



VICTORY DINNER

For some the tournament has barely begun and it is time to talk about the Victory Dinner. This will be held in the Great Hall of University House at 7pm on Friday 27 July.

If you need a ticket (cost: \$65), or if you are not sure whether your state has already ordered one for you, please check at the Congress Desk. All welcome.

You should do this as soon as possible – we must have final numbers by Tuesday night.

At this stage everyone has the potential to be on the winners' list so you should all make arrangements to be there.

State of Play

Nearing half way, SA and Qld lead the **Open** from NSW, who were surprisingly thrashed by NT on Monday night.

In the **Women's**, WA showed the benefit of having the Stage 2 Butler winners and the Women's Pairs winners on the team. They've won their last five.

In the **Seniors'**, Victoria are proving solid.

The Victorian **Youth** team is the only unbeaten team in the Championships.

Some hands:

ABF events

Exact times to be confirmed!

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

Teams 2, Bd 4

W/Both ♠ Q10 7 6 4
♥ AK J 6
♦ 8 3
♣ 10 3

♠ K J		♠ 9 8 5
♥ 7		♥ Q10 8 4
♦ A J 10 7 6 4 2		♦ K Q 9 5
♣ K 9 8		♣ A 5
	♠ A 3 2	
	♥ 9 5 3 2	
	♦ —	
	♣ Q J 7 6 4 2	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Ish		Kieran
1♦	1♠!	Dbf	2♠
2NT*	No	3♦	3♠
End			

The ♦K lead was ruffed in dummy, then came a club to the ten and ace. East forced dummy with another diamond. The ♠A was cashed, then declarer crossed to the ♥A to duck a trump to West's bare king. After ruffing the next diamond, a club to the queen and king saw West play a fourth diamond, ruffed again. In the 3-card ending, Ish was able to exit a low heart to East from ♥K-J-6 for +140. Overkill against the cold 3NT.

In the NSW vs Victoria Open match, 22 IMPs swung on a slam:

Teams 3, Bd 17

N/Nil ♠ Q 4
♥ 9 3
♦ 10 9 8 5 2
♣ Q J 6 3

♠ 7 5 2		♠ A 8
♥ AK 7 2		♥ Q10 8 6 5
♦ K 4		♦ A Q J
♣ A 10 5 4		♣ K 8 7
	♠ K J 10 9 6 3	
	♥ J 4	
	♦ 7 6 3	
	♣ 9 2	

Kieran and Ish scored +480 when their South led the ♣9, picking up the suit for a spade discard.

At the other table, Matthew McManus was on lead against 6♥ after an uninterrupted auction.

ANC Teams after 3 Rnds

Open

1st	SA	95.1
2nd	Qld	87.7
3rd	NSW	68.2
4th	ACT	45.3
5th	Vic	-16.6
6th	NT	-30.4
7th	WA	-115.0
8th	Tas	-137.7

Women's

1st	WA	111.0
2nd	NSW	97.0
3rd	ACT	39.3
4th	SA	34.3
5th	Qld	20.5
6th	Vic	-26.9
7th	NT	-131.5
8th	Tas	-147.7

Seniors'

1st	Vic	109.0
2nd	NSW	64.9
3rd	ACT	52.7
4th	Qld	24.6
5th	SA	14.5
6th	WA	-13.5
7th	Tas	-98.7
8th	NT	-160.6

Youth

1st	Vic	189.6
2nd	SA	97.2
3rd	WA	23.3
4th	NSW	-24.3
5th	ACT	-104.8
6th	Colts	-189.6

Tuesday's Matches

(All categories except Youth)

10.30	Vic vs Qld
	Tas vs WA
	ACT vs NSW
	SA vs NT
2.30	Redraw!

Best lead is a spade (J or T), assuming partner doesn't unblock! Then 6♥ has no play. Matthew led a diamond which left declarer to handle clubs for one loser.

Declarer can succeed by leading the

♣8 early, trapping South's ♣9-x. It's a kind of intra-finesse, leading dummy's ♣10 next time to pin the nine.

Of course you still have to pick it because South might have started with ♣Q-9-x. In fact, restricted choice suggests that North is less likely to have ♣Q-J-x-x than ♣J-x-x. I guess you have to watch the pips and know your opponents. Did anybody make 6♥ on a red suit lead?

Here's Jim Wallis at his eccentric best in Qld vs NSW Open:

Match 4, Bd 16

W/EW ♠ A 9 8 5 2
♥ 10 3 2
♦ J 2
♣ J 8 2

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

♠ K 10 6 3
♥ Q 8
♦ 9 7 6 4
♣ A Q 9

He defended 4♥ by East after dummy had shown long diamonds and a spade shortage.

He felt the auction called for a trump lead so he led one – the ♥8! Declarer (Theo Antoff) naturally rose with dummy's ♥A and finessed on the way back. Jim grabbed his queen, then killed dummy's diamonds with a diamond switch for +200.

Exuberance

I watched Victoria play SA in the Youth, with Nic Croft and Luke Matthews sitting against Leigh Gold and Tim Johnson. There was the usual overbidding – a good sign.

Match 5, Bd 7

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gold	Croft	Johnson	Matthews
			2♠
2NT	No	3♥	No
3NT			

This failed on a diamond lead with 4♥ making. Gold assumed "system

on", while Johnson wasn't sure. A costly lack of discussion.

Then Croft - Matthews bid to 6♣ on Bd 8, down on failing trump finesse. Duplicated. Tim Johnson had overcalled 1♠ with:

♠ K 8 7 6 4 ♥ 8 7 5 3 ♦ 8 2 ♣ 8 5

Admittedly, partner was a passed hand. Then he opened this on Bd 10:

♠ A 10 ♥ J 9 8 7 ♦ K Q 7 4 3 ♣ 9 3

and doubled his opponents in 4♠ for good measure. -990. Another light opening begot this dicey 3NT:

Match 5, Bd 17

N/Nil ♠ A J 9 4
♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ 10
♣ J 9 3 2

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

♠ 6 5 3 2
♥ A 4
♦ K 9 6 3
♣ A 6 5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gold	Croft	Johnson	Matthews
		1♥	No
2♦	No	2♥	No
3♣	No	3NT	End

Declarer won the club lead in dummy, played a heart to the king, ducked, took a diamond finesse then knocked out the ♥A.

Good so far but when South led another low club, declarer ducked in dummy and was soon one off when diamonds didn't break.

Then both pairs overbid to hopeless games before Leigh Gold finally made one:

Match 5, Bd 13

N/Both ♠ Q 9 5
♥ J 6 3
♦ A K 10 7
♣ K J 7

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

♠ 10
♥ Q 7 2
♦ J 6 5 2
♣ A 10 9 6 3

Tuesday's bridge cam

(to be confirmed)

10.30 SA vs NT – OPen
2.30 Redraw

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1NT	Dbl	2♣
2♠	No	4♠!	End

Predictable bidding. Croft cashed the ♦A then switched to the ♣J. Gold soon ruffed then took the trump finesse and broke the hearts for +620. I left after this, just missing this easy doubled grand slam:

Match 5, Bd 19

S/EW ♠ —
♥ A 8 6 3
♦ A J 10
♣ K Q J 10 9 8

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

♠ A K Q 10 7 6 5 3 2
♥ 4 2
♦ K
♣ 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♠
No	2♣	No	2♠
No	3NT	No	6♠
No	7NT	No	No
Dbl	End		

It went something like that. Gold doubled as West and was so pissed off when partner led a diamond that he pitched too many diamonds for -1790.

The other table scored +510 in 4♣. Just another 27 IMP swing. Victoria won the 83 -50. It seemed like more. I'm sure there have been bigger turnovers than 133 IMPs. Nominations, please.

There were other stories from this board. Greer Tucker for Qld Women opened 3NT, a specific ace ask. Agnes Kempthorne bid 5♣ to show two of the same colour. East led the ♣A against 6♠ for 12 easy tricks.

If you get a heart lead against 6♠, the only real chance is to duck and hope East returns a heart which squeezes a fuming West in the minors. ♠♦

Profile: NSW Youth

This is the first year I have had the pleasure of captaining the Youth team. Hardly a stressful job so far. Let me introduce the team.

Ed Barnes is making his debut this year. A sports fanatic who used to sleep with his cricket bat, his choice of bed-fellow may have evolved, but he still loves his sport ... golf, basketball, tennis, cricket and now, tastefully, bridge.

Jonathan Dennis is a true gentleman of the game, shields away from the rough and tumble, preferring non-contact sports like touch footy and bridge. This is his second consecutive year in the team.

Chi Yan Tan is our most experienced member. This is his third year, with three different partners. Yan absorbed bridge while sweetly being a fourth for his Grandma (oohh gush gush). He is currently studying engineering at Sydney Uni.

Michael Wilkinson is a keen observer of the game and always willing to pass on those observations and to lend a hand. Michael is a talented amateur opera singer - don't be afraid to ask him for an aria at the bar.

Last, not least, is our rose of the team, **Danielle Stern**. Dan studies commerce and hospitality at NSW Uni. Her sense of fun, her irrepressible smile and bridge talent serve the team generously.

The team is a united force – after each match, we nominate and vote upon lunacies at the table and a donation, proportional to the lost IMPS, goes towards the end of week beer fund. The fund is looking healthy at this stage.

Debs Moir (Capt)



Retireinvest Sydney Festival

at the Hakoah Club, 61 Hall Street, Bondi.
Parking for the entire event at \$3 per day.

Sydney Seniors' Swiss Teams

13-16 September 2001

- No evening sessions
- 2 days of qualifying rounds begin 13 September
- Semi finals on 15 September and final on 16 September
- Playoff qualifying points for the finalists
- Gold masterpoints
- \$480 prize money for winners and prizes for all finalists
- Sponsored by NSW Department of Sport & Recreation

The Dick Cummings Blue Ribbon Pairs

15th & 16th September

- IMP Pairs: one day qualifying, one day, 4-table final
- Separate N-S & E-W fields for the qualifying rounds
- Playoff qualifying points for top 4 placegetters
- Gold masterpoints
- Free entry to Safilo Swiss Teams for non-finalists
- \$400 prize money for winners and prizes for all finalists
- No evening sessions

Safilo Swiss Teams

16 September

- 7 x 8 board matches 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Gold masterpoints for every win
- Winners Safilo spectacle frames & prizes to 5th place

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**Red Belly Black at
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2 for 1 Coffee on Presentation of this Newsletter.

When you need some clear fresh air and a wider view than the red and black spots on your cards, we highly recommend the 15 minute drive out to Mt Stromlo Observatory to admire the stunning views of the Brindabella Range from the balcony of the Red Belly Black restaurant.

We so enjoyed this venue that we visited twice, once during daylight hours for the views, great coffee and to spend up at the gift shop, and again in the evening for the \$49 entertainment package of delicious buffet, guitarist Richard Steele and stellar viewing through telescopes, with commentary by two on-duty astronomers.

If you make an evening visit, don't forget your eskimo gear for going outside to view the stars.

During the day, try to arrive before 4.20pm to take advantage of the fabulous gift shop, including some great pens.

Manager Michael Hoorweg and waitpersons Heidi and Ebenezer will make you feel very welcome.

Last night, Red Belly Black won this year's award for **Best Tourism Restaurant in the ACT**.

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Mount Stromlo via Cotter Road.

*Review by Judy McGuinness
 and Caroline Gardiner, Perth*

Appeal # 3

Ord Minnett Teams, Bd 7

S/Both ♠ 10 7
 ♥ 9 6
 ♦ Q 8 7 5
 ♣ K 10 6 3 2

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

♠ Q 9
 ♥ Q 10 5 4
 ♦ K 4 3 2
 ♣ A J 5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Scales	Hills	Grey	F'iotis
			1NT
2♦ ¹	No	2♠ ²	No
4♠	End		

- 1 Initially not alerted
- 2 While East was considering her options, West announced that 2♦ should have been alerted.

Result: 4♠/E, +650 EW

Ruling (L Kelso): I was called at the end of play. West maintained she was aware of the meaning of 2♦ (majors). The directing staff ruled:

West's comment was a violation of procedure which conveyed Unauthorised Information.

However, the staff decided that East was aware of the meaning of 2♦; therefore passing 2♦ was not a logical alternative.

Result stands.

NS Appealed: The failure to alert suggests that East at least considered the possibility that 2♦ was natural. The self alert by West requires East to pass 2♦.

Ruling (I Dahler, P Gue, N Francis): The Committee is of the view that East was aware of the meaning of 2♦ and 4♠ would

therefore have been reached. However, we are awarding a procedural penalty of 3 VPs against EW. Result stands.

3 VPs seems a bit excessive to me - Ed (That's Editor, not Edward). For conventional disruption (getting your system wrong) the default fine is usually 3 IMPS. This case might be more serious but I'd hate to see a litigious atmosphere developing in Australia, where people start appealing with the main aim of having their opponents pruned.

It brings up another issue – the 3 VP fine for a mobile violation. (What is the fine at matchpoints?) I've heard at least 10 melodies over the past week. How many have been fined? I haven't been game to ask but I'm guessing a low number, probably zero. This is how I see it:

Mobile phones are becoming more common, essential for some at an event like this. Nobody means to leave his/her phone on, we just get preoccupied. I suggest a 1 VP fine, perhaps preceded by a warning.

The directors must hate the thought of converging like killjoys on a plaintiff "Waltzing Matilda" (Robert?). The penalty is simply too severe – it's like having a nuclear weapon without the heart to press the button.

So let's reduce the fine and give the offender the alternative of taking the arresting officer to dinner!

Coleta's Corner (from Sydney)

Some more palindromes:

Never odd or even

Ed is on no side

Today, 24th July, is Egypt's national day, so here are some more:

Zeus was deified, saw Suez

He's a caramel in Niger, Dakar - a bum in Soho - Hosni Mubarak, a dreg in Nile maracas, eh?

Aibohphobia

the fear of palindromes ! Get it?

The laser printer, windscreen wipers and bullet proof vests were all invented (and patented) by women.

Congress Events

Walk-in Pairs every morning at 9.30

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