



# BFACT News



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## From the President:

Hi all – Congratulations to all the winners of the selection events for teams/pairs to represent ACT at the Australian National Bridge Championships in Sydney in July and August. Results for all BFACT events run this month are further on in this Newsletter. They are also available at the Canberra Bridge Club Home Page, under Results – Selection events.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the women pairs who agreed to participate in the Women’s Butler Pairs, which this year is being run as a separate event from the Open Butler Pairs. The winning pairs from each event will receive direct entry to Stage II of the Women’s or Open Butler Pairs at the Australian National Bridge Championships.

I’m pleased to be able to tell you that responses to Griff Ware and his Committee in raising interest in Youth Bridge in the ACT have been very pleasing. Griff and Mark Abraham, with support from all ACT Youth players, have rekindled the ANU Bridge Club with pleasing participation from ANU students.

Marist College Pearce have a regular time set aside for students wishing to learn about bridge. Val Hopwood is assisting Frank O’Shea at this location. Alfred Deakin High School is starting a group in the coming term with Daniel Boileau, Teacher (at Deakin) and Bridge Player.

From Friday, 29th April there will be a session from 4.00pm to 5.30pm at the CBC. Flyers advertising this venture have been sent to a number of nearby schools and attached later in this News. I will be looking after this group with the assistance of several other members who have offered to help. These sessions are suitable for all high

school and college students, no matter how much or how little experience of bridge they have. The aim is to have some fun learning and playing. So if you know of anyone who would be interested please let them know when and where.

On Saturday 18th June Richard Longmore, has agreed to compere a Trivia Night (see attached flyer) to raise funds for Griff Ware, Daniel Geromboux and Mark Porter who are members of the Australian Youth Team representing Australia in the Pacific & Asia Bridge Federation Championships in Korea in late June and the World Youth Championships in Sydney in August. Thanks to all the members and friends who are assisting in the project.

The 1st day of the Interclub Teams Championships (Restricted and Seniors) was Saturday 9 April, and was voted a great success by the following Clubs who participated. Canberra Bridge Club (R & S); Capital Bridge Club (R & S); Goulburn Bridge Club (S); Monaro Bridge Club (R & S); Sapphire Coast Bridge Club (R & S); South Canberra Bridge Club (R & S); The Valley Bridge Club (R &S); and Tumbarumba Bridge Club (R). Thanks from all the participants and BFACT to David Hoffman who once more convened, directed and managed a great day.

Happy bridging.

Val Mitchell, President.



## Contact Details:

You can contact me, the editor, via e-mail [bfactnews@dpotech.net](mailto:bfactnews@dpotech.net) or you can leave me something at the CBC.



### Upcoming Events:

Club Level Directors Course – 8 May at the Southern Cross Club, Phillip.

ANC Open Pairs Selection – 16, 23, 30 May plus 6 June at the CBC.

Interclub Teams – Round 2 – 18 June at the Yamba Sports Club, Phillip (hosted by the South Canberra Bridge Club).

BFACT Simultaneous Pairs – Week beginning 20 June.

Interclub Teams – Round 3 – 24 September. Venue TBA.



### Results:

The Open, Women's and Senior's team selection events have been completed. The top three teams from each event will be invited to form the team. The final teams will be ratified by the BFACT Council, once players have declared their availability, and a Captain chosen. For the moment, here are the top three pairs from each event:

Open – 1<sup>st</sup> David Hoffman & David Wawn. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Peter Reynolds and Michael Smart. 3<sup>rd</sup> Khokan Bagchi and David Lilley.

Women's – 1<sup>st</sup> – Nola Church & Julia Hoffman, Mary Weddell & Ruth Thompson. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Adrienne Stephens and Ann Pettigrew.

Senior's – 1<sup>st</sup> – Len Dixon & George Riszko. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Pat Back & Janet Kahler. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Roger Curnow & David Hoffman.

Another selection event that has been run and won:

ANC Mixed Pairs – 1<sup>st</sup> – Denise McKinnon & Peter Reynolds. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ann Pettigrew & Brian Thorp. Sue Coleman & Richard Hills.

The Monaro Bridge Club has also run a couple of ANC pairs selection events. The winners are eligible to represent the ACT at the ANC.

Open – 1<sup>st</sup> – Loretta Percival & Judy Macpherson (with 61.5%!). 2<sup>nd</sup> – Janet Strzelecki & Dora Theunissen. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Laraine Parker & Monique Vochtelloo.

Senior's – 1<sup>st</sup> – Andrew Struik and Terry Edwards (eligible to represent the ACT at the ANC). 2<sup>nd</sup> – Joan Howard and Freda Kauflin. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Annette Agnew and Joey Herbert.

Also, the first qualifying event for the GNOT has been run, with four teams giving their pairs qualifying rights:

1<sup>st</sup> – Arjuna de Livera, Margaret Bourke, David Hoffman, Ian Thomson, Richard Brightling, David Wawn.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Bernie Waters, Denise McKinnon, Michael Smart, Peter Reynolds, David Lilley, Khokan Bagchi.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Julia Hoffman, Peter Grant, Li-Sheng Yu, Nola Church, Roger Curnow.

4<sup>th</sup> – Anne Powell, Earl Dudley, Tony Kershaw, Steve Cater,



### Interclub Teams – Round 1:

The first round of the Interclub teams has been held. The Senior's results are:

Sapphire Bridge Club – 106 VPs

South Canberra Bridge Club – 105 VPs

Canberra Bridge Club – 97 VPs

Capital Bridge Club – 97 VPs

The Valley Bridge Club – 88 VPs

Monaro Bridge Club – 70 VPs (eliminated)

Goulburn Bridge Club – 62 VPs (eliminated)

The Restricted Results are:

Canberra Bridge Club – 130 VPs

South Canberra Bridge Club – 113 VPs

The Valley Bridge Club – 99 VPs

Capital Bridge Club – 85 VPs

Sapphire Coast Bridge Club – 80 VPs

Monaro Bridge Club – 69 VPs (eliminated)

Tumbarumba Bridge Club – 46 VPs (eliminated)



## **2006 Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship:**

The 2006 Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship will be held along similar lines as the inaugural event in Manchester in 2002. This event will be held at the Victoria Bridge Association premises in Melbourne, 7-12 March 2006.

To date, 15 countries have indicated that they wish to attend at this stage (some are yet to respond). These are Antigua\*, Bangladesh, Barbados\*, Bermuda\*, Canada\*, England\*, Guernsey\*, Malaysia\*, Malta\*, NZ, Pakistan\*, Singapore\*, Sri Lanka\*, Uganda\* and Wales\* (countries with a \* indicate that they participated in Manchester). There will also be a team from each of the Australian States and Territories, an Australian team, an International sponsor team and two Australian sponsor teams. It is expected that 30 teams in total will participate.

Paul Hackett has agreed to organise the International Sponsor team. Barry Noble has volunteered to sponsor the event and captain one of the Australian Sponsor teams.

For more information, and to keep up with who has entered, go to <http://www.ecatsbridge.com/events/zone7/cnbc/default.asp>.

For more information about BFACT's involvement, please contact any of the BFACT councillors and keep an eye on the News!



## **Youth Bridge:**

As a result of the Youth Workshop organised by Griff Ware, a session for Secondary school students of all levels of bridge experience has been set up for each Friday afternoon from 4pm to 5:30pm at the Canberra Bridge Club. For more information, see the attached flyer.



## **Trivia Night:**

Griff Ware, Daniel Geromboux and Matt Porter have all been selected for the Australian Youth team this year. In order to help them out financially, BFACT has organised a Trivia night in June. More information is on the attached flyer. A chance to have fun and to help the youth. See you there!



## **Club Level Director's Course:**

The Club Level Director's Course is designed for two types of players. The first are those who would like to become Directors at their local club. The other is for players who simply want to better understand the rules and their rights at the table. Sean Mullamphy is an excellent teacher and one of the most experienced Directors in the country. \$15 is a bargain for a course such as this.

This course will teach you about *The Laws of Contract Bridge 1997* (the rules under which we play), the simple movements you are likely to come across in a club (such as Mitchell, Howell, Rover, etc) and how to score (how to score when the computer goes down).

I, personally, did the course in 2001 to learn about my rights and responsibilities at the table. I learnt simple things like when to call the Director, when not to call the Director, etc and found it very useful every time I have sat down to play since.

If, like me, you decide you want to be a Director, you can take home the exam to complete for an additional \$10. Sean will mark it and, should you pass, you will receive a certificate stating this qualification.

Later in the year there will be a more advanced course for those interested in going further with their directing. Passing the club level exam is a pre-requisite for the next course.

See the attached flyer for more information.



# TRIVIA NIGHT

Come along and have some fun - Only one bridge question

**Fund raising night to raise money for ACT Youth Players**

Griff Ware, Daniel Geromboux & Matt Porter

They are to represent Australia at the

**Pacific/Asia Bridge Federation Titles in Korea in June 2005**

(Matt's availability to go to Korea still to be confirmed)

and

**World Youth Championships in Sydney in August 2005**

Comperer for the evening is the perspicacious

**Richard Longmore**

Convenor for the night is the efficacious

**Val Mitchell**

Place: CBC Clubrooms, 6 Duff Place, Deakin

Time: Saturday 18th June, 7.00pm for 7.30

Cost: \$50 per team (teams 2-6 people)

**Bring your own Nibbles and Drinks**

**Supper provided**

Please place acceptances with Val Mitchell by either

Phone: 6282 3322; or

E-mail: [ymitchell@netspeed.com.au](mailto:ymitchell@netspeed.com.au); or

Notice Board: fill in form at CBC rooms

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# *Club Level Director's Course*

*Learn about The Laws of Contract Bridge, simple movements and scoring from Sean Mullamphy.*

**WHEN: 10AM – 5PM SUNDAY 8 MAY**

**WHERE: PHOENIX ROOM, SOUTHERN CROSS CLUB, WODEN**

**COST: \$15 PER PERSON  
(+\$10 FOR THE EXAM) \***

**SIGN UP AT THE CANBERRA BRIDGE CLUB OR  
CONTACT VAL MITCHELL ON  
[VMITCHELL@NETSPEED.COM.AU](mailto:VMITCHELL@NETSPEED.COM.AU) OR  
6282 3322.**

\* The exam will qualify you as a Club Level Director. It is also a requirement for the Advanced course later in the year.

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# Youth Bridge

Starting **FRIDAY 29th APRIL 2005**

**4.00pm to 5.30pm**

**Canberra Bridge Club**  
**Duff Place Deakin**  
**(behind the shops)**



*Designed for Secondary Students*  
*Just turn up - its free and fun - not just a game for oldies*

For more information contact  
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