

Information:

The winning pair from the Butler will join the winning team from the playoff of pairs 2 through 5 to form the Australian International Youth Team for 2004. Participants in the Butler must be born on or after 1 January 1978.

There will also be an international challenge match 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. Venue and other details will be available on the ABF Youth Website leading up to the challenge.

There is a 50% 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 1974 (overall awards)
- 1 January 1978 (under 26) and
- 1 January 1984 (under 20).

The Australian Youth Championships are acknowledged as the best bridge event in Australia. The atmosphere is invariably friendly and players enjoy their time at the table and away from it. This event should be attractive to young players regardless of skill level and experience.

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 Approximately \$20 (student) or \$30.

Car: Contact Brad Coles, grover@bigpond.net.au, to organise lifts from Sydney.

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 \$132 per week. This is a discounted rate for our event, so please book through the convenor and not 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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presents

the 36th annual

Australian Youth Championships

&

International Team Selection

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

Fenner Hall, ANU

210 Northbourne Ave, Braddon.

January 9 - 18, 2004.

**Convenor
Brad Coles**

**Tournament Director
Matthew McManus**

To obtain entry form:

To enter online, simply go to

<http://www.abf.com.au/youth/events/avc/index.html>

where you will be able to enter, book your accommodation at Fenner Hall, and let us know if you are looking for a partner or team mates.

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 7 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 Australian 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 1978. Youth Championship events are open to players born on or after 1st January 1974 and Under 16 events for players on or after 1st January 1988.

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 convenor and director so please check.

Timetable:

Subject to variation according to entry numbers.

January 2004	10:30am	1:30pm	7:30pm
Friday 9 th	International Challenge		
Saturday 10 th			
Sunday 11 th		Pairs Q1	Pairs Q2
Monday 12 th	Pairs F1	Pairs F2	BBQ
Tuesday 13 th		Teams 1	Teams 2
Wednesday 14 th	Teams 3	Teams 4	Teams 5
Thursday 15 th	Butler and Playoffs	Butler and Playoffs	Butler and Playoffs
Sunday 18 th			

Thursday 15 th	Under 16s Youth Camp (morning and afternoon)
Friday 16 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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More information:

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