



BFACT News



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From the President:

Hi all – My trip to Hong Kong and Cambodia was magnificent – such a beautiful country with beautiful people. Didn't find any bridge players there but hopefully it will be part of their culture one day!

The Australian National Championships (ANC) are over for another year. It was good to see that we were well represented in a very competitive atmosphere in all events at the ANC. Special congratulations to our Youth Team who are now the Australian Champions. A result summary can be found later in the News.

At the conclusion of the ANC a Youth Triathlon was played as a warm-up to the World Youth Championships – results later in this News.

Currently, Griff Ware, Daniel Gerombeaux and Matt Porter are members of the Australian Youth Team playing in the World Youth Championship being contested in Sydney as I write and we wish them good luck to go with their undoubted skills in their efforts in this event.

The ANC activities brought a break in our Youth bridge sessions, however they start again today (12 August) with the assistance of Gary Rippon, Peter Andersson and myself. Youth Bridge continues at Marist Brothers, and the ANU Bridge Club. If you know of any young people who may be interested please ask them to contact me either by phone – 62823322 or vmitchell@netspeed.com.au

Thanks to all who came along and supported the fundraising Trivia Night. Initially our goal was to provide some extra funds for Griff Ware, Daniel Geromboux and Matt Porter, the ACT members of the Australian Youth Team, who came 2nd at the Pacific & Asia Bridge Championships in Seoul in July. However, the money raised was

beyond our expectations – \$1655.00 which will allow us to do other things to support and encourage Youth Bridge in our region.

A **BIG** thanks to our wonderful compere of the night – Richard Longmore – more generally known as 'The Snakeman'. He earned the admiration of all present for the questions that he had prepared and his geniality to all throughout the night. He was also the generous donator of the 1997 bottle of Grange which was 1st prize in the raffle which raised \$900 and was won by Penny Wild. Our thanks to our other supporters who provided prizes for the night; Janet Kahler of Readers Rendezvous; Jessica Gross, Griffith Massage Centre; Cornucopia Bakery; and the Canberra Bridge Club. Our thanks also to Richard's helpers –Denise Gobes, Tony Kershaw, Steve Carter, Griff Ware – and all those who helped to put the playing area back together at the end of the night.

Happy bridging in 2005

Val Mitchell

President - BFACT



Daniel Geromboux and Griff Ware in Seoul – before they started play in the PABF! While in Seoul, the boys played in a FOUR person team with Matt Porter and Gabby Feiler for a week – and they finished 2nd. More details on the PABF later.



June 2005 BFACT Simultaneous Pairs:

On this occasion we had 100 pairs from 8 clubs participating in this event. The results were as follows:

Overall Winners – Margot & Peter Brennan (Monaro Bridge Club)

Overall Second – Sherryn & Mirza Datto (Cootamundra Bridge Club)

Overall Third – Anne Murray & Barry Runnstrom (Canberra Bridge Club)

The leading places from each club were:

BEGA VALLEY – Hazel Adamson & Suzanne Donoghue

CANBERRA – Anne Murray & Barry Runnstrom

COOTAMUNDRA – Sherryn & Mirza Datto

MORUYA – Chris Fader & Richard Bodell

MONARO (Cooma) – Margot & Peter Brennan

SAPPHIRE COAST – Graham Pollard & John Booth

SOUTH CANBERRA – Hashmat Ali & Richard Hills

TUMBARUMBA – Austin & Margaret Greenhalgh

This event was scored using the immediate percentage scoring method, as used in the EPSON pairs for many years. I think I can safely say that this won't be used again, as roughly half the clubs reported that it was highly disliked.

Hand of interest

Bega reported not agreeing with the commentary on the following hand.

The NS hands are worth 6♥ or 6♦ because of the value of the two singletons. But how do you bid slam if West interferes with a weak 2 suiter pre-empt bid? The commentator didn't answer that because those types of pre-empt bids are unpopular in the US.

Board: 12: NS Vulnerable, Dealer: West

♠AQ862	
♥A983	
♦KJT	
♣3	
♠KT953	♠J4
♥7	♥KT42
♦6	♦9875
♣QJ8652	♣K74
	♠7
	♥QJ65
	♦AQ432
	♣AT9

Say that West opens 2♠, showing spades and a minor. Then North should pass (not quite strong enough, values in the wrong suit). East bids 3♣ (pass or correct to 3♦). South passes, fearing that West may have 5 diamonds. West passes to agree clubs. Now North can move, with the EW shape largely clarified, and doubles to show an opening hand with interest in the red suits. South jumps to 4♥ to show game values. If South could jump, North's hand now looks better than a minimum opening hand (with the singleton in one enemy suit), and slam is (barely) possible, so North puts in a cue bid of 4♠. Similarly, South was going to settle for game, but if North can cue-bid, South can go on. 6♥ is reached by either Blackwood or further cue-bidding, as per partnership agreements.

In the play, you have to ruff only one club, and pitch the other club loser on the ♠Q. That gives you enough control of the hand, when you find the bad heart break, to hold heart losers to one. The opening 2♠ bid warns you that the hearts could break badly, and that the ♥K is probably with East and the ♠K is with West.

Bidding and making 6♦ is also possible, if South bids 3♦ initially. Again, the key is to plan on a bad trump break and ruff only one club.

Till next time.

George Stockham – Convener

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PABF Results:

As mentioned earlier on, the 43rd PABF Championships were held in Seoul, Korea for the first time. Australia had a team in each category, Open, Women, Seniors and Youth, and all teams did well! Here is a summary of the results:

Open Team – I. del Monte (NPC), B. Neill, R. Klinger, G. Gaspar, R. Richman, Z. Nagy, S. Hinge. Result – 3rd (behind China and Chinese Taipei).

Women – D. Weston (NPC), E. Havas, C. Feitslsen, A. Clark, J. Hay, L. Stern, D. Neumann. Result – 4th (behind China, Japan and Indonesia).

Seniors – G. Schmidt (NPC), A. Walsh, N. McDonald, E. Griffin, P. Lavings, R. Krochmalik. Result – 2nd (behind Japan Yamada).

Youth – J. Roberts (NPC), D. Geromboux, G. Ware, M. Porter, G. Feiler. Result – 2nd (behind Japan).

For detailed results, visit http://kcbl.org/pabf2005/main_pabf_res.htm



ANC Results:

The ANC has been run and won! Here is a summary of the results for the ACT Reps:

Teams

Open – A. de Livera (NPC), K. Bagchi, D. Lilley, D. Hoffman, D. Wawn, P. Reynolds, M. Smart. Result – 2nd (defeated by NSW in the final 143-107).

Women – P. Grant (NPC), N. Church, J. Hoffman, M. Weddell, R. Thomson, A. Pettigrew, A. Stephens – 4th (QLD defeated NSW in the final 130-127).

Seniors – P. Grant (NPC), L. Dixon, G. Riszko, J. Kahler, P. Back, A. Farthing, B. Carmichael – 6th (NSW defeated WA in the final 155-109).

Youth – M. Abraham (NPC), G. Ware, N. Griffiths, C. Bridgland, D. Geromboux, A. Lightfoot, M. de Livera – 1st (defeated SA in the final 149-56).

Pairs

Open – M. Abraham & A. de Livera – 6th; S. Carter & R. Roworth – 11th, H. Lee & T. Marker – 14th. Winner was A. Simpson & T. Antoff.

Women – J. Hoffman & N. Chuch – 5th, P. Back & J. Kahler – 6th, A. Pettigrew & A. Stephens – 19th. Winner was J. Rockas & J. Marks.

Seniors – A. Struik & B. Thorp – 1st! A. Marinos & G. Danta – 6th, L. Dixon & G. Riszko – 8th.

Youth – G. Ware & N. Griffiths – 2nd, D. Geromboux & C. Bridgland – 7th, A. Lightfoot & M. de Livera – 10th. Winner was A. & N. Edgton – who may be the youngest winners ever!

Mixed – D. McKinnon & P. Reynolds – 5th, B. & B. Crossman – 7th, S. Coleman & R. Hills – 8th. Winner was C. Molloy & P. Gill.

Butler

Open – Our Stage II reps, A. de Livera & I. Robinson made it to Stage III and finished 5th. The winners were B. Neill & R. Klinger.

Women – Our Stage II reps, B. Clark & J. Maher finished 13th in Stage II. The winners overall were S. Lusk & T. Tully.

Seniors – The winners were E. Ramshaw & our very own M. Bourke!

There were many other BFACT players

For all the results, visit the ABF website and follow the links www.abf.com.au and follow the links.



Apology & Plea:

I apologise for the long wait between Newses – time defeated me in July! The next one will be due by end September (now moving to bi-monthly publication).

If your club has any upcoming events it wants to advertise, please send me some info or an article. If you want to tell a story of great triumph (or disaster), bridge related of course, then let me know! My e-mail address is bfactnews@dpotech.net.



Youth Triathlon:

As a warm-up to the World Youth Championships, a Youth triathlon was held in Sydney. It consists of a teams event, a pairs event and an individual event – the winner is the person who gets the highest score in aggregate across all three events (they must be eligible to play in the 2006 Youth Butler as well). Here is a result summary:

Teams:

- 1st: E. Eide, P. Eide, E. Lindqvist, A. Livgaard
2nd: N. Griffiths, J. Howard, A. Morris, L. Stevenson
3rd: A. Edgton, N. Edgton, H. Kippe, J. Ringseth
4th: A. Newman, F. Rew, N. Rodwell, M. Whibley

Pairs:

- 1st: A. Morcombe – C. Bridgland
2nd: J. Williams – D. Krochmalik
3rd: A. Newman – N. Rodwell
4th: A. Edgton – N. Edgton

Individual:

- 1st: P. Wilsmore
2nd: N. Edgton
3rd: D. Czarnik
4th: L. Stevenson

Outright:

- 1st: N. Edgton
2nd: N. Griffiths
3rd: A. Edgton
4th: L. Stevenson

Best Aggregate by a pair eligible to compete in the 2006 Youth Butler – A. & N. Edgton.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.abf.com.au/youth/events/triathlon/index.html>



World Youth Championships:

The 10th World Youth Team Championships is currently underway at Sydney Olympic Park. There are 18 teams – USA1, USA2, France, Canada, Brazil, Poland, Israel, China Hong Kong, Norway, Pakistan, Chile, England, Japan, New Zealand, Hungary, Egypt, Chinese Taipei and Australia.

The first stage is a qualifying round-robin, where each team plays each other team in a

20 board match. The top four teams then play-off in a 64-board semi-final. The winners then proceed to a 96-board final to determine 1st and 2nd. The other teams play a 64-board match to determine 3rd and 4th place. For teams that fail to qualify for the semi-finals, a Swiss Pairs event will be run. This event is open to other Youth players as well as the competing teams.

At the time of print, the Australian team of D. Geromboux, G. Ware, M. Porter, G. Feiler, J. Williams, D. Krochmalik and J. Roberts (NPC), finished 7th, missing out on the semi-final. They had 8 wins and 1 draw. Interestingly, two of the wins were against USA1 and Canada who are playing each other in one of the semi-finals. The other semi-final is France v Poland.

To see the results and other information, go to:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/tourn/Sydney.05/Sydney.htm>

On Saturday 13 August, the teams had a chance to relax and to see some of Australia's wildlife and Sydney attractions. During the day, a visit to the Koala Park was organised. At night, a dinner cruise. Those who did not go to the cruise would've had the opportunity to see Telstra Stadium host an Australia v New Zealand rugby union match (the stadium is right next door to the hotel in which the bridge is being played).



Summer Festival 2006:

Brochures and entry forms for the 2006 Summer Festival of Bridge are now available on the ABF website and at a bridge club near you. Early entries are encouraged – it makes it much easier on the organisers! In upcoming editions, I will repeat some information about the events, similar to what I did last year. If you have any questions, please send me an e-mail or leave me a note at the CBC.



South Canberra Bridge Congress:

See www.southcanberrabc.org for details.

