



BFACT News



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From the President:

BFACT will be conducting the **GNOT ACT Provincial Final** on Saturday 1 November, concurrent with the ACT Open Final.

The Provincial GNOT is restricted to players with less than 300 Masterpoints and is a Gold point event. All affiliated and regional clubs have been invited to nominate a team or teams to compete for entry to the GNOT Finals in Sydney at the end of November. ACT table money will be \$100 per team. The ABF provides a small travel allowance to teams representing each region.

We would appreciate your attendance at our **Annual General Meeting** at 5 p.m. on Sunday 26 October at the Canberra Bridge Club.

Beverley Carmichael



Coming up at the Canberra Bridge Club:

Thursday Morning 10 am - 23 October
Daytime CLUB66 Playoff

Friday Evening 7.30pm - 24 October
Evening CLUB66 Playoff

If you have qualified to play in the Club66 playoffs for 2003 you can enter the Thursday Morning playoff or the Friday evening playoff. There is a winner for each of these playoffs and different boards will be played at each of the sessions. If you wish you can play in both.

Enter at the club or by contacting either Judith or Sean on 6282-2382.

INAUGURAL BRIDGE CONGRESS TUMBARUMBA

8 and 9 November

Pairs 1.30 and 7.30 Saturday

Entry fee \$25

Teams 9.30am Sunday

Entry fee \$30 (includes lunch)

Convenor:

Alison Farthing Tel. 6948 3158



SPECIAL SUNDAY TEAMS - Sunday 26 October 10am

This is the last of the Sunday Red Point Teams events for 2003.

Cost for the day is only \$12 and there will be pre-dealt boards and hand records for morning and afternoon session. Enter at the CBC or by contacting Judith or Sean on 6282-2382.

BFACT Annual General Meeting

will be held at the conclusion of the Sunday Red Point Teams

5pm at the Canberra Bridge Club, Deakin

Christmas cards

Just a note to let you know that the Combined Charities Card Shop will be opening from 7 October.

Place:
1st Floor
Canberra Museum & Gallery,
Resource Centre
Cnr London Circuit & Civic Square.

Times: Tuesday - Friday
10.00 am - 4.00 pm

There are 35 Charities who will be selling their Christmas Cards from this location including the Barnardos Women's Auxiliary which, of course, the charity that I work for.

Hope to see you there
Ciao
Val Mitchell



BRIDGE at the 9th Australian Masters Games CANBERRA, 31 October - 6 November 2003

Regrettably we have had to withdraw bridge from the Masters Games as the limited number of entries would not support viable events. An early decision on this course was necessary to allow interstate entrants to cancel travel and accommodation arrangements.



The 2003 Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Seniors World Championships will be played in Monaco in November.

www.Betfair.com

are betting on all three World Championships.

Team rosters and other information can be found at www.ecatsbridge.com

ABF events coming up:

Sydney Festival
November 13-24
Includes
Womens
Open
Grand National Teams

Accommodation is a problem because of the World Cup – so book early.

And the

Summer Festival of Bridge
January 14 – 26

Details and much more on the ABF web-site.

www.abf.com.au



More news from the Canberra Bridge Club:

Office-bearers for 2003-2004:

President: Julia Hoffman
Vice-P: Peter Grant
Secretary: Ann Pettigrew
Treasurer: Andrew Kettle
Tournament Sec: Daniel Geromboux

And check out the new, upgraded web-site (with thanks to Roger Curnow) at

www.canberrabridgeclub.com.au



Masterpoints

The ABF Masterpoint web-site is also worth a look since its upgrade (with thanks to Pauline Gumby from Sydney). See your individual points for each event for the last 12 months.

Report on Interclub Teams Championship

The 2003 Interclub Teams championships were completed on Saturday 20th September.

Congratulations to:

Seniors Interclub Champions – 2003

SAPPHIRE COAST BRIDGE CLUB

Final results

Batemans Bay Bridge Club	110
Canberra Bridge Club	115
Jamison Bridge Club	49
Monaro Bridge Club	69
Sapphire Bridge Club	125
South Canberra Bridge Club	101
The Valley Bridge Club	49

Restricted Interclub Champions – 2003

SOUTH CANBERRA BRIDGE CLUB

Final results

Canberra Bridge Club	93
Cootamundra Bridge Club	38
Jamison Bridge Club	78
Monaro Bridge Club	63
Sapphire Bridge Club	80
South Canberra Bridge Club	95

On behalf of BFACT, I would like to thank the participating clubs, whose support has continued the growth in each of the events this year. In particular I would like to thank the club organisers for their support, without which the events could not have been run.

The BFACT president, Beverly Carmichael, will be contacting you shortly about participation in the events in 2004.

This year's events raised a number of issues which will be considered for improving the events next year. In particular

- a) to assist most clubs in supporting a team in each event, I will recommend that when a club needs to participate in another town, only one of its teams will be required to travel on the designated day.
- b) rather than a complete round robin, I will recommend that matches be on a win/draw/loss basis, with clubs remaining in the event until its team has accumulated two losses or equivalent. This will mean that as the number of teams hopefully grows, the number of matches that a team can expect to play will generally be about 4 to 6. As well, this will naturally lead to the last match being between two surviving clubs, the winner to be the champion club for the year.
- c) while the early rounds will still be on designated Saturdays, I would like to schedule later rounds on a match by match basis. This will make it easier for small clubs to host matches either on their regular playing session or at the weekend, allowing a greater number of players to be made aware of the events. As well this will hopefully reduce the amount of travel required.

Comments from clubs on the above suggestions are welcome, along with any other suggestions that may lead to an improvement in the events, would be welcome by me. I can be contacted at

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or
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David Hoffman
Event coordinator

Lovely Leads, adapted by Richard from Robert Ewen's book *Opening Leads* (copies available for loan from the Canberra Bridge Club library)

Problem 1

Contract: 6♦
 You, West, hold: ♠ J763
 ♥ QT92
 ♦ K4
 ♣ 432

What is your opening lead?

Answer to Problem 1

The question is, of course, meaningless. You do not select an opening lead by merely glancing at your hand and noting the final contract. Rather, you must listen to the auction, weigh up all the clues the auction provides, and only then select a lead. Suppose that this is the auction:

North	South
2♣(1)	3♦
4♣	4♦
4NT	5♣(2)
6♦	All Pass

- (1) Artificial game force
- (2) Zero aces

South's 5♣ response to Blackwood showed no aces, so the trump ace must be with North or partner. In either case, the deceptive lead of the four of trumps – away from the doubleton king of trumps – is most unlikely to cost a trick. At the table, the lovely lead pressured declarer into a losing line:

♠ J763 ♥ QT92 ♦ K4 ♣ 432	♠ A2 ♥ 86 ♦ A95 ♣ AKQJ96	♠ QT54 ♥ AJ73 ♦ T2 ♣ T87
♠ K98 ♥ K54 ♦ QJ8763 ♣ 5		

South put up the ace of trumps, hoping that “East’s” trump king was singleton. When that failed, declarer cashed clubs, hoping to discard all of South’s heart losers. On the fourth round of clubs, East ruffed in with the ten of trumps. Declarer smiled, since now the contract was “**guaranteed**”. Declarer over-ruffed with the jack of diamonds, intending to cross to dummy with the ace of spades, then discard South’s last heart on a club. But **West** immediately over-over-ruffed with their “**non-existent**” trump king, then led a heart to partner’s ace. One off in a “**cold**” contract.

Problem 2

The bidding has gone:

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

You, West, hold: ♠ AKT6
 ♥ 2
 ♦ QJT8
 ♣ KQ85

What is your opening lead?

Answer to Problem 2

Again, listening to the auction gives a clue as to the best lead. By passing your double of 1♥, partner is promising a **very** good holding in the heart suit. You should therefore avoid those tempting honour sequences, and instead lead your singleton trump to stop the opponents scoring cheap ruffing tricks. The complete deal might be:

♠ AKT6 ♥ 2 ♦ QJT8 ♣ KQ85	♠ 87432 ♥ 763 ♦ K2 ♣ 743	♠ QJ5 ♥ KQJT9 ♦ 953 ♣ 62
♠ 9 ♥ A854 ♦ A764 ♣ AJT9		