

# AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009



## Daily Bulletin

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### Open and Women's Pairs Top 8

P Livesey	C Dibley	460
S Hinge	D Morgan	458
R Mooney	T Demarco	414
J Touyz	D Frankel	411
S Ozenir	B Wein	407
G Tucker	M Millar	400
M Jakes	R Green	389
J Blight	P McNamara	382

### Mixed and Seniors Pairs Top 8

H Dawson	J Ebery	348
J Reynolds	P Reynolds	342
T Jackman	R Wallis	339
L Kelso	P Schroor	322
M Pemberton	J Gough	311
D Greenfield	S Shilbury	309
P Beck	D Chung	304

### Youth Pairs Top 8

P Hollands	J Howard	152
S Yuen	R Thornberry	122
P Gosney	E Moskovsky	119
S Schulz	S Harrison	113
E Tewes	L Matheson	108
S Williams	Y Joon	97
R Stevenson	J Higgins	96
A Munro	J Rosen	93

### Alien Pears



## Slam Punters by Ron Klinger

East dealer : East-West vulnerable

West	North	East	South
---	---	Pass	1C
Pass	1NT (1)	Pass	6C
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(1) 9-11 points, no 4-major, can have four diamonds

What would you lead as West from:

- ♠AJ106
- ♥J653
- ♦J874
- ♣5

Make up your mind which card you are leading before reading further

Now consider this auction:

West	North	East	South
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Pass	3NT	Pass	6C
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- (1) Weak two in either major
- (2) Equivalent to a takeout double of hearts

What would you lead as West from:

- ♠AJ106
- ♥J653
- ♦J874
- ♣5

See page two for the full hand.

## Slam Punters by Ron Klinger cont from page 1

The opening lead was critical on Board 22, Round 8, Stage 3:

East dealer : East-West vulnerable

North	
♠73	
♣KQ9	
♦KQ96	
♣9832	
West	East
♠AJ106	♠82
♥J653	♥A108742
♦J874	♦A532
♣5	♣4
South	
♠KQ954	
♥---	
♦10	
♣AKQJ1076	

You need to find a diamond lead initially or cash the ♠A and switch to a diamond. At our table, after the first auction, I led the ♣5. South won in dummy and led the ♥K, ace, ruff. A club to dummy was followed by the ♥Q, ditching the

diamond loser.

After the second auction, West led a heart for the same outcome.

Despite its success, the jump to 6♣ was an out-and-out gamble. Not only might the opponents cash two aces, but the North hand pattern might be 3-3-3-4.

**Open datum:** N-S 620. Three played in 6♣, all making, three were in 5♣ and one N-S pair were in 7NT doubled for -500. The last result was a nice 15-Imp gift for the leaders.

**Women's datum:** N-S 560. Two played in 6♣, both making. One made twelve tricks in 5♣ doubled, three were in 5♣ and one East-West were -200 in 4♥ doubled.

**Seniors datum:** N-S 150. One N-S played 6♣ and made it, two were in 5♣, two were in 3NT failing and one N-S pair was one down in 4♠.

You might not like 6♣, but it comes quite a way ahead of 3NT N-S.



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## The Form Guide 7 - Your Guide to the Stars

NAME	YEARS PLAYED AND FORM	PARTNER	SYSTEM	STAR SIGN	BEST BRIBE	OTHER LIFE	AT BEST IN
David Hoffman ACT Seniors	48 years. Started at Bruce Hall ANU. ANC Open 10 x (1 <sup>st</sup> 2004, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1980, 2005, 2008), Seniors 3 x Best: 1 <sup>st</sup> in 2001, 2006, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2002. From 2001 to 2008 6x for 3 wins and 3 seconds.	Currently Ron Klinger for inter- nationals and Margaret Bourke for ANC	My preferred is a version of Polish club which I played with David Wan. Playing ACOL with Mar- garet and Stan- dard with Ron.	What is a star sign? (For those in the know, 4 October)	What is a bribe? (For those in the know, play poorly against me)	33 years as an academic and then 7 years working for the biggest gun run- ning company in Australia (aka Thales Austra- lia). Now semi- retired, doing some consulting.	As a senior, best when I was a stu- dent at ANU. Noth- ing is good being a senior.
Jeremy Rosen Vic Youth	3 years Vic 2006, NZ youth playoff 2008	Angus Munro	Standard	Libra	Chocolate	Engineering student	Evening. Think that bridge ses- sions before 12 are cruel and un- usual punishment
Peter Hollands Vic Youth	6 years. Youth Vic 4x, ANC teams win, ANC pairs 2x, Yeh Bros pairs semi-final, PABF win 2x	Justin Howard	ACOL	Aries	Beer	Engineering student	Fine at any time
Max Henbest Vic Youth	2.5 yrs	Peter Hollands / Nathan Howard	ACOL	Virgo	Ummmmmm ... with money	School	Not the morning
Stephen Fischer ACT Open	21 yrs but took an 8 yr break in the mid- dle; 3x for NT	Marianne Bookal- ill	Anything with limited one level openings	Orion	Hiking trips or good wine usually do the trick	IT consultant	Morning bridge is a horrible concept, so any time but mornings
Sam Schulz NSW Youth	4 yrs ANC Colts 2x U21 Australian rep at Macau PABF	Shane Harrison	Two over one GF	Cancer	Money	Podiatry student at Uni of SA	Full moon

## What's the problem?

by Len Dixon

Many participants in the ANC will already have seen or heard about the following extract from Peter Gill's report in the May 2009 ABF Newsletter on the recent Gold Coast Congress and Yeh Bros Cup.

"For me personally, the opportunity to meet and talk to many of the world's best players was invaluable. Just before the Gold Coast Congress, I asked Tony Nunn, who if Playoff Points are the measuring stick, is our top player in recent years, to rank various bidding systems.

He rated all systems (five-card majors and strong notrump, five-card majors and weak notrump, four-card majors and strong notrump, strong club) as 7 or 8 out of 10, but he rated "four-card majors and weak notrump" only 2 or 3 out of 10.

I was mildly surprised, so at Broadbeach, I asked Eric Rodwell from USA, perhaps the world's leading bridge theorist, the same question. His answer was almost identical, with the Acol base scoring only 1 or 2 out of 10, and all other system bases 7 or 8 out of 10.

The exception was his own Strong Club and five-card major version, which he rated 9.5 out of

10."

Food for thought in my opinion, even if the Acol strongholds in southern and Western Australia are surprised by this."

Another way of putting the quoted opinions is that a "natural" system based on four-card majors and a weak no-trump is inevitably well below average but can be improved (to approximately the same degree and) to well above average by changing either

- (a) from four-card to five-card majors or
- (b) from weak to strong no-trump or
- (c) both.

It surely follows that the implied problem with Acol is neither four-card majors nor the weak-no trump but some serious incompatibility between four-card majors and the weak no-trump,

Can anyone who is unsurprised by those opinions, say something about what that incompatibility may be?

## HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE RESULTS

### 1. Write for this Bulletin

(a) Until Peter Gill started writing articles for this Bulletin on Wednesday, he and Martin Bloom were running 12th of 14 pairs in the Open Butler. They came 2nd.

(b) Nafi Bashar and Kinga Moses won 5 of their last 6 matches in the Women's Butler to move from 5th to 1st, while Nafi wrote a good article for the Bulletin.

### 2. Make sure you have the stomach for it

Martin Bloom was coming 9th in Stage 3 when he played every board despite having food poisoning on Thursday morning. Several bridge-playing doctors helped, with ANC staff kindly going to the pharmacy to collect his prescription, as Martin played through the last 11 matches of the Butler undefeated, including the long 70 board Thursday with food poisoning. He had dinner at <name supplied on request (not one of our sponsors)> Restaurant on Wednesday night, by the way.