

ANC ~ melbourne ~ 2004

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results				egional teams		
anc open teams ~ rr2 round 2				ion regional teams		
Place	Name	Score	Imps	Team Captain	Members	Total
1	WA	165.9	224.0	RIDGEWAY	R.Gillard / P.Jain / L.Machlak	124
2	NSW	92.1	130.0	HACKETT	T.Hackett / M.Brown / J.Nankervis	112
3	ACT	90.5	127.0	LEVER	B.Loader / D.Clarke / M.Clarke	104
4	VIC	77.3	119.0	BURICA	I.Mansfield / M.Pryde / D.Pryde	98
5	SA	70.3	100.0	CHAKERA	E.Thomson / J.Courtemanche / S.Stewart	97
6	QLD	-119.3	-158.0	NEWLANDS	D.Newlands / J.Bailey / A.Paton	95
7	TAS	-157.9	-283.0	BANKS	C.Lee / B.Stokes / C.Haugh	94
8	NT	-226.0	-259.0	GEORGE	D.Sharman / H.McNight / K.Kneebone	92
anc senior teams ~ rr2 round 2				natchpoint pairs		
Place	Name	Score	Imps			Total MPs
1	SA	273.1	483.0	1	J DUNSTAN & S ARBER	118.6 1.87
2	VIC	124.4	204.0	2	C SCHWABEGGER & R ROZEN	116.4 1.31
3	WA	65.2	41.0	3	M MONTELEONE & A DE LUCA	116.2 0.94
4	NSW	6.6	81.0	4	H LYNGSJO & L GOLD	115.9 0.62
5	ACT	-14.3	8.0	5	J HUGHES & M PRESCOTT	113.0 0.47
6	QLD	-43.7	-63.0	6	N EWART & B HOWE	110.8 0.37
7	TAS	-158.8	-294.0	7	A THOMPSON & M ROSS	110.2 0.31
8	NT	-270.7	-460.0	8	L MEYER & M CHRAPOT	107.7 0.27
anc womens teams ~ rr2 round 2				timetable ~ friday 6 august		
Place	Name	Score	Imps	championship		
1	WA	141.9	201.0	ANC Teams		
2	ACT	87.9	123.0	open		
3	NSW	87.0	87.0	womens		
4	SA	38.9	47.0	seniors		
5	QLD	-53.0	-71.0	youth		
6	VIC	-57.9	-63.0	10.30am		
7	TAS	-247.5	-324.0	2.30pm		
anc youth teams ~ rr2 round 4				congress events		
1	ACT	166.9	317.0	Walk-in Pairs		
2	SA	128.2	272.0	All Winners Final 1 / 2		
3	QLD	77.5	169.0	All Winners Final 2 / 2		
4	NSW	47.5	104.0	10.00am		
5	VIC	-153.7	-294.0	2.30pm		
6	WA	-281.1	-568.0	7.30pm		

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blasting from the past and the past – ian mccance

Hands such as the South hand shown by Bill Jacobs (“Blast from the past”, Sunday Aug 1) turn up quite often, at least on Bidding Forums.

Dealer: S	♠ AQ83	
Vul: Nil	♥ KQ2	
	♦ Q82	
	♣ A97	
♠ K52		♠ J7
♥ 104		♥ 98753
♦ KJ109763		♦ -
♣ 6		♣ KQJ543
	♠ 10964	
	♥ AJ6	
	♦ A54	
	♣ 1082	

The hands are balanced (4333, 4432) hand with around 8 HCP and a stopper in opener's suit, opposite a partner who has doubled a pre-emptive 3-bid for takeout.

This is the easiest situation for application of the Law of Total Tricks, because the Law assumes take-out doubles are always 4441. On this basis there are 17 trumps (diamonds + spades), so South can assume that if 4♠ is a make, 3♦X would bring +300. Alternatively, if South contemplates 3NT, 9 diamonds plus 7 for NT = 16, so if 3NT makes, 3♦ figures to be 2 off again.

Thus South has a no-lose situation, since pass, 3NT and 4♠ should all bring in about the same amount.

Whether today's Ron Klingler would choose to double 3♦, or today's Andrew Reiner would choose to bid 4♠ is another matter.

3NT is easier to make than 4♠, and 3♦X is +500, no trouble.

3NT from North would be hair-raising as it requires a finesse into the dangerous hand, though after that, plain sailing. Note the (almost) par-point element – if North played 3NT and West held only ♠Kx (and East Jxx), he could discard ♠K on the second club, to good effect.

charles goren ~ nationmaster.com

Charles Henry Goren (March 4, 1901 - April 3, 1991) was a famous bridge player, writer and popularizer.

He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Russian immigrants. He earned a law degree at McGill University in Montreal. It was at McGill that a girlfriend laughed at his ineptness at the game of bridge, after which he vowed never to be made fun of again. He began studying the game of bridge intensely, reading every book available at the time on bidding and playing strategies.

When he graduated, he briefly attempted a law career in Philadelphia. Meanwhile, Ely Culbertson was becoming rich and famous from the game of contract bridge, and Goren abandoned his original career choice to pursue bridge competitions, where he attracted the attention of Milton Work, who had developed the Work Point Count System. Goren began helping Work with his bridge articles and columns and, eventually, ghost-writing some of the material.

When Goren struck out on his own, his experience with Work's system and with writing about bridge allowed him to quickly become popular as an instructor and lecturer. In 1936, he published the first of what would be many books on playing bridge, *Winning Bridge Made Easy*.

In the course of his writing he made extensive use of Work's system. Previously, bridge players assessed their hands by counting 'quick tricks'. The high card point count system was a large step forward in bridge theory because it was easy to apply. Aces were assigned a value of four points; kings, three; queens, two and jacks, one point. A hand containing thirteen points was considered to be an opening bid.

Of course, hand distribution can add a great deal to a hand's value and so various systems to assess that have been applied over the years. Voids become very useful when there is trump agreement and so a void in the responding hand was counted as five points and a singleton as three.

Another feature of the Goren system was opening four card suits. An approach known as 'five card majors' has become very popular as a major feature of [Standard American](#) bidding. As the name suggests a bidder using that system promises five cards in the suit by bidding one Heart or one Spade.

There is much merit in Goren's four card opening approach, though, and many experts still use it. Any method that uncovers a four-four trump fit is very useful. 'Five card major' bidders sometimes use negative doubles to find four-four trump fits. The advantage of 'Five card majors' is when the opponents bid. Following the 'Law of Total Tricks' is a lot easier in a 'Five card majors' system.

Bridge is an evolving game and many styles and new approaches have been developed over the years. Few people would say that they play 'Goren' now. That takes nothing away from the great skill and competitive spirit that made Charles Goren one of the foremost bridge players of his day.

Goren died in Encino, California, at the age of 90.

vugraph

Saturday from 10:00 am, we will be undertaking a live vugraph presentation of the last 40 boards of the final on a large projection screen in the "View Rooms". Expert commentators will be on hand.

In addition, there will be online vugraph (<http://www.abf.com.au/events/anc/2004/vugraph.html>) of the ANC each night this week and all day Friday and Saturday through www.bridgebase.com

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controversial bid ~ frank stewart 'the daily bridge column - okbridge.com'

Dealer: South
N-S vulnerable

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

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening Lead: ♥J

Some players would rather have a root canal than open 1NT with A-K-4-3-2 in hearts, but today's South is almost compelled to do so. If he opens one heart and hears a response of one spade by North (or even two of a minor suit), he'll have no good second bid.

Opening 1NT with a five-card major in a balanced hand may come to grief -- you may miss a major-suit fit -- but it's a descriptive action. Moreover, you may gain by concealing your long suit from the enemy.

South would be down one at four hearts and seemed to have no chance at 3NT. But West, who didn't know South's distribution, innocently led the jack of hearts.

FALSECARD

South still wasn't home. If he took the top hearts and lost a heart, West would beat the contract with a spade switch. So South boldly let the jack of hearts win, falsecarding with the four from his hand.

Since East's eight looked like an encouraging signal, West continued hearts, and that ended the defense. South took four hearts, three diamonds and two clubs.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠9 4 2
♥Q 7 5
♦K Q 3
♣A 4 3 2

You pass as dealer, the next player passes and your partner opens one heart. Your right-hand opponent passes. What do you say?

ANSWER

If you hadn't passed originally, you could temporize with two clubs, planning to support the hearts next. As it is, partner may drop you at two clubs in an inferior trump suit when you belong at hearts. Bid three hearts, inviting game, although you'd rather have a fourth trump.

an 'innocent' cover ~ david lusk

Pairs Session 1
Board 4
Dealer W, All

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

The proliferation of Deep Finesse Analyses with hand records often leads us to surmise how a specific number of tricks can be made or, in this case, how the defenders could prevent declarer from making a specific number of tricks.

In the above deal, W reached a contract of 4H.

North led the S10, passed to declarer's Queen.

West crossed to the DA in dummy and led the HQ. This was covered in reflex manner by South. Declarer won and drew trumps, leading low to dummy's Jack. The next couple of plays brought declarer 12 tricks -- club to the Queen and C9 ducking to Souths 10. South played another Spade, won by declarer. A diamond and a diamond ruff got declarer to dummy and a small club allowed the Ace to be ruffed out for declarer's 12th trick.

So how did declarer get 12 when DF says 11?

Try it if south doesn't cover the HQ.



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twelve simple rules to kill a club

N.E. Renton, Guide for Voluntary Associations (fifth edition), pages 220-221:

- I. Do not attend the meetings.
- II. If you do attend, come late.
- III. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't dream of coming.
- IV. If you do ever turn up, find fault with the office-bearers and the other members; sit at the back and talk to the person next to you about the weather.
- V. Never accept office; it is much easier to criticise than to actually do something.
- VI. Get sore if you're not appointed to a committee; but if you do happen to be appointed, be sure not to attend any meetings.
- VII. If asked by the Chair for your opinion on some matter, just indicate that you have nothing to say - then, after the meeting, tell everyone how things ought to have been done.
- VIII. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and do it all, howl about how the Club is being run by a small clique.
- IX. Hold back your subscription as long as you possibly can, so as to give the Treasurer unnecessary work.
- X. Start a whispering campaign about the finances.
- XI. Don't bother about involving new members - let someone else do this.
- XII. Never appear to take an interest in the Club magazine and never, under any circumstances, actually submit an article for it.

all the right picks ~ david lusk

North
 ♠ 9 6
 ♥ K Q 6 5 4
 ♦ A J 7 6 4
 ♣ 2

West
 ♠ Q 6 4 2
 ♥ 10 9
 ♦ 9 5 2
 ♣ K 8 6

East
 ♠ A 8 7
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ K 8
 ♣ Q J 10 7 5 4

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

W	N	E	S
/	1H	2C	/
/	4H	/	/
/			

SA Senior David Mortimer gained his reward for some aggressive bidding when he picked everything right in 4H.

East led the CQ. Mortimer won in dummy and played the D10, covered and won with the Ace. He next led a spade towards dummy, going up with the King when E played low. When he led the D3 from dummy, W played low – and so did D. Mortimer. The King crashed on nothing and 4H was plain sailing when trumps broke.



Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Showers High: 14 Low: 8	Mostly cloudy High: 14 Low: 8	Showers High: 14 Low: 8	Showers increasing High: 14 Low: 8
Dew point: 8 Humidity: 82% Wind at 09:00: 12kph, W Wind at 15:00: 13kph, WSW Rain probability: 70% (3.0mm)	Dew point: 0 Humidity: 61% Wind at 09:00: 17kph, NW Wind at 15:00: 21kph, NW Rain probability: 30% (0.0mm)	Dew point: 2 Humidity: 80% Wind at 09:00: 19kph, W Wind at 15:00: 14kph, W Rain probability: 60% (3.0mm)	Dew point: 5 Humidity: 64% Wind at 09:00: 20kph, NW Wind at 15:00: 17kph, WNW Rain probability: 60% (3.0mm)

**RECORDERS NEEDED FOR FINALS – FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY DAY
 PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAMES AT THE HOSPITALITY DESK**

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