

**ABF YOUTH**  
♥ ♠ **BULLETIN**

**ANC Results**

The 2003 ANC was conducted in Darwin. There were six states and territories represented in the Youth division.

The Pairs event was an extremely open one, with any of at least 8 pairs having a realistic chance of winning the two session championship.

The teams event featured more teenagers than ever. Victoria had a very young team and, with four of them still under 16, is laying a great foundation for the future. The Teams event looked to be a three way battle between titleholders, SA, last year's finalists ACT and a NSW team with an experienced front four.

**RESULTS**

**ANC Youth Pairs**

- 1st.** Fiona Brown-Tony Nunn (NSW)
- 2nd** Mark Abraham - James McGowan (ACT)
- 3rd** Arian Lasocki - Matthew Porter (SA)
- 4th** Daniel Geromboux-Griff Ware (ACT)

**ANC Youth Teams Qualifying:**

**South Australia 323.8**

Marc Deaton-Justin Williams,  
Mike Doecke-William Jenner-O'Shea,  
Arian Lasocki-Matthew Porter.

**Australian Capital Territory 274.8**

Mark Abraham-James McGowan,  
Christiy Bridgland-Nye Griffiths,  
Daniel Geromboux-Griff Ware.

**New South Wales 78.6**

Fiona Brown-Danielle Stern  
Adam & Nabil Edgtton,  
Jillian Hay-Tony Nunn

**Final:**

<b>South Australia</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Australian Capital Territory</b>	<b>75</b>

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**Aussie Colts Beat NZ**

*David Appleton*

The Australian Colts Team beat the New Zealand Youth Team rather handily. When I looked through the first set, I thought this was likely. This was mainly because I thought our team was very steady, and that they would continue to play the percentage game. I was particularly impressed by the way Fiona and Michael played. (I watched 4 of their sets to 1 of Paul and Danielle).

The set by set scores were:

26 – 36	net -10	38 – 15	net +13
10 – 33	net -10	53 – 23	net +20
14 – 17	net +17	48 – 3	net +63

All of the players managed themselves properly and were a credit. Also, I would like to thank NZCBA for their hospitality and courtesy (they gave tickets to the prize giving dinner, and their team showed good sportsmanship).

The first hand is from the second set, board 7. Strangely, it is one we didn't do well on.

Board: 7

Dealer: S  
Vul: All

**North**

♠ A63  
♥ KQ7  
♦ AJ754  
♣ 96

**West**

♠ KJ105  
♥ J95  
♦ Q10  
♣ KJ72

**East**

♠ Q96  
♥ A86  
♦ K9  
♣ AQ1084

**South**

♠ 872  
♥ 10432  
♦ 8632  
♣ 53

West <i>Michael</i>	North	East <i>Fiona</i>	South
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♦	2♦	3♦
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass

3NT is not a bad call, perhaps double is better, since you are almost guaranteed a plus. At the other table Paul opened 1NT as north, and, after double, the opponents got to the excellent Moysian of 4♠: 13 imps out.

Board 10 of the same set was also interesting and reflected the disciplined approach.

Board: 10

Dealer: E  
Vul: All

	<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>
	♠ —		♠ 107
	♥ K7432		♥ AQJ1098
	♦ AK863		♦ 742
	♣ 732		♣ J5
<b>West</b>		<b>South</b>	
♠ KQ52		♠ AJ98643	
♥ 6		♥ 5	
♦ J105		♦ Q9	
♣ AQ1096		♣ K84	

At both tables the auction started with a weak 2 or multi 2 and South overcalled 2♠. At Michael's (West) table, the NZ north bid 3♦, causing south to rebid 4♠, greeted warmly with a double for -800 when Fi returned a club after a heart lead. A more insightful pass by Paul as North (and a failure to switch a club by the NZ east) saw 2♠ make for +110, netting 14 imps.

On board 11 of this set, our declarer called for 'a spade' while running a suit from the top, and dummy went to pull a small one, which this designation usually requires when declarer said "I meant big, of course". I was sent to get a director, but when I returned, the opposition had already amicably agreed that small was not sensible and that changing the card to the high spade was right, and they continued to play from there (yes, it would have cost the contract). This is the spirit in which both teams played

the match. Later, the director showed me where, if it were incontrovertible, that declarer had intended high, then that is in fact the card played. I was much happier with the players' friendly sorting of it.

Sometimes the fun hands don't count for huge amount. Witness the following from hand 3 of set 4.

Board: 3

Dealer: S  
Vul: EW

	<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>
	♠ 1043		♠ 872
	♥ A6		♥ 943
	♦ AK105		♦ 87643
	♣ 9753		♣ A8
<b>West</b>		<b>South</b>	
♠ AJ65		♠ KQ9	
♥ QJ85		♥ K1072	
♦ QJ2		♦ 9	
♣ J6		♣ KQ1042	

Paul Gosney was in 3NT (having opened the North cards 1NT) already winning the board as, after a less aggressive pass, the opposition got to only 1NT. However, witness the following: a diamond was lead to the J and A, declarer playing a club to the K and a club out. The initial attack was continued, Paul pitching a heart from dummy, and then a spade to the king was taken and a diamond again continued, the ♠9 being pitched. Paul correctly cashed the ♠K before running all his clubs, squeezing west in the majors for 11 tricks (and 1 extra imp: they all count, after all). Interestingly, if the heart honours are split, then it is a simultaneous double squeeze, even more interesting (as Paul pointed out later), if west has the diamond, spade and a heart honour, it is a guard squeeze. Why no point-a-board test matches, you ask!

I think set 5, which we lost by 3 imps, was probably the decisive set. Certainly the best board of the match was included:

Dealer: E Vul: EW	<b>North</b> ♠ K532 ♥ 5 ♦ AKQ63 ♣ Q74	<b>West</b> ♠ J76 ♥ AKQJ97 ♦ 108 ♣ J10	<b>East</b> ♠ 1064 ♥ 103 ♦ 97542 ♣ 986	<b>South</b> ♠ AQ9 ♥ 8642 ♦ J ♣ AK532
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Dealer: E Vul: EW	<b>North</b> ♠ 542 ♥ J93 ♦ KJ104 ♣ AJ8	<b>West</b> ♠ — ♥ AK1087542 ♦ 62 ♣ Q106	<b>East</b> ♠ J10987 ♥ Q ♦ AQ853 ♣ 54	<b>South</b> ♠ AKQ63 ♥ 6 ♦ 97 ♣ K9732
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Both teams bid to 4♠, the New Zealanders as follows:

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

West	North	East	South
1♥	<i>Fiona</i> X	Pass	<i>Michael</i> 2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Certainly, it is difficult to get the clubs into the action, although Michael may have tried 4♣ over 3♠, still I like the practical aspect of playing game with ruffing power in partner's long suit. Our players got a heart lead and a diamond switch, so easily made 12 tricks, our defenders played Heart, heart and, after ruffing low, declarer found a sure trick line to make 4♠, but costing 2 imps.

In the last set, our guys dropped three overtrick imps, with a mountain in the plus column. The steady play finally paying big time.

The following hand was well played by Danielle.

Both auctions started 1♠ (4♥) but Paul diagnosed partner's ♥ shortage and the value of his outside cards and bid the 2-way 4♠, doubled by East. West led ♥A, and, seeing dummy, decided to remove the ♥ threat by forcing partner to ruff. Danielle showed that she would have been up to holding the score to -500 (vs 620) when she pitched a diamond when E ruffed (she would do the same if west continued ♥K instead of small, to maintain control).

## Calendar of Events

### Australian Events

**2003**

**September 26-28**

Australian Youth Triathlon  
*Adelaide*

**2004**

**January 10-18**

International Challenge  
Australian Youth Championships  
Under 16 events and Youth Camp  
*Canberra*

### International Events 2004

**April**

OK Bridge Inter-Collegiate Championships  
*On-Line*

**July 14-16**

World Junior Individual

**July 17-24**

World Junior Camp  
*Long Island, NY, USA*

## 2nd Australian Youth Triathlon

The second Australian Youth Triathlon will be conducted at the SABA clubrooms on the last week-end of this month.

**The event is open to any player who is under 30 as at Friday, Sept 26.**

### Programme:

Friday, 26th Sept* & Saturday, 27th Sept	Teams
Saturday, 27th Sept (evening) Sunday, 28th Sept	Pairs
Sunday, 28th Sept (evening)	Individual

\*Teams from WA may have matches rescheduled if the starting time provides difficulty.

### Entry Fees:

**Whole Programme: \$50 (st Conc \$40)**

**Teams only \$20 (st Conc \$16)**

**Pairs only \$15 (st Conc \$12)**

**Individual only \$15 (st Conc \$12)**

### Accommodation:

Players are expected to organise their own accommodation, however billeting will be organised where possible for those who require it. Priority on billeting will be given to participants 18 years and younger.

### Entries:

Teams may be entered on-line via the ABF Web site (Youth Pages).

Alternatively, players may email David Lusk (lusk@internode.on.net)

Entries close on Thursday, September 25th but may be accepted later at the discretion of the convenor/director.

## Meet Our Youth Team



**Mark Abraham**

At 25 this is the first and only time I have been privileged to represent Australia at a WJT. Hopefully Michael and I can build on our past experiences in Australia, internationally and representing Australia at last year's PABF in Bangkok to give our best at the WJT. I first learned the game at age 10 from my father in America, played duplicate first while at high school in Geelong before moving to attend university in Tasmania.

While in Hobart I was closely involved with the newly-founded bridge club at the university and represented four times at Youth ANC level, with partner "wild-man" Tim Johnson. We finally won something on our fourth attempt in Perth, taking home the youth pairs. I never got the trophy, but those with long memories will remember I ended up with both of them after the Adelaide ANC.

After graduating with honours in chemistry I moved to the ANU in Canberra to begin research studies. I went on to represent the ACT four more times at youth level, once each with "I can't bear to see you declare" Jillian Hay and the perennial Christy Bridgland and now twice with Kiwi import "What's Rubensohl" James McGowan. In the meantime I'd established my four-year partnership with Sydneyite Michael Wilkinson playing our home-grown SCRAPE symmetric relay methods (<http://rsc.anu.edu.au/~mabraham/systems/SCRAPE>). In that time we've had top 10 results in one VCC, one ANOT and two SNOTs, had various congress successes, made the NOT round-of-16, qualified for the NZ and PABF Pairs finals, run third in the NZ Teams, made Stage III of the Australian Butler Pairs, won the Youth Butler selection in 2002 and won the Australian Youth Pairs in 2003, while fighting off chicken pox! (Hope nobody caught it from me.) I've got one chance left to try for the Youth Grand Slam, so watch out in the ANC Teams!

## Joshua Wyner

Joshua Wyner is a 25 year old solicitor in an investment bank. He has been playing bridge since the age of 19, having found a bridge book in the local library at the age of eight and voraciously reading anything bridge related since, before discovering a beginners game at a local club.

He has played for Australia twice previously. The first occasion was in the 4th World Junior Pairs Championships in Stargard Szczecinski, Poland in 2001 with David Wiltshire, where they came 33rd out of 220, scoring the best percentage by an Australian pair in the event.

The second time was in the World Bridge Championships in Montreal, Canada, where he competed in the Rosenblum Cup, the Junior Pairs and the Junior IMP pairs. In the Junior IMP pairs he came 3rd, playing with Peter Wilsmore.

In Australia, he won the Australian Youth Pairs championship in 2000, playing with David Wiltshire, came second in the Australian Youth Teams in 2002, playing with Ken Dalley, Mike Dollan and Christiaan Prent, came second in the Autumn National Open Teams in 1999, playing with Peter Gill, Warren Lazer and Pauline Gumby and came 5th in the Victor Champion Cup in 2001, playing with Peter Buchen, David Wiltshire and Matthew Porter.

## Michael Wilkinson



Age 25 from NSW. Michael has been playing bridge for over 6 years. His early mentors were Aleks Milanovic, his first serious partner, Brad Coles, Ishmael del'Monte, Paula Leslie (UK international) and Mark Abraham, current serious partner.

Michael has had much success at Youth level with Mark Abraham and, at Open level has had success in the City of Sydney Teams and the U.K. Easter teams. He has previously represented Australia at Colts level and at the International Youth Challenge in Canberra, as well as playing in the Pacific Asia Youth Teams in 2002.



## David Wiltshire

David, 24, is from South Australia. He has been playing bridge since learning the game from Nic Croft as a 20 year-old at Adelaide University. He has represented South Australia in ANCs as part of its Youth Team from 1999-2002. David has also participated in the International Youth Challenge in Canberra.

With Joshua Wyner, David won the Youth Pairs in Canberra in 2000 and also participated in the 2001 World Youth Pairs with the same partner. They finished 33rd in a huge field of over 200 pairs.

## Gabby Feiler

Not yet 20, Gabby has made an impact as a young player since winning the ANC Youth Pairs in 2000 with Daniel Krochmalik.

Gabby has international experience as a Colts player and in the International Challenge in Canberra. At Open level, Gabby's most significant achievement was in making the NSW Open team for the 2003 ANC.



*Daniel & Gabby*

## Daniel Krochmalik

In partnership with Gabby Feiler, Daniel formed one of Australia's more formidable teenage partnerships, winning the Youth Pairs at the Brisbane ANC.

Since then, Daniel has continued to mature as a player as a result of experiences gained in Colts representation and at the International Youth Challenge in Canberra. For this event, the partnership is with Joshua Wyner.



## Youth Week, 2004

January 10:

International Youth Challenge

January 11-12:

Australian Youth Pairs Championship

January 13-14:

Australian Youth Teams Championship

15-16 January:

Under 16 Youth Camp

15-17 January:

Australian Youth Selection (Butler)

18 January:

Youth Team Playoff

Venue: Fenner Hall,  
210 Northbourne Ave  
Braddon ACT

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## ANC Youth Teams

*Arian Lasocki*

Unlike the open, women and seniors events, the ANC youth teams consisted of only 6 teams as Tasmania and the Northern Territory were not able to participate. Therefore, the event consisted of a triple round robin. This meant an extra round (15 compared to the other events) and thus a shorter final (40 boards rather than 60). The three teams picked to be fighting for a place in the final were NSW (Fiona Brown – Tony Nunn; Jillian Hay – Danielle Stern; Adam and Nabil Edgtton), ACT (Mark Abraham – James McGowan; Daniel Geromboux – Griff Ware; Christy Bridgland – Nye Griffiths) and SA (Arian Lasocki – Matthew Porter; Justin Williams – Marc Deaton; Michael Doecke – William Jenner-O’Shea). These three teams dominated the top placings in the preceding

Youth Pairs, which was won by Fiona Brown and Tony Nunn.

NSW made the early pace, topping the field after the first round robin. This came thanks to good wins against both SA and ACT (by 26 and 40 imps, respectively). SA was also beaten by ACT (by 30 imps) but had a narrow lead over ACT due to good wins against the other three teams.

Board 23 of Round 3 was a good pick-up for NSW against SA:

Board: 23

Dealer: S

Vul: All

**North (Porter)**

♠ 932

♥ 75

♦ 8654

♣ 7632

**West (Nunn)**

♠ AKQ1086

♥ A102

♦ J109

♣ A

**East (Brown)**

♠ 4

♥ J94

♦ AKQ73

♣ K1095

**South (Lasocki)**

♠ J75

♥ KQ863

♦ 2

♣ QJ84

Tony Nunn (West) made a take-out of South’s weak 2♥, over which Fiona Brown bid 4♦. Keycard received a 5♠ response (2 Keycards + Q of diamonds), over which West bid 7♦. This was 12 imps to NSW, as only 6♠ was reached at the other table after an uninterrupted auction.

Board 12 of Round 5 was a pickup for SA against ACT, but not enough to avoid a large loss in the match.

Board: 12

Dealer: W

Vul: NS

**North (Abraham)**

♠ 1052

♥ AQ

♦ 95

♣ AK8754

**West (Porter)**

♠ AK63

♥ 7

♦ J8632

♣ J32

**East (Lasocki)**

♠ J98

♥ K10965432

♦ 10

♣ 10

**South (McGowan)**

♠ Q74

♥ J8

♦ AKQ74

♣ Q96

West bid a typically youth-style weak 2♦ with a very ordinary suit, over which North overcalled 3♣. East had to pass with his 8-card heart suit, as bidding hearts would systemically show diamond support, but came to life with a 4♥ bid after South's 3NT response to his partner's overcall, duly doubled.

Declarer ruffed the second top diamond lead and played a spade to dummy to lead a heart. North rose ace and attempted to cash the top two clubs. After ruffing the second club, declarer played all his trumps. This caught south in a spade-diamond squeeze, and meant +590 to SA. At the other table, Mike Doecke and William Jenner-O'Shea played in 5♣X one off for -200, and 9 imps to SA.

The end of the second round robin saw a reversal in the top 3 positions. ACT hit the front, 30 VPs ahead of SA, after being unbeaten in the second round robin. NSW fell to third, 100 VPs behind second, after only two wins out of five. However, the scoring system being such that as many as 77.5 VPs could be made up per match, NSW were certainly not out of contention.

NSW closed some ground on second in round 12, when ACT lost by 23 imps to the fourth-placed WA. However, NSW's run ended after losing by 51 imps to ACT, stretching the gap to second to over 150 VPs. Therefore, the final two matches became an issue of carry-forward for the top two teams, and a battle between the two most inexperienced teams, Queensland and Victoria, to avoid finishing sixth. Round 15 saw SA beat ACT by 10 imps to claim top spot. Victoria beat Queensland, but not by enough (another 10 imps were needed), and finished in sixth. Nevertheless, Victoria managed 4 wins, and can only improve as the majority of their team are still teenagers.

The final scores were:

SA	323.8	ACT	274.8
NSW	78.6	WA	-85.4
QLD	-298.2	VIC	-317.1

The first 10 boards of the final were atypically flat. SA won the set 17 imps to 2, 9 imps of which came from a doubled game making with an overtrick. This gave SA a lead of 20 imps, including a 5-imp carry-over. However, the second 10-board set could not have been more different. Only 8 boards were scored, as one table were not able to finish all boards in time. 68 imps were swung (an average of 8.5 imps per board), and when the dust settled, SA had gained another 8 imps to lead by 28. The boards included a slam swing, a vulnerable double partscore and two game contracts going four light. SA was unlucky that one table had not finished all 10 hands, as the 2 boards missed out could have picked up another 20 imps. The first was +500 on a partscore hand, and the second was taking off a vulnerable game which could have been made. The penultimate 10-board round saw ACT claw back 16 of the 28-imp lead. The largest swing occurred in a 5♦ contract with various possible lines. The ACT declarer guessed correctly, to gain 13 imps.

The first board of the final set was perhaps the most exciting of the whole tournament:

Dealer: N	<b>North</b>		
Vul: Nil	♠ QJ962		
	♥ QJ53		
	♦ KQ10		
	♣ 2		
	<b>West</b>		<b>East</b>
	♠ —		♠ A10854
	♥ 109762		♥ AK8
	♦ 2		♦ 543
	♣ AK107654		♣ QJ
	<b>South</b>		
	♠ K73		
	♥ 4		
	♦ AJ9876		
	♣ 983		

West	North	East	South
<i>Williams</i>	<i>Geromboux</i>	<i>Deaton</i>	<i>Ware</i>
—	1♠	1NT	3♦ <sup>1</sup>
6♣	Pass	Pass	6♦
X	All Pass		

1. Fit showing

West	North	East	South
<i>Abraham</i>	<i>Porter</i>	<i>McGowan</i>	<i>Lasocki</i>
—	1♠	Pass	1NT <sup>1</sup>
4♣	Pass	5♣	X

All Pass

1. 1♠ opening can be 4/4 in spades and a minor with 11-13 balanced

Deaton-Williams only gained +500 against 6♦X, because East tried to give West a ruff in hearts rather than spades. In 5♣X, Abraham had to negotiate the heart suit for one loser. Porter, not knowing of West's crazy distribution, pitched a heart on the third trump, so Mark was never put to the test and ACT scored +550. Surprisingly, the board only produced a 2-imp swing, but ACT started chewing away SA's lead, and with two boards to go were 5 imps ahead.

Board 399 of 400 in the ANC youth teams was the deciding board of the tournament:

Dealer: N	<b>North</b>		
Vul: EW	♠ 10853		
	♥ 5		
	♦ AJ105		
	♣ J983		
	<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>	
	♠ Q62	♠ AK974	
	♥ KJ63	♥ AQ102	
	♦ 9863	♦ 742	
	♣ A5	♣ 4	
	<b>South</b>		
	♠ J		
	♥ 9874		
	♦ KQ		
	♣ KQ10762		

West	North	East	South
<i>Williams</i>	<i>Geromboux</i>	<i>Deaton</i>	<i>Ware</i>
—	Pass	1♠	3♣
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Abraham</i>	<i>Porter</i>	<i>McGowan</i>	<i>Lasocki</i>
—	Pass	1♦ <sup>1</sup>	3♣
3♥	5♣	X	All Pass

1. 4+ hearts, may have any longer suit

Porter made an exceptional bid on the hand. With spades not bid, the singleton spade in the south hand could not have been expected. Against 5♣X, Abraham lead ace and another club, allowing south to pitch a heart and spade loser on the diamonds. This gave +750 to go with +620 at the other table, and 16 imps back to South Australia. Even if Abraham had taken the contract one-off, it would still have been 9 imps to SA.

The final board was played in 6♥ at both tables. ACT gained an imp because the SA declarer took a safety play. It was not enough, however, and South Australia became the winners of the 2003 Youth ANC by 10 imps.

Phil Gue, the manager of all four SA teams, commended the youth team on our excellent team spirit. For this very reason, I enjoyed this ANC most of the six I have attended. William Jenner-O'Shea organized a personalized hat and pair of thongs for each youth team member, and polo shirts were provided by the SABF. All our opponents were a pleasure to play against, with not a single unpleasant word throughout the entire tournament. Pam Nunn and her convening team organized a fantastic venue, and Darwin was a dream for all of us from the southern states. I thoroughly look forward to next year's event in Melbourne.

## The World Junior Teams

Italy defeated Denmark in the final of the World Junior Teams in St. Cloud, Paris. Denmark completed the round-robin in first place.

USA 2 defeated Poland in the play-off for 3rd position.

Australia found the going tough in this event and spent much of the time in 15th place. Some improvement by the Aussies combined with a dramatic fade-out by Chile in the final three rounds provided enough relief for our team to finish 14th out of 16 teams.