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Open and Women's Pairs Top 8

S Hinge	D Morgan	1131
M Watts	E Chadwick	1090
R Mooney	T Demarco	1026
G Tucker	M Millar	996
A Fallon	B Marrett	977
J Touyz	D Frankel	964
J Blight	P McNamara	959
P Livesey	C Dibley	953

Mixed and Seniors Pairs Top 8

T Jackman	R Wallis	970
H Dawson	J Ebery	959
L Kelso	P Schroor	939
E Berger	T Berger	931
J Reynolds	P Reynolds	926
D Greenfield	S Shilbury	882
P Grant	T Marinos	861
R Hanson	J Herring	854

Youth Pairs Top 8

P Hollands	J Howard	390
S Yuen	R Thornberry	360
P Gosney	E Moskovsky	354
R Stevenson	J Higgins	352
A Munro	J Rosen	319
S Williams	Y Joon	316
E Tewes	L Matheson	300
S Schulz	S Harrison	113

Despairs



Who's bidding their slams then?

On Board 16 of Session 3 of the Pairs only one pair failed to make 13 tricks (to be fair it was because North played in 4♥X)

♠T6	♠AKQ4
♥KJT973	♥642
♦73	♦Q6
♣K96	♣AJ73
♠J732	
♥A	
♦AKJT542	
♣T	
♠985	
♥Q85	
♦98	
♣Q8542	

It was though much more elusive to bid and in the Mixed/Seniors and Open/Women's fields there were slightly more (5) 4♠ bidders than those who bid 6♠ (4) with one pair of nonconformists in each field bidding 6♦ and one mixed pair in 3NT. Several of those in 4♠ are not normally known as conservative bidders.

As might be expected, the one pair in the whole field who bid and made 7♠ was a Youth Pair (Gosney/ Moskovsky) - but in the Youth Pairs overall, the five pairs playing managed to land in five different contracts—3♠ by East, 4♥ X by North, 4♠ by East, 6♠ by West and 7♠ by West.

You never can tell.

Deadly Defence by Peter Gill

Andrew Marcovics showed me this interesting hand yesterday (dummy's cards are only approximate).

♠J5
♥KT762
♦6
♣Q8654

♠86
♥-
♦AKQJ8632
♣973

You deal and open 5♦. West bids 5♠, partner doubles and all pass. Your partner leads the ♥A.

What do you lead and why?

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The trouble with Acol

In response to Len Dixon's article about 4 card majors and weak no trumps, Chris Mulley gives his view on why Acol was rated so poorly as a system:

"The problem is that when you hold a strong NT without a 4-card minor, playing Acol you must open 1M. In response to that, if partner is 6-9 HCP they will respond 1NT or make a single raise.

Opposite either of these bids you have no idea whether you should be inviting game or not. If you don't invite, you miss games, if you do invite you end up too high fairly frequently.

If you open strong NT with 4-card majors, you have an easy pass holding a weak NT in either of those auctions. Playing 5-card majors, you open 1m and it is very much more likely that partner will respond 1M, allowing you to rebid 1NT with your strong NTs.

This auction occurs with sufficient regularity to put Acol significantly behind the other natural systems."

There are a lot of Acol players in this competition. There have to be some other views. We'd love to hear them.

Contributions Wanted

As always, contributions to the Bulletin very welcome—leave in the box on the hospitality desk, download to the computer in the administration room or email the editor (Keith Ogborn) at historian@abf.com.au



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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
Richard Wallis Old Seniors	1 st lesson Dec 1967 1 st ANC Perth 1977 All except Adelaide for ANC, PABF and Yeh Cup 2008	John Craig for almost 40 years, Tony Jackman for about 20 years, Therese Tully for 14 years	Precision with Tony Jackman, ACOL with Therese Tully and Kaplan-Sheinwold with John Craig	Aquarius	NOT ALCOHOL	Structural engineer	Prefer mid-morning for rising but ready to play bridge anytime
Susie Coleman ACT Women's	40 yrs – 15 x ACT Women's and, with Dorothy Jesner, first women's pair in ACT Open team. As part of winning NOT Women's Teams, rep Australia against NZ in 1996	Played in teams with many terrific partners over the years including Shirley Thomson, Anne Weber, Anne Powell and Dorothy Jesner. Currently partnering Lisa Ma, a relative newcomer to the game who shows great talent	Born and bred on ACOL until Anne Weber made me learn Standard American, which is much better suited to the "Teams" style of bridge I prefer to play. Have never been able to go back.	Born in February so I am an Aquarian	Breakfast in bed does it for me ... LOL!	After 15 yrs teaching and 15 yrs in public service am now in fortunate position of being 13 yrs retired although doing some bridge teaching for last 5 yrs or so and caring for my Mum in her deteriorating health.	LOATH doing ANYTHING in the morning except taking my tea and toast back to bed with the paper and the Cryptic Crossword. Addicted to "Free Call" and "Sherlock" computer games but have recently weaned myself of BBO in favour of 'REAL' bridge.
John Gough Old Seniors	Auction bridge 1946 contract bridge 1961 Competition bridge (Swansea, Wales) 1967. 3x ANC Junior (with Mike Pemberton) 1x senior (Mike Wells), Played f or PNG in Monaco Olympiad 1976	Mike Pemberton	Acol	Scorpio – is there another one worth having?	Rich foods and big red wines	Being lazy. I'm good at it.	Late morning and evening
Michael Smart ACT Open	40 yrs Under 25s (Caltex Challenge)	Knokan Bagchi	Standard with gadgets	Scorpio	Good wine or malt	Newly 'retired' from govt – for a little while anyway	Morning (believe it or not)
Laura Ginman ACT Youth	Hmmm, 11. ACT Gold Coast, Aust-NZ 2007, Macau PABF 2009	Stephen Williams: D	Good old standard	Gemini	Mmmm coffee	Studying business at Monash Uni	Evening

Deadly Defence cont

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Defending 5♠X recently, Cesary Balicki, the Polish expert who won last year's NOT, played ♦J, to inform partner that this diamonds were headed by the AKQJ. His partner, who held the ♦T, got the hint and continued with the ♥J, suit preference to indicate he had the ♦T, Cesery then underled his diamonds to the ten to get another heart ruff.

Ron Klinger plans to publish a book called Deadly Defence next year, featuring this and other Balicki treasures.

Please read if you intend to kibitz the teams event

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Spectators are not permitted.



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Spectators must remain at one table and watch one hand only.

The Sunday pairs events

