bennett fired two shots that went through the wooden door, and killed Mr. Bennett.

It seems that Mr. Bennett could have made the Contract of 4 Spades after all, according to Mr. Ely Culbertson, who later analyzed the cards.

anonymously

Bobby Richman, Andrew Richman and Andrew's wife Sandra Richman all qualified for Stage 3 of the Butler.

Limerick – Richman Trifecta
The fiddler on the roof sang
If I were a Richman
I'd be in Stage 3
With Sandra, Andrew and Bobby
The winner would be which, man?



One-liners

Australia's winningest expert during the last two decades, Bobby Richman:

If I weren't a Richman, all day long I'd bridgy-bridgy-bum

If I were a wealthy man

Tasmania's Andrew Richman:

If I weren't a Richman, I'd build a tall house with rooms by the dozen . . .

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mind games ~ www.hive-mind.com

Three Men and a Hotel

Three men decided to split the cost of a hotel room. The hotel manager gave them a price of \$30. The men split the bill evenly, each paying \$10, and retired to their room.

However, the manager realized that it was a Wednesday night, which meant the hotel had a special: rooms were only \$25. He had overcharged them \$5!

He promptly called the bellboy, gave him five one-dollar bills and told him to return it to the men. When the bellboy explained the situation to the men, they were so pleased at the honesty of the establishment that they promptly tipped the bellboy \$2 of the \$5 he had returned and each kept \$1 for himself.

The Problem: Each of the three men ended up paying \$9 (their original \$10, minus \$1 back) totalling \$27, plus \$2 for the bellboy makes \$29. Where did the extra dollar go?



solution: tomorrows daily press

Nick Hughes and Nicoleta Guria lost 4.25 to Martin Bloom and Peter Gill in the last match of the Open Butler, giving Martin 6th place and 25 precious Open Playoff Points. Nick wrote this limerick

There once was a player named Bloom
 For ever predicting his doom
 with prodding from Gill
 He's honing his skill
 And his results have started to zoom

trivia ~ eric ramshaw

1. Identify the well-known Victorian who expressed concern about declining standards (in the 50's). "The most prominent players of today are those of ten or more years ago, and unlike wine, few, if any of them, are improved with age. The thinning thatches are not covering keener brains".
2. Name the expert Australian player quoted in a 1977 bridge magazine. "Sophisticated systems provide only a marginal advantage over less complex systems and we only have a limited amount of grey matter and this is best reserved for the more important area of card play".
3. What happened after Mr & Mrs Hoffman defeated 4S?
4. What might a one-armed billiard player lead and why?

answers

1. Victor Champion
2. Paul Marston
3. After the Hoffmans defeated 4S, dummy, Myrtle Bennett of Kansas City, commented less than favourably on the declarer play of her husband, and we all know what happened next!
4. The Deschappelles Coup is the lead of an unsupported honour to force an entry to partner's hand. Deschappelles (1780-1847) was a pretty effective billiard player despite losing his right arm as a soldier (if the cue is heavy enough a finger bridge is not necessary as the cushion can be used when the cue ball is too close to use the rest). He was said to be the best whist and chess player of his day. The Encyclopedia of Bridge gives a typical example of the coup.

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|--------|--------|-------|
| | AQ104 | |
| | AJ | |
| | 8754 | |
| | 863 | |
| 32 | | 98765 |
| Q86 | | K1075 |
| KQJ963 | | A |
| 75 | | A42 |
| | KJ | |
| | 9432 | |
| | 102 | |
| | KQJ109 | |

When the lead of the DK is overtaken by the DA, East must lead the HK to force an entry to his partner's diamonds in order to defeat the contract of 3NT by South. Although the lead of the HK forces declarer to use the entry to dummy prematurely the Encyclopedia defines a similar defence designed solely to destroy declarer's entry as the Merrimack Coup.

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