

# ANC Bulletin – Canberra 2001

No 1 Friday 13th July (& Saturday)

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## Welcome to Canberra

*Julia Hoffman, Convener*

After a lot of preparation involving a lot of people, a lot of work and, mercifully, plenty of laughs it's "play time".

Every bridge tournament brings innovations. At ANC 2001 we have a new event – the Restricted Butler Pairs Championship – an event for those with less than 300 masterpoints with ABF medallions and gold Masterpoints on offer.

## ABF events

Exact times to be confirmed!

### Stage 1 (Open & Women's)

Fri 13th 7pm  
Sat 10am, 1.30, 7.30  
Sun 10am, 1.30

### Wallabies vs Lions

Sat 7pm

### Stage 2 (& Seniors' A)

Sun 8pm  
Mon 10am, 1.30, 8pm  
Tue 10am, 1.30

### Stage 3 (& Seniors' B)

Wed 11am, 1.30, 7.30  
Thur 11am, 1.30, 7.30  
Fri 11am, 1.30

### Restricted Butler

Wed - Fri 1.30

### Butler Presentation

Fri at 6pm in the Menzies Room.  
Also interstate welcome.

### Pairs (all 5 categories)

Sat 21st 1.30 & 7.30

### ANC teams (4 categories)

Sun - Wed 10.30, 2.30, 8pm  
Thur 10.30, 2.30

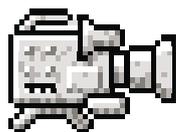
### ANC finals

Thur 8 pm  
Fri 27th 10 am, 1.30  
(Vugraph at 2.30)

**Victory Dinner – Fri at 7pm**  
at Great Hall, Uni House, ANU

Modern technology is to be thanked for two other innovations. All interstate team representatives will be only too aware of the introduction of system circulation via the ABF's website. In years to come it will be hard to imagine there was ever any other method. I would like to thank Catherine Cummings for her assistance with the introduction of this feature.

The other technological innovation is the introduction of "Bridge Cam". From Stage II onwards a selected match will be transmitted through the hotel's video system to all the



guest rooms at the Chifley. This facility will also be available to those not staying in house as a television will be set up in the restaurant. The bidding, play and the full hand will be seen but there will be no commentary – an alternative name for this could be "Mute VuGraph". Mark Abraham, David Hoffman and Henry Hudson (Professional Computing) are to be thanked for what should add an extra dimension to ANC 2001.

Along with these innovations, I hope we will all enjoy the traditional ANC values of enjoyable bridge played in a spirit of healthy interstate rivalry reinforced by some serious socialising.

I wish everyone good bridging and good luck.

### Venue - Chifley on Northbourne

If you need to get in touch with any of the bridge events and The Chifley on Northbourne, the phone number is **6249 1411**.



## First Friday party

Butler Presentations & Teams Draw on Friday 20th July, 6-7pm in the Menzies room, The Chifley on Northbourne.

Tickets are \$15 and must be **pre-purchased**. Enquire at the Congress Desk.

## Victory Dinner

Friday 27th July, 7 for 7.30 pm at University House, Acton.

Tickets are \$65 and must be **pre-purchased**. Enquire at the Congress Desk.

## Car Parking (map on page 2)

There is some limited parking in the hotel grounds. All day pay parking is available in car parks off Mort and Girrahween Streets for \$4.50 and, in a car park enclosed by Henty, Ijong and Ipima Streets for \$2. The Chifley on Northbourne is accessible from this car park by a short walk through Haig Park.

## Walk-In Pairs

At least one per day from 14 to 27 July. Entry fee: \$9 per player, collected at the table.

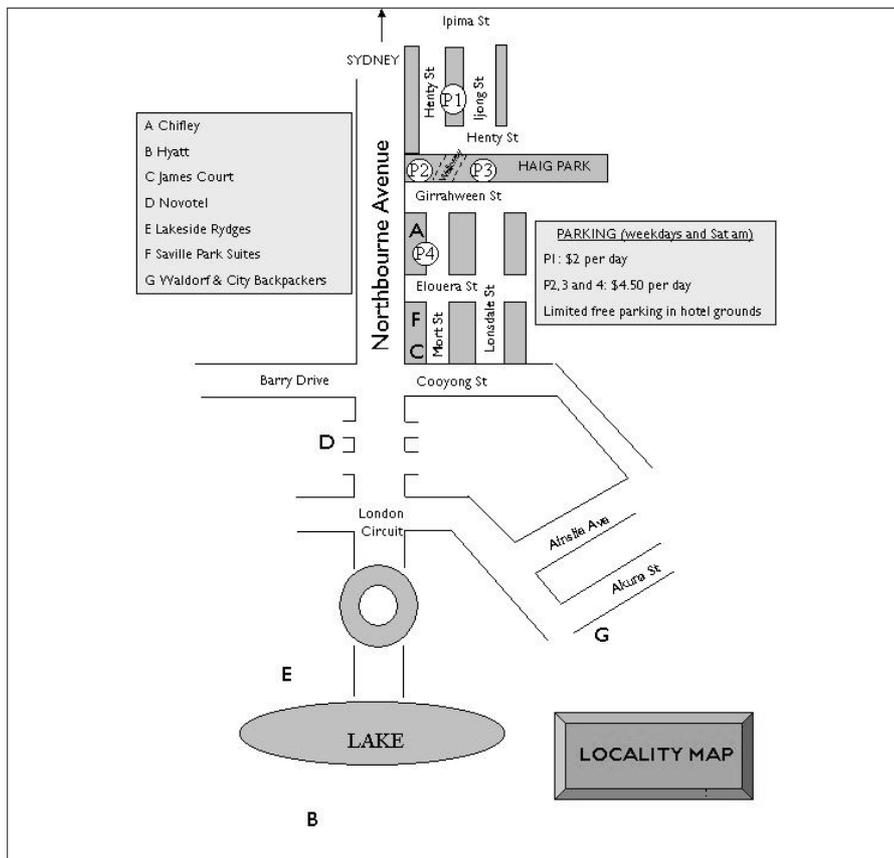
## Restaurant Information

A guide is available at the Congress Desk.



## Coleta's Corner

Increase your word power: *triskaidekaphobia* is fear of (pair or board) number 13. *paraskavedekatriaphobia* is fear of Friday the 13th.



## ABF Alert Regulations

Alert by circling partner's call and saying "Alert" but don't offer an explanation unless asked (then aim to be concise, yet complete).

**Don't alert** these 'self-alerting' calls:

- any double or redouble
- any call beyond 3NT
- a bid in a suit **bid** by an opponent

At the end of the auction, the declaring side should offer an explanation of any 'self-alerting' calls.

**Do alert:**

- all other conventional calls (including Stayman)

Note: This natural-sounding bid:

2♥ = hearts & a minor

is conventional because it conveys a meaning other than a desire to play in hearts.

- 'unusual' natural bids

These include: weak jump shift responses, pre-emptive jump raises, inverted minors, canapé tendency, negative free bids, transfer accepts that deny four trumps, etc.

**Pre-alerts**

The Pre-alerts section of your system card should include 'unusual' self-alerting calls, such as a double of 1NT that shows a 1-suiter; lack of negative doubles.

Also list methods that may require a prepared defence – complex defences to 1NT or a strong club; RCO Twos; transfer pre-empts; etc.

**If partner stuffs up**

If partner fails to alert or misexplains, wait till the end of the **auction** before calling the Director and correcting. If your side ends up defending, wait until the end of the **hand** before piping up.

**If you stuff up**

Call the Director as soon you realise, then correct your error. The Director might allow your opponents to change their last calls, or award an Adjusted Score.

## System Regulations

Pairs should fill out a Standard (4-page) ABF System card.

Yellow systems are okay in Stage 2 and must be lodged by 5.30 Sunday, with Sean Mullamphy.

Yellow basically means strong pass or very weird 1-level openings but also consider the strength of your 2-openings. If your partnership would open 2♦ (majors) with this:

♠ QJ43 ♥ K1085 ♦ 4 ♣ 10764

then you are playing a Yellow system, because this hand does not have the required 15 Opening Points.

Got that, Ziggy?

## We need hands

If something classy or weird happens at your table, tell us about it. Grab a *What happened?* form, or speak to Nick or Nicoleta.

Ring any time (1 am is good, just before the deadline) on 0414 876 175

Or send an email to [nhughes@bigpond.net.au](mailto:nhughes@bigpond.net.au).

## New Zealand Nationals

A lot of "Australians" made the trip to Hamilton again earlier this month. One of those dropping in for a visit was Debs Moir, who captained an Under 20 Australian team in a match against the New Zealand Youth Team, won by the Kiwis.

She then partnered Scott Smith to win the Open Pairs, said to be the toughest matchpoint event in the Southern Hemisphere.

After this week's Butler, she'll have an even tougher job, captaining the NSW Youth team.

## Active Ethics from NZ

'A revoke occurred but neither declarer, dummy, nor the offender noticed. At the end of the hand, offender's partner called the director and conceded 2 tricks.

'Stand up and take a bow John de Ravin, one of our Australian visitors.'

*The Laws don't require you to admit a revoke. However, you must not attempt to conceal one by mixing your cards prematurely.*

## Meanwhile in Singapore

In the Pacific Asia Championships, Australia won the Youth, came 2nd in the Women's and 7th in the Open.

**Barbara Travis** from the Women's Team posed this question to **David Beauchamp** via the *What Should I Bid* area of the ABF's website:

W/Nil ♠ A 9  
♥ A Q 9 8 x x  
♦ A K 10 x  
♣ x

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3♣	No	3♥	No
3NT	No	4♣	?

### Barbara's comments:

We've never discussed what to do over the 3♥ bid - i.e. whether double is to reveal a psyche. Therefore, it seemed to me that an initial double would be takeout. Question: are you being psyched?

### And David's Response:

Hi Barbara, This sure is a tough one. I would pass 3♥ - happy to double 3NT if this is the final contract. A double of 3♥ should be a takeout double of clubs. Now that your RHO has bid 4♣, it seems likely that this player may have psyched 3♥ with good club support. I would bid 4♥. I have given the hand to a few "experts" who all bid 4♥ confident that RHO has psyched. I'm less certain. If RHO has e.g.

♠ KQxx ♥ KJ10xx ♦ x ♣ AJx

then 4♥ will be down a few with 5♦ cold. A delayed double usually shows penalty interest, but when I discussed the concept there seems to be no clear agreements amongst most partnerships. Please let me know the full hand and what you bid. All the best.

### Barbara's Reply:

Thought you might enjoy this one. Partner thought I was an idiot for bidding, but I truly thought I was being psyched - as has everyone I asked. (Just cos she held 3 jacks!) RHO actually held

♠ Kxxx ♥ KJ10xxx ♦ - ♣ Axx

4♣ is difficult to make. My 4♥ went down 4, only in 50s though - RHO was too scared to double for fear I'd run to 5♦ - they broke 4-0. LHO held

## Who's in charge

### ANC 2001 COMMITTEE

Convener:	Julia Hoffman
Secretary:	Nola Church
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something like

♠ Q 10x ♥ — ♦ Qxxx ♣ KQxxxx.

The Chinese women DON'T psyche - which I'll remember for Bali. I was laughing about this hand with Sun Ming, their captain, and she was

ABSOLUTELY HORRIFIED at the suggestion that they would psyche.

*Barbara will play again in the Venice Cup in Bali in October.*

## 15 Years ago

Digging into my back issues of *Australian Bridge*, I see that Paul Lavings reckoned it snowed hereabouts during the 1986 ANC, held at the Lakeside. Can't say I noticed but I did have to chip ice off the car's windscreen.

Ros Kelly (remember?) opened proceedings.

Ron Klinger and David Lilley powered through the Open Butler, from the Borins, with Rosendorff - Smith third, Eggins - Lowe fourth. They got subsidies to the World Championships in Miami.

Sue Lusk and Barbara Travis won the Women's Butler, from Courtney - Lester, with Gumby - Hobleby third.

Lusk - Travis were also in the SA Open Team. The team captain, Chris Lorimar (who?), copped heaps of deserved flak when he decided to bench them for the entire final, won by Victoria.

Jim Borin was the star of the fortnight, making the Butler team with Norma, then winning the Open Pairs and the Interstate with Wally Scott.

The ABTA (Australian Bridge

Teachers' Association) was formed.

### Meanwhile, last week in Poland

In early July, Joshua Wyner and David Wiltshire travelled to a castle in Poland with Peter Gill for the World Youth Pairs.

220 Under-26 pairs competed. As you might expect, nearly all were Europeans, with 12 pairs from USA and just our guys, who finished 33rd, from elsewhere.

### Butler Numbers

There are about 80 pairs in Stage 1 of the Open Butler, compared with 69 in Brisbane last year. About a quarter will make it through to Stage II. Look out, the field is very strong!

42 in the Women's, same as last time. About half will get through.

The Seniors' Butler starts on Sunday night and the inaugural Restricted on Wednesday afternoon. All up, the total Butler entry is 153, a record,



with more to come.

Last year's Open winners were Kieran Dyke and Ashley Bach. Sue Lusk & Therese Tully won the Women's. Ron Klinger and Alan Walsh won the Seniors'.

Stage 1 14 ? x 8 bds

Stage 2 14 x 10 bds

Stage 3 13 x 14 bds

## What's On?

Enjoy your National Capital between Sessions!

- **Parliament House**, open daily 9am to 5pm. Guided tours every 30 minutes. For Question Time tickets, phone: (02) 6277 4889
- **Chess Festival**, 14-22 July at Australian National University
- **Country Markets 15 July**. 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. Exhibition Park, Flemington Road, Mitchell - 2 minutes from Chifley.
- **Canberra Theatre Centre**  
Phone (02) 6257 1077  
11-20 July. Dance performance "Out of Time"  
12-15 July - Tivoli with Sydney Dance Company and the Australian Ballet  
17-21 July - "Vanities Crossing" (Ballet based on 'Pygmalion') by Expressions Dance Theatre
- **Casino Canberra 20 & 21 July**  
Debra Byrne Bookings: 6257 7074
- **National Gallery of Australia**  
10am to 5pm daily. Guided tours at 11am and 2pm. Phone: (02) 6240 6411
- **NEW National Museum of Australia** 9am to 5pm daily. Phone: (02) 6208 5000

## Congress Events

Walk-in Pairs every morning at 9.30 (exc Sun 15th & Sat 21st)  
Other walk-ins Sun 15th at 7.30pm, Sat 21st at 1.30 & 7.30.

**Parliament Pairs** Sat 14th at 1.30 & 7.30

**Centenary Teams** Sun 15th at 9.30 & 1.30

**Festive Teams** Mon & Tue at 1.30

**Canberra Pairs** Mon & Tue at 7.30

Qualifies a pair to each of the five ANC Pairs on Saturday 21st.

**Consolation Butler** Wed 9.30 & 1.30, Thur 9.30 & 1.30, Fri 1.30  
\*\*\* Gold Points \*\*\*

**Restricted Butler** Wed, Thur & Fri at 1.30  
\*\*\* Gold Points \*\*\*  
For pairs with <300 MPs

**JP Morgan Teams** Wed, Thur & Fri at 7.30

**ACT B of Sport Teams** Sun 22nd at 9.30 & 1.30

**Barton Graded Pairs** Mon & Tue at 1.30

**Chifley Teams** Mon & Tue at 7.30

**Social Players' Day** Wed 25th, 10am - 3pm

**Hurry Back Teams** Wed & Thur at 1.30

**ACTEW Swiss Pairs** Wed & Thur at 7.30

### More from Coleta

Saturday is Bastille Day – Liberty, Equality, (Partnership) Fraternity.

On July 14th, 1789, there were only seven prisoners left in the Bastille. The Bastille was sieged seven times and surrendered on six of them! The Man in the Iron Mask was a Bastille resident from 1698 to 1703. ♠♣