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44 YEARS AND COUNTING

John “Flash” Ashworth played in his first ANC at the age of 28. The year was 1962, the state was NSW. After a bit of investigation, we have realized that John, is the longest suffering participant in the ANC to date. John earned the nickname, “Flash”, as he was rather a snappy dresser. Sartorially elegant were the words that best described this Rex Harrison look alike. John’s quiet demeanour and deferential mannerisms at the table have earned him the respect of many of the “greats” of the bridge world here in Australia.

John is an avid collector of bridge books. Whenever he is at an event whether here or overseas he is out collecting bridge literature. He would probably have a collection to rival Tim Bourke.

John’s presence at ANC’s goes back to a series through the 60’s and 70’s. John was part of the WA Open Team in ‘62, ‘64, ‘65, ‘69, ‘70, ‘73, ‘77, ‘79, ‘92, ‘93 and ‘95—together with representing WA in the Senior’s team in 2003, 2004 and this year. He obviously had something better to do during the 80’s and didn’t present again until 1992. Being a more senior member of the bridge playing fraternity, it would appear from the statistics we have gleaned from the BAWA website, he needed to take a well earned rest, from the helter skelter of our mad game. It’s great to see him in Adelaide again, and we can only hope that “his little rest” does not preclude him from returning to Adelaide in 2014—after all someone needs to give George Jesner a run for his money.



TODAY’S TIMETABLE

Championship Event:

Open, Women’s, Senior & Youth Teams
10.30am, 2.45pm, 8pm

Congress Event:

Thorpe Wines One session Walk-In Pairs
7.30pm

The Queensland Bridge Association
in conjunction with the
Australian Bridge Federation
invite you to enjoy a leisurely week of Sun, Sea, Sand & Surf whilst competing in one of the world’s most prestigious bridge events.

2007 GOLD COAST CONGRESS

[Gold Point and Australian Team Selection Point Event]

February 17th - 24th 2007

The Gold Coast Convention Centre . Gold Coast Highway . Broadbeach

Sunday 18 to Tuesday 20: Pairs Championship [Open . Restricted . Seniors]
Tuesday 20 to Thursday 22: Teams Championship [Open . Restricted . Seniors]
Friday 23 to Saturday 24: Swiss Pairs [New Event]
Saturday 17: Welcome Walk-In Pairs & Youth Pairs
Tuesday 20: Team Warm up Walk-In Pairs
Wednesday 21: Walk-In Pairs
Saturday 24: Dinner Dance / Prize Giving



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Quotable Quips

Overheard: One Youth Player to another, “How long have you been playing bridge?” “Three months” was the reply, “And what about you?” “Oh, I’ve been playing for five months!”



ANOTHER DEAD DUCK

BARBARA TRAVIS

Hopefully I will be able to report a story with a happy ending sometime soon (at present I feel a little like Neville Moses). However I think that bridge players enjoy reading about other players' less successful moments.

♠ A Q 10 9	♠ K J 5 2
♥ J 8 5 4	♥ Q 9 6 3
♦ K 10 5	♦ Q J 9
♣ Q 6	♣ J 3
	♠ 4 3
	♥ A K
	♦ A 6 3 2
	♣ 10 9 8 7 5
	♠ 8 7 6
	♥ 10 7 2
	♦ 8 7 4
	♣ A K 4 2

Sitting West I opened 1NT. North overcalled to show both majors, at least 4-4. Partner now thought I would probably have some useful values in clubs, so we reached 3NT.

North made the helpful lead of CJ which went to South's CK and I unblocked the CQ. South now switched to a "middling" spade which I finessed. North now switched to a small heart. I led the C10 which South ducked, then she won the next club lead as North discarded a spade. Another heart left me in a perilous position. I cashed two more clubs, in total discarding one spade (SQ), one heart and one diamond from hand. North discarded another spade and one heart. I watched South discard a smaller spade than that she had led. The DA and the DK (North playing the DQ) left me in hand at the crucial moment.

I held SA10, HJ. What did North hold? SK, HQ, DJ or SKx, HQ. I played for her to have the latter holding, partly based on the discarding and partly based on her overcall on a heap of rubbish. So I exited my heart, only to find that I had really squeezed North and that I'd failed in my endplay.

Di Brooks discarded so smoothly I detected no hint of discomfort. Congratulations to Di for a great recovery from what was actually an awful lead for their side.

FURTHER ADVENTURES OF HELEN AND SALLY

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The boys having moved out of our plush apartment, Helen and I have moved slightly down market. Our new home is a back-packers, conveniently next door to the Pub and the Pokies.

We had a bit of trouble moving Helen's case into our 10'X10' room but I stood in the loo and she managed. No laundry facilities, the Braun iron is sadly idle. The gourmet meals are down to Vegemite on toast. We have a beautiful balcony accessed through a room with 6 bunks!

We have thoughtfully reconnoitered the fire escape, it involves sliding down the light pole at the front on Hindley Street. (Just in case the place catches fire).

The Bridge as usual is lumpy, then so are our beds.

SALLY MURRAY-WHITE



ANC WOMEN'S PAIRS WINNERS

Joan Touyz and Shira Shilbury were winners of the ANC Women's Pairs, played on Saturday. They are now doing battle in the Senior's Team for Western Australia. We wish them both continued success.

STRONG CLUB SLAM BIDDING

PETER JAMIESON

ANC Teams Round 1
Board 6
Dealer: East
EW Vul

♠ A 8 3		
♥ 8 6 2		
♦ 9 8 7		
♣ 7 5 4 2		
♠ K Q 7 6		♠ J 9 5 2
♥ K 3		♥ A 10 7 5
♦ A K 10 5 4		♦ Q 3
♣ A K		♣ Q J 9
	♠ 10 4	
	♥ Q J 9 4	
	♦ J 6 2	
	♣ 10 8 6 3	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>A Walsh</i>		<i>B McDonald</i>	
		Pass	Pass
1♣ ¹	Pass	1NT ²	Pass
2♦ ³	Pass	2♠ ⁴	Pass
2NT ⁵	Pass	3♣ ⁶	Pass
3♦ ⁷	Pass	3♠ ⁸	Pass
4♥ ⁹	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠			

- 15+
- 9+ Balanced
- Relay
- Shows 4 Hearts
- Relay
- Both Majors
- Relay
- Low shortage. This was good shows 4423
- Keycard in Spades

Quite a few pairs did not bid slam.

Alan Walsh and Barbara McDonald playing in the NSW Seniors Team did and were aided by their big club relay system.

Alan Walsh opened 1C and soon found out that Barbara was a 4 4 2 3 shape and had 10-11 pts.

Knowing that Barbara had a doubleton diamond was very useful and allowed Alan to bid 6S with some confidence.

Quotable Quips

Five bridge players at dinner discussing slam bidding on a particular hand, "Wow how did you get to Slam on that hand?" enquired one, incredulously. The other four players all turned to the one who had posed the question, thinking that he had recently dropped in from Mars, until they saw the colour of his hand record!
Ed: What wine was he drinking I wonder.

TICKLED PINK

DI MARLER

Convenors of ANCs don't usually experience any excitement from the whole thing, mainly because we are always dodging flying arrows, brick bats, or bad humour. I'd therefore like to say a big thank you to Christine Thomas and Julie Boyce for allowing Deb Wellman and I to play with them in the SABA Teams. Not only did we come second and then enjoy a well earned drink in the bar, but we had the pleasure of listening to two LOLs (sisters by the way) who came to the venue on public transport—a bus and a train, brought their own thermos flasks of coffee, had a great time and even bid and made a slam that required only the best defence to beat it. Thanks girls. you have given me the enthusiasm to carry on for another week!!!!

A TOUCH OF BRILLIANCE

DI MARLER

Round 3 of the Teams in the Women's side of the draw saw Victoria sit down against Queensland. With a touch of brilliance Kitty Muntz brought home a 4S contract on board 15 that, although played 24 times in the room was only successful for 5 other players. On looking at the hand initially one could expect to succeed without too much teeth gnashing or hair pulling. However for those of us who played in the Butler, we are all aware that there are no easy hands in this competition. To the ones who failed on the hand, take another look and see if you would have been able to match Kitty's brilliance with a little more thought.

		♠ 2	
		♥ 10 9 5	
		♦ J 10 9 8 6 3	
		♣ Q10 7	
♠ Q J 7			♠ K 6 5 4 3
♥ A K J			♥ Q 7 4
♦ K 7			♦ A 4
♣ A 8 6 5 2			♣ J 9 3
		♠ A 10 9 8	
		♥ 8 6 3 2	
		♦ K 4 2	
		♣ 10 8 6 3	

Bidding saw West play the contract in 4S with Kitty as declarer. On the diamond lead, Kitty took the A and led a trump towards the Q, J combination. When this trick was won by the Q, followed by the 2 from the North hand, Kitty crossed to the Q of hearts and played another spade towards the J taking the bad break in trumps in her stride. Kitty then stripped the hand of hearts and diamonds. As South followed to three rounds of hearts she was able to surmise that the only way that she could make her contract was to "throw the South hand in" for her tenth trick. So, how to throw South in safely – what would you have done? Kitty's "little touch of brilliance" was to play the A of Clubs and exit a Club. No matter what cards were held by the opposition, dummy's J of clubs was always going to make the last trick. Well thought out and played, Kitty.



NSW YOUTH TEAM
Captain: David Wiltshire,
 J Hornibrook, K Hornibrook,
 S Yuen, S Chan,
 M Weng and O Wu

YOUTH TEAMS AFTER ROUND 1 RR2

Place	Team	Name	VPs	Opp	Last VPs
1	6	SA	142.6	1	28.0
2	4	QLD	78.6	2	36.0
3	3	NSW	40.5	5	12.0
4	5	VIC	-21.5	3	-12.0
5	1	ACT	-85.7	6	-28.0
6	2	COLTS		-164.5	4 -36.0

SENIOR TEAMS AFTER ROUND 6

Place	Team	Name	VPs	Opp	Last VPs
1	3	QLD	74.7	1	7.0
2	7	VIC	24.9	5	35.2
3	1	ACT	19.0	3	-7.0
4	6	WA	17.0	8	0.0
5	4	NSW	11.0	2	17.0
6	8	BYE	0.0	6	0.0
7	5	TAS	-27.2	7	-35.2
8	2	SA	-119.4	4	-17.0



NSW WOMEN'S TEAM
Captain: Peter Jamieson (Absent),
 L Druckman, B Gupta,
 W Halvorsen, M Robb,
 M Watts and H Renton (Absent)

WOMEN'S TEAMS AFTER ROUND 6

Place	Team	Name	VPs	Opp	Last VPs
1	5	NSW	112.2	7	4.0
2	7	VIC	53.9	5	-4.0
3	6	WA	29.5	8	7.0
4	1	SA	19.5	3	9.0
5	2	QLD	9.3	4	0.0
6	3	ACT	-31.3	1	-9.0
7	8	NT	-75.5	6	-7.0
8	4	TAS	-118.6	2	0.0



NSW OPEN TEAM
Captain: David Wiltshire,
 A Peake, M Green,
 K Morrison, M Chadwick,

OPEN TEAMS AFTER ROUND 6

Place	Team	Name	VPs	Opp	Last VPs
1	2	VIC	108.3	4	19.0
2	1	NSW	66.0	3	25.0
3	4	ACT	41.1	2	-19.0
4	8	BYE	0.0	6	0.0
5	7	TAS	-41.5	5	8.0
6	6	WA	-45.3	8	0.0
7	5	QLD	-55.4	7	-8.0
8	3	SA	-73.8	1	-25.0