

ANC Bulletin

Saturday 7 July



Welcome

Territory bridge players are delighted to welcome you to the third ANC in Darwin. Hosting it is a team effort and we hope that 2012 will be an ANC to remember – good bridge and an excellent holiday. July is the best time to come to Darwin – and the busiest. The weather here is legendary – perfect one day, glorious the next. Cold means below 16° C. Sunsets? We have them too, some of the best. They happen every evening around 6.30, and they are all different. Not to be missed.

Many thanks to our organising committee, particularly Judy Herring, Eric Nunn and Sue & Ken Moffitt. They have arranged with restaurants, cafes and attractions for some very good deals for bridge players. Details are in your Welcome bags. Please support our sponsors and let them know you are from the Bridge Championships.

The ABF has generously provided prizes for Butler winners, and local businesses have donated great prizes for Territory Gold Bridge Festival winners.

Our friendly hospitality team can be found in the foyer, for partners (bridge), local knowledge and whatever. But we take absolutely no responsibility for your bridge hands.

Enjoy your stay in our wonderful city.

Pam Nunn, Tournament Organiser

Proudly

supported by The Coffee Club

Darwin Waterfront

Coffee and Lunches



<u>The</u> place for coffee at any time of day.

Also great breakfasts lunches or snacks. Take in your bridge programme and get a 10% discount.

The Coffee Club is providing special **bridge players' lunch packs**. There is a menu for the week, and each pack will contain a sandwich, piece of fruit and a drink. Each day, **before 9.30 am, you can**:

- choose your sandwich;
- order and pay (\$10) at the hospitality desk; and then at lunch time
- pick up your "box" from the Coffee Club (past the shallow end of the wave pool and straight ahead, with your ticket).

Alternatively, lunches can be purchased from the Convention Centre cafe.

Bridge in the Tropics - drink plenty of water, take care in the sun – but Drinking water in the Convention Centre must be by far the most expensive in Darwin. Officeworks are supporting our bridge and our wellbeing. Pick up a water bottle and *please fill it at your hotel.* Darwin tap water is fine to drink.

All **Electrical Equipment** must be tested and tagged before plugging into a Convention Centre power-point. Speak nicely to Martin at a quiet moment.

The Centre's hotspot password is XXXXX

ANC Team Captains' Meeting

Remember - all ANC team captains should meet

at 6pm in the playing area.

Make sure you've booked a seat at the

VICTORY DINNER at



Friday 13 July, 7.00 pm

Presentation of trophies and medallions for interstate championships

Open to all – but book asap and no later than midday on Tuesday 10.

Cost: \$96 per person (covers dinner, some drinks, dancing and transportation between the Convention Centre and SKYCITY Casino).

Sunday 8th July - Sunset with the Stars.

Ray Beadle - entry \$25, gates open 6.30 pm.



Darwin Harbour Cruises...offer relaxing 2-hour cruises daily on Darwin Harbour. Aim to be at the mooring on Stokes Hill Wharf by 5.45 pm, and choose the cruise only (\$50) or cruise and buffet (\$82), but make sure you book on (8942 3131).

Bar on board (of course).

Play on Tuesday 10th finishes at around 5.15 pm.



...for all your bridge books, gifts, supplies, etc. Visit <u>www.bridgegear.com</u> For cheap food (and real Darwin culture) on Thursdays and Sundays visit the Mindil Markets, which boast the tastes of 5 continents in over 50 different food stalls. Territorians and visitors alike enjoy having dinner on the beach watching the sunset, then attacking the market stalls.

Or you can just sit on the sand and watch the sunset (no charge).

The markets are located on Mindil Beach (just beyond the Skycity Casino) and 3km from town so take a bus, taxi or Pedicab from Mitchell St. Starts at 4 pm.

Bulletin Contributions Welcome!

If you have any interesting hands* worthy of the Bulletin – hand in at the Hospitality Desk or send to the editors at <u>anc2012@abf.com.au</u>.

*Gossip or scandal also accepted.

Submit your suggested "**Bid of the Day**" (by 6.30 pm each day), and go in the draw for a bottle of Rosemount cabernet sauvignon!

(Forms at the hospitality desk).

Travellers' Tales

What is the correct way to greet bridge players? Most people I see get greeted with, "Oh, you've had your hair done!" or "I like that new shirt!" When bridge players see each other for the first time for the day, or week, or - as must be the case with many of you here - for the first time this year, the conversation tends to start with something like, "You hold seven spades to the ace king jack, stiff queen, a void and five small clubs!"

(To be continued....)