

# ANC ~ melbourne ~ 2004

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## results ~ round III

anc open teams 2004			
		Score	Imps
1	ACT	68.5	105.0
2	NSW	49.0	67.0
3	VIC	42.6	87.0
4	WA	22.1	5.0
5	TAS	-9.6	-51.0
6	NT	-36.5	-29.0
7	SA	-57.1	-76.0
8	QLD	-82.8	-108.0

anc senior teams 2004			
		Score	Imps
1	WA	101.2	121.0
2	SA	74.5	124.0
3	QLD	8.1	9.0
4	TAS	-30.0	-77.0
5	NSW	-35.0	-35.0
6	ACT	-35.0	-35.0
7	VIC	-42.1	-43.0
8	NT	-44.2	-64.0

anc womens teams 2004			
Place	Name	Score	Imps
1	WA	70.4	92.0
2	ACT	43.5	75.0
3	SA	8.0	8.0
5	NSW	-2.0	-2.0
6	VIC	-22.4	-53.0
7	QLD	-44.4	-66.0
8	TAS	-54.0	-54.0

anc youth teams 2004			
Place	Name	Score	Imps
1	NSW	83.5	158.0
2	SA	55.2	116.0
3	QLD	20.1	31.0
4	ACT	10.4	23.0
5	VIC	-56.7	-72.0
6	WA	-117.4	-256.0

## timetable ~ wednesday 4 august

<b>championship</b>			
ANC Teams	open	}	10.30am
	womens		2.45pm
	seniors		8.00pm
	youth		
<b>congress events</b>			
Swiss Pairs 1 / 2			10.00am
Swiss Pairs 2 / 2			2.30pm
Swiss Teams 1 / 2			7.30pm

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- vegetarian croquettes
- peking duck

**mains**

- thai beef salad
- teriyaki chicken
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- tofu & vegetable tempura bento
- lemongrass chicken bento
- tonkatsu bento



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## view from the middle – open butler stage 3

Usually the winners write up bridge events, but here is the view from the middle of the field. We were aiming for the vital Playoff Points awarded to the top 6 of the 14 pairs. Our first match was posted as a 15/15 draw, until our opponents pointed out that the computer should be using the 12 board VP scale (not the 14 board one) so their 2 imp win was corrected to a 16/14win. We are nicely poised in the middle of the field when this hand arose in Round 3:

Round 3 – Board 9  
Dealer N, EW vul

	964		
	-		
	KQ873		
	K10643		
	Charlie Snashall		
AQ75		KJ108	
J98		A3	
92		AJ1064	
A982		J5	
Peter Gill		Martin Bloom	
	32		
	KQ1076542		
	5		
	Q7		
	David Smith		

W	N	E	S
	Pass	1D	4H
X	Pass	4S	All Pass

The double was negative. Charlie Snashall ruffed the HK lead and returned the seven of diamonds (!! In chess notation). Martin Bloom was forced to win DA, lest the first four tricks be lost. Bloom drew two rounds of trumps; then played a diamond to the nine and queen. Snashall exited with CK (!! Again) but Martin had a complete count of the hand: Smith had 8 hearts, 2 spades, 1 diamond and thus 2 clubs. Bloom could thus guarantee the contract either by ducking CK or by taking the ace. He chose the more elegant duck. Snashall had to play a club to the jack, queen and ace. The ruffing club finesse now provided the tenth trick. + 620 was 6 imps to Bloom – Gill, a vital pick-up, when later on Bloom – Gill (6<sup>TH</sup>) OVERTOOK Snashall-Smith (7<sup>TH</sup>) in the last round of the event.

In the meantime, Klinger-Neill were outclassing the field in 1ST place, whilst a battle royale loomed for last place. Back to the action, with us 6<sup>TH</sup> seekers playing Haughie-Nagy who finished 8<sup>TH</sup>:

Round 5 – Board 3  
Dealer S, EW vul

	AJ64		
	Q53		
	K3		
	Q932		
	Martin Bloom		
Q853		K7	
1098		KJ74	
Q109		A7642	
K85		107	
Bill Haughie		Zoli Nagy	

	1092		
	A62		
	J85		
	AJ64		
	Peter Gill		
W	N	E	S
Pass	1C	1D	Pass
Pass	3C	All Pass	2D

1C showed 4+ clubs and 2D was a limit raise in clubs. Zoli Nagy led H4 to the eight and ace. A club to the jack and king was followed by H10 to the ace. As playing trumps then spades is hopeless (the defence will take one club, one spade and one heart trick then exit a spade to await two diamond tricks), Bloom drew two rounds of clubs ending in hand (East pitching H7) then exited a heart to East's jack. Unaware of the layout, East exited a diamond to the nine and king. Martin led a low spade to the 7, 10 & Q. Haughie did his best by cashing DQ and exiting a spade, but Bloom rose with SA to drop the king for +110 and a 3 imp gain. Zoli gracefully said "well played" to Martin, the compliment being appreciated almost as much as when the other maestro Tim Seres says it.

Klinger-Neill's top form continued, so they came first comfortably. In the last round shoot-out at the bottom, Courtney-Gardiner defeated John Bailey-Andrew Richman to leave the Tasmanians with the wooden spoon. We appropriately demonstrated our middling status by losing 4/25 to Klinger-Neill but beating Bailey-Richman 23/7.

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