

# AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009



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**Decimal points:** Some off-venue readers of the Bulletin have asked about the decimals in the scores. I know you can find the answer in the supplementary regulations but that's a bit like the Vogons expecting people to inspect the plans for the hyper-space by pass in the planning office at Alpha Centauri. Basically, if a team wins or loses by 30 imps or less the vps = the imps. If the margin is 31 or more, the imps are 30 + 1/10 of each imp above 30. A win or loss of 31 therefore translates to + or -30.1. The maximum score for a win is +32.5 (in other words winning margins are not counted beyond 55 imps) and a maximum loss is -35 (in other words you cut your losses after 65 imps down). The aim is to stop freak results having too large an impact on the contest.

**Day Three** and then there was one—unbeaten—with the ACT still dominating the Open. Victoria had strong results today to take the lead in the Seniors and SA and NSW were strong improvers in the Open and Women's events respectively. For many teams though it looks as though the dream may be over for another year. As Roy and HG would say they are playing for pride and to set an example for the kiddies at home—but could still influence the result. Qld has been struggling in the Open but have got the closest so far to the ACT team—and there is not as much difference between the teams as the current scoreboard might suggest.

### ANC Open Teams after S9

	S7	S8	S9	TOTAL
ACT	+30.9	+32.3	+9	230.4
SA	+30.9	- 5	+32.5	147.9
NSW	+5	+32.1	+10	130.4
Vic	-30.9	+32.5	-14	7.1
Tas	-5	+ 5	-10	-42.3
WA	+30.5	-33.1	+14	-59.6
Qld	-30.9	-33	-9	-188.9
NT	-30.5	-32.3	-33.1	-231.3

### ANC Women's Teams after S9

	S7	S8	S9	TOTAL
Qld	+19	+14	+30	137.1
NSW	+21	+30.7	+32.5	80.1
NT	+31.1	-25	+28	58.7
ACT	-19	-13	+31.7	33.7
WA	-21	+25	-33.8	-5.4
Tas	+14	-30.7	-31.7	-74.5
Vic	-14	+13	-30	-74.6
SA	-31.1	-14	-28	-156.9

### ANC Seniors Teams after S9

	S7	S8	S9	TOTAL
Vic	+16	+20	+30.6	127.8
ACT	Bye	Bye	+31.7	112.7
SA	+31.5	+32.4	+32.5	108.3
NSW	+14	-20	Bye	57.4
Qld	-16	+20	-30.6	-53.2
Tas	-14	-20	-33.2	-162.9
WA	-31.5	-32.4	-31.7	-193.5

### ANC Youth Teams after S9

	S7	S8	S9	TOTAL
Vic	+23	-5	22	122.5
NSW	+31.4	-1	Bye	59.7
SA	Bye	+5	-19	-23.7
ACT	-23	+1	+19	-37.7
WA	-31.3	Bye	-22	-153.4

# Eye on Youth Bridge (2) by Leigh Matheson

Rhys Cooper (16 yrs old) from WA produced a fine defensive play in Session 6 on Board 19. See if you can match it.

Board 19  
Dealer N  
E-W Vul

Elenna Moskovsky  
♠Q6  
♥AJ974  
♦7  
♣AKQ53

Rhys Cooper  
♠3  
♥Q3  
♦QT6542  
♣9762

Jess Tearne  
♠AJT72  
♥KT86  
♦A93  
♣J

Paul Gosney  
♠K9854  
♥52  
♦KJ8  
♣T84

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♦K  
♣T84

Bidding: N E S W  
1H 1S P P  
3C P 3NT All Pass

The lead was the ♦5. East won the ♦A and returned a diamond. Declarer played the ♦J losing to West. What card do you play next?

From here there are a few defences that defeat the contract as the cards lie, but Rhys managed the strongest play. He reasoned that the best chance of defeating this contract was to find partner with KTx(x) in hearts. However, if he leads the ♥Q, declarer will take the Ace and Rhys will never get in again to lead another heart.

Thus Rhys played the THREE of hearts. After this fine play, declarer has no way of avoiding the loss of two heart tricks.

*Leigh also wrote yesterday's Eye on Youth Bridge and more to come.*

An anonymous contributor, possibly from the Northern Territory, has rightly drawn our attention to the performance of the NT Women in the Butler and pairs events. In addition to Therese Demarco and Rosemary Mooney's national title, all four pairs in the Butler reached stage 2 and Jodi Tutty and Cathy Warthold reached Stage 3. The NT teams extend a warm (literally) welcome to all players to visit Darwin in September for the **Territory Gold** competition.



One of our restaurant sponsors is D'Browes restaurant in Narrabundah. Not far from Manuka or Kingston, 'Browes contemporises traditional dining at its best – candle-lit tables, crisp linen and designer decor, combined with the finest food from Asia to Europe.

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## The Form Guide 9 - Your Guide to the Stars

NAME	YEARS PLAYED AND FORM	PARTNER	SYSTEM	STAR SIGN	BEST BRIBE	OTHER LIFE	AT BEST IN
Phil Beck Tas Open	Too long. Previous ANC experience – wish to forget as it's always been a hiding	David Chung	Basic Standard	Gemini	A night out with Jennifer Lopez	Housekeeper	Always of form
Beata Bieganski	Not long enough (5 yrs) 1 <sup>st</sup> ANC	Hilary Yovich	Standard American	Aquarius	Red wine	Data base designer / computer programmer	Evening
Douglas Newlands Tas Open	42 – rep Tas and Scotland (best result when we beat Australia in the Cwllth Nations Championships	John Bailey	Precision, canape plus relay options	Gemini	Sex, drugs	Student – prior degree majored in bridge and judo	After dark
Pam Nunn NT Women's	Too many – several ANCs	Alison Maynard at ANC	Precision	Thousands	Wine	Grandmother, golfer	Ask my husband
Pattie McNamara WA Women's	One ANC	Jan Blight	Standard American	Libra	Diamonds	Administration	Morning
Betty Mill NT Open	32 yrs 5x NT rep	Bill Tutty	Acol	Gemini	Good wine	Nil	Not afternoon – nanny nap time
Jan Blight WA Women's	25 2x WA	Pattie McNamara	Standard	Capricorn	Flattery	No day job	Morning and afternoon
Alison Maynard NT Women's	4yrs 1 ANC	Various	Standard American	Pisces	Wine	Lawyer	Evening
Sandra Richman Tas Open	19 yrs – parents Barbara & Roger Weathered from Qld introduced me to bridge 4 X Tas Open 1x ACT Women's	Andrew Richman – (in bridge in life in work – that's 24 hrs x 7 days x 52 weeks a year!) met through bridge	Weak NT	Aries	With kind words	Horse punter	Morning after coffee – evening after wine

## The Swing Boards

As in previous days, some boards in sessions 7 and 8 produced noticeable swings in a majority of matches. If you got it wrong (or right) you were in very good company.

**Board 1 of S7** was a good example of those innocuous looking part-score swings that mount up over a match.

Dealer: North	♠K532	
Nil vul	♥A975	
	♦Q53	
	♣A5	
	♠8	♠AQT7
	♥KQT	♥J84
	♦JT92	♦K76
	♣JT964	♣Q72
	♠J964	
	♥632	
	♦A84	
	♣K83	

This produced swings every time but one it was played. Sometimes just a couple of imps but quite a few handy fives and fours. Depending on whether NS were in 1NT making or going off, 2♠ not making, 3♦ by East making and 3♣ making or going off.

On **Board 11 of S7**, it was very rare for both E-Ws to bid the diamond slam, creating a lot of big swings.

Dealer: South	♠T762	
Nil vul	♥J65	
	♦82	
	♣J952	
	♠K4	♠A85
	♥K987	♥42
	♦AQ53	♦KJT964
	♣AKQ	♣83
	♠QJ93	
	♥AQT3	
	♦7	
	♣T764	

On **Board 16 of S7**, bidding 3NT on the unprepossessing 24 point holding was the key to a good or no-loss board but was bid by both E-Ws

in only four matches. A surprising number of N-S vindicated the law of total tricks when playing at the two and three level in their seven card fits.

**Board 20 of S8** seems to win the award for the most contracts played in the worst suit.

Dealer: West	♠J63	
All vul	♥QJ7	
	♦KQJ	
	♣AJ84	
	♠8	♠AKQT
	♥AT62	♥K853
	♦AT983	♦764
	♣KQ2	♣T5
	♠97542	
	♥94	
	♦52	
	♣9763	

Twelve N-S pairs found a way of bidding their spade suit and playing at the two level. This prevented E-W getting to 4♥ (which made most of the time) but, unfortunately, 2♠X scored -800. Interestingly though it was rare for the spade bidders to cancel each other. In almost all matches 4♥ was pitted against 2♠X producing swings across the field.

**Board 2 of S8** also saw big swings, which seem to depend on how good wests felt about their fine diamond suit.

Dealer: East	♠AJ3	
EW vul	♥2	
	♦AQ3	
	♣AJT932	
	♠K8	♠52
	♥984	♥AQT7
	♦JT98762	♦K54
	♣4	♣KQ87
	♠QT9764	
	♥KJ653	
	♦-	
	♣65	

A goodly number of E-Ws bid to 5♦ rather than let N-S have their 4♠. From that point, their fate depended on the quality of the defence and was often ugly. Two N-S pairs chivalrously bid 5♠ over 5♦; and in both cases E-W, just as chivalrously doubled them in their making contracts.