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## **VuGraphs – live & virtual!**

If you can make it to the Thursday night VuGraph at 7.30, you are in for a treat. There are lucky door prizes, a bar, entertaining commentary on 20 boards and a high quality display courtesy of BBO (state of the art in bridge broadcasting).

If you are following the ANC online, you can catch all 60 boards of the Open final on BBO.

Thanks to Nick Fahrer of The Bridge Shop and David Stern of Double Bay Bridge Centre for making the BBO broadcast and VuGraph display possible.

#### Half way out

Into the Pyrenees now, a long, hard slog. As the Open field starts to string out, Queensland have kicked clear of the peloton to join the breakaway group.

The Women are still jockeying for position as Victoria surge through from last to first.

WA are virtually unbeaten in the Seniors (okay they lost a match by 1 IMP), while tiring Queensland still cling to the lead in the Youth

#### **Butler Standings**

The Steve Hurley trophy goes to the "best" Open pair against the datums. (The figures are a bit soft because they don't reflect the number of boards played, or take the strength of the opposing pair into account) Here are the category leaders at halfway:

Oper	า	
1st	I McCance - B Thompson	151
2nd	K Bagchi - D Lilley	108
3rd	M Smart - P Reynolds	103
Wom	nen's	
1st	J Hoffman - N Church	69
2nd	N Bashar - R Liepins	56
3rd	R Lachman - P Rankin	54
Seni	ors	
1st	L Dixon - G Riszko	133
2nd	J & R Hansen	112
3rd	N Moses - S Bock	100

#### **Senior Moments**

We start with a PJ hand from way back on Sunday night:

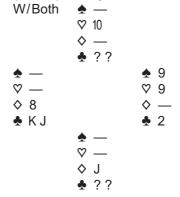
Teams 5	5, Bd 4		
W/Both	<b>★</b> 74		
	♡ J10	63	
	♦ A 10	9	
	♣ Q9	54	
♠ Q62		<b>\$</b>	AK9853
♥ 87		$\Diamond$	Q952
♦ 8763	3	$\Diamond$	5
<b>♣</b> KJ80	6	*	A 2
	♠ J 10		
	♡ AK	4	
	♦ KQ	J 4 2	
	<b>♣</b> 10 7	3	
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Ruth J		Peter .	J
no	no	1♠	2\$

North overtook the ♦K lead to switch aggressively to the ♥J-Q-K. Peter ruffed the next diamond to return a heart. South hopped on this to play the ♦Q. After drawing trumps and ruffing a heart, declarer crossed to the ♣A to run the trumps. This is the (known) ending:

end

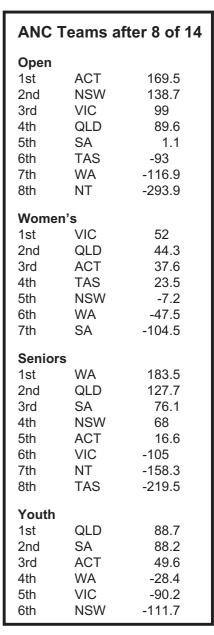
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It didn't matter who had the ♣Q. South had to pitch a club on the last trump to hold the ♦J, then North had to pitch one to keep the ♥10. The ♣J had to win the last trick. +620.

The last match of the first round robin saw the leading Senior teams – WA & NSW – face each other. I watched a few boards featuring the pairs at the top of the Butler, John & Ruth Hansen vs Steven (not Stephen) Bock and Neville Moses:





Four captains while away the three hours, waiting for their charges to emerge.

Teams 7, Bd 19  ♠ 6					
		8732			
	♦ J 10				
	♣ J9				
♠ AK8	72	<b>♠</b> C	J 10 5 3		
♡ A J 10	5	ØΚ	64		
♦ K43		♦ 5	<u>,</u>		
<b>.</b> 8		♣ K	Q102		
	<b>◆</b> 94				
	♡ —				
	♦ A Q	762			
	♣ A7	6543			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH		
Moses	John H	Bock	Ruth H		
			2♥*		
2♠	3◊*	4♠	5♦		
5♡	no	5♠	end		

2♥ showed majors or minors.

5♦ goes for -500 on a trump lead but Moses still had slam interest. True, partner could have had the ♣A but as it was, 5♠ was too high. After John Hansen led the ♣J, Ruth decided to play him for the ♦K, so led the ♦7 for a heart ruff. She was relieved to find partner didn't have a singleton club!

One thought is to double 5♠, which might have attracted a heart lead.

On Board 21, Bock - Moses had an awkward Aspro auction, sailing pass a good 3NT and a 5-3 heart fit to reach 4♠ with ♠Q7542 opposite ♠J8. Luckily, Ruth H with ♣A and ♠AKT63 made a respectful pass.

Their Aspro machinery was sorely tested again soon after:

Teams 7	, Bd 23	
S/Both	10 5 4	
	♥ 86	
	♦ A985	43
	<b>4</b> 10 8	
♠ AK98	3	<b>♠</b> Q
♥ K1097	•	♥ A32
♦ 6		♦ QJ2
962		♣ AJ7543
	♠ J762	
	♥ QJ54	
	♦ K 10 7	
	♣ KQ	

WEST Moses	NORTH John H	EAST Bock	SOUTH Ruth H
			1NT
2♣*	2\$	3♦	no
3♠	no	4♡	end

After a diamond to the ace (leading the ♦K! instead will shoot it), John H returned the ♣10. Bock won the ♣A, unblocked the ♣Q and exited with a club. After the ♦K was ruffed in dummy, declarer could play double dummy, knowing from the bidding that South was 4-4-3-2 with ♥QJxx. (Would you have passed as dealer?) Bock set up dummy via the deep heart finesse for an exciting +620.

I expected him to be pleased but his first words were "Have I told you lately how much I hate Aspro?"

People tend to misbid and misuse conventions they don't like, subconsciously reinforcing their opinion. It's easy enough for East to find partner's shape by starting with double. Then they should reach the best game -5.

West(ern) Australia continue to do well in the Seniors, aided by bold bidding like this against South(ern) Australia, reported by npc Dennis Yovich:

Teams	5, Bd 7		
S/Both	<b>♠</b> A		
	ΥQ.	J632	
	♦ K	J 9 6	
	♣ A 6	<del>3</del> 5	
♠ QJ8	53	•	10 7 6
♥ 875		$\Diamond$	AK1094
♦ A 5 3		$\Diamond$	Q74
<b>4</b> 10 3		*	98
	<b>♠</b> K 9	942	
	♡ —		
	♦ 10	82	
	<b>♣</b> K(	QJ742	
WEST	NORTH Richard	EAST G	SOUTH Sue G 1♣!
no	1♡	no	2♣!

"This was a match between the two teams doing well. Sue Grenside decided – as many would – that the South hand was worth on opening bid.

no

end

40

no

no

3◊

5.

"Sue's 2♣ was the vital bid, ensuring they reached the best game. It was worth 10 IMPs as the bidding at the other table gave no chance to reach game:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			no
no	1♡	no	2♣
no	2\$	end	

The board was vital in giving WA a 1 IMP win."

# Tuesday's matches

First-named team is Home (I think) and has choice

Rd	time	tbl	Open	Seniors	Women's	Youth
9 (2/2)	10.30	1	ACT v WA	WA v NT	ACT v SA	NSW v SA
		2	NT vs NSW	Tas v Qld	Tas v NSW	Vic v ACT
		3	Vic v SA	NSW v ACT	WA v Vic	WA v Qld
		4	Tas v Qld	Vic v SA	Qld bye	
10 (2/3)	2.45	1	Tas vs ACT	WA v Vic	ACT v WA	ACT v NSW
		2	WA vs NSW	Qld v NT	Qld v SA	Qld v Vic
		3	NT vs Vic	Tas v NSW	Tas bye	WA v SA
		4	SA vs Qld	SA v ACT	Vic v NSW	
11 (2/4)	8pm	1	SA v ACT	ACT v WA	NSW v ACT	tba
		2	Tas v NSW	Qld v Vic	Qld v WA	tba
		3	WA v Vic	NT v NSW	SA v Tas	tba
		4	Qld vs NT	Tas v SA	Vic bye	



#### Support events – week 1 Tue Lindfield 1pm Kings & Queens 7.30 Wed Willoughby 7.30 Thu Double Bay 10am Kings & Queens 10am Willoughby 10.45 Lindfield 11am

There is a \$200 prize for the top score out of the four Thursday games. Scored across the field.

#### Appeal #1

Youth R4, ACT vs Victoria, Bd 17 **★** 63 N/Nil ♥ 75 ♦ AKJ8652 **♣** J4 ♠ 10 5 ♥ Q106 ♥ AK9432 ♦ 1093 ♦ Q7 ♣ KQ1052 987 ♠ AKQ9872 ♥ J8 ♦ 4 ♣ A63

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bridgland	Hollands	G'mboux	Munro
	3♣	3♡	5♣
dbl	5♦	no	5♠
no	no	dbl	end

5♠x made for +650 NS.

Director (Mullamphy): 3♣ was a transfer pre-empt, not alerted. North was in receipt of UI due to the failure to alert 3♣. The Directors believe that passing 5♣x was a logical alternative and adjusted the score to -1400 NS. After the match, the captain of the NS pair informed us that South's jump to 5♣ was fit-showing — North was obliged to bid 5♦. No mention of this was made at the table.

N-S Appealed: That North is in receipt of Unauthorised Information is not disputed. However, South's 5♣ systemically shows a fit in diamonds; non-jumps such as 4♣ would be natural and forcing. The system cards refer to this.

**Decision**: The Committee (R Grenside, E Chadwick, N Francis, P Gue, L Kelso) expressed doubts about the fit-showing nature of 5♣. Further, if 5♣ *did* indeed show a diamond fit, there is still no compelling reason for North to bid 5♦ – pass is a logical alternative, leaving further action to South. Disappointingly, this would not be forthcoming.

The awarded score of -1400 NS stands. Further, the Committee was unanimous in determining that this appeal lacks merit. The NS team is fined 2 VPs.



#### PENNY'S BLANKET

In August 2004, Penny Crittle died from cancer.

Penny was well known in bridge circles, particularly in Sydney. She came from a bridge-playing family, her father was Mel Watson and her sister is Prue Lawford. Penny will always be remembered for her caring and compassion, along with her humour and joy of life.



When Eilis Magner was diagnosed with breast cancer, Penny immediately offered herself as support person, an offer which was promptly and gratefully accepted. Penny was there for Eilis and her husband, Don Clilverd, during Eilis's treatment in Sydney. When Penny was diagnosed with cancer, Eilis, who lives and works in Armidale, was unable to act as Penny's support person, so she decided to make a blanket for Penny. Sadly, Penny's cancer was aggressive and the blanket was not finished in time.

#### Women's sit-out

This is a pity. If we find out early in the year that there will be an odd number of teams in a category, the home state should be able to fill the breech (or is it breach?). This has happened in the past in the Youth, when a Colts team has been brought in to avoid the 24-board sit-out.

Northern Territory has a few hundred registered players from four clubs and do well to send two teams each year. Seven in the Women's will often occur in the future. Let's either invite a Kiwi team — as has happened in the past—or require the host state to field two teams, each with full rights (though they can't meet in the final).

This beautiful blanket was hand made with love and care and although Penny did not live to enjoy her gift, Eilis has decided to donate the blanket to be raffled, in Penny's memory, with the proceeds of the raffle going to cancer research — The Cancer Council of NSW. There is no doubt Penny would have given her whole hearted approval to this decision. The ABF and the NSWBA have also given their support, and the raffle will be drawn at the Summer Festival in 2006.

Penny was den-mother to youth players, a friend to mature players, initiated Bridge Buffs with Dena Blackman, and as well served on the NSWBA Council (at the same time I did). My own memory of Penny is her sense of fun and I will never forget the courage and dignity with which she faced her final enemy.

As Penny's fellow bridge players, let's give our wholehearted support to this project and make sure the proceeds of the raffle result in a generous donation to The Cancer Council — a donation which would reflect the generosity of the person in whose memory it is made.

Anyone wanting more information, please contact Megan McGlashan, phone 02 9929 9115 or by email mcglashan@wr.com.au.

Raffle tickets are available from the Hospitality Desk.



# Territory Gold Festival

1 - 4 September, 2005 (Thursday - Sunday) at Holiday Inn Darwin

Welcome BBQ, four bridge sessions, gold points, cash prizes, & a farewell dinner.

Ring (or talk to!) Pam Nunn on 08 8981 7287. peanunn@internode.on.net

#### **ACT Youth Team**

Mark Abraham

The perennial bridesmaids are back again to attempt to do what they've not be able to do in the last three years & win more IMPs in the final than South Australia. Two of the team are hot from the Australian Junior Team's 2nd place in the PABF Championships. Despite that part-



5/7ths of the team. Not with their backs to the wall just yet.

nership being a core feature of the last three years, they're playing with fresh partners this time.

#### **Griff Ware**

Griff has completed his ANC round-robin, but still hasn't managed to win one, or learn that overbidding sometimes hurts. Strangely, he uses either the fact that the opponents are good, or that the opponents are bad, to justify his bidding, and it seems to work against both.

#### **Nye Griffiths**

Keeping Griff in line this year is Nye. Nye's wrestling coach was somewhat dismayed a few years ago to hear he was dropping wrestling for bridge, but Nye hasn't looked back. On the back of some strong Open performances this year with unheralded teams, Nye will be after his first national title!

#### **Anatoli Lightfoot**

"Foot" was a late addition to last year's five-person team and carried himself well despite his inexperience. Big things are expected this year!

#### Michael Delivera

Della Junior missed last year through serious illness, and will be a welcome addition to the team. Opponents beware. This man will open

x xxxx AQxxx KJx, and say "What's the problem?" Come to think of it, Foot, you should beware too!

#### **Christy Bridgland**

Back again this year after missing last year through work commitments is Christy. She completed her round-robin about a decade ago it seems, but still hasn't won any of the silverware (the sec-

ond-place trophy is plastic on wood, you pedants). How will her last attempt go?

#### **Daniel Geromboux**

Also on his "last legs" is Daniel Geromboux, in partnership with his lovely fiancee. Always a cool customer under pressure, he will doubtless enjoy his time off from catching Griff's wild fastballs.

#### **NPC Mark Abraham**

Mark too, is sick of collecting second place gongs, having played with the team twice and captained once through the bridesmaid era.

Last year's secret weapon, the three-quarter time Chupa-chups didn't work, what will he use this year?

# Timetable – at NSWBA

#### **Interstate Teams**

(Open/Women/Seniors/Youth) Sun - Wed 10.30, 2.45, 8pm

#### **Interstate Finals**

Thu **10am**, 2.45 Vugraph at 7.30

#### then, at Masonic Centre

Interstate Pairs (5 categories) Fri 10.30 & 2.30

#### **Victory Dinner**

Fri 7.30

#### Stage 1 Butler

Sat 30th 10am, then tba

Sun 10am

Stage 3 finishes Friday 5 Aug

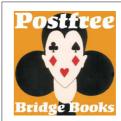
#### Youth triathlon at NSWBA

5-7 August, Fri - Sun Teams, Pairs then Individual!

# **World Youth Championships**

7-17 August

at Olympic Park Homebush



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Tony entertains the troops before battle, doing what a disconcertingly large number of young players seem to be doing these days — earning a bit on the side (maybe \$10 million?) by playing poker on line.

Nye Griffiths has a partypoker.com t-shirt.

Terence Reece believed the skill level reqiired for poker was probably higher than for bridge.

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