

Information:

The winning pair from the Butler will join the winning team from the play-off of pairs 2 through 5 to form the Australian International Youth Team for 2003. Participants in the Butler must be born on or after 1 January 1977.

There will be an international challenge match held at Fenner Hall between Australia, New Zealand and other international teams approved by the ABF Youth Committee. All bridge players are invited to come along and kibitz top level youth bridge. Further details will be available on the ABF Youth Website leading up to the challenge.

There is a half-price discount for full-time students in events which are part of the Summer Festival of Bridge.

The ABF is pleased to advise that the Chief Tournament Director for all of the youth events and for the International Challenge will be Matthew McManus.

Gold Master Points will be awarded at the appropriate ABF scale for the youth events.

Trophies and prizes in both the pairs and the teams will be awarded in three categories. To be eligible all members must be born on or after:

- 1 January 1973 (overall awards)
- 1 January 1977 (under 26) and
- 1 January 1983 (under 20).

If you're looking for a good reason to compete, then you should be aware that Bridge is a member of the International Olympic Movement. An Australian team participated at the IOC tournament at the Salt Lake City Olympics in 2002. There is discussion of bridge becoming a winter sport from 2006.

Venue:

Fenner Hall, 210 Northbourne Ave,
Braddon, ACT.

Northbourne Ave is the major thoroughfare through the centre of Canberra.

Travel:

Air: Flights booked well ahead through Virgin or Qantas will be cheaper if booked over the internet so don't leave your booking too late.

Bus: Ring Dial-a-Coach on 1800-020-007 for indicative fares. Sydney-Canberra one way is \$19 (student) or \$28 (non-student).

Car: For lifts from Sydney, contact Brad Coles or Ishmael Del'Monte.

The ABF Youth Committee takes no responsibility for passenger safety for any transport arranged for players

Accommodation:

The venue – Fenner Hall - provides single bedroom accommodation, with bedding, linen, tea and coffee facilities. Shared bathroom and kitchen. You are required to bring your own utensils if you are planning to cook.

Rooms may be booked through the convenor for \$112 per week (flat rate). Since there is a block booking for bridge players, you are asked not to book through the college.

The ABF Youth Committee will make every effort to arrange billeting for those requiring it. Early advice would be appreciated. Priority in this respect will be given to players under 18.



The Australian Bridge Federation

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the 35th annual

Australian Youth Championships

&

International Team Selection

**Under 30, Under 26 and Under
16 Pairs & Teams of four**

ANU - Canberra

January 10 - 19, 2003.

Convenors:

Brad Coles & Ishmael Del'Monte

**Tournament Director
Matthew McManus**

To Enter or Print Entry

To enter online, simply go to

www.abf.com.au/youth/events/ayc/

where you will be able to enter.

- Let us know if you are looking for a partner or team mates and book your accommodation at Fenner Hall.
- If you do not have the ability to enter online or print an entry form then contact one of the phone numbers on this page and an entry form will be posted to you.

Further Entry Information

- One entry per pair or team is acceptable.
- All entry fees will be collected at the start of the event.
- Entries close at 5pm on Wednesday 8 January although late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the convenors and tournament director.
- Entries to the Youth Butler will be by selection from the Youth Teams Championship. A maximum of one pair will be selected in advance from the Adelaide Youth Triathlon.

Don't miss out!

If you are under 30, this is your chance to have a week of fun and challenging bridge while at the same time helping the under 25 improve their game!

Eligibility:

Selection in the Australian Youth Team is restricted to players born on or after 1st January 1977. Youth Championship events are open to players born on or after 1st January 1973 and Under 16 events for players on or after 1st January 1987.

System regulations:

Some complex systems (e.g. forcing pass systems) are not permitted. Contact convenors or see ABF Youth Website from November for full details. The right to deem a system complex rests with the convenors and director so please check.

Timetable:

Subject to variation according to entry numbers

January 2003	10:30am	1-30pm	7-30pm
Friday 10 th	International Challenge		
Saturday 11 th			
Sunday 12 th		Pairs Q1	Pairs Q2
Monday 13 th	Pairs F1	Pairs F2	BBQ
Tuesday 14 th		Teams 1	Teams 2
Wednesday 15 th	Teams 3	Teams 4	Teams 5
Thursday 16 th	Butler and	Butler and	Butler and
Sunday 19 th	Play-offs	Play-offs	Play-offs

Thursday 16 th	Under 16s Youth Camp (morning and afternoon)
Friday 17 th	

Entry Fees:

	Standard	PTS/Conc	FTS
Pairs:	\$35	\$25	\$20
Teams:	\$35	\$25	\$20
Butler:	\$35	\$25	\$20

Youth Camp: (Per day \$18, FTS \$12)
(Per session \$10 FTS \$6)

All fees are payable at the start of each event.

Financial assistance may be available subject to serious financial need. In this regard contact the chairman of the ABF Youth Committee, David Stern:
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