



Bulletin 11

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OPEN BUTLER FINAL (after 10 of 19 rounds)

1	Max Henbest - David Wiltshire	222.75
2	Ashley Bach - Michael Whibley	219.5
3	Richard Jedrychowski - Bruce Neill	218
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5	Peter Hollands - Justin Howard	209.5
6	Avi Kanetkar - Matthew Thomson	208.25
7	Wayne Burrows - Pam Livingston	207.5
8	Liz Adams - David Beauchamp	195.75
9	Pauline Gumby - Warren Lazer	194
10	Ron and Rhys Cooper	191.5
11	Stephen Burgess - Brad Coles	189.5
12	Marjorie Askew - William Powell	184.25
	Pim Birss - Dave Munro	184.25
14	Sophie Ashton - Michael Wilkinson	181.75
15	Michael Courtney - Ross Harper	179.5
16	Michael Prescott - Marlene Watts	179
17	Peter Colmer - Andrew Eddie	177.75
18	Judy Hocking - Kevin Lange	162.75
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WOMEN'S BUTLER (after 16 of 23 rounds)

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THURSDAY PLAY
OPEN BUTLER starts 9.30am
WOMEN'S, SENIORS, SWISS
start at 11am



SENIORS' BUTLER (after 8 of 15 rounds)

1	Peter Chan - David Lusk	149
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11	Chris Hughes - Bernie Waters	123
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15	Jeannette Collins - Peter Kahler	119
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17	Suzie Moses - Geoffrey Thomas	117
18	Gary and Sally Clarke	112
19	Michael Draper - N. MacLaurin	111
20	Richard and Sue Grenside	110
21	Krzysztof Lichon - Maciek Zurawel	102
	Jim Ascione - Emlyn Williams	102
23	Pat Kennedy - Geoffrey Norris	101
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ANC SWISS PAIRS (after 8 of 15 rounds)

1	Wendy Ashton - Paul Gosney	143
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	Andy Hung - Liam Milne	139
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	Helen Hellsten - Tony Ong	135
8	Ellena Moskovsky - Lauren Travis	134
9	Marc Deaton - Gordon Fallon	133
10	Andrew and Sandra Richman	132
	Neville Francis - Annette Maluish	132
12	Aredina Drury - Richard Moss	130

TRIVIA

John Brockwell thought that George Smolanko might have some sort of record for winning Open ANCs: from his first win in 1971 to a win in 2013 (42 years).

Then he realised that that was nowhere near the record: Tim Seres had his first win in 1948 and his last in 1995 (47 years).

RICOH
imagine. change.

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UNUSUAL AUCTION, FINE CONTRACT

Peter Gill gave me this hand that Jane Dawson enjoyed playing...

Let's look at the whole hand before we see the Auction (Round 7—Women's Match 14, Board 2).

	♠ 986532		
	♥ AJ6		
	♦ Q9		
	♣ Q8		
♠ J107		♠ KQ	
♥ 82		♥ Q543	
♦ AK76		♦ J108	
♣ KJ93		♣ 10752	
	♠ A4		
	♥ K1097		
	♦ 5432		
	♣ A64		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Livingston	Dawson	Burrows	Gill
		Pass	Pass
1S	Pass	1NT	X
Pass	2H	All Pass	

Pam Livingston opened third in hand with 1S which left Jane Dawson in a very awkward position after her partner's double. She did the right thing by removing the double, and opting for 2H.

She won the SK lead with the SA and exited dummy's spade. Now the defence led three rounds of diamonds, with Jane discarding a club on the third round. The CK was led to the CA and Jane started her cross-ruff.

She ruffed a club, then ruffed a spade, then ruffed the other club to ruff another spade. By now East was under-trumping... and the agony continued. Dummy's last diamond was trumped with the HA, and then Jane finished with a trump coup—dummy's HK10 lay over East's HQ5 for the last two tricks. That was 9 tricks.

David Anderson has regularly come around to tell us that we have entered 4H instead of 4S (etc) into our Bridgemates. I wonder whether Peter and Jane were visited to tell them that it should have been 2S rather than 2H?

THE FULL 10 IMPS

Pauline Gumbo and Warren Lazer gained the full 10 IMPs for bidding to game on this hand from Round 7 (Women's Match 14), Board 10.

	♠ AK875		
	♥ 102		
	♦ 106		
	♣ KJ108		
♠ 10964		♠ Q3	
♥ AQJ93		♥ K86	
♦ A32		♦ KQ94	
♣ Q		♣ 9532	
	♠ J2		
	♥ 754		
	♦ J875		
	♣ A764		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		Pass	Pass
1H	1S	2S	Pass
?			

Only one pair in each field must have made a game try on the West cards after partner's good raise. The minute you make a try by bidding 3D, your partner leaps to 4H, which makes easily once the SJ comes down (otherwise you can ruff two spades if the H10 is with North or you might survive if diamonds are 3-3).

Check out this line of play in 4H for another 'full 10 IMPs' type of result (the only pair making the game).

Round 8, Board 19

	♠ Q432		
	♥ KQ842		
	♦ 654		
	♣ 8		
♠ 1076		♠ KJ95	
♥ 10765		♥ J	
♦ Q92		♦ K83	
♣ J107		♣ AK954	
	♠ A8		
	♥ A93		
	♦ AJ107		
	♣ Q632		

The CA was led and a small club was continued, declarer winning the CQ and throwing a spade. SA and another spade left East back on lead. Another club was continued, North ruffing. The SQ was led, covered by the SK, and ruffed. Now the HA (HJ from East) and another heart revealed the trump break. The diamond was finessed, catching West in a 4-card end-play in the red suits. A diamond back to dummy meant that the other top diamond could be cashed and the hearts were couped for 10 tricks.

SEEING THE FUTURE (the solution)

By Michael Courtney

I thought I was finished, but the boys burst into the room, opened the window and laid a path of dirt to it. The Roomba turned and sucked its way straight out the window. It was last seen attacking the many parking officers who work our block.

Meanwhile back at the deal:

<p>♠ 832 ♥ 532 ♦ AJ32 ♣ 1072</p>	<p>♠ A76 ♥ 74 ♦ KQ10987 ♣ 63</p>
<p>♠ 832 ♥ 532 ♦ AJ32 ♣ 1072</p>	<p>♠ QJ1095 ♥ 108 ♦ 654 ♣ QJ8</p>
<p>♠ 832 ♥ 532 ♦ AJ32 ♣ 1072</p>	<p>♠ K4 ♥ AKQJ96 ♦ void ♣ AK954</p>

West	North	East	South
MC	Conway	Marston	Gruia
Pass	3D	Pass	4C
Pass	4S	Pass	5C
Pass	5H	Pass	7H
All Pass.			

It is certain that South is void in Diamonds. More importantly it is certain the contract will make if declarer ruffs a club in dummy. So I led the DA.

A true gambit. On any other lead declarer has no line except ruffing the clubs out. Now he has 12 top tricks (15 if the DJ falls in three rounds) and menaces in every suit giving lively squeeze chances. Declarer had no real choice, he ruffed and cashed his hearts. Paul's first discard was the spade queen of course.

A last piece of seeing the future was required. Which black suit should I abandon to avoid our being double squeezed? I won't tell you the answer to that. If you can't work it out by thinking about the endings, get a deck of cards and play it out until you are sure of the answer..

All Tim's usual themes of course (a) create losing options for the enemy (b) force them to ruff and (c) consider the late ending.

All vacuum cleaners suck. I mean: isn't a vacuum the one thing that would never need cleaning?

(Note how important it was that I still had a diamond stopper.)

YESTERDAY'S WHAT WOULD YOU BID?

You hold:

♠ AKx
♥ AKQJ10xxxx
♦ void
♣ x

Your LHO opens 1D. Your call?

At the table I overcalled 6H, which I thought was the practical action. (At the other table, my Kiwi counterpart started with a double; I can't say I'd be very happy if partner passed that out! Over North's 5D she bid 5H and her partner now bid 5S... oops. She now corrected to 6H and was doubled for her efforts.)

My North bid 7D which we doubled and took 3 off. On the other hand, my Kiwi counterpart received a spade lead. She went 1 off but John Lester showed how to make 6H(X) on the spade lead.

Here is the hand:

<p>♠ x ♥ xx ♦ KQJxxx ♣ 109xx</p>	<p>♠ 109xxx ♥ x ♦ xx ♣ KQxx</p>
<p>♠ AKx ♥ AKQJ10xxxx ♦ void ♣ x</p>	<p>♠ QJ8x ♥ x ♦ Axxxx ♣ AJx</p>

Cover the lead with the S9, SJ, and win, then lead out all 9 hearts. South ends up under too much pressure. The 3-card ending is:

NORTH
(irrelevant)

<p>♠ Kx ♣ x</p>	<p>♠ 10x ♣ K</p>
<p>♠ Qx ♣ A</p>	

You just exit with your club and South is end-played.

Of course, on any other lead the contract fails!

THANK YOU FROM JENNIFER LUSK

Jen Lusk, daughter of Sue and David, wants to thank everyone who has donated to Binka Boo Productions over the past few days.

Your contributions to the upcoming production of "Who Are You Supposed To Be?" in Edinburgh are much appreciated.

AN ABSENT FRIEND

Another offering from Michael Courtney

There is a lot of style, art if you like, to scoring IMPs at bridge. Consider this board from the sixth round of the 1992 NOT. The hand has card-play to it so it is not surprising that several teams earned a game swing. The different ways they garnered the 10-11 IMPs displays the styles of the players involved.

	♠ J964		
	♥ AQ74		
	♦ AQ3		
	♣ AQ		
♠ KQ85		♠ 1032	
♥ K1062		♥ 85	
♦ 8762		♦ J1095	
♣ 8		♣ KJ105	
	♠ A7		
	♥ J93		
	♦ K4		
	♣ 976432		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Lavings		Richman
Pass	1D	Pass	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	1H
Pass	4H	All Pass	3NT

+420, +10 IMPs

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Thomson		Roberts
Pass	1H	Pass	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2H

+400, +10 IMPs

Richman-Lavings reached the 4H game after Bobby's offbeat response. West shuffled out a diamond. Bobby won the king, unblocked the spade ace, took a spade pitch on the top two diamonds, ruffed a spade and finessed the club queen. East took the king and delivered the club ruff. West continued with a top spade which Bobby ruffed.

South then played a club towards dummy's intact trump holding. West must ruff with the H10, then the HK to promote the 85 over dummy's 74!

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When West made the natural play of discarding the SQ, Bobby ruffed in dummy to continue with the SJ. East pitched a diamond. If Bobby "uppercut" with the HJ he would fail as West would over-ruff and play the last diamond. Richman pitched a club. West could ruff, but he could not take another trick. A heart continuation permitted the simple finesse, while on a diamond return the HJ would win the eleventh trick, the AQ of trumps the twelfth and thirteenth.

Now West regretted his early diamond pitch. All exits give declarer nine tricks. West could try the H10 (to endplay dummy) but declarer wins, unblocking the H9. The H7 is cashed and, when West regains the lead with a heart, the SJ is the ninth trick.

Ruffing in is often the answer on these cross-ruff capers. East could not assist here by ruffing the SJ - then there is no diamond over-ruff.

In another match Matthew Thomson played the normal contract of 3NT. East lead the DJ. Matthew won the DQ, and played clubs (to claim if clubs divided). West parted with a diamond on the second club. Matthew won the DK, then played the HJ, covered by the HK and HA. Now Thomson made the fine play of the DA (to strip West of diamonds), and then SA followed by S7!

WHAT'S YOUR LEAD?

Your opponents have bid to 3NT (1NT strong - 3NT) and you hold:

♠ J62
♥ 87
♦ 8542
♣ A854

What is your lead? David Beauchamp (amongst 5 players in the Open field) and Pauline Evans unerringly found the killing lead of the H8, finding partner with AK1074. When they won the CA they could continue another heart and take 4 more tricks.

WEST	EAST
♠ AK4	♠ 10873
♥ 932	♥ QJ5
♦ 97	♦ AKQ
♣ QJ1032	♣ K96

With weak hands, it is 'normal' to try to find partner's major and leading your weaker major is often right.

DAVID BEAUCHAMP'S LESSON RETURNS

No, David has not given me any more lessons for you. However, the "Don't Bid "5-over-5" principle appeared twice during Tuesday at my (Editor's) table.

In Round 8 (Women's Match 15) on Board 22, we took a 5C save over 4S (admittedly 4S fails with the heart ruff, but 4H is cold). The opponents went on to 5S and, by now, I had learned the lesson.

5S failed (only by one trick when I didn't look for a heart ruff in case declarer crashed any spade honours in Candice's hand), but our vulnerable save was worthwhile. That was, in fact, worth the full 10 IMPs again.

Here's the full hand:

	♠ J84		
	♥ AQ76543		
	♦ 5		
	♣ J2		
♠ K6		♠ 753	
♥ 92		♥ 10	
♦ J987		♦ AQ62	
♣ K9653		♣ AQ1074	
	♠ AQ1092		
	♥ KJ8		
	♦ K1043		
	♣ 8		

Clearly the Women's and Seniors' fields, in particular, didn't read the Bulletin with this lesson in it though. The principle appeared again in the next Round and only the Open field got this one right.

Round 9 (Women's Match 16), Board 12:

	♠ KQ		
	♥ 983		
	♦ AKQJ105		
	♣ 53		
♠ A86543		♠ J10972	
♥ K1052		♥ AJ4	
♦ 8		♦ 973	
♣ KQ		♣ J8	
	♠ void		
	♥ Q76		
	♦ 642		
	♣ A1097642		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1S	3D (good)	4S	5D (to make!)
5S	All Pass		

5DX fails by 2 tricks and 5S fails by 1 trick. (I won't name those who bid 6-over-5 this hand!)

MEMORIES OF PAST 'TRIUMPHS'

Many years ago, when playing with my brother John at the NSWBA, John pulled off a coup I have not seen at my table since.

My dummy held QJ10 in a suit. John led the Queen and it held. Next he ran the Jack and it won too. He gave me a quick wink and a nod, which at the time meant nothing to me, then led the Ten which went King, small, Ace. The ensuing eruption, from two of the most volatile NSWBA players, made the moment even more special.

So today I was playing in 3NT as East (Round 6, Board 21) with:

	♠ 97	
	♥ K965	
	♦ 76	
	♣ KQJ62	
♠ J2		♠ AK104
♥ QJ8		♥ 10432
♦ AKJ82		♦ 93
♣ 985		♣ A73
	♠ Q8653	
	♥ A7	
	♦ Q1054	
	♣ 104	

I received the S5 lead so rose with the SJ. I wasn't really sure I wanted to be in dummy, but had to make the best of it. So now I led the HQ and it held. I had momentary flashes of John's hand from the mid- to late-70s as I continued with the HJ. Was it about to hold too? Seeing the past isn't the same as seeing the future - my RHO covered with the HK and down came her partner's HA.

I had really thought I was going to have a repeat of the past! It came about in a different sort of way though.

BRIDGE IS FULL OF 'COULDA BEENS'

Round 9, Board 9, one player is ruining his partner's reticence:

	WEST		EAST
	♠ 10		♠ A932
	♥ 752		♥ 1084
	♦ K98764		♦ AQJ
	♣ AQ3		♣ 974
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	Pass	1C
2D (weak)	Pass	2NT	Pass

His partner now 'ran' to 3D, but East thinks he had an automatic 3NT bid. What does 2NT mean to you?