

Bulletin 13

ANC TEAMS - FINAL STANDINGS

<u>OPEN</u>			<u>WOMEN</u>		
1	NSW	403.8	1	NSW	234.5
2	WA	206.1	2	QLD	89.5
3	VIC	117.2	3	VIC	39.4
4	SA	44.4	4	WA	13.6
5	ACT	7.0	5	ACT	-28.6
6	QLD	-43.0	6	NT	-84.9
7	TAS	-319.1	7	TAS	-121.6
8	NT	-430.3	8	SA	-148.6
<u>SENIOR</u>			<u>YOUTH</u>		
1	SA	231.2	1	VIC	197.6
2	VIC	226.2	2	NSW	186.7
3	ACT	182.3	3	SA	145.6
4	WA	77.2	4	TAS	4.5
5	QLD	-58.0	5	WA	-226.8
6	NSW	-77.2	6	ACT	-363.7
7	NT	-278.2			
8	TAS	-315.2			

FINAL AFTER 30 BOARDS

<u>OPEN</u>		<u>WOMEN</u>		<u>SENIOR</u>	
WA	97	NSW (carry fwd 14)	93	VIC	88
NSW (Carry fwd 20)	63	QLD	49	SA (carry fwd nil)	66

PIPPED AT THE POST

by Hilda Lirsch

March 12th Board 16

Against a 3NT contract, partner leads the hearts six, dummy holds Q85 hearts and plays low. Your heart holding is 93 doubleton, so you routinely play the nine and have routinely dropped a trick.

The complete heart suit

Q 85
AJ76 93
K1042

After playing the nine, declarer can win the 10, then finesse the eight for three heart tricks. Ducking with the three restricts declarer's heart trick to two.

MUNTZ MUNCHES TARTS

Board 13 Dir N All Vul .

1063

A954

8754

87

942

J87

103

KQ762

J1062

Q

AQ106

KJ95

AKQ5

J8

AK93

432

Over in the Senior Teams, evergreen Victor Muntz offered declarer the dreaded ruff and sluff in the final round robin match.

East had shown 5-4 hearts and Clubs (or possibly 6-3) and the contract became 2H.

Tricks 1 to 4 were won by SK, SA, DK and SQ.

Now Victor led the last spade on which North pitched a club. Whichever hand declarer took the ruff in, he could not avoid the loss of two trump tricks. In the event declarer drifted 2 off.

Victor Muntz's team won the double round robin and were leading the final against SA after 20 of the 60 board final.

Contributed by Evening Scribbler

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CONGRESS RESULTS

SOUTH PERTH BRIDGE CLUB PAIRS

- 1st** Milton Miller & Christa Nimmo
2nd Charlie & Lily Lim
3rd Shizue Futaesaku and Pattie McNamara

ANC PLANTAGENET WINES PAIRS

- 1st** Charlie & Helen Snashall
2nd Ian Bailey & Marisa Brion, Paul Sherman & Ellie Urbach

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WIMPS & CHIMPS by Jim Borin

Comparing your performance against the datums does not tell the real story of your performance. I suggest a more meaningful measure is to consider the points you have thrown out of the window in two categories WIMPS and CHIMPS. WIMPS are the imps you miss out on through being 'wussy' and negative. CHIMPS are the actual or potential 'chucks' when a questionable action converts a big gain into a loss – snatching defeat from the jaws of victory.

This hand is from Victoria's second round-robin match against ACT.

Deal 14, Session 8. Dealer East Nil Vul

	Q98 7 985 AJ6543		
K3 KQ6 K2 KQ10872		AJ104 10852 QJ43 9	
	7652 AJ943 A1076 void		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		Pass	1H (10-14, 4+H)
2C	Pass	Pass	Dble
Redble	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Dble	All Pass	

Having opened on a 9-count I was somewhat reluctant to re-open with a double but with two aces I figured that if partner passed with the likely club stack we had good defensive prospects. However when West redoubled the stakes were much higher and not fancying –560 I retreated to 2D. I remember thinking at the time that this was demonstrating a rather pathetic lack of courage and confidence.

Given our light opening system, my partner Bobby Richman would not have passed the redouble unless he had at least four tricks in his hand. With the aid of two heart ruffs, 2C redoubled would have been one down for +200. Since the datum was –190 that was 9 WIMPS to be debited to my account.

At this point the CHIMP factor came into the equation. I soon found myself on lead against 3NT doubled, which given the favourable spade position, looks likely to make. I started with my fourth best diamond, which was taken by the Jack, and declarer then ran the C9 to the Jack. I won the diamond return with the ace (ducking works only if North gets in with the CA) and another diamond lost to the Queen. Declarer now played a heart to the queen and, knowing North had only black cards, called for the CK. Richman won and this was the position when he exited with the S8.

	NORTH	
	Q98	
	-	
	-	
	654	
WEST		EAST
K3		AJ104
K6		108
----		----
Q10		----
	SOUTH	
	7652	
	A	
	7	

Needing five of the remaining tricks declarer's problem with the spade suit was that for my opening bid, I probably had the Queen. Accordingly he allowed the 8 to run to dummy's King and cashed the clubs on which I pitched two spades.

When a spade to the Ace failed to drop my supposed Q the contract was 1 down. I was fortunate that East was good enough to spot the losing option. Although we gained on the deal I was clearly guilty of a 'chuck' and should be charged 13 CHIMPS for the potential net -750 for converting 2Cxx down 1 to 3NT doubled making.

One big advantage of WIMPS and CHIMPS assessment is that computers are not needed. You will find your partner only too obliging to do the calculation.

JIM BORIN

Suspensor

Sounds like a piece of clothing?

Wrong. . . it's the name of a Polish bridge system which Tony Nunn and Michael Wilkinson of the NSW Youth Team are playing.

Are you curious? Read on. . .

Suspensor is a member of the Forcing Pass family of systems.

1D = the Fert (0-7 pts) any shape

1H = 0-2 or 6+ hearts 8-12 points

1S = ditto but focused on spades

1C = 8-12 and between 3 and 5 cards in each major

1NT = the rarest bid in the system showing 5 major and 4 minor 8-12 pts -not 6-5 or 5440 or 3 of other major !!

2C = 4 H and a longer minor

2D = 4S and a longer minor
Pass = 13+ any shape (the bidding continues mostly with artificial relays)
2H,2S,2NT = RCO multi twos, 5+/5+ shape
3 bids = "normal" pre-empts or is that an oxymoron ?

Don't you wish you were playing against them?

PBJ

TALES FROM THE YOUTH (**PBJ**)

Later.....I decided to watch a hand or two of Suspensor in action in Session 14.

WA youth were playing NSW Youth and Simon Brayshaw sat East (so he could sit over Tony Nunn?) and Greg Dupont sat West. Michael Wilkinson sat South. I only watched a few boards as other duties were banking up. See if you recognise these hands.

Board 20 All Vul Dlr West

Tony Nunn

Q2

J2

10432

KJ852

Greg Dupont

J973

K876

QJ5

Q6

Simon Brayshaw

AK84

3

A986

A943

Michael Wilkinson

1065

AQ10954

K7

107

West passed, N opens a Suspensor 1D ("Fert") and East bids 1S. South bids 2H, West 2S and now East has a *long think* and bids 3S over which Greg Dupont bids the fourth spade and everybody passes.

The mood at this table seemed to be quite light hearted as evidenced by the ensuing banter. Tony to Simon "I suppose you 3S was invitational!"

Simon replied (with a broad smile) "No it was intended as pre-emptive"

Greg Dupont joined in with "Well I thought it was game forcing!!"

Opening lead is spade 5,3,Q,Ace. H3 is led and South grabs the Ace to exit a spade. Brayshaw draws the last trump and ran DQ losing. Wilkinson got out with C10, Q, K, Ace. Now a diamond to the J and a club off the table found Tony Nunn putting the Jack up and Simon Brayshaw now claimed his contract.

Board 21 saw another Tony Nunn Suspensor 1D opening which led to 2S by South making 8 tricks.

Board 22 saw Brayshaw open 1NT and, as you would expect in the youth, moments later he was in 4H after 2D Transfer, then 2S (not game forcing). When dummy came down N, E and South all chastised DuPont for bidding such an anaemic spade suit !

Board 22 Dir E E/W vul

Q86

QJ

9842

QJ95

7532

K8652

K10

A10

AJ10

A107

A75

7432

K94

943

QJ63

K86

Brayshaw picked the hearts and lost just a club and a spade for +650. Easy game this bridge . . .

Board 23 saw Wilkinson open 1D (again) and some bids later Brayshaw was in 4H and he escaped for minus one although it looked like minus 3 or 4 at one stage until the defence wandered.

Board 24 saw the fourth 1D Suspensor opening in five boards (!) with Wilkinson's 1D opening as South passed around to Brayshaw who doubled and soon after (there are few delays in youth bridge) he was in 3NT going down one on a spade lead losing three spades, 1D and one heart.

I had other tasks and excused myself. In the wash up NSW had won the 24 board match by 30 imps. I was told. Suspensor had some triumphs (?) in the last third of the match.

P Jamieson



Active Ethics in New Zealand

The first week of July 1999 saw the New Zealand Contract Bridge Association running their 14th National Congress in Hamilton.

Ex-Patriot Kiwis, Stephen Burgess and Paul Marston were strongly contending in the Pairs Championship. Burgess was in 4 spades and made 11 tricks on a squeeze for a fine score. They were running second behind Ishmael Del'Monte and Ashley Bach.

The NZCBA Daily Bulletin editor, Alan Taylor, decided to write up the hand in the Monday July 5 issue and researched the hand by looking up the score slips. An error was detected in that the opponents had scored this hand up as making 12 tricks.

Informed of the discovery Paul and Stephen informed CTD Arie Geursen that there had been scoring error which they wanted correcting. This was several hours after the hand had been scored. The amended score reduced their score slightly.

Active Ethics in action !

So who won the Pairs Championship you ask ?

It is quite a story and we have decided to repeat the details that were printed in the NZCBA Daily Bulletin.

Alan Taylor writes:

“Okay, you’ve heard the rumours and no doubt the bar room experts have had their say. But this is what happened and why (at least in my understanding) “

“ The Pairs Final finishers and Ashley Bach and Ishmael Del’Monte are announced as winners. A popular result in my reading of the mood of the Congress. Ash and Ish have knocked on the door for about ten years now without success. Finally they have done it. Their manner at the table and in social situations has matured and their victory was warmly approved.”

“After dinner, Ish checks his personal score sheet and finds that a board has been mis-scored in their favour. Instead of -120 it has been recorded as +120. Ish goes straight to Chief Director Arie Geursen and tells him.

Arie checks the facts and finds it to be a scoring error. A re-score sees Marston-Burgess on top.

Arie has to consider the Law and conditions of contest. There is no doubt that had Paul or Stephen brought a scoring error which reversed the result at the time Ish brought his, then it would have been ruled out of time.

After much soul searching Arie decides that the regulations are quite clear and the scores had become final some time earlier. Therefore Ish and Ash are the LEGAL winners.

They are totally distraught and find this totally unpalatable as they believe that morally they have lost.

Meanwhile Stephen and Paul are out to dinner and cannot be informed as to what has happened. Arie consults with the organising committee. Eventually Paul and Stephen return and the facts are laid out for them.

The players are informed that in view of all the factors, the two pairs will be joint winners. This was graciously accepted by all four players. Paul and Stephen make a point of congratulating Ishmael and Ashley on their honesty - a point that could also be made about Paul and Stephen. Is this the first time that both the second and first placed pairs in an event have drawn attention to errors which counted against themselves ?

That’s Active Ethics ! “

So the final result was :

- =1 Del ‘Monte - Bach
- =1 Burgess -Marten
- 3 P Newell - M Reid
- 4 N Li - J Liu
- 5 D Ackerley - Smith

Jan Cormack & Stephen Lester ran 6th and Bob Richman and George Gaspar came 9th.

The New Zealand Teams championship was won by Mike Cornell, Dwayne Crombie, Tom Jacob, Brian Mace, Peter Newell and Martin Reid.

Losing the final by just 9 imps were:
David Ackerley, Ashley Bach,
Ishmael Del'Monte and Scott Smith.

GRAND SLAM IN FINALS!

Board 9 in the first 10 board stanza offered a bidding challenge.

Dir. N E/W Vul

	KJ92	
	KQ8542	
	5	
	74	
A		Q7653
J9		A
AKQ9		J10642
KQ9532		AJ
	1084	
	10763	
	873	
	1086	

In the Open Final, Seamus Browne opened 1H on the North hand (Seamus & Ishmael's system is virtually identical with that used by Bob Richman-Ishmael Del'Monte).

Ron Cooper (East) overcalled 1 spade, Ish passed and Henry Christie bid 2C on the big West hand. With N/S passing thereafter the bidding continued. Cooper rebid 2D and over Christie's 2H bid 3D showing his 5-5 pattern. Christie launched into Roman Key card Blackwood and signed off in 7D!

This was a big pick up for WA as in the closed room Kanetkar and Thomson for NSW stopped in 5C.

Interestingly in the Women's final and the Senior's finals, all four East -West pairs played in game.

Peter Jamieson



Goodbye

This is the final issue in hard copy of this Daily Bulletin. Issue #14 will be brief and available only on the BAWA web site.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way to the 1999 ANC Bulletin. If your name is missing from the list on page 2 please accept my sincere apologies.

Thank you in particular to Sue Surman, Hilary Yovich and Ann Ohlsen without whom this Bulletin would not have been produced.

**Peter Jamieson
Editor**

One Last Hand!

Board 1 of the third 10 board set of the Finals.

Dlr N	Nil Vul
	QJ952
	52
	KQ52
	73
K1083	6
K	AQ109763
A1096	874
A952	64
	A74
	J84
	J3
	KQJ108

During a group post mortem just after this set, a distinguished Open player postulated that 4H could not make. Candice Feitelson of the NSW Women's Team demurred and pointed out: Best defence is KC led and ducked. Then JD switch, also ducked. Then win diamond continuation with Ace.

Do not touch trumps. Spade ace must be onside to make. Ruff a club to hand and now play the S6 planning to go up with the K but South will grab the ace and . . . its all over, as the losing diamond in declarers hand is discarded on the SK. . . .NOW do the trumps.

Peter Jamieson

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOUR HELP

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