



Butlers finally over

It's taken a full week to decide the four categories. The ABF medallions were presented by Bill Stefaniak, ACT Minister for Sport, on Friday night.

In the Open, the six pairs that led from the start of Stage 3 were there at the finish. Paul Marston and Matthew Thomson won comfortably in the end, averaging nearly 20 VPs, having just two small losses.

In the Women's, Candice Feitelson and Val Cummings recovered from a very slow start in Stage 1 to post a convincing victory.

Saddled with a low carry forward, Roger Januszke and Bill Westwood struggled to win the Seniors with a

ANC Pairs

A list of entrants in the 5 pairs events is posted in the foyer. Speak to Eric Ramshaw if you expected to be on the list but aren't.

Captain's Meeting

This is in the Menzies room on Sunday at 9am.

ABF events

Exact times to be confirmed!

Pairs (all 5 categories)

Sat 21st 1.30 & 7.30

Captains' Meeting

Sun 22nd 9am !

ANC teams (4 categories)

Sun - Fri 10.30, 2.30, 8pm

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

All National Champions!



A formidable front row.

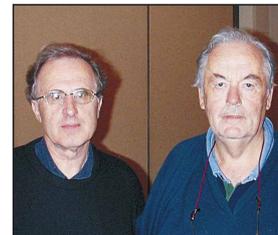
Matthew Thomson and Paul Marston won the 7-day, 450-board Open Butler.

Bill Stefaniak presented the medallions.

That's Julia at loose head.

Sorry, Candice & Val. I fluffed the photo.

Maybe tomorrow.



Roger & Bill won the Seniors



Susanne & David Sarten won the Restricted Butler on Susanne's birthday.

Stage 3 – final results

The top 6 of 14 get Playoff Points (Note the big drop from 3rd to 4th)

	Open		PQP
1st	Paul Marston & Matthew Thomson	258.0	55
2nd	Bruce Neill & John Roberts	244.0	50
3rd	Ishmael Del'Monte & Sartaj Hans	239.7	45
4th	George Gaspar & Bobby Richman	238.7	30
5th	Simon Hinge & Cathy Chua	237.2	25
6th	Tim Seres & Zolly Nagy	231.0	20
Women's			
1st	Candice Feitelson & Val Cummings	255.7	55
2nd	Felicity Beale & Di Smart	236.7	50
3rd	Berri Folkard & Rena Kaplan	235.7	45
4th	Lyn Kalmin & Elly Urbach	234.2	30
5th	Annabelle Booth & Lauren Shiels	233.0	25
6th	Therese Tully & Sue Lusk	216.0	20
Seniors'			
1st	Bill Westwood & Roger Januszke	251.7	55
2nd	Eric Ramshaw & Margaret Bourke	248.7	50
3rd	Hashmat Ali & George Riszko	245.0	45
4th	Carole & Jessel Rothfield	238.2	30
5th	Victor Muntz & Boris Tencer	234.2	25
6th	Stan Klofa & Jeannette Collins	220.5	20

max in the last round.

Likewise, Susanne & David Sarten (where have I heard that name?) finished strongly to win the Restricted.

Interstate Rivalry from Today

Also on Friday night, the draw was made for the four Interstate Teams events that start tomorrow. Each captain and the directing staff received a rubber ball to knead when times get tough.

Unwanted balls can be sent to Scamp the whippet, care of the editor.



As (nominal) captain of all four South Australian teams, Phil needs plenty of catching practice

Some Butler hands

When you open 1NT with 2-2 in the majors, you sometimes reach poor major slams:

Stage 3, Match 5, Bd 12

W/NS	♠ 42		
	♥ 43		
	♦ Q10 653		
	♣ 10 842		
♠ Q6		♠ K9875	
♥ 102		♥ AKQJ7	
♦ K987		♦ AJ	
♣ AQJ96		♣ 7	
	♠ AJ103		
	♥ 9865		
	♦ 42		
	♣ K53		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nunn	Frenkel	McManus	Henbest
1NT	No	2♥ *	No
2♠	No	3♥	No
3NT	No	4♦	No
4♠	No	6♥	End

Well done (guessed?) by Tony to pass 6♥. You can understand why Simon Henbest led a trump but it

only served to steer declarer from spade ruffs to clubs.

Matthew won in hand, took the club finesse, led the ♠Q to South's ace, won the next trump in dummy and crossed to the ♦A to draw trumps. With the ♣K now bare, that was +980.

Candice and Val took a while to get going but hit their straps in Stage 3:

Women's 3, Match 5, Bd 6

E/EW	♠ 84		
	♥ 86432		
	♦ Q762		
	♣ A4		
♠ K2		♠ QJ73	
♥ 75		♥ KQJ109	
♦ J3		♦ AK9	
♣ KJ109865		♣ 7	
	♠ A10965		
	♥ A		
	♦ 10854		
	♣ Q32		

Candice played 3NT from East on a spade lead to dummy's king. When she knocked out the ♥A, South returned a low diamond (a club switch shoots it). She misguessed by hopping the ♦J to the Q-A then led a club to the jack and ace.

When North returned a spade instead of a diamond (tough to find), South was strip-squeezed on the run of the hearts. Well recovered.

Restricted Butler, Match 1, Bd 28

	♠ 9832		
	♥ KJ1094		
	♦ —		
	♣ AJ75		
♠ AKQ1054		♠ J	
♥ AQ2		♥ 863	
♦ 107		♦ KJ9862	
♣ 82		♣ K104	
	♠ 76		
	♥ 75		
	♦ AQ543		
	♣ Q963		

West removed East's 3NT to 4♠ and won the ♥J lead with the queen. Then the ♦10 was run, with South playing low after some thought. Puzzled, declarer soon claimed 10 tricks then South wrote down -430. Ah, that explains it!

Here's a good hand from the Ord Minnett Teams. Two ducks and a

throw-in:

Match 6, Bd 18

E/NS	♠ AK		
	♥ QJ54		
	♦ Q1087		
	♣ J95		
♠ 752		♠ 10943	
♥ K98632		♥ —	
♦ J5		♦ A9642	
♣ 106		♣ 8742	
	♠ QJ86		
	♥ A107		
	♦ K3		
	♣ AKQ3		

Many pairs reached this 32-point 6NT. West is likely to lead a spade. There's no hurry with the heart finesse. Better is to play a diamond to the king at trick two before crossing to the ♠A to lead a heart to the ten. West will probably get it right but there's no harm trying.

To make it legitimately, you need to strip the black suits (unblocking North's ♥Q-J) before leading a second diamond. East must duck again but now you switch to hearts.

Virtue is its own reward

Remember the declarer in the Women's Butler who misclaimed 6♥, then had her +980 changed to -50 after the match?

The pair, Margaret Reid and Prue Lawford, just missed the next stage so drove home to Sydney that night. On the trip, Margaret developed an abscess and Prue was pinged and lost her license on the spot! A memorable few days!

When the ABF replenishes its stocks of cardboard wallets, could it perhaps arrange -

(a) to omit colours so dark as to make it difficult to read the black print

(b) to print the board numbers in much larger type.

Señor Senior

(c) The red wallets must be the first to go. Ed.

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Stage 3 datums

Bd	Open 11	Women 11	Seniors 11
1	-260	-360	-150
2	-120	-150	-50
3	-650	-640	-550
4	-10	180	80
5	80	100	30
6	-90	-60	-50
7	480	440	-100
8	-370	-380	-200
9	30	-90	-30
10	550	560	640
11	-400	-410	-310
12	-140	-140	-140
13	610	470	460
14	-100	-30	-100
Bd	Open 12	Women 12	Seniors 12
15	-480	-470	-470
16	440	180	210
17	-80	-80	-110
18	90	110	20
19	400	400	400
20	-100	0	-50
21	680	710	680
22	-400	-420	-450
23	-620	-620	-620
24	-60	-140	-180
25	-40	60	80
26	40	20	70
27	-110	0	10
28	-270	-220	-220
Bd	Open 13	Women 13	Seniors 13
1	200	120	190
2	80	110	70
3	310	310	130
4	460	460	260
5	-30	50	10
6	40	-90	0
7	600	600	600
8	60	30	-50
9	470	470	540
10	-120	-140	-60
11	-480	-570	-470
12	20	40	-140
13	-20	-40	-120
14	-140	-130	-130

Coleta's Corner

(a) What do bullet proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

(b) What do these 2 lines have in common?

1 - "Go hang a salami, I'm a lasagna hog"

2 - "A man, a plan, a canal, panama"



Ord Minnett Teams (26 teams)

1st Pam & Ross Crichton
 Nicoleta Giura & Nick Hughes
 2nd Barry Noble & Phil Gue
 Arian Lasocki John Maddison



Formally Ord Minnett

Best Played Hand?

Phil Gue

Is there an award for the play of tournament?

Let me give you a play problem. You are East and in 4♠ after South has opened a natural 1♣. South leads the ♦Q. How do you plan to play the hand?

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

Normally you would try the spade finesse and if that fails, then hope to lose only one trump trick and no more than two club tricks. With South opening the bidding it is likely the ♠K is off-side so you will be better off cashing the ♠A in case it is a singleton. As it happens you will fail like most of the Easts in the consolation Butler. I was fortunate enough to have South lead the ♣A and so there was no problem.

However, Brisbane's Margaret Walters played the hand double dummy to make this seemingly impossible hand. Look at all the cards and watch Margaret make what must be close to the play of the tournament.

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

With the ♦Q lead, declarer won the ♦K and played a diamond to the ace and ruffed dummy's last diamond. Then the same in the heart suit, king, ace and dummy ruffed declarer's last heart. Now a spade to declarer's queen lost to South who had to lead a club, the ♣10. Dummy played low (although the jack would have worked better) as did North, and declarer won the king. Now declarer cashed the ♠A and found South left with the jack.

So with this ending:

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

a low club was led and North was forced to win the queen and present declarer with a ruff-and-discard to score a superbly played contract.

Consolation Butler (48 pairs)

1st Judy Mott & Judy Frazier
2nd Tony & Helena Hutton



Consolable Winners

Restricted Butler (20 pairs)

1st Susanne & David Sarten
2nd Daniel Geromboux & Griff Ware



What's On?

Enjoy your National Capital between Sessions!

For those of you are a little jaded with "bridge culture" at the end of this week, keep in mind you are in the vicinity of some of Australia's most illustrious icons of "real" culture.

If bridge begins to pall, we suggest a visit to the sensational new Museum of Australia, OR everyone's favourite, Old Parliament House, OR the National Gallery to see the latest acquisition, the very sexy painting by Lucian Freud.

A personal guided tour of the Gallery may be arranged by inquiring at the Congress desk, or by a call to 6286 5014.

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Congress Events

Walk-in Pairs every morning at 9.30 (exc Sat 21st)
Other walk-ins Sat 21st at 1.30 & 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