

Bulletin 12

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OPEN BUTLER FINAL (after 15 of 19 rounds)

1	Ashley Bach - Michael Whibley	301.5
2	Peter Hollands - Justin Howard	300.5
3	Max Henbest - David Wiltshire	294.25
4	Richard Jedrychowski - Bruce Neill	290
5	Ron Klinger - Matt Mullamphy	289.5
6	Wayne Burrows - Pam Livingston	280.5
7	Stephen Burgess - Brad Coles	275.5
8	Liz Adams - David Beauchamp	272.75
	Avi Kanetkar - Matthew Thomson	272.75
10	Rhys and Ron Cooper	270.5
11	Sophie Ashton - Michael Wilkinson	268.75
12	Pauline Gumby - Warren Lazer	268
13	Marjorie Askew - William Powell	260.25
14	Ken Hocking - Kevin Lange	253.75
15	Michael Courtney - Ross Harper	253.5
16	Pim Birss - Dave Munro	252.25
17	Jane Dawson - Peter Gill	243.25
18	Peter Colmer - Andrew Eddie	238.75
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WOMEN'S BUTLER (after 20 of 23 rounds)

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THURSDAY PLAY

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



SENIORS' BUTLER (after 12 of 15 rounds)

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ANC RESTRICTED PAIRS

I made a mistake when listing the results for the ANC Restricted Pairs. I listed two pairs as equal second when, in fact, their equal VP scores were split so that the results were:

1st	Gamini Amerasinghe - Junlin Peng
2nd	Ella and George Lupul
3rd	Maggie and Nick Truscott



ANC SWISS PAIRS (after 12 of 15 rounds)

1	James Coutts - Andi Boughey (Howard Melbourne substitute)	221
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OPEN, WOMEN'S AND SENIORS' BUTLER PRIZES

1st place: \$500 (from the ABF)
PLUS free entry into 2014 Butler (Qualifying)

2nd place: \$200

3rd place: \$100

Highest placed SA pair not receiving a prize:
2 x \$50 restaurant vouchers

ANC SWISS PAIRS PRIZES

1st place: \$300

2nd place: \$200

3rd place: \$100

Highest placed SA pair not receiving a prize:
2 x \$50 restaurant vouchers

SHAW + SMITH

A SPECTACULAR FAILURE

I suspect Paul Gosney has already told most of the players about his brilliancy.

Round 12, Board 17:

WEST	EAST
♠ AQ1082	♠ void
♥ 9	♥ KQJ87
♦ AKQ8	♦ J109632
♣ 542	♣ K9

Paul Gosney (Gos), East and dealer, opened 1H. South, Lauren Travis, overcalled 3C and eventually East-West reached 5D by Gos.

Lauren led the CA and Paul, thinking Lauren held seven clubs for her jump overcall (perhaps he forgot she's young?) thought that he should find the brilliancy of playing his CK under her CA so that she would switch rather than give her partner a ruff.

Unfortunately for Gos, Ellena Moskovsky had played her C8, which was a reverse count card. Given that Lauren held only 6 clubs she knew that Ellena had only two clubs (with three she would have played the C10 at trick 1). So Lauren was more than happy to cash her CQ at trick 2, much to Gos's chagrin.

However, it did make for a great story.

A SPECTACULAR SUCCESS

In the same match Lauren Travis found a fantastic play (and despite being her mother, I don't think I'm being biased).

She was playing in 3NT on the following cards:

Board 20

♠ 10543
♥ Q10
♦ 93
♣ KQ542

♠ KJ
♥ K942
♦ A64
♣ A863

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2D (multi)	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3C	Pass	3H
Pass	3S	Pass	3NT

West should probably have led a diamond on this auction but then we wouldn't have this story. She led a spade which ran to Lauren's SJ.

She only had seven tricks but could mark the spade honours on her right. At trick 2 she led a heart to the Queen, which held. And at trick 3 she led a heart to her King, which held. At trick 4 she claimed.

♠ 10543	
♥ Q10	
♦ 93	
♣ KQ542	
♠ AQ9872	♠ 6
♥ J765	♥ A83
♦ 7	♦ KQJ10852
♣ J7	♣ 109
♠ KJ	
♥ K942	
♦ A64	
♣ A863	

Double dummy, she can obviously lead to the H10 but in reality she could not afford for East to gain the lead with the HJ because she anticipated the diamond switch.

Apparently the speed with which she found her line and played the HQ was daunting, but Paul Gosney ducked the HQ equally quickly. And the speed with which she led back to her King had to be seen to be believed.

WHAT A LEAD

Michael Wilkinson also reported a hand from the same match. You are on lead with this hand:

♠ QJ5
♥ Q8
♦ AQ5
♣ AQ642

after this auction:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1C (1)	1NT	2C (2)	Pass
2H	Pass	4C (3)	Pass
4H	All Pass		

- (1) All weak balanced hands = 1C openings
- (2) Hearts + other suit
- (3) Splinter (interested in slam)

Michael Prescott sat North and had to find a lead. He opted for the SQ, in the absence of any knowledge of East's second suit, and gave away the contract!

♠ A106	♠ K98742
♥ K75	♥ A6432
♦ K10432	♦ 7
♣ 93	♣ 7

A GRAND AUCTION

George Finikiotis mentioned a hand from Stage 2, Round 6, where he and Gary Lane bid to a grand slam. They were the only pair in the Seniors' field to bid the grand, in the Women's no-one bid the grand, and in the Open Pam Livingston and Wayne Burrows were alone in bidding grand.

Board 15

	♠ AJ86		
	♥ AQJ1084		
	♦ void		
	♣ AQ9		
♠ KQ9753		♠ 102	
♥ 92		♥ 63	
♦ 8742		♦ KQ63	
♣ 6		♣ J7542	
	♠ 4		
	♥ K75		
	♦ AJ1095		
	♣ K1083		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1D
Pass	1H	Pass	2C
Pass	2S (1)	Pass	3H
Pass	3S (2)	Pass	4D (2)
Pass	4NT	Pass	5H (3)
Pass	5NT	Pass	6C (4)
Pass	7H	All Pass	

- (1) 4th suit game forcing
- (2) Cue-bids
- (3) 2 key cards, no HQ
- (4) Either CK, or both DK and SK

This is a very tidy auction, but I'm pretty confident that many Wests overcalled 2S which gobbled up two levels of the auction for many pairs.

A COMPLIMENT

Dina Drury and Richard Moss wanted to acknowledge their appreciation of two things from their first match today:

- (1) that David Gue was a willing substitute
- (2) Marc Deaton's behaviour towards his partner (David) during the match

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RHYS'S VICTORY

Rhys Cooper recalled a hand from the Interstate Teams which he enjoyed for its card play challenge.

Teams, Round 12, Board 6:

♠ J5
♥ Q9873
♦ AQ9
♣ AJ2
♠ AQ
♥ KJ
♦ K7543
♣ K753

East opened 3S (Youth players don't worry about vulnerability) and somehow Rhys ended up in 5D, rather than the easy 3NT. (Perhaps they were looking for slam?)

West led a spade to the SK and SA. Rhys next led the HK, planning to establish the hearts. Unfortunately West won the HA and gave his partner a heart ruff. East exited with a spade and Rhys now had to negotiate the play for no more losers.

It was obviously time to draw trumps, so he led the DK, then the DA and DQ. East followed to all the trumps. Now came the HQ and a heart ruff. East was known to hold 6 or 7 spades, 1 heart, 4 diamonds and 1 or 2 clubs. That meant that West was going to be subjected to a nice little show-up squeeze.

Rhys had reached this position:

	♥ 9		
	♣ AJ2		
		♠ xx or xxx	
♥ 10		♥ void	
♣ ? xx		♣ ?x or x	
	♦ 5		
	♣ K75		

So, on the lead of his last diamond, West had to keep his high heart and discard a club and now Rhys was able to cash his CK and lead to the CA—knowing he would drop the CQ (off-side).

He made good work of a much tougher contract than he needed to play, but well done.

FORCING PASS STRIKES AGAIN

But this time it struck itself. Rhys and Ron Cooper are playing Forcing Pass in Stage 2 of the Butler. In Australia (and New Zealand) we are reasonably familiar with artificial methods, and most opponents have developed decent defences.

Avi Kanetkar and Matthew Thomson had agreed that, over the 1H 'fert' (any 0-7 HCP hand), DOUBLE would show any good hand and partner was basically supposed to Pass. Their defence struck gold in their match:

Round 11 (Women's Match 17), Board 9

	♠ 963		
	♥ 107		
	♦ KJ752		
	♣ KQ7		
♠ KQ107		♠ 542	
♥ J63		♥ Q82	
♦ AQ86		♦ 1093	
♣ 63		♣ 10954	
	♠ AJ8		
	♥ AK954		
	♦ 4		
	♣ AJ82		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	1H (0-7)	X

All Pass

This was not a success, going down 4 for 1100. A few other Open pairs scored 1100 when West came in at the 2-level after the auction started 1H 1NT 2C. If North-South then opted to double and defend, the outcome was equally gory.

THE WOMEN OUTBID THE REST

Round 12 (Women's Match 18), Board 21:

NORTH	SOUTH
♠ Void	♠ KJ94
♥ KQ87	♥ A10
♦ K8542	♦ A
♣ K653	♣ Q109872

Five of the 12 Women's tables bid this to 6C (scientifically, I hope). Only one pair bid to 6C in the Open and a couple in each of the other fields.

A HAND RE-VISITED

On page 3 "What a Lead" shows how 4H made (and it made at another table too—same lead presumably) on the unfortunate lead of SQ.

At the time I played the hand in 4S (as East), failing naturally, I considered that North-South could actually make 3NT if they picked up the diamonds, which is viable after a two-suited overcall.

Nick Jacob and Ella Pattison bid and made 3NT on the hand for a unique result. (A few other pairs bid to 3NT but didn't succeed at the contract.)

The full hand:

	♠ QJ5		
	♥ Q8		
	♦ AQ5		
	♣ AQ642		
♠ A106		♠ K98742	
♥ K75		♥ A6432	
♦ K10432		♦ 7	
♣ 93		♣ 7	
	♠ 3		
	♥ J109		
	♦ J986		
	♣ KJ1085		

WHEN AUCTIONS DON'T GO TO PLAN

Imagine you pick up:

- ♠ K9873
- ♥ AKQJ109
- ♦ Void
- ♣ 105

The first two players Pass and now it's your bid. I'm sure a poll would generate a few different options, including quite a few 4H opening bids. I didn't think anything bad could happen if I opened 1H but look at the events that unfolded:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	1H	X
Pass	1S	3H	3S
Pass	Pass		

I wasn't convinced that Double now was penalties (although I really wanted it to be so). Eventually I passed, prepared to take my 50s. I figured partner had a fistful of minor cards. I never realised that the poor opponents were playing in a 3-3 fit and we could draw trumps. Anyhow, +250 was an odd score.



SOME HANDS JUST KEEP RETURNING

David Wiltshire found Board 12 of Round 9 exciting from an instructive perspective:

♠ KQ
♥ 983
♦ AKQJ105
♣ 53

♠ A86543 ♠ J10972
♥ K1052 ♥ AJ4
♦ 8 ♦ 973
♣ KQ ♣ J8

♠ void
♥ Q76
♦ 642
♣ A1097642

West was playing in 4S, with North having overcalled in diamonds.

The DK was led and partner showed an odd number. Dave now realised that if he continued diamonds he would help declarer to set up an endplay on him, in order to find the HQ. So, at trick 2, he switched to the SK. Declarer won the SA and exited a spade to Dave. Now the diamond exit was safe. Declarer crossed to dummy with a trump to eliminate the last diamond, ruffed. A sneaky CQ was led, declarer still hoping to catch the defenders napping, but Max Henbest (South) won the CA and exited with a club.

The hand now depended on finding the HQ. Declarer, Warren Lazer, was up to the task, which involved counting the hand and playing with the odds. North held 6 diamonds, 2 spades, 2+ clubs and a maximum of 3 hearts. With little awareness that South held 7 clubs, the odds favoured South to be longer in hearts, and consequently Warren took the double finesse the right way.

THANK YOU FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you to all those who contributed hands to these Bulletins over the past 12 days, in particular if you sought me out to provide me with details! I'm pleased that many of you warmed up to the task.

Particular thanks to Billy Moir for his ongoing contributions during the Teams, and to Michael Courtney this week, for their humorous offerings.

Enormous thanks, too, to Deb Wellman and Di Marler for their non-stop hardwork to make these championships a success.

Barbara Travis

ONE FALSE STEP, ONE BIG MINUS SCORE

When you double the opponents in a part-score you have to 'not panic' defensively. One small error can give away the contract, as happened here.

Round 9, Board 2

♠ AK95
♥ 8652
♦ Q63
♣ 105

♠ J4 ♠ Q732
♥ QJ97 ♥ AK3
♦ 752 ♦ AJ1084
♣ Q942 ♣ J

♠ 1086
♥ 104
♦ K9
♣ AK8763

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1D	3C
Pass	Pass	X	All Pass

Watch Sue Lusk at work here.

West led the HQ, then switched to the D5 which went to the D10 and DK. Sue now cashed the CA before exiting with her heart which East had to win. The defensive error now occurred—East cashed her DA and exited with a diamond. Sue discarded her losing spade as dummy's DQ won.

Now she could ruff a heart, lead a spade to the SA, ruff another heart, cross back to the SK and exit with the C10.

Both West and Sue were reduced to clubs and, when West won the C10 with her CQ, she had to lead from her C94 into Sue's CK8.

That one error cost two defensive tricks (one spade, and one endplay trick); Deep Finesse concurs that 3C should fail by two tricks.



NOW AND THEN

Andy Hung was showing me his photo from Ostend of him with Benito Garozzo, aged 85, whose team finished 2nd in the Open Teams.



Naturally that sent me hunting out a photo from 1976 when the Lancia Team (Omar Sharif, Benito Garozzo, Giorgio Belladonna and Pietro Forquet) toured Australia. My photo shows the slightly younger version of Benito Garozzo playing with Omar Sharif against my brother John and me (back to camera).



AT THE TABLE

After an auction where one player missed Drury and then had a totally convoluted auction to a normal contract which played really badly:
Dummy: That played almost as badly as the auction.
Player 2: The auction went better than the play!
(Result: 3 off but undoubled)

Opponent: It's so nice to play against someone who can hear.

Me: What? (and this was genuine)

Dummy has AQJxxx in a suit and declarer leads the Queen. LHO says—you are in hand. So declarer leads towards the AQJxxx instead, and LHO plays her singleton King (in front of dummy)!!

I think I'd have accepted the lead... wouldn't you?

AN ENDPLAY IN THE AUCTION

Occasionally, even early in an auction, you know you are going to have a rebid problem. Today, sitting East, I held:

♠ AJ5
♥ J9632
♦ 3
♣ KJ93

WEST	NORTH	EAST	NORTH
1D	2S	?	

I chose to double but was already anticipating that I would rebid 3NT over partner's possible 3D rebid. This is an overbid, but sometimes pre-empts help you to reach contracts (games) that you wouldn't otherwise bid. The auction progressed exactly as expected

		X	Pass
3D	Pass	3NT	All Pass

A club was led and I could see:

♠ K84	♠ AJ5
♥ K104	♥ J9632
♦ KJ854	♦ 3
♣ Q2	♣ KJ93

I ran the club lead to my C9 and North discarded. Already I was far happier in 3NT than in our heart fit where there would be a nasty cross-ruff. On the heart return South rose with HA and cashed CA and another club. Now I led towards the HK10 and poor South had started with HAQ doubleton!

I already had 4 heart tricks, 3 club tricks and 3 spade tricks although I declined to finesse the SQ on the basis that +600 was already a good score.

Several other pairs in all the fields also got themselves into awkward situations on these hands and must have rebid 3NT for a great score. Those who chose to bid their hearts played in failing games, sometimes doubled.

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