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Opinion

Australia hosted the World Youth Teams Championships in Sydney last month. Having observed the event first-hand for some of the time and also keeping up with it on the website for the rest, I would have to say that the whole exercise was impressive.

There is a massive expense in running such events, not only in a financial sense but also in the time expended by both paid staff and a very large number of volunteers. The fact that national bridge bodies keep volunteering to accept this kind of responsibility says much about how they see themselves as members of a wider bridge community. It was not only pleasing that Australia took on the responsibility; it was a revelation to observe just how well it could be done.

So what is so complicated about running an event over ten days for a field of 18 teams?

The infrastructure required for a modern international event is enormous. The WYT included three matches broadcast on-line by BBO and an almost instantaneous results service on-line. The information available included massive detail with score cards, datums and even the play of the board during the finals. Hand records were also available. A quality bulletin was released daily, also available on-line. There was a hospitality desk and an excursion was organised for all players, captains, coaches and visitors (about 150 people, all up). In addition, each overseas team was provided with a host or guide to see to any details which may have been a problem on foreign soil.

This all underpinned a well-run tournament with four directing staff on the floor and an event manager plus scoring staff behind the scenes.

Members of the ABF and the international bridge community owe a vote of thanks to the convening panel of David Stern, Peter Gill, Kim Neale, Nick Fahrner, Pauline Gumby and Matthew McManus, plus a host of other volunteers, for putting together an international event of which we can all feel justifiably proud.

David Lusk

The ANC Women's Teams

By Pele Rankin

2005 ANC was the first one I had participated in. I found it a very different experience representing my State from playing in any other teams event. Less sleep and more pressure which alas meant fewer bottles of wine during post mortems. Other than minimizing errors, we didn't do anything extraordinary. Having veterans Margaret, Greer, Toni and Sandy certainly made for a solid foundation. The following hands in the final against NSW were worth noting.

Round 3, Board: 5

Dealer: N
Vul: NS

North

♠ 10
♥ 98532
♦ AQ854

♣ Q7

East

♠ AKQJ6543
♥ A
♦ 9

♣ 9865

West

♠ 97
♥ Q1074
♦ J1063
♣ K102

South

♠ J82
♥ KJ6
♦ K72
♣ AJ43

West Rankin

North Watts
Pass

East Lachman
4♠

South Folkard
All Pass

Lead: ♥6

Looking at all four hands, 4♠ has no play. The play, however, demonstrates how timing and pressure can cause a good player to misdefend. Rosa quickly identified that the club situation was hopeless unless the Ace was on-side and they broke 3/3 or Ace on-side and an honour smothered by the King, promoting her pips. At trick 2, Rosa played a club towards the King and Folkard rose with the Ace. Troubles over and 10 IMPs in as 4♠ was down one in the open room.

Round 6, Board: 19

Dealer: S

North

Vul: EW

♠ K9

♥ QJ952

♦ 62

West

♣ A1084

East

♠ A82

♠ 107653

♥ K87643

♥ A

♦ A83

♦ KQJ94

♣ K

South

♣ 65

♠ QJ4

♥ 10

♦ 1075

♣ QJ9732

West <i>Rankin</i>	North <i>Watts</i>	East <i>Lachman</i>	South <i>Folkard</i>
3♥	X	All Pass	3♣

Lead: ♣A

Folkard got her own back on this hand with ‘that pre-empt’ and could have won the match on this board but fortunately for Queensland, it was played in 5♠ going one down in the open room. A redouble from either of us was undiscussed as it normally means “pull this partner & you’re dead meat!” 9 IMPs out.

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It was a tough but enjoyable week. Hope to see you again for more “fun??!!”

Thanks to our fantastic captain Jill Broad who pampered us all week with jelly beans, coffee and water. Special thanks to Bill Hunt who prepped us for weeks leading up to the ANC to the point of making us practise with screens and bidding boxes because “you’re going to need it, girls”.

The ANC Seniors’ Teams

By Neville Moses

According to the bookies there were just four chances for this year’s Seniors’ Teams Championships – Victoria the favourites, SA and NSW equal second picks, Queensland a chance and write your own ticket about the rest.

However, as is the case with many of the horses I back, the starters hadn’t read the form guide. Victoria stumbled out of the barrier languishing at the bottom of the field for most of the first half and when they did hit form it was “too little too late.” Meanwhile neglected outsiders WA (John and Ruth Hansen, Sue and Richard Grenside, Sathi Moses and David Schokman, npc Dennis Yovich) shot away with a big lead and were only overtaken by Queensland, spearheaded by Tony Jackman and Richard Wallis, after a surprise loss to Northern Territory in the second round.

Meanwhile our NSW team (Ruth and Peter Jamieson, Mike Hughes and Ted Griffin, Steven Bock and I, npc Tina Zines) plugged away in third place, our momentum halted twice by ACT whose leading pair Len Dixon & George Riszko topped the datums for the event.

Despite the best efforts of Tina to inspire us, we were handicapped by the early form of Mike and Ted who were no doubt suffering a hang-over from their fine efforts in South Korea for the Australian Seniors in the Pacific-Asia Championships and whose mind was on other things (*see later.*) It was the steady play of Ruth and Peter which kept us in touch with the leaders and they showed their flair on this hand against WA:

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Dealer: N
Vul: NS

	North	
	♠ J	
	♥ J	
	♦ KJ9654	
West	♣ AQ652	East
♠ Q853		♠ A964
♥ 73		♥ KQ108652
♦ 72		♦ 10
♣ K10873	South	♣ 4
	♠ K1072	
	♥ A94	
	♦ AQ83	
	♣ J9	

West	North	East	South
	<i>Peter</i>		<i>Ruth</i>
	1♦	3♥	X
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Single dummy this is not a great slam but the odds of the ♣K on-side improve greatly after the 3♥ bid and, after East rose with the Ace on the first round of spades, the slam rolled home for a 12 imp swing.

With one round to go things looked like this:

Queensland	184.2 to play WA	152.3
NSW	137.3 to play SA	83.6.

Mike and Ted had now hit form and Tina instructed them that we needed a good win – we had to score 16 more against SA than WA managed against Qld. A win by 25 looked promising but WA had other ideas:

West	East
♠ AK843	♠ Q9762
♥ A87	♥ Q2
♦ AJ	♦ 8
♣ J83	♣ AKQ97

West	North	East	South
<i>Ruth</i>		<i>John</i>	
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT ¹	Pass	4♦ ²	Pass
4♠ ³	Pass	7♠	All Pass

1. 15-18
2. RKC for ♠
3. 1 or 4 (can't be 1)

Only one other pair in the event bid the “granny” - 11 IMPs in! And again on this freak:

Dealer: E	North
Vul: All	♠ AKQJ986
	♥ —
	♦ Q108754
West	East
♠ 2	♣ —
♥ A10753	♠ 10754
♦ AK92	♥ KJ64
♣ Q83	♦ —
	South
	♠ 3
	♥ Q982
	♦ J63
	♣ 109762

Most North-Souths (including Sue and Richard Grenside) played in 5♠X and all made it except at the Hansens' table when John refused to pitch a diamond on the run of the trumps – 3 light – a mere 17 IMPs! (In the NSW/SA match Mike and Ted took the dive in 6♥; -200 for a valuable swing.)

When the smoke cleared WA had won by a max and it was WA v NSW in the final.

We started off with a handicap – Mike and Ted were absent for the first 20 boards. They were playing in a



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semi-final of the bronze section of the NSW Croquet Championships. (I kid you not!)

Fortunately for us, WA were suffering the sort of letdown that often occurs after their outstanding performance the night before. And, as usual, when you're feeling flat the luck goes against you. For example Steven and I bid this hand as follows:

West	East
♠ K2	♠ A74
♥ 4	♥ AKJ108
♦ AK952	♦ J87
♣ AQ965	♣ 108

West	North	East	South
<i>Steven</i>		<i>Neville</i>	
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♣ ¹	Pass	4♥ ²	Pass
5♣ ³	Pass	5♠ ⁴	Pass
6♣ ⁵	Pass	6♦ ⁶	All Pass

1. Systemically a “mini-splinter” for ♥ and so alerted by me but in fact intended as natural.
2. Accepting the “invitation.”

3. Becoming aware of the mistake and hoping to sign off but systemically showing ♣A singleton.
4. Suspecting what has happened but following the system with a cue.
5. Partner please get the message.
6. Well if you do have ♥ you can always correct.

Needless to say the trump Q dropped doubleton and the club honours were split – 11 undeserved IMPs to NSW.

Another lucky 6♦ came along later:

Dealer: E	North		
Vul: All	♠ QJ932		
	♥ J		
	♦ 764	West	East
		♣ AKJ5	♠ 7
		♠ AK84	♥ AK98652
		♥ 4	♦ AKQJ
		♦ 1032	♣ 6
		♣ Q10874	South
			♠ 1065
			♥ Q1073
			♦ 985
			♣ 932



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West <i>Steven</i>	North	East <i>Neville</i>	South
		2♣ ¹	Pass
2♠ ²	X	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦ ³	Pass	6♦ ⁴	All Pass

1. Game force
2. 3 controls; A + K or 3K
3. Expecting partner had a 5 card suit.
4. “ “ “ 4 card support.

After the expected Spade lead the club loser went away and with the friendly trump break the hand is cold. Steven showed his class by ruffing a heart low in dummy at trick 4. Why? Suppose North holds 4 trumps – the hand cannot be made unless he can be induced to over-ruff and thus give up trump control!

Finally fired by his success on the croquet lawn Ted Griffin found his way through this tricky number:

Dealer: W	North		
Vul: EW	♠ K		
	♥ AJ54		
	♦ J103		
West	♣ Q10654	East	
♠ AJ1096		♠ 32	
♥ 10972		♥ —	
♦ K5		♦ AQ9862	
♣ 82	South	♣ AKJ73	
	♠ Q8754		
	♥ KQ863		
	♦ 74		
	♣ 9		
West	North	East	South
<i>Mike</i>		<i>Ted</i>	
Pass	Pass	1♦	2♦ ¹
X	3♥	5♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

1. 5-5+ in the majors

With South holding at least 5-5 in the majors declarer can make if he can pick the position in the minors- if diamonds are 3-2, draw trumps hook the ♣Q and take two finesses in spades. If South has a singleton diamond draw one round of trumps and finesse the club, then ruff the suit good losing one spade and one diamond.

Unfortunately there is no way to get the best of both worlds since if you try line 2 and South has 2 trumps

the ♣J gets ruffed and you go off with a deep club loser or a shortage of trumps.

Ted began on line 2 by ruffing the heart lead and leading a diamond to the King; when neither J nor 10 appeared the 3/2 split became more likely and, after the club finesse produced the 9 from South, Ted read the cards correctly and reverted to line 1.

At the other table Richard Grenside pushed to 6♦ in view of the state of the match. He also read the cards well but an attempt to squeeze South in the majors failed because North could hold the ♥A and the master club.

In the end then, NSW had a comfortable win but if WA has a similar team next year you will look in vain for the fancy odds available in 2005!

The ANC Open Teams

By Paul Lavings

The Open Interstate Teams is Australia's oldest national bridge event and the 66th in 2005 was just as keenly contested as the first in 1933. Fancied teams to reach the final after a double round robin each of 7 x 24 board matches were ACT, Victoria and NSW. But Queensland put up a strong showing in the second round robin, and played for a place in the final in the last round. However NSW defeated ACT and Victoria defeated Queensland by 23 VPs. Final placings were:

NSW	252.2
ACT	178.7
QLD	166.3
VIC	112.3
SA	20.4
TAS	-132
WA	-144.4
NT	-463

NSW, Ted Chadwick (npc), Sartaj Hans - Tony Nunn, Pauline Gumby - Warren Lazer, Paul Lavings - Chris Sundstrom started the 60 board final vs. ACT, Arjuna De Livera (npc), Khokan Bagchi - David Lilley, David Hoffman - David Wawn, Peter Reynolds - Michael Smart with a 7 IMP carryover, and won the first set of 10 boards 50-19. This was one of three double digit swings to NSW:

Session 1, Board: 9

Dealer: N
Vul: EW

	North		
	♠ 52		
	♥ KQ10764		
	♦ 2		
West	♣ AQJ3	East	
♠ 87		♠ AKJ109	
♥ J95		♥ A	
♦ 1098764		♦ AQJ	
♣ 54		♣ K962	
	South		
	♠ Q643		
	♥ 832		
	♦ K53		
	♣ 1087		

The bidding was the same in both rooms up to this point:

West	North	East	South
<i>Smart</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>Reynolds</i>	<i>Nunn</i>
<i>Sundstrom</i>	<i>Wawn</i>	<i>Lavings</i>	<i>Hoffman</i>
	1♥	X	2♥
Pass	4♥	4♠	X

How typical is this! You double intending to bid your suit later, but the bidding comes back to you at the four or five level. Lavings - Sundstrom had a firm agreement that takeout doubles were "pattern doubles", showing typical takeout shape, so Sundstrom bid 5♦, whereas Smart passed. Even though the contract could be made, and failed by a

trick, NSW were -200, and ACT -800, a healthy 12 IMPs to NSW.

In the second set NSW piled on another 19 IMPs, helped by this NSW effort in both rooms:

Session 2, Board: 16

Dealer: W
Vul: EW

	North		
	♠ A752		
	♥ AK9		
	♦ 84		
West	♣ A1032	East	
♠ K1093		♠ J6	
♥ J7		♥ 8643	
♦ K1076		♦ 92	
♣ 654		♣ KQ987	
	South		
	♠ Q84		
	♥ Q1052		
	♦ AQJ53		
	♣ J		

Both Norths played 3NT, and both Easts led the ♣K, ducked, and switched to a heart.

North won the ♥A and finessed the diamond. In the open room the ACT West won the ♦K, returned a club to East's 7, and East now switched to the ♠6, Q, K, 2. West played his third club, and Tony Nunn won the ♣A, and ran his heart winners:

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	North		
	♠ A75		
	♥ —		
	♦ 8		
West	♣ 10	East	
♠ 109		♠ J	
♥ —		♥ 8	
♦ 1076		♦ 9	
♣ —	South	♣ Q9	
	♠ 8		
	♥ 10		
	♦ AJ5		
	♣ —		

On the last heart West was squeezed in spades and diamonds.

In the other room, Warren Lazer ducked the ♦Q when declarer finessed, and declarer returned to the ♥K, and finessed the diamond again.

Lazer won ♦K and returned a club, and Gumby won the ♣7, and played a third heart. In desperation Lilley cashed the fourth heart and the ♦A, and exited with the ♠A and another, hoping to find East with the doubleton king of spades. Lazer cashed the ♠K and the ♦10, to set 3NT by one trick, 10 IMPs to NSW.

ACT fought back, winning the third set 24-2, and the fourth 25-4, and NSW led by a slender 14 IMPs, 90-76. The fifth set went to NSW 28-11, relieving the pressure, and NSW won the last set 25-20.

On this deal an immediate overcall fared better than a takeout double (as it normally does):

Session 6

Board: 57

Dealer: N

Vul: Nil

	North		
	♠ 532		
	♥ 8		
	♦ K932		
West	♣ J10832	East	
♠ A97		♠ KJ10864	
♥ Q9763		♥ 2	
♦ 104		♦ AQJ65	
♣ 654	South	♣ K	
	♠ Q		
	♥ AKJ1054		
	♦ 87		
	♣ AQ97		

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Bagchi	Hans	Lilley	Nunn
	Pass	1♠	2♥
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Lazer	Wawn	Gumby	Hoffman
	Pass	1♠	X
2♠	Pass	4♠	5♥
X	All Pass		

In the open room Nunn got it right when he passed out 4♠. He had already bid his long suit, plus he had good defence to 4♠. At the other table it was a different story. Maybe 5♥ was a make, maybe it was a good save against 4♠. In fact 5♥ doubled was down four doubled for -800, a handy 9 IMPs to NSW, who ran out winners by 36 IMPs, 143-107.

NSW were fortunate to have Ted Chadwick as their captain. He proved a shrewd judge, provided a little coaching where necessary, and was just as keen as the members of his team to be first over the line.

The Butler Did It Again

By Bruce Neill

This year the Butler (aka the Australian Butler Pairs Championship) started on Saturday morning instead of Friday night. No need to take Friday off work!

It also started a few weeks later than normal, to provide warm up options for competitors arriving for the World Youth Championships in Sydney the following week. It was nice to see some NZ players in Stage I – and to see Polish pairs sweep the pool in the ANC Swiss Pairs later in the week! No surprise to see the Poles in the World Youth Final 10 days later.

As well as the usual PQP rewards, this year the first two Aussie pairs in the Open Butler get the chance to be members of the Australian Team for the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship in Melbourne in March 2006.

I used to think the Open Butler is the toughest event in the calendar. Seven days, no breaks – just keep on counting down the days.

Now I know the solution – agree to convene the tournament and you won't know what day it is! Sitting down to play bridge becomes a rest cure.

Still, we're defending last year's title – better give it a go. Bad luck, partner ...

Here are a few hands that stand out from the blur.

This deal from Stage III featured two contending pairs. Cover the South and West hands and plan your defence against 6♣ by South ...

Dealer: S
Vul: EW

North		East	
♠ A65		♠ J83	
♥ AQJ		♥ K53	
♦ Q92		♦ 763	
♣ KQ74		♣ J853	
South		West	
♠ 104		♠ KQ972	
♥ 9764		♥ 1082	
♦ AK		♦ J10854	
♣ A10962		♣ —	

Lead: ♠K

South opened the bidding and showed clubs and hearts after partner overcalled 1♠.

Declarer wins the spade lead with dummy's ace, cashes the ♣K on which partner shows out. Declarer then cashes his ♦AK, and crosses to dummy to throw a spade (obviously his last) on the ♦Q.

He then finesses the ♣10 and leads a heart to dummy's queen. What's your defensive plan?

Your only chance is to duck the first heart. This leaves declarer to decide whether to finesse again, or to play for hearts 3-3.

If declarer comes back to hand with a club and then does finesse again, win and play a spade! Declarer has to ruff with his last trump, leaving the hearts blocked, and the contract goes one off.

In practice the first heart trick went four-ten (reverse count)-queen-king, and declarer quickly took the rest of the tricks.

The defenders were sharper in the post-mortem than in the play. West, an ebullient type, shot across the table, "you should duck the first heart! If he finesses again, he goes off."

East, just as quickly, glanced at declarer's nine-high heart suit and shot back, "not after you play the heart ten on the first round. Now he knows he doesn't need to finesse again!!"

On the bidding front, Ron Klinger did well to figure out what I was up to on this auction. How would you bid these hands with your favourite partner?

Opponents vulnerable
No opposition bidding

West	East
♠ K964	♠ A
♥ AK7	♥ 2
♦ 104	♦ AKJ952
♣ J643	♣ AKQ85

Klinger	Neill
1♣ ¹	2♦ ²
3♣ ³	4♣ ⁴
4♥ ⁵	4NT ⁶
5♣ ⁷	5NT ⁸
7♣ ⁹	

1. Most often a weak notrump.
2. Forcing to game with both minors.
3. Confirming a weak notrump with club support.
4. Asking for key cards.
5. Slam interest, with one key card in clubs.
6. Asking bid in diamonds. (4♠ would ask for the trump queen.)
7. No king or queen of diamonds.
8. Repeat ask in diamonds – "do you have *anything*?" (Lower bids would be asks in other suits.)
9. Is a doubleton enough? *Yes!*

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The datum was 1150, so bidding this one was worth +7 IMPs.

Finally, one of those hands that makes you wonder why you got out of bed that day.

You hold ♠2 ♥A65 ♦AK1096 ♣8763.

Partner is dealer and opens the bidding 1♠. RHO, vulnerable against not, bids 2♣. You bid 2♦, LHO passes, and partner bids 2♥. What now?

Backed into a corner, you decide a non-forcing 2♠ is the least atrocious choice. As long as partner scrapes up another bid, you will be in good shape. But, sure enough, partner passes. Sigh!

But wait – RHO backs in with 3♣! “Double,” you say, delighted.

You lead a high diamond and lick your lips as you inspect dummy, then switch to your singleton spade. This should be brutal!!

Dealer: E	North		
Vul: NS	♠ K83		
	♥ 10842		
	♦ Q853		
	♣ J2	East	
West		♠ A9654	
♠ 2		♥ KJ973	
♥ A65		♦ J4	
♦ AK1096		♣ 10	
♣ 8763	South		
	♠ QJ107		
	♥ Q		
	♦ 72		
	♣ AKQ954		

Brutal indeed! Partner, unable to believe your 2♠ bid showed a singleton, wins the spade switch (declarer false-carding with the jack), and returns a heart to your ace.

Oh no – two spade ruffs missed! -670 instead of +500: -13 IMPs instead of +10.

The final placegetters were:

1. Ron Klinger – Bruce Neill (226 VPs)
2. Neville Francis – Magnus Moren (222)
3. Paul Wyer – Richard Jedrychowski (216) – 3rd on tie break
4. Martin Bloom – Peter Gill (also 216)

So, two in a row. By the skin of our teeth. I don't know how it happened, but partner *must* have played well!

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DID PARTNER FORGET?

What happens when you suspect that partner has forgotten a convention and your next action is taken (correctly) with this view in mind? One reader presents this precise situation.

Richard's "mistaken bid vs mistaken explanation" has prompted me to write about a ruling at a recent competition at my club.

Dear Richard,

My partner and I play "transfers" over RHO opening bid of 1♣ or weak 1NT.

My RHO opened 1NT (weak, 12-14 HCP) and I, being asleep, overcalled 2♥ (I had a genuine 2♥ overcall) which my partner alerted and when asked by my LHO stated that it was "according to our system it is a transfer to spades but it is possible that he may have forgotten". My LHO passed and my partner correctly guessed that I meant a genuine overcall and passed. The hand was passed out. I played out the hand and made the contract.

Immediately my LHO called for the director and the ruling was that we had misled our opposition and awarded our opponents a trick penalty which gave our opponents top board and maximum points. Evidently my LHO had 5 spades and was waiting to double the transfer.

It seems as though we have been penalised even though my partner told the exact truth!

Needless to say our opponents won the competition and we came a close second.

I would be grateful if you could give me your opinion on the ruling.

*Yours in Bridge,
David*

Dear David,

Thank you for your query to The Director's Chair. A very similar situation occurred a couple of years ago at the NOT in Canberra where a player made a natural call whereupon his partner alerted and because of the speed of the natural response suggested that his partner had forgotten their agreement that the call was conventional. The directing staff were all in agreement that unauthorised information was present due to the speed of the call and adjusted the score. The player,

feeling aggrieved, appealed but was unable to convince the committee that the unauthorised information was not the prompt for the pass instead of responding to the convention.

Whilst I am not suggesting that this was the same in your case, perhaps there was a hint that you had forgotten and because of this your partner passed your 2♥. A second scenario could be that you frequently forgot your agreement, in which case there is no infraction other than you have an obligation to know and remember your agreements. This aspect is seldom referred to in terms of penalties as players cannot be expected to play perfectly and the odd occasion of 'forgetting one's agreements' is part and parcel of the game (see the examples referred to in Law 75). Another possibility is that partner's hand is unlikely to hold the necessary cards for the agreement and the pass is a risk the player is prepared to take (very unlikely in your case).

Summarising your query, the director has the authority to adjust the score, but only if there is an element of unauthorised information. To adjust on the basis of misleading opponents would not conform to law.

*Regards
Richard Grenside*

Bridge Teachers Association

By Lorraine Harkness

SYDNEY SEMINAR IN OCTOBER

The Bridge Teachers Association will be holding a Teaching Seminar following the very successful meeting at the Gold Coast last February.

This time Sydney will host guest expert teachers and Directors over the weekend of October 22nd/23rd.

Discussions will vary from teaching approaches to Beginners and then supervised sessions to retain new players. Cost of the weekend will be \$50 and travel subsidies will be available for country teachers currently teaching or interested in teaching.

Flyers with more details will be available in August. For enquiries, ABTA email addresses are shown:

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Letter to the Editors

ON THE SUBJECT OF PSYCHES

David & Sue,

I've penned a reply to the letter you printed in your July 2005 issue. No doubt others have too.

Diane Brooks wrote:

The action of a psyche bid is to take away the natural bid of an opponent.

Any artificial bid takes away an opponent's natural bid. Pre-emptive bids take away whole swathes of natural bids. Should these be outlawed too?

It is recommended to call the director after a psyche - yet nothing is done.

Psyches are recorded so that a pattern of persistent psychic bids (i.e. a concealed agreement) can be detected. That is not the same as doing nothing.

Bridge is a gentleman's game.

So is snooker, whose very name means giving your opponent no chance. So is croquet, which is full of the most dastardly and despicable tactics imaginable. So is cricket, but the bowler of a googly is lauded, not vilified. There is nothing ungentlemanly about deception and bluff in a game, unless it is failure to congratulate the opponent who successfully perpetrates it.

It's time the ABF outlawed psyches [...]

ABF events are played under the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge promulgated by the World Bridge Federation. These laws (notably 73E and 75B) clearly and specifically permit psyches. To outlaw psyches would be to require ABF members to play a different game from the one played in the rest of the world. Even if that didn't cost us our WBF affiliation, it would place us at a disadvantage in international events, as we would be unused to defending against psyches.

Under the WBF laws, players are entitled to an accurate description of their opponents' agreements, but they are not entitled to an accurate description of their opponents' cards. If you want the latter entitlement, you could play with all the cards face-up on the table. But it would have to be your kitchen table.

[...] and put the sportsmanship back into bridge.

The Concise Oxford English Dictionary defines sportsmanship as fair and generous behaviour. In

other words, playing by the rules and freely giving your opponents everything to which they are entitled. Arguably, one of the things to which your opponents are entitled is the toughest competition of which you are capable - throwing the game deprives them of their fun. The game is definitely easier for your opponents if they know they can believe everything you say; therefore it is unsporting to play that way when you are capable of doing otherwise.

*Keith Wignall
Perth*

ANC - Adelaide 2006 Logo Competition

The SA Bridge Federation will be hosting the ANC in Adelaide in 2006 and is keen to engender interest from all of the others states and players.

In order to get the ball rolling, we are throwing out a challenge to all of you bridge players who are budding designers.

We need a unique logo for this event – something that will readily identify that the ANC is in Adelaide – something that lends itself to the wonderful facilities, landmarks, or characters that make up this wonderful state of ours.

The successful designer will not only have the privilege of seeing his/her logo appear on all entry forms and advertising material; table cloths and caddy shirts, but will also receive for their efforts a Sharp Mini Home Entertainment Centre.

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The winner will be notified by email on Friday 23rd December and the winning logo will appear in the 1st Quarter ABF Newsletter in 2006.

Red Points for Free are going to waste

Nationwide Pairs

The thought behind this event originally was to enable clubs from remote regions to earn red Master points without using their B4c vouchers.

Nationwide Pairs has not been embraced very well by many of the clubs in the outlying regions with a very few exceptions. The poor numbers participating may be due in part to the lack of advertising.

The format is to play a session of duplicate with a set of computer-generated hands within your club during every second week or thereabouts, initially designed to play on either every second Saturday or Sunday. If your club doesn't run Saturdays or Sundays we are quite happy to allow you to run a session during the week. The hand records and personal summaries will not be displayed however until midnight of the advertised date. The event is scored across all clubs and red master points are awarded to the top 50% of the field, with you also earning green master points within your own club.

If you wish to participate in this event, just register your details on the following website:

www.nationwidepairs.com.au and your club will receive a password to log in. Once you receive your password, you just register your intention to play and then you will gain access to a hand record in dealing formats or in PDF format. This will allow you to set the hands using a dealing machine or manually. There are HELP files on the website.

After your club has played the session you log back on to the web set and score your session on line. At midnight of the session's advertised date. this site will provide you with a large assortment of detail for session.

The cost to clubs is \$1 per player, with all profits going to the ABF. The ABF pays for all the red points and the administrative costs of running and maintaining the website.

So why not give it a try?

52 GREAT TIPS IN DECLARER PLAY BY DAVID BIRD (B.T. BATSFORD, LONDON, 2005)

Every movie worth its salt has a sequel, maybe two or three, and bridge books are heading in that direction. David Bird's 52 Great Bridge Tips was very well received, and now we have a book on declarer play tips that will appeal to intermediate to advanced players.

The 52 tips each have two or three pages devoted to them, plus two, three, or four deals. The themes are familiar ones and you could well expect to see two or three of these situations in your next game. The advice is simple and practical, and Tip 46 "Hold up an ace even in a suit contract" may help you bring home a few more close contracts:

Dealer: N	North ♠ 9853 ♥ A2 ♦ A764	East ♠ A4 ♥ J1074 ♦ K2 ♣ K10962	
West ♠ 7 ♥ Q9853 ♦ QJ108 ♣ 754	South ♠ KQJ1062 ♥ K6 ♦ 953 ♣ Q8		

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

How should you play 4♠ when West leads ♦Q? If you win ♦A, then a competent East will unblock the ♦K, and the defence will score two diamonds, a club, and the ace of trumps for down one.

If, however, declarer takes the precaution of ducking the first diamond, then the defence's communications are cut. In the fullness of time South will discard a diamond on dummy's third club.

2006 Daily Bridge Calendar (ASHLAR HOUSE, CANADA, 2005)

Every year the popularity of the Bridge Calendar grows, and the daily hand or quiz is an integral part of many players' lives. The DBC is also handy to record bridge

dates, birthdays and anniversaries. The expert authors include our own Ron Klinger.

Paul Lavings

POSITIVE DECLARER PLAY AT BRIDGE & POSITIVE DEFENSE AT BRIDGE BY TERENCE REESE & JULIAN POTTAGE, 2005

Here are two books of bridge problems for the intermediate to advanced player. These revised and expanded second editions contain new material from Pottage, Reese having died in 1996. Each book contains 78 problems, based in a rubber bridge or teams setting (overtricks do not matter).

Each problem with its opening moves is presented on one page, and the answer and analysis is on the reverse, so the reader does have time to think before peeping.

Try this defensive problem:

EW Vul:	North				
	♠ A84				
	♥ J1076				
	♦ AQ872				
	♣ 5	East			
		♠ J2			
		♥ 84			
		♦ J543			
		♣ A9872			

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
X	2♥	3♣	3♥
4♣	4♥	All Pass	

Lead: ♣ K

Defensive prospects are poor due to wasted club values. The chance of a diamond trick seems slim so you aim for two hearts and a spade. Overtake the ♣K and then play a low spade (not the J!). South plays low and captures the 9 with the Ace. The ♥J runs to West's Queen, and a low spade is continued (that is why it was important for East to lead a low spade from his doubleton). Eventually West gets back in to cash the setting spade.

These are interesting problems. The amount of analysis and explanation is about right for the target audience – the reader will need to patiently work through the problems to gain understanding.

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- 3 Robert Krochmalik - Ron Klinger

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- 1 Julianne Rocks - Judy Marks
- 2 Inez Glanger - Marcia Scudder
- 3 Nazife Bashar - Rasma Liepins

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- 2 Barry Noble - George Bilski
- 3 Frank Budai - Jim Fitz-Gerald

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- 1 Adam Edgtton - Nabil Edgtton
- 2 Griff Ware - Nye Griffiths
- 3 Paul Gosney - Andy Hung

MIXED:

- 1 Carolyn Molloy - Peter Gill
- 2 Lynn Lovelock - Kieran Dyke
- 3 Jane Tyson - Robert Tyson

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OPEN FINAL:

- NSW 143 Sartaj Hans, Tony Nunn
Paul Lavings, Chris Sundstrom,
Warren Lazer, Pauline Gumby

defeated

- ACT 107 Khokan Bagchi, David Lilley,
David Hoffman, David Wawn,
Michael Smart, Peter Reynolds

WOMEN'S FINAL:

- QLD 130 Rosa Lachman, Pele Rankin,
Toni Bardon, Sandra Johnson,
Margaret Millar, Greer Tucker

defeated

- NSW 127 Nazife Bashar, Rasma Liepins,
Carolyn Molloy, Nevena Djurovic,
Marlene Watts, Berenice Folkard

SENIORS' FINAL:

- NSW 155 Neville Moses, Steven Bock,
Peter Jamieson, Ruth Jamieson,
Michael Hughes, Edward Griffin

defeated

- WA 109 John Hansen, Ruth Hansen,
Richard Grenside, Sue Grenside,
David Schokman, Sathi Moses

YOUTH FINAL:

- ACT 149 Christy Bridgland, Nye Griffiths,
Daniel Geromboux, Griff Ware,
Anatoli Lightfoot, Michael De Livera

defeated

- SA 56 Arian Lasocki, Justin Williams,
Andrew Morcombe, Nicolas Croft,
Phil Sellars, Joel Gue

ABF YOUTH TRIATHLON

TEAMS:

- 1 Erik Eide, Petter Eide,
Espen Lindqvist, Allan Livgaard
- 2 Nye Griffiths, Justin Howard,
Ally Morris, Lucy Stevenson
- 3 Adam Edgtton, Nabil Edgtton,
Haakon Kippe, Jorn Ringseth

PAIRS:

- 1 Andrew Morcombe - Christy Bridgland
- 2 Justin Willams - Daniel Krochmalik
- 3 Anthony Newman - Nick Rodwell

INDIVIDUAL:

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USA1	209	def	Poland	194
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- 1 Joaquin Pacareu - Jack Smith (CHI)
- 2 CY Tseng - WB Wng (TPE)
- 3 Roberto Barbosa - Jose Brum (BRA)
- 7 Michael Whibley (NZ) - Justin Williams (AUS)
- 16 Gilad Ofir (ISR) - Danielle Stern (AUS)
- 20 Daniel Geromboux - Griff Ware (AUS)

Copy Deadline

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***** NOTE EARLY CUTOFF *****

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Bridge into the 21st Century

TEST YOUR OVERCALLING ON STRONG HANDS

What do you bid on these hands, after your RHO deals and opens 1♥ (5 card majors) at Pairs, nil vul:

- 1) ♠AKJ83 ♥K8 ♦K9 ♣QJ82
- 2) ♠AKJ54 ♥4 ♦AQ75 ♣A82
- 3) ♠AKJ109 ♥A ♦AQJ ♣K962
- 4) ♠AK10983 ♥3 ♦3 ♣K8765
- 5) ♠KQJ10876 ♥2 ♦2 ♣Q962
- 6) ♠AKQJ862 ♥K3 ♦A2 ♣86
- 7) ♠AK97642 ♥62 ♦AK6 ♣
- 8) ♠AKJ10986 ♥— ♦A109 ♣KJ9
- 9) ♠AKQJ986 ♥— ♦— ♣Q98653
- 10) ♠Q854 ♥— ♦8 ♣AK1087652

- 1) 1♠. Doubling with 16+ HCP and then bidding your suit later has gone out of style in a big way. The problem is that opponents are more streetwise than yesteryear, and when the bidding comes back to the doubler, the enemy will have bid their fit to the maximum, which may be the four or five level.

A simple 1♠ puts your side in a strong position. Your partner has a variety of bids available, with or without a fit, and it is far more flexible to bid your suit, and then double for takeout later, than double first and hope the situation doesn't get out of hand. See the report this issue, 2005 Open Interstate Teams, for two hands on this theme. But remember the rule: OVERCALL THEN DOUBLE = TAKEOUT.

- 2) 1♠. There are hands that are too strong to make a simple overcall, but this isn't one of them. Again, overcall then double is far more flexible. The plaintive call is that partner may pass 1♠ and we miss a game. Those who have been around a while also realize there are hands opposite where 1♠ is the partnership's limit.
- 3) Double. OK, 22 HCP and a semi-solid 5 card suit is too strong to make a simple overcall. Partner is not going to say anything with, say ♣QJ only, or ♦K and ♠Q. But even so, when this hand came up in the recent Interstate Teams Final, if you double first, then you must decide what to do over 4♥ at your next turn, and if you bid 4♠ you will be doubled and down three.
- 4) 1♠. With two suits start by bidding the longer, and hope to get a chance to complete the picture later. Maybe you make 5♣, but fare poorly in spades.

Nor is it a good idea to Michaels with 2♥, because you have a six-card spade suit and the spades are so much better than your other suit.

- 5) 4♠. A tough call between 3♠ and 4♠, but I prefer 4♠ because of the solid suit and 7-4 shape. Even so, if you bid 4♠ you could fetch a remarkably poor dummy, with enough red honour cards that neither side can make a contract.
- 6) 3NT. The make-up of your hand indicates 3NT may be successful, but not 4♠. Imagine a heart lead in 3NT and all partner has is ♣ Q109x. You have nine easy tricks. Now imagine you are in 4♠ with the same dummy, and you have no play for your contract. What do you do if you are doubled in 3NT? Stick the double and pass, opponents still know very little about your hand. You're sure to be doubled in 4♠ if you run, and now you might get a trump lead instead of a heart lead.
- 7) 1♠. You have a good hand, but your spades are not solid, so you are susceptible to a bad break. You want to bid to the right level, and a blast to 4♠, for instance, would be premature. Let's say partner responds to your overcall with 1NT or a new suit, then jump to 4♠. Let's say partner passes, and your RHO reopens with 2♥. Now the choice is between 2♠ and 3♠.
- 8) 4♠. It's possible you may miss a slam, but it's important to preempt the opponents out of the auction even when you have a good hand. Now you can double over any continuation from the enemy. Partner would be expected to pass at the five level, but may bid 5♠ with a very good supporting hand.
- 9) 4♠. Again you have no idea who can make what, but you do know you want to play in some number of spades, and maybe you can preempt the opponents out of the auction. If opponents bid again, then bid 5♠. You have too little defence to double, and too many playing tricks not to continue on to the five level. By bidding 4♠ immediately you hope you don't need to bid again later.
- 10) 4♣. Eight card minors are ideal for four-level preempts. Don't be too concerned with missing a spade fit, and anyway, how would you expect to find it? If you bid 2♣, partner will expect better spades and a better hand if you later bid 4♠.

Paul Lavings



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Coaching Cathy At Contract

By David Lusk

NO HEAD FOR HEIGHTS

G'day,

I have grouped a few problem hands together although they might have absolutely nothing to do with each other except that all of them are at frighteningly high levels – and I got all of them wrong! They have started computer dealing at our club and things seem to be getting wilder.

PROBLEM HAND #1:

I held as South: ♠J975 ♥J6 ♦Q5 ♣97654

This was the bidding:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Glenda</i>		<i>Me</i>
1♠	2♥	3♠ ¹	Pass
Pass	4♦	All Pass	

1. Alerted as 'pretty weak'.

I didn't want to bid on such a rotten hand but everyone else made 4 or 5♥. This was Glenda's hand:

♠— ♥AK10975 ♦AK643 ♣A2

Apparently I had to bid 4♥. Is that what you think?

PROBLEM HAND #2:

♠J94 ♥Q63 ♦87 ♣108642

I held this hand with a pick-up partner, so that makes it a bit harder to know what's happening:

West	North	East	South
	<i>PUP</i>		<i>Me</i>
	1♦	X	Pass
3♥	3♠	All Pass	

I thought that it might be easier to make nine tricks, so I passed. Anyway, my partner held:

♠AQ65 ♥J3 ♦AKQ943 ♣7

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They took two hearts and then played clubs. The whole hand kind of fell to bits when East turned up with 4 spades.

PROBLEM HAND #3:

♠4 ♥AQJ65 ♦42 ♣AKQ84

West	North	East	South
	<i>Glenda</i>		<i>Me</i>
Pass	Pass	4♠	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	(help!)

I kind of wondered what Glenda would bid if she had a long diamond suit, so I passed. Not good.

*Luv,
Cathy*

Hi Cathy,

It's all about preference. I'm sure you know how to give preference on an auction such as:

1♥ : 1♠
2♣ : (2♥)

You will bid 2♥ whenever you have no great liking for partner's second suit. The principle is the same regardless of the level of the bidding. On the first hand, partner has bid very strongly and must have a lot of shape. Whether she should have doubled first is a matter of partnership style. Whatever, she has engineered the side towards the best fit at the four level (as long as partner gives preference).

On the second hand, it is evident that preference will put your side one level higher – always tough in an unfamiliar partnership but it is very likely that partner has only 4 spades and probably (much) longer diamonds. The fact that preference must come at the four level on this hand is partner's responsibility, not yours. Just shut your eyes and bid 4♦.

On the last hand, you have made the ideal take-out bid on your strongish 5-5 hand but the 5♦ bid must be taken for what it is: preference to diamonds if you hold a 5-5 in the minors. Once you have bid 4NT, you are obliged to take the odds and bid 5♥ over 5♦. This comes unstuck if partner has lots of diamonds but at least on this hand, partner had the chance to pre-empt and didn't do it.

*Regards,
David*

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15-16	Australian Swiss Pairs Barry Kelly asp@abf.com.au	Hobart (03) 6228 5247
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14-17	Spring Nat. Opens Teams Kim Neale sn@abf.com.au	Sydney (02) 9411 4398
18-21	GNOT Final John Brockwell gnot@abf.com.au	Tweed Heads (02) 6246 5093
14-17	Golden West Swiss Pairs Allison Stralow gwsp@abf.com.au	Mandurah (08) 9339 3823
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14-22	Australian Youth Week David Lusk lusk@internode.on.net	Canberra (08) 8336 3954
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February 2006		
18-25	Gold Coast Congress Kim Ellaway gcc@abf.com.au	Surfers Paradise (07) 3351 8602
March 2006		
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OPEN(18+):		Seniors(27+):	
Ron KLINGER	136	Murray GREEN	18
Bruce NEILL	136	Callin GRUIA	18
Kieran DYKE	122	Simon STANCU	18
Seamus BROWNE	98	Greg EUSTACE	18
Ishmael DEL'MONTE	98	WOMEN(18+):	
Richard JEDRYCHOWSKI	95	Therese TULLY	173
Robert FRUEWIRTH	93	Sue LUSK	173
Tony NUNN	84	Meredith WOODS	114
Sartaj HANS	84	Margaret BOURKE	108
Paul WYER	82	Dagmar NEUMANN	102
Martin BLOOM	81	Elizabeth HAVAS	95
Peter GILL	81	Alida CLARK	90
Terry BROWN	80	Candice FEITELSON	90
Pauline GUMBY	75	Margaret MILLAR	75
Warren LAZER	75	Greer TUCKER	75
Paul MARSTON	72	Jan CORMACK	72
Simon HINGE	72	Pauline GUMBY	69
Zolly NAGY	71	Linda STERN	66
Bob RICHMAN	66	Berenice FOLKARD	63
Magnus MOREN	66	Marlene WATTS	63
Neville FRANCIS	66	Catherine LACHMAN	61
George GASPAR	66	Cathy MILL	61
Khokan BAGCHI	65	Rena KAPLAN	60
Phil GUE	62	Paula SCHROOR	60
David WILTSHIRE	60	Deidre GREENFELD	51
Barry NOBLE	59	Wendy DRISCOLL	51
George BILSKI	59	Toni BARDON	48
Nigel ROSENDORFF	57	Rosa LACHMAN	48
Avinash KANETKAR	57	Pele RANKIN	48
Arjuna DE LIVERA	51	Sue JOHNSTON	48
Paul LAVINGS	48	Jillian HAY	48
Chris SUNDSTROM	48	Felicity BEALE	36
Michael COURTNEY	37	Diana SMART	36
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David HOFFMAN	36	Sharon EVANS	36
David HORTON	36	Helen BORMAN	35
Andrew PEAKE	36	Judy SNOW	35
Philip MARKEY	36	Helen SNASHALL	27
David WAWN	36	Sally MURRAY-WHITE	27
Ian ROBINSON	30	Nola CHURCH	27
Elizabeth HAVAS	29	Julia HOFFMAN	27
John LESTER	26	Inez GLANGER	25
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Jin LI	25	Rasma LIEPINS	24
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Blaine HOWE	24	Nazife BASHAR	24
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Peter REYNOLDS	24	Kinga MOSES	21
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Gabi LORENTZ	21	Annabelle BOOTH	18
David SMITH	21	Jenny THOMPSON	18
Steven BOCK	18	Helen LOWRY	18
Peter FORDHAM	18	Jeannette COLLINS	18
Les GREWCOCK	18	Lauren SHIELS	18
Graeme CORIN	18		
Joachim HAFFER	18		
		Ron KLINGER	280
		Bruce NEILL	280
		Zolly NAGY	215
		Barry NOBLE	150
		George BILSKI	150
		David LILLEY	126
		Terry BROWN	116
		George SMOLANKO	108
		Pauline GUMBY	106.5
		Mike HUGHES	103.5
		Paul LAVINGS	96
		Ted GRIFFIN	87
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		Margaret BOURKE	83
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		Robert GALLUS	47
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		Elizabeth HAVAS	41
		Ian McKINNON	39
		William WESTWOOD	39
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		Andrew MARKOVICS	37.5
		John NEWMAN	37.5
		Henry CHRISTIE	37.5
		John ASHWORTH	36
		Terry PIPER	36
		Blaine HOWE	36
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		Wally MALACZYNSKI	36
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		David HOFFMAN	30
		Graham ATKINSON	30
		Peter FORDHAM	27
		Grant KILVINGTON	27

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PO Box 5418
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- 30 **Surfers Paradise**
SPBC Novice (0-99) Teams Congress
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Gold Coast Mail Centre QLD 9726

November

- 5-6 **Tumbarumba**
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Best Performing: Of all Masters

NEILL, Bruce	NSW	277.46
KLINGER, Ron	NSW	277.46
FRANCIS, Neville	QLD	253.60
COLLINS, Jeannette	VIC	243.61
GUMBY, Pauline	NSW	241.34
GASPAR, George	VIC	236.01
NAGY, Zolly	SA	230.05
JANZEKOVIC, Darko	QLD	229.17
GOSNEY, Paul	QLD	223.75
LAZER, Warren	NSW	207.49

Best Performing: Silver Grand Masters

KLINGER, Ron	NSW	277.46
NEILL, Bruce	NSW	277.46
FRANCIS, Neville	QLD	253.60
GUMBY, Pauline	NSW	241.34
GASPAR, George	VIC	236.01
NAGY, Zolly	SA	230.05
LAZER, Warren	NSW	207.49
RICHMAN, Bob	NSW	196.91
HINGE, Simon	VIC	187.75
LAVINGS, Paul	NSW	186.65

Best Performing: Grand Masters

COLLINS, Jeannette	VIC	243.61
NOBLE, Barry	NSW	188.16
KAHLER, Peter	ACT	187.96
WILLIAMS, Justin	SA	187.73
PARKER, Ralph	QLD	186.31
PRITCHARD, John	QLD	175.85
MOREN, Magnus	QLD	161.23
JEDRYCHOWSKI, Richard	NSW	156.61
BLOOM, Martin	NSW	155.30
STRONG, Tom	QLD	149.41

Best Performing: Gold Life Masters

JANZEKOVIC, Darko	QLD	229.17
WILTSHIRE, David	NSW	197.24
AFFLICK, Ian	QLD	143.64
MULLEY, Chris	WA	129.16
LUCK, Ivy	QLD	128.81
TUXWORTH, Anthony	QLD	118.98
MORAWIECKI, Roman	QLD	108.18
McLAUHLAN, Helen	QLD	95.76
LANE, Gary	NSW	94.03
McLAUHLAN, Richard	QLD	93.25

Best Performing: Silver Life Masters

JAKES, Maureen	QLD	114.77
WARE, Griff	ACT	109.15
MAGEE, Jill	VIC	108.97
JENNER-O'SHEA, William	SA	105.66
HARRIS, David	QLD	102.14
VAN JOLE, Nathan	QLD	101.14
MATTHEWS, David	WA	96.36
HALL, Jean	VIC	94.86
LOWRY, Helen	NSW	92.35
BARNETT, Philippa	QLD	90.94

Best Performing: Bronze Life Masters

YUILL, Margaret	VIC	105.83
CHAN, Kevin	VIC	90.82
MANN, Bill	SA	86.99
WILSMORE, Peter	NSW	75.83
LEIBOWITZ, Tony	NSW	69.54
O'DEMPSEY, Terence	QLD	66.61
PUSKAS, John	SA	66.33
HICKMAN, Lyndy	VIC	64.78
BIRRER, Sharyn	QLD	64.74
PROTHEROE, Stanley	NSW	63.90

Best Performing: Life Masters

GOSNEY, Paul	QLD	223.75
BARDEN, Bianca	QLD	170.19
KAMALARASA, Sanmugaras	QLD	100.93
YEZERSKI, Alex	NSW	81.05
BOYLSON, Christine	WA	74.03
GIBSON, Elizabeth	QLD	73.65

OSMUND, Danny	QLD	73.22
RITTER, Catherine	NSW	69.24
REGAN, Sandra	QLD	68.92
CORRIGAN, Penny	VIC	67.05

Best Performing: **National Masters

MORGAN-KING, Pam	SA	54.20
EVANS, Glyn	SA	48.49
ROBERTS, Roy	SA	48.20
NARITA, Suzy	VIC	44.43
CHARLESWORTH, Thelma	SA	43.46
CHIANG, Yet Kwong	NSW	43.12
GROOM, Rita	QLD	43.03
TRENERRY, Penny	QLD	42.89
DENNIS, Marie	NSW	40.74
WHITELAW, Beverley	NSW	40.29

Best Performing: *National Masters

GRIFFITHS, Nye	ACT	121.12
MOSCHNER, Ken	QLD	112.81
STEPHENS, Adrienne	ACT	112.65
GRUIA, Callin	NSW	78.95
WOOLLEY, Carolyne	QLD	71.38
WOOLLEY, Christophe	QLD	68.34
CARTER, Greg	VIC	58.71
HOBDELL, Betty	QLD	58.02
LUND, Jacqui	VIC	57.88
KEIM, John	QLD	57.79

Best Performing: National Masters

WELLS, Peter	QLD	105.36
PETTIGREW, Ann	ACT	104.04
STUART, Ross	NSW	83.39
CARROLL, Bruce	QLD	66.26
HOWARD, Justin	VIC	60.72
MEERBACH, Ferdinand	SA	59.36
LOVRECH, George	VIC	54.81
DE LIVERA, Michael	ACT	53.16
MAJTELES, Debra	WA	47.70
INGHAM, Linda	WA	47.59

Best Performing: *State Masters

PENLINGTON, Paul	QLD	60.98
McARTHUR, Robert	QLD	59.34
VARMO, Jan	QLD	58.52
ZOTTI, Vivian	WA	57.81
HOUGHTON, Wayne	NSW	54.57
HOUGHTON, Christine	NSW	54.57
EDGTON, Adam	NSW	52.32
HARDMAN, Douglas	WA	52.02
EDGTON, Nabil	NSW	51.49
BOXALL, Wendy	ACT	49.36

Best Performing: State Masters

McCARTHY, Gayle	QLD	63.28
STANCU, Simon	NSW	58.01
WOOD, Viv	WA	53.14
STUTHE, Brigitte	QLD	49.88
HORTON, Barbara	QLD	46.03
PANG, Rosa	NSW	45.05
SCHOEN, Pam	QLD	44.02
THORLEY, Ray	NSW	42.77
STUTHE, Wolf	QLD	41.30
BARRETT, Lammie	NSW	39.57

Best Performing: *Regional Masters

PFEIFFER, James	NSW	33.20
MARSHALL, John	SA	31.42
KOLB, Mrs. E.	VIC	28.77
COHEN, Ron	NSW	28.59
GESCHEIT, Mrs. L.	VIC	28.36
BARNETT, Joan	WA	26.71
KUPERMAN, Mrs. D.	VIC	26.09
GESCHEIT, Mr. L.	VIC	25.26
BOSCI, Colleen	NSW	24.55
LANGLEY, Austin	WA	20.93

Best Performing: Regional Masters

THOMPSON, Philip	QLD	67.20
McPAUL, Catherine	QLD	40.15
YATES, Lloyd	QLD	36.19

SCHONWOLF, May	WA	34.38
PARKER, Irene	SA	33.26
JOHNSTON, Mary	WA	31.64
WARD, Kevin	QLD	30.09
BAKER, Lynn	NSW	28.51
SLINGER, Shirley	SA	28.17
YOUNG, Rachel	NSW	27.63

Best Performing: **Local Masters

HUNG, Andy	QLD	57.95
DORBER, Geoff	NSW	50.96
DEROFE, Maryo	NSW	32.57
ROBERTS, Geoffrey	QLD	32.55
DEAN, Kevin	QLD	32.35
SLOMAN, Hugh	QLD	31.99
HEGEDUS, Andrew	VIC	30.38
RIDDELL, Carol	NSW	28.34
KASSAM, Bina	NSW	26.74
WHITE, Yong	NSW	26.03

Best Performing: *Local Masters

HARDING, Raymond	NSW	27.82
SWANSON, Jane	QLD	27.78
WHIDDON, Catherine	NSW	26.74
O'HARA, Red	QLD	25.83
THOM, Mary	QLD	25.00
MUIR, Raji	VIC	24.91
COCKBILL, Penny	NSW	22.88
FOX, Bruce	NSW	21.42
BIEGANSKI, Tad	WA	20.50
CURRELL, John	QLD	20.49

Best Performing: Local Masters

FREUND, Art	NSW	33.54
RAWLINGS, Jack	SA	30.58
REID, Wendy	NSW	27.37
CONGREVE, Michael	QLD	26.95
ZUBER, George	ACT	25.84
REYNOLDS, Jane	WA	24.90
PIERCE, Jack	NSW	24.16
HOLLANDS, Jeff	QLD	23.85
PIERCE, Eileen	NSW	23.77
BREUNIS, Gerard	QLD	22.90

Best Performing: Club Masters

HOARE, Rob	QLD	37.24
DONALDSON, Kaye	QLD	29.97
MORRIS, Alexandra	NSW	26.32
NG, Ronnie	NSW	20.58
KNIGHT, John	QLD	20.21
PALM, Janice	QLD	20.09
BIEGANSKI, Beata	WA	19.13
TAYLOR, Helen	QLD	18.85
COOMBE, Ian	SA	18.01
JONES, Alan	QLD	17.21

Best Performing: Graduate Masters

HIRST, Andrew	NSW	42.62
TOUTON, Ryan	QLD	27.37
ATKINSON, Faye	QLD	21.48
OSMUND, Linda	QLD	18.33
HARDING, Sam	NSW	16.98
MILLER, Errol	QLD	15.88
LIERSCH, Vic	VIC	14.27
BROWN, Robert	VIC	14.00
QIZILBASH, Akhtar	QLD	13.74
KELLEY, Ned	QLD	13.47

Best Performing: Nil Masters

WILSON, Barry	QLD	43.00
RANASINGHE, Thilak	WA	40.02
NAKANISHI, Michiko	VIC	21.10
BOOKALLIL, Marianne	NT	20.46
GRINBERG, Sonia	VIC	16.11
GRINBERG, Aron	VIC	16.11
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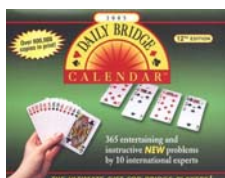
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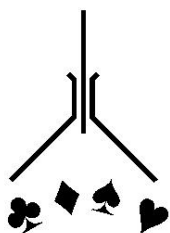
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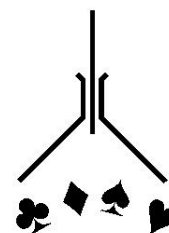
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South-West Pacific Teams	11.00am	Monday 23 January
National Open Teams	7.30pm	Friday 27 January
Graded Pairs	8.00pm	Friday 27 January
Australian Mixed Teams	10.00am	Saturday 28 January

Starting Time & Date

National Convention Centre

National Women's Teams	11.00am	Wednesday 18 January
National Novice Teams	11.00am	Wednesday 18 January
National Non-Life Masters' Teams	11.00am	Wednesday 18 January

Starting Time & Date

Last Train Event

Australian Multi Pairs	11.00am	Saturday 21 January
National Swiss Pairs	11.00am	Sunday 22 January
South-West Pacific Teams	11.00am	Monday 23 January

11.00am Thursday 19 January - New Event

Changes in 2006

National Women's & Seniors' Teams

Early finish Friday 20 January.
Women's semi-finals reduced to 4 teams.

New Event:

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