



Over half way

Monday was the tough day, 70 boards. The reward for everyone is Tuesday night off. Most of the fancied pairs are doing well at this halfway stage..

The Chifley is proving an ideal venue - spacious playing conditions with good lighting, though the air-conditioning seems to be stirring up a few allergies. Good parking and good food in the restaurant - go for the misnamed seafood ravioli, it's more Chinese than Italian. There's a list of sponsoring restaurants on page three. Give them a go and send us your review!

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**.



Hands from Stage 2

You're East, playing this 3NT from Stage 2. It's Match 1, Bd 10:

♠ 6 5	♠ K Q 3
♥ K Q 6 3	♥ A J 9
♦ 9 5	♦ K J 10 8 4
♣ 9 7 6 5 2	♣ K Q

South leads the ♠J, encouraged by North who had overcalled 1♠. You win and play a heart to the queen, then run the ♦9.

South wins the ♦A and plays another spade, ducked to your king.

Now you think you're probably home. You play ♥A-J,

overtaking, but they break 4-2. Not to worry. However, a diamond to the jack loses to South's ♦Q!, followed by the ♥10 and four more black tricks in the North hand for -300. Ouch and well done to Coleta. Sometimes these flashy plays work - this one gained an extra undertrick. South's hand:

♠ J104 ♥ 10852 ♦ AQ7 ♣ J104



Stage 2, Match 6, Bd 13

N/Both ♠ J 9 6

♥ 8

♦ A Q 9 8 7 3

♣ A K 6

♠ A

♥ 7 6 2

♦ K J 6 2

♣ 9 8 7 5 4

♠ K 5 3 2

♥ A K Q J 10 4

♦ 10 5 4

♣ —

♠ Q 10 8 7 4

♥ 9 5 3

♦ —

♣ Q J 10 3 2

Tony Skinner reports this hand. 4♥ is cold but EW sold out to 3♠. West hit upon the club lead, ruffed. Placing his bets, East returned the ♥4 to dummy's eight and much merriment.

Butler Presentations and Interstate Welcome

The cognoscenti and observant will have noticed that this year two traditional social functions have been combined. On Friday the 20th, from 6–7pm, a cocktail party, which will include some innovations, will be held in the Menzies Room. Come along to find out all about them.

The ACT Minister of Sport and Recreation will be attending this party as our guest and will present medallions to the place getters in the Open, Women's, Seniors' and Restricted Butler and conduct the draw for team numbers for the Interstate Teams Championship.

Many of the Team Captains will be there and all who wish to attend are welcome. Complimentary tickets will be provided to all players who reach Stage III and Seniors' B.

This is a reminder to all who need to purchase tickets to do so as soon as possible from the Congress Desk (Cost: \$15).

ABF events

Exact times to be confirmed!

Stage 2 (& Seniors' A)

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 - Fri 10.30, 2.30, 8pm

Victory Dinner – Fri at 7pm

at Great Hall, Uni House, ANU

Did you find this lead:

Stage 2, Session 5, Bd 1

N/Nil ♠ A 9 7 6

♥ K J 10 9 3

♦ 6 3

♣ K 4

♠ K Q

♥ A 8 7 6

♦ Q 5

♣ Q J 10 8 2

♠ 8 5 3

♥ Q

♦ A J 10 9 8 7 2

♣ A 6

♠ J 10 4 2

♥ 5 4 2

♦ K 4

♣ 9 7 5 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3NT	1♥	2♦	No
	End		

There's something to be said for a spade lead but the ♠J is too robotic. If the ♥K is too flashy for you, how about leading the ♠A then switching to the ♥K?

Now your typical Jim & Ziggy hand:

Stage 2, Session 7, Bd 1

N/Nil ♠ 10 9
♥ 7
♦ AKQJ10 9 7 5 4
♣ 8

♠ K 7 4 ♠ Q 8 5 3 2
♥ AK10 8 6 ♥ 5 2
♦ 2 ♦ 6 3
♣ A Q 9 4 ♣ K 10 7 5

♠ A J 6
♥ Q J 9 4 3
♦ 8
♣ J 6 3 2

Jim opened the North cards 2♣ as some weird multi. Ziggy bid a 2♦ enquiry so wound up as declarer in 5♦x. Is that the longest ever trump suit in dummy? Mark Abraham led the ♥A as you do, then reasonably exited with the ♦2 for -550. Curse that ♦8!

Haven't there been a lot of long diamond suits?

Stage 2, Match 6, Bd 16

W/EW ♠ J 3 2
♥ J
♦ A Q J 5 3
♣ J 5 3 2

♠ K 9 ♠ A 10 7
♥ K 6 5 4 ♥ A 9 3
♦ 4 2 ♦ K 8 7 6
♣ K Q 10 8 6 ♣ A 9 4

♠ Q 8 6 5 4
♥ Q 10 8 7 2
♦ 10 9
♣ 7

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	2♦	3NT	End

Every 11-count gets opened these days. Yet another diamond pre-empt gets South off to the best lead and tests East's technique.

Duck the first diamond, win the second, then play to the ♣K and finesse the ♣9 on the way back. 10 tricks.

Even if you miss this, you can still recover by cashing major heart winners to strip-squeeze North.

Appeal #1

Women's 1, Match 7, Bd 6

E/EW ♠ AKJ
♥ 5 2
♦ QJ 8 3
♣ K 7 6 5

♠ 9 6 ♠ 7 4 2
♥ K 8 4 ♥ 10 7 3
♦ A 10 9 7 ♦ K 6 5 4
♣ A Q J 2 ♣ 10 8 4

♠ Q 10 8 5 3
♥ A Q J 9 6
♦ 2
♣ 9 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
H'versen	Whitby	Moses	Lachman
No	2NT ²	No	2♠ ¹
No	3♠ ³	No	3♥
End			4♠

- 1 spades & another, 5-5, 6-9 pts
- 2 strongish enquiry
- 3 alleged break in tempo

Result: +620

Director (I Dahler): After consulting the Chief Director, I ruled that South was in possession of Unauthorised Information. Under Law 16A, I adjusted to +170 NS.

NS appealed: 3♠ after the 2NT enquiry is highly invitational.

Responders' reply: North might have been planning to bid something else over a minor suit response, but sign-off over 3♥.

Committee: Result stands, +170 NS. The hesitation may have pointed South towards 4♠.

E Ramshaw, P Frodham, J Hoffman

Not a Moron

Hilda Lirsch

Magnus Moren held these cards as South in the Sunday night walk-in:

♠ K986 ♥ J85 ♦ 762 ♣ J94

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	No	1NT	No
3NT	End		

What would you lead?

Magnus instantly led the ♣4. His reasoning was that pard might risk a lead-directing overcall of spades at the 1-level, but might not want to risk a 2♣ overcall.

The complete hand:

♠ A 7 3
♥ K 10 4
♦ 4 3
♣ Q 10 7 6 5

♠ 10 4 ♠ Q J 5 2
♥ 7 6 3 2 ♥ A Q 9
♦ K Q J 9 ♦ A 10 8 5
♣ A 8 2 ♣ K 3

♠ K 9 8 6
♥ J 8 5
♦ 7 6 2
♣ J 9 4

At the other tables in the walk-in, the ♠6 lead allowed the notrump contracts to score 10 tricks. Magnus's morenic lead gave the defence five tricks (declarer went after spades, not hearts).



Bridge players are good at anagrams



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. We're in Room 215.

Or send an email to nhughes@bigpond.net.au.

Stage 2 datums

Bd	Open 3	Women 3	Seniors 3
1	320	260	310
2	-300	-420	-370
3	310	390	400
4	30	30	70
5	-100	-140	-140
6	-630	-630	-620
7	50	120	40
8	80	100	90
9	310	380	280
10	-40	-140	-90
Bd	Open 4	Women 4	Seniors 4
11	-40	-70	-50
12	300	380	350
13	90	30	60
14	-390	-510	-480
15	120	-30	50
16	-70	-80	-20
17	-100	-160	-60
18	-1080	-970	930
19	-540	-610	-470
20	330	370	450
Bd	Open 5	Women 5	Seniors 5
1	-250	-350	-320
2	-60	170	50
3	50	-410	-430
4	750	570	550
5	130	110	90
6	-200	-170	-130
7	-370	-190	-240
8	100	120	100
9	-50	-70	70
10	-620	-620	570
Bd	Open 6	Women 6	Seniors 6
11	-200	-160	-240
12	660	670	670
13	-400	-300	-330
14	-100	-100	-70
15	-30	-40	-30
16	-320	-500	-380
17	60	40	70
18	-90	-120	-80
19	120	70	90
20	90	120	180
Bd	Open 7	Women 7	
1	-30	20	
2	180	-20	
3	-670	-660	
4	-50	-10	
5	-120	-390	
6	20	0	
7	20	-60	
8	140	190	
9	0	-30	
10	-230	-230	
Bd	Open 8	Women 8	Seniors 7
11	400	290	260
12	-380	-350	-280
13	830	970	680
14	450	360	430
15	1260	1020	1270
16	480	480	480
17	-300	-310	-280
18	640	410	590
19	350	310	350
20	-270	-460	-530
Bd	Open 9	Women 9	Seniors 8
1	-90	-80	-60
2	120	120	670
3	-640	-650	-540
4	-650	-650	-650
5	-330	-430	-430
6	10	110	20
7	10	-50	-20
8	-10	-60	-70
9	-470	-460	-400
10	-540	-490	-590

Sponsoring Restaurants

Support those who support bridge!

NOTE : Congress players could win vouchers for these restaurants

CHAIRMAN & YIP

108 Bunda St, Civic
6248 0253

Bridge Players' Winter Session
from 5.30 pm every night

Banquet for minimum 4 people -
\$25 per person

Shallot bread

Duck pancakes

Home-made Jiao Zi dumplings

Pan-fried seasonal fish
with chilli jam

Pan-fried chicken
with lemongrass and ginger

Grilled sirloin
with spring onion & shallot sauce
Chairman's red lamb curry

Includes a glass of premium wine

Tables to be vacated by 7.45 pm

MOSSARD's

Bentham Street, YARRALUMLA
6285 2007

French Cuisine

Lunch: Thurs – Fri 12 noon

Dinner: Wed – Sat 6.30pm

BYO

Bookings advisable

ABELL'S KOPI TIAM

7 Furneaux St, Manuka
6239 4199

Malaysian restaurant

Lunch: Tue-Sat

Dinner: Tue-Sun

Licensed & BYO

DANIEL'S OF MANUKA

Upstairs Style Arcade Manuka
6295 7122

French restaurant

ANC Bridge Players' Special
Main + entrée or dessert \$30

Lunch: Mon-Fri

Dinner: Mon-Sat 6pm – 10.30
pm

Licensed & BYO
Bookings essential

CAFÉ PRONTO

14 Lonsdale St, Braddon
6247 0730

Italian restaurant

Lunch: Mon-Sat

Dinner: 7 days from 5.30 pm

Licensed & BYO

ATLANTIC RESTAURANT

20 Palmerston Lane, Manuka
6232 7888

10% discount during the ANC

Restaurant of the Year
(Restaurant & Catering
Association)

Lunch: Mon-Fri

Dinner: Mon-Sat 6pm – 10pm

Licensed & BYO
Bookings essential

Stage 2 Standings

After 9 of 14 rounds. Top 7 in each direction go through.

Open - NS

1st	Seres & Nagy	166
2nd	Marston & Thomson	163
3rd	Gumby & Lazer	157
4th	McManus & Nunn	147
5th	Robson & Lee	145
6th	Fordham & Prescott	142
7th	Frenkel & Henbest	140

Open - EW

1st	Del Monte & Hans	165
2nd	Neill & Roberts	164
3rd	Klinger & Dyke	148
4th	Chadwick & Morrison	147
5th	Hinge & Chua	143
=6th	Allen & Fuller	140
=6th	Gaspar & Richman	140

Women - NS

1st	Lusk & Tully	178
2nd	Robb & Bashar	167
3rd	Thompson & Evans	152
4th	Moses & Halvorsen	147
5th	Creet & Bird	144
6th	Eddie & Szabo	139
7th	Hooper & Phillips	138

Women - EW

1st	Booth & Shields	164
2nd	Kalmin & Urbach	158
3rd	Folkard & Kaplan	152
4th	Murray-White & Snashall	148
5th	Cummings & Feitelson	146
6th	Beale & Smart	139
7th	Marks & Rocks	133

Seniors - NS (3 sections)

1st	Ali & Riszko	160
2nd	Grant & Grant	134
1st	Westwood & Januszke	145
2nd	Mare & Wells	139
1st	Powell & Jamieson	139
2nd	McDonald & Walsh	126

Seniors EW (3 sections)

1st	Klofa & Collins	141
2nd	Muntz & Tencer	131
1st	Daws & Schwabegger	137
2nd	Ramshaw & Bourke	120
1st	Brockwell & Jackman	148
2nd	Scudder & Glander	139



Do you really need a hat in a Canberra winter?

14 Years Ago

Just so you know where to turn up next year, the 1987 ANC was held in Hobart's Wrest Point casino.

Jim & Norma won the Open Butler, Sue Lusk & Therese Travis won the Women's.

Denis Howard, who was WBF President at the time, presented prizes and announced that Perth would hold the 1989 Bermuda Bowl.

Queensland made the Open Final for the first time, losing to NSW (but they won next year in Melbourne).

The circling of alerts was started. Hasn't that gone well?

The ACT Bureau of Sport and Recreation welcomes all competitors to the ACT for the 2001 Australian Bridge Championships.



When you're not competing we hope that you get the opportunity to visit some of our great attractions here in the ACT, we hope that there is something to suit you.

For information about the ACT Bureau of Sport and Recreation, visit our website...www.sport.act.gov.au.

Coleta's Corner

I picked up this hand yesterday:

Stage 2, Match 6, Bd 14

♠ J
♥ 9 7 4 3
♦ AKQJ 9 6 2
♣ 4

My RHO opened 1♠ and I should have probably done what Tim did, bid 5♦, get over and done with it, not a wimpish 2♦(as I did). I could have bid 3♠, known in the USA as an Eastern cuebid. It says, "Partner I have a solid 7-card minor, bid 3NT with a spade stopper."

Which reminds me about the joke with the kibitzer who listened to the explanation of the "Eastern Cuebid" and said, "Ah, I understand now... and a Western Cuebid must be when it goes:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	No	No

3♠

"Partner, I have a stopper, bid 3NT if you have a solid 7-card minor!"

Another phobia

levophobia

Fear of things on your left side (like your LHO).

Golden Rule

According to Alan Truscott, the Golden Rule of Bidding is that a suit should not be bid twice unless it has at least six cards.

Congress Events

Walk-in Pairs every morning at 9.30 (exc Sat 21st)

Other walk-ins Sat 21st at 1.30 & 7.30.

Consolation Butler Wed 10am & 1.30, Thu 10am & 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