



BFACT News



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From the President:

Numerous bridge experts have written numerous polemics revealing the perfect bidding system. For some strange reason, all of these perfect bidding systems are different from each other.

But, none of these system books discuss a common problem in real life: What is the best way to recover from an earlier mistake in the auction?

Matchpoint pairs, dealer E, Vul - Nil

You, South, hold:

♠J

♥K2

♦AQT5432

♣32

The bidding has gone:

West	North	East	South
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3S	Pass	Pass	?

You, South, now count your cards, and find:

♠AJ

♥K2

♦AQT5432

♣32

So, to catch up, what call do you make now?

Answer next issue. *[The more amusing/ clever suggestions will be published along with the "correct" answer. - ed].*

Richard Hills
BFACT President



ANC Selection Events:

As reported last month, there are a lot of ANC selection events being run by BFACT in the near future. Please note that all events are held at the Canberra Bridge Club and that pre-entry is required. All events require pre-entry. Entries close one week before the first scheduled session in order to allow the format to be confirmed. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Director.

ANC Seniors' Team Selection – Saturday & Sunday 27-28 March (Friday 26 March if necessary). Entries close **17 March**.

ANC Youth Team Selection – Saturday 27 March. Entries close **20 March**.

ANC Youth Pairs Selection – Sunday 28 March. Entries close **20 March**.

Open, Women's & Seniors Butler Pairs Selections – Monday evenings April 5, 12, 19 and 26 and May 3. Entries close **29 March**.

ANC Seniors' Pair Selection – Tuesday daytime April 20 and 27. Entries close **13 April**.

ANC Women's Team Selection – Saturday & Sunday 24 & 25 April (also the evenings of Wednesdays 14 & 21 April and Friday 23 April if numbers warrant). Entries close **7 April**.

State Open Pairs and ANC Selection – Monday evenings May 10, 17, 24 and 31. Entries close **3 May**.

If you want to enter, put your name on the board at the Canberra Bridge Club, call the club (6282 2382) or e-mail Sean on manager@canberrabridgeclub.com.au.



Klinger is Coming! See back page for details!

Results from the Gold Coast:

For the first time I played in the Gold Coast Congress (the 43rd) and it was a fabulous experience! If you have never gone, I recommend you do so. There are Open, Senior's and Restricted (not yet a Life Master) fields.

I started my week with the Gold Coast Youth Individual, and that was an eye-opener! Entry was available to Under 30s (whew – I just scraped in) but only two tables competed, which was very disappointing. The event was run by Larry Moses who plans on seeking sponsorship to make the event much bigger and more exciting next year. All Under 30s should keep an eye out for this event next year – if Larry has his way (and I think he just might) it will certainly be worth the trip!

The Carinya Walk-in pairs on the first night was excellent, starting with a free drink. 209 pairs competed, with scoring done within sections. Yours truly discovered what a 5:45am flight does to her bridge...

Next came the pairs, Open, Senior's and Restricted. There were 282 Open pairs, 174 Restricted pairs and 82 Senior's pairs. The winners were:

Open – Jedrychowski & Pszczola (Pepsicola)

Open Plate – Richman & Prescott

There were also eight consolation finals.

Restricted Final – Clyne & Collins

Restricted Plate – Clark & Pollock

There were also four consolation finals.

Senior's Final – Lenard & Freeman-Green

Senior's Plate – Wakasa & Wakasa

There was also one consolation final.

The big event was the teams – 12 rounds of 14 boards. There were 124 Open teams, 48 Senior's teams and 84 Restricted teams.

The results were:

Open Winners – S. Blackstock, M. Mayer, T. Jacob, S. Henry.

Open Runners-up – S. Hans, D. Horton, M. Courtney, P. Wyer.

Senior's Winners – J. Brockwell, E. Ramshaw, D. Mortimer, D. Anderson.

Senior's Runners-up – W. Westwood, I. Mckinnon, A. Yezerki, G. Lane.

Restricted Winners – W. Lindsay, M. Lindsay, P. Penlington, B. MacArthur.

Restricted Runners-up – B. Rose, J. Rose, T. Potter, D. Potter.

There were a number of ACT players in all fields, most playing with team-mates from interstate. Want to see more results? Go to <http://www.abf.com.au/events/gcc/2004/html/docs/contsurf.htm>.



Help!

The current e-mail address list is VERY out of date. In order to update it, I plan to start with the Canberra Bridge Club e-mail list and add to it. If you are not on the Canberra Bridge Club e-mail list and would like to get the BFACT News via e-mail, please e-mail me. This way I will ensure that I have all addresses correct that I add. If you are on the Canberra Bridge Club e-mail list but your address is wrong, please e-mail me from your correct address and mention your old address. Confused? E-mail me on rplush@mac.com!



Articles Needed:

While Richard and I love writing BFACT News articles, we would occasionally like to publish someone else's article. So if you are a member of an affiliated club and would like to publicise an event, or you just have an article or question, please e-mail me so I can put your name in print.



BFACT Simultaneous Pairs:

On this occasion we had 91 pairs from 7 clubs participate in this event. The results were as follows, when scored across the field:

Overall Winners – Peter & Suzanne DONOGHUE, Bega Valley Bridge Club

Overall Second – Richard HILLS & Brian THORP, Canberra Bridge Club

Overall Third – Faye & Peter GRANT, Canberra Bridge Club

The leading places from each club were as follows:

Bega Valley – Peter & Suzanne DONOGHUE

Canberra – Richard HILLS & Brian THORP

Monaro (Cooma) – Laraine PARKER & Joyce WALKER

Cootamundra – Sherryn & Mirza DATOO

Moruya – David FAULKNER & Gary EGGINS

Sapphire Coast – John HARROD & Judy HORI

South Canberra – Ian NEILL & Ashok TULPULE

Hand of interest

Hand 6 NORTH, Dealer E, Vul: EW

♠ J3	
♥ Q32	
♦ J642	
♣ AJT5	
♠ AT	♠ 84
♥ 76	♥ AKJT985
♦ K9875	♦ T3
♣ KQ92	♣ 64
♠ KQ97652	
♥ 4	
♦ AQ	
♣ 873	

Daniel/Christy suggested that EW should only bid to 3H, over which NS find a save of 3S. I think that reflects the modern style of pre-empting on bus-tickets, which means your partner never looks to convert pre-empts to game. To those using the old rule of 3 and 2, 3H by East looks like West should convert it to 4H. The 3S bid by South over 3H only makes it better. Since you don't pre-empt over a pre-empt, the 3H bid simply tells West that there are honest points in South, so one of the minor suit aces has to be there. This makes one of the ♦K or ♣Q an honest trick, which is enough to go to 4H.

This argument can be disputed. But the key point in the hand is the statement that 4H will not make, since declarer will go for the drop in trumps with a nine card fit. This argument I strongly suggest has a flaw. With nine trumps, trying to drop the queen instead of finessing is slightly preferred on probabilities. Unless, that is, the bidding or play indicates unbalanced distributions with the opponents. When South shows 6+ spades for the 3S bid, playing North for ♥Qxx is now definitely the superior line. (Nine never?? Never say never!)

Of course it didn't help most EWs. Most NSs found 4S as a save over 4H. This goes off against best defence, however 4S usually made. EW have to lead a diamond through the AQ early, then play K or Q of clubs on the first lead up to the AJT5 of clubs.

Other comments? No one played board 31, so you probably didn't notice in the commentary that these youth players seem to think that opening 1NT with a 5 card major is now standard practice with modern Standard. I think most people playing Standard for the last 20 years would find that very non-standard. We'll see over the next few years which approach becomes accepted.

Till next time,

George Stockham – Convenor

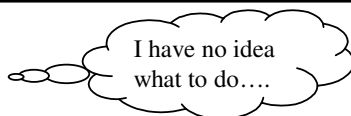
♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

BFACT and the ABF Present Ron Klinger Teaching Clinics

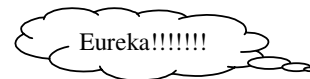
Join once again one of Australia's most successful and respected bridge players and teachers on his tour of the Canberra Region and take the opportunity to improve your skills and technique at the bridge table

Ron Klinger has played for Australia at the international level and has many State and National titles to his credit. He has also authored bridge books published both locally and overseas which cater for all standards of bridge player.

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CANBERRA

Friday 16 April 2004

Canberra Bridge Club
6 Duff Place, Deakin

1.30 pm

Winning Tips on Competitive Bidding

7.30 pm

Competing over 1NT

Contact: Sean Mullamphy
02 62822382

manager@canberrabridgeclub.com.au

MONARO

Saturday 17 April 2004

Cooma Ex-Servicemens Club
106 Vale St, Cooma

1.30 pm

Winning Leads Against Trump Contracts

Contact: Andrew Struik 02 64565079
Or Freda Kaufline 02 64521030

zastruik@snowy.net.au

COOTAMUNDRA

Sunday 18 April 2004

Cootamundra Exservicemen's and Citizens'
Club
Wallendoon St, Cootamundra

10.00 am

Winning Declarer Play: Card Reading and Inferences

1.30 pm

Winning Defence: A Switch in Time

(Note – Contact Carmel to pre-order lunch to save time & money)

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