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And we're off again (but some more than others)

Open Stage 2 (A) Top 10

P. Lavings	T. Leibowitz	152
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A. De Livera	I. Robinson	143
P. Gumby	W. Lazer	130
J. Dawson	B. Richman	127
M. Bloom	P. Gill	124
R. Sebesfi	F. Curtis	123
R. Hills	C. Quail	116
N. Fahrer	S. Fischer	114
M. Abraham	G. Ware	113

Open Stage 2 (B) Top 10

D. Lilley	Z. Nagy	132
K. Morrison	M. Wilkinson	132
D. McLeish	P. McLeish	132
M. Watts	E. Chadwick	126
M. Mullamphy	R. Klinger	124
N. Giura	N. Hughes	124
M. Doecke	W. Jenner-O'Shea	123
A. Creet	T. Kershaw	121
B. Waters	R. Nixon	120
C. Boylson	T. Nunn	119

Women's Stage 2 (A) Top 10

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L. King	K. Neale	146
R. Kaplan	P. Schroor	135
P. McNamara	J. Blight	131
K. Moses	N. Bashar	131
S. Bird	K. Creet	129
M. Chadwick	T. Sharp	126
S. Weal	K. Yule	124
S. Collins	M. Callander	121
G. Mundell	N. Djurovic	121

Women's Stage 2 (B) Top 10

T. Lloyd	C. Combes	149
L. Wilkinson	R. Liepins	134
L. Kalmin	L. Ichilik	127
S. Lusk	T. Tully	123
M. Bourke	K. Boardman	123
C. Warthold	J. Tutty	122
H. Lowry	B. Folkard	121
M. Jakes	R. Green	115
A. Farthing	J. Kahler	112
K. Smith	J. del Piccolo	110

Seniors Stage A Top 10

H. Ali	P. Kahler	101
T. Davis	G. Rippon	90
J. Brockwell	J. Ashworth	83
K. Bailey	G. Bailey	82
P. Rasilainen	M. Zurawel	78
G. Liepins	J. Bean	77
B. Toohey	L. Van Der Hor	76
R. Gallagher	V. Hopwood	71
R. Grenside	S. Grenside	70
M. Kefford	M. Kefford	70

Restricted Butler Top Ten

R. Erskine	P. Waight	100
E. Leach	K. Homik	90
P. Wild	A. Curtis	82
J. Anderson	N. Ware	81
C. Whiddon	M. Allison	81
B. Crossman	B. Crossman	79
E. Williams	S. Williams	78
C. Dawson	R. Simpson	75
R. Bergin	M. Targ	73
J. Donovan	A. Hewat	73

“A Special Thanks to the Desperadoes”

(aka So maybe BFACT should send the bill to Macau?)

No doubt there were a couple of spectacular hands from Sunday’s Butler action that will have been reported elsewhere in the Bulletin, but a subject on many participant’s lips during the first weekend is “Where is everybody?”. It must be heartbreaking for Lyn Turner and her team to have put in so much hard work to see the lowest turnout in ANC history bar none.

Now we can get the CGE modellers to do up a detailed econometric analysis and no doubt they could produce a cause and effect argument showing the economic downturn is to blame. So maybe BFACT should send the bill to Wayne Swan or Glenn Stevens?

Some may also postulate that the upsurge in swine flu cases in the past few weeks may have sent people into self-imposed quarantine to escape the dreaded “Lurgi” . So maybe BFACT should send the bill to Mexico?

But look these factors were around a couple of months back and the ANOT, VCC and Barrier Reef events all did very well.

A third and maybe more relevant argument revolves around the baffling and late decision taken by the mandarins at the PABF (this stands for Pacific Asia Bridge Federation and not Put A Big Foot (up BFACT’s rear)) to move the dates of their championship events by two weeks from 4th June to 18th June. The grief this caused to individual players and national bridge bodies was unreal and of course it meant that something like 40+ of Australia’s elite bridge players chased glory overseas not returning here, most of them, until early this week.

A cursory analysis of how many Macau-bound Aussies are here playing in the Butler shows that there are only a handful of Desperadoes braving the Canberra elements. I won’t go naming individual players but many on the list who were in Macau would normally not let wild horses keep them away from the ANC Butler.

And frankly if the effect was just confined to the people who played in Macau then that would probably be reasonable but it is the “knock-on” effect that this has had which bears mentioning. The loss of all these top name players seriously affected the quality of the field probably caused many other top players to say why bother coming now? The posting of entries on the Internet now acts as a visual deterrent when you can see who is there and who is not.

I don’t wish to lay the whole blame at the door of the PABF because we all know the ANC has been declining in recent years due to a number of structural problems – some of which the ABF and others is looking at. But that discussion is for another day.

So I come back to my original thought for the day – I would like to sincerely thank the few Macau Desperadoes for not losing faith in the ANC, for braving the Canberra elements and supporting the ANC.

And maybe BFACT should send the bill to Macau?

Roy Nixon

The Form Guide 2 - Your Guide to the Stars

Inez Ganger NSW Women	40 but only once a week	Can't remember but not enough	Marcia Scudder	Standard 2/1 GF	Aquarius Don't forget the Chinese year. I am a rat.	French champagne	Retired school principal	Work best in morning but like to other things in other parts of the day
Therese Tully Qld Women	30 odd	Qld youth 1982-83. Qld Open 1995, 2003. 1 st played for Australia in 1989 – fairly regular member of team since 2000.	Pete Rankin for Qld Sue Lusk for International	Acol	Aquarius	During the ANC – with VPs	Retired (again)	Morning
David Lusk SA Open	Too many! About 45	Will be 12 th Open ANC. played 5x in senior team. Recent PAB seniors team. Also played in Bermuda trans-nationals.	Anyone who will put up with me. Usually play with Attilio de Luca but play with Peter Chan in seniors	Brought up on Acol and still most comfortable with that but also Standard and dabbled in Forcing Pass. Blue Club and Relay Precision	Capricorn	With lots and lots of money please	None. I am a bridge teacher and director, also editor and columnist	Around 2am. If they ran bridge sessions at this time I would have a richer cv/
Richard Wallis Qld Senior	1 st lesson Dec 1967	1 st ANC 1977 – all except Adelaide for ANC, PABF and Yeh Cup 2008	John Craig for 40 years Tony Jackman 20 years Therese Tully 14 years	Precision with Tony Jackman, Acol with Therese Tully. Kaplan Sheinwold with John Craig	Aquarius	NOT ALCO-HOL	Structural engineer	Prefer mid-morning for rising but ready to play bridge any time
George Smo-lanko SA Open	42 but still learning	The State – a great many times. Australia in an Olympiad and a Bowl and a number of zonal play offs	David Anderson locally and several different interstate partners in national events	Always a natural system – versions of Acol for many years but prefer Standard in recent times	Capricorn	All offers will be considered	Civil engineer working in contract management	When not the day after the night before
Jill Al-lanson SA Women	Lots of "kitchen bridge" then 25 yrs at club		Jill Lawson for 4/5 years. No arguments just very quiet times before regrouping	Definitely Acol although those hands keep happening when an "other" system would have been better	Pisces	Almost anything chocolate will do it.	Making lotions, jams etc for our lavender farm	I'm generally a night owl



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