

# ANC Bulletin – Canberra 2001

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## Calling it early

There are still five rounds to go but, judging by standings and form, the current top two in each event will be the finalists, with the exception of the Seniors, where Victoria's opponents are unknown.

Having said that, the scoring method is extremely volatile; it's easy for two teams to turn around 70 VPs.

## From David Stern

The problem with Mobile Phones is wider than your article suggests. Imagine that somebody sends an SMS message to a friend saying bid 7♥ on board 10. This would of course be cheating. The best and only way to deal with this is (a) to ensure people do not go to the toilets with their phones and (b) phones in the playing area are turned off.

This is a real problem and must not be ignored.

*David Stern, Seattle*

## Overheard in the toilet

"Who are you playing with?"

"My wife."

"I'd like to play with my wife but she refuses to learn the game."

(wait for it)

"So does mine."

Now for some hands. Be warned, some of them are quite silly.

Subtle methods on display:

### Match 9, NSW vs ACT (Y), Bd 6

E/EW	♠ 5		
	♥ Q 9 8 5 3		
	♦ J 10		
	♣ K 10 4 3 2		
♠ K		♠ AQJ1098632	
♥ 6 2		♥ 10	
♦ A Q 9 4 3		♦ K 8 6	
♣ A Q J 9 7		♣ —	
	♠ 7 4		
	♥ A K J 7 4		
	♦ 7 5 2		
	♣ 8 6 5		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Dennis		Barnes	
		4♠	No
5♠*	No	6♠	End

5♠ was apparently a home-grown gadget, Switched 5-level Major Asks, asking opener to bid 6♠ with a heart control. 5♥ instead would ask for good trumps. It's surprising this team isn't winning it's category.

Here's another stylish auction:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Richman		Gaspar	
		1♣*	2♥
3♦	4♥	4NT	No
5♠	No	6♦	End

Not many players would be pleased to see an unbid 9-card major in dummy. Bobby was not pleased. However, if we give West six diamonds and a small spade, George might have been right.

Ziggy sneaks three through:

### Teams 8, Bd 24

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

## ANC Teams after 9 Rnds

### Open

1st	SA	167.1
2nd	NSW	154.6
3rd	Qld	65.7
4th	ACT	37.3
5th	Vic	5.4
6th	WA	-91.0
7th	NT	-120.4
8th	Tas	-222.1

### Women's

1st	NSW	198.2
2nd	WA	182.5
3rd	SA	56.4
4th	Qld	28.5
5th	ACT	13.1
6th	Vic	-63.9
7th	NT	-166.5
8th	Tas	-253.8

### Seniors'

1st	Vic	195.5
2nd	ACT	68.4
3rd	NSW	56.2
4th	Qld	38.6
5th	WA	28.3
6th	SA	10.5
7th	Tas	-193.5
8th	NT	-211.1

### Youth

1st	Vic	152.1
2nd	SA	75.2
3rd	WA	17.3
4th	NSW	-18.3
5th	ACT	-82.8
6th	Colts	-150.5

Note: Scores against the ABF Colts are excluded when calculating Youth finalists.

3NT is cold from North but Ziggy played it from South on the killing club lead. He won the second club and played two rounds of diamonds, with West sagely noting partner's count cards and ducking twice.

Then came the ♥K but West knew enough to duck that in tempo to keep declarer off dummy. The 3-3 spade break meant nine tricks and 1 IMP out when North made +430 at the other table.

## 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

The latest Ish & Kieran grand:

**Match 8, Bd 21**

W/Nil ♠ 7  
 ♥ K J 6 5 2  
 ♦ 9 5 3  
 ♣ AK 9 3

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

♠ A 10 6 3  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ AK Q J 10 7 4  
 ♣ J 6

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hinge	Del'Monte	Chua	Dyke
No	1♥	2♥ *	3♦
3♠	4♦	No	4♠
No	5♣	No	5♥
No	6♣	No	7♦ !

Full credit to Ish for opening, raising and cueing twice with his 11-count and three small trumps. Kieran thanked EW for revealing the stiff spade opposite. On a trump lead, Kieran planned to ruff two spades and squeeze East in the blacks, virtually 100%. The fall of the ♥A made that unnecessary.

Here's a similar one from the same match:

**Match 8, Bd 21**

W/EW ♠ A J 10 3 2  
 ♥ A J 9 2  
 ♦ K Q  
 ♣ 4 2

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

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
No	1♠	3♣	3♦
No	3♥	No	3♠
No	4♦	No	5♣
No	6♦	End	

Once East pre-empts, slam is a good bet, squeezing West in the majors if necessary. On a club lead, Kieran played for a club ruff and West was indeed squeezed. Once trumps were 3-2, it was plain sailing.

**Mistakes I have made**

by Neville Moses

Darling Wife and I were playing against Ruth and John Hansen in the Seniors' Teams.

While waiting for a board, we began discussing families and DW explained that we were shortly to be grandparents for the first time.

I added (to DW's disgust), "I've always wanted to sleep with a grandmother!"

Just then the board arrived and I picked up this monster:

♠ A 6 5 ♥ A Q 7 6 4 ♦ A K 6 ♣ K 8

Lo and behold, DW opened the bidding which went like this:

DW	Me	
1♦	1♥	
1♠	2♣ *	
2NT	3♦	
4♣ *	4♥ *	
4♠ *	5♣ *	also ♦AK
5♦	6♦	chicken!!

I could have checked for the ♦Q but I wasn't absolutely sure DW had five diamonds. Needless to say, DW held:

♠ K Q J 10 ♥ 3 ♦ Q 10 9 5 2 ♣ A 6 5

and quickly wrapped up 13 tricks with a club ruff.

"Your wish came true earlier than you anticipated" DW remarked, acidly.

"How's that?" I inquired.

"You just went to bed with a grandy!!"

**Tips From Kinga**

The best restaurant value in town was recommended to me by Denise McKinnon and Tina Zines – A Foreign Affair in Manuka, upstairs near the corner where Ottoman's used to be. It's a good idea to book a table.

A Foreign Affair is gourmet Italian restaurant, with snowy linen, quietly spoken waiters (just a little snooty), and food to die for. The \$20 *Early Bird Special* comprises a bruschetta starter, a light main course, a superb dessert and a large glass of very drinkable wine. I had baked lamb shanks, while my partner Wendi slummed it with grilled salmon. The dessert was pear flan with plum ice cream. Neither Wendi or I played well after dining at the Foreign Affair.

You can of course choose from the a la carte menu as Ron and Suzie Klinger did when they dined at this restaurant. They also raved about it. I think the *Early Bird Special* provides just the right amount of food and wine for bridge players who are serious about their food and playing the evening session with a clear head. A lunch special is also available.

The address is 8 Franklin St, Manuka. Telephone 6239 5060. The restaurant is licensed and BYO. Lunch Tues-Fri. Dinner Mon-Sat 6.00pm-10.30pm.

via Denise McKinnon

**Today's Matches**

	<i>Open</i>	<i>Women</i>	<i>Seniors</i>
10.30	NT vs SA WA vs NSW Tas vs Qld Vic vs ACT	WA vs NT NSW vs Tas ACT vs SA Qld vs Vic	Qld vs Vic NSW vs Tas NT vs SA ACT vs WA
2.30	Vic vs SA NSW vs NT Qld vs WA Tas vs ACT	ACT vs WA NSW vs Vic NT vs SA Tas vs Qld	Vic vs ACT Qld vs NSW Tas vs SA WA vs NT
8pm	ACT vs SA Qld vs NSW Vic vs Tas WA vs NT	Qld vs WA SA vs NSW Tas vs ACT NT vs Vic	WA vs Vic SA vs NSW NT vs ACT Tas vs Qld

## Letter to the Editor

In your commentary on Appeal #3, you wrote:

*"I'd hate to see a litigious atmosphere developing in Australia, where people start appealing with the main aim of having their opponents pruned."*

The sentence above may contain the implication that the Hills - Finikiotis appeal was aimed at merely getting the opponents fined.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Our object was to have the score changed from 4♠ EW making to 2♦ EW failing.

At no time did either George or myself suggest to the appeals panel that EW should be fined.

Best wishes,

Richard Hills

*Point taken. Appellants front with the best intentions, only to find the Law taking an unintended course.*

*All legal systems depend to some extent on precedent, so we now may have a problem.*

*For consistency, players could be actively encouraged to call the Director for all infractions, like Conventional Disruption ("She's right, I forgot we play transfers in competition") or minor misexplanations ("No, I'm showing 4-3-2-4, not 4-2-3-4") then the Director would dop them 3 IMPs on the spot, as reputedly happens in world championships, even when no damage is caused.*

*Otherwise, the ONLY time people will get fined is when an infraction leads to an appeal, which is MANIFESTLY unfair, as here.*

*To be fair, directors would have to be strolling round, dishing out fines like confetti (sorry about the silly simile).*

*Maybe we should be appealing on the condition that the opponents don't get fined!*

*Naturally, I would prefer no fines of this sort, for the sake of consistency.*  
- Ed(itor).

## Territorians Down South

**Ken Miller**, originally from USA, captain of the Open Team. He is married to **Lee**, a member of the Seniors.

**Jodi Tutty**, originally ACT. She is President of the NTBA and captain of the Women's Team.

Accompanied to Canberra by her husband **Bill** (Open team), who is better known as the Dodgy Kiwi Bastard.

**Betty Hambleton** (Women's Team) born in Scotland, no prizes for guessing her origin, is our most senior representative.

**Betty Mill** is captain of the Seniors. Nicknamed Milly's Mum she is ready for a family reunion this year with Andrew, Cathy and Justin.

**Billy Moir** (Seniors) gained the nickname of Crocodile Bill, the man with the hat.

He has the propensity for quoting Shakespeare when called upon to defend the Territory.

Hope this is sufficient, relaxed and informal as is our lifestyle.

Betty Mill

## ABF Colts Team

Late last year the ABF Youth Committee thought that, instead of a bye in the Interstate Youth Teams, an Under 20 team could fill the gap. The ABF Management Committee approved this idea, subject to certain conditions. The team:

**Justin Howard** from Melbourne, aged 11 is competing in his third National Championships. At next year's Youth Championships he's looking forward to playing with his new partner, Ishmael Del'Monte.

**Robin Stevenson and Michael Delivera** from Canberra, aged 15, won the National Under 16 Pairs and Teams in 2000 and 2001. They represented Australia in the recent Youth Test Match in Hamilton, NZ, losing narrowly. They learnt bridge from Dorothy Jesner's impressive ACT schools bridge program.

**Alex Lockwood** from Adelaide, aged 16, is at his third Nationals. A

last minute addition to the team, he is a very popular team member.

**Fiona Brown** from Ballina on the NSW North Coast, aged 16, is making her debut at the Nationals. She has impressed everyone with her temperament and potential. Her biggest win so far was the Tweed Heads Swiss Pairs congress (38 tables) last month.

**Desli Allen** from Melbourne, aged 19 at the beginning of the year, has played in the Interstate Youth Teams once before - in 1994 representing Queensland. She has a congress win in Melbourne to her credit and studies Business at university.

**Peter Gill** is the npc whose main qualification is that he is perhaps the only person who knew all the team members before the event.

The young players have set a high standard of behaviour at the table. Two of them have noticed that one Seniors player has been a bit unruly at times, and we hope that when he is a bit older his behaviour reaches the standards set by the younger players.

Peter Gill



Captains gone AWOL  
Chifley Teams winners

Jeff Fust (Victorian Youth), Debs Moir (NSW Youth) John Bailey (Tasmanian everything) and Charlie Schwabegger took time out to win the Chifley Teams (17 teams).



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A hand from David Lusk:

**Open Teams, Match 1, Bd 15**

S/Both ♠ Q 8 3 2  
 ♥ 5 4 2  
 ♦ A Q  
 ♣ 8 7 4 2

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

♠ J  
 ♥ K J 10 9 7 6  
 ♦ J 10 8  
 ♣ K 9 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zollo		Hudson	2♦ <sup>1</sup>
2NT	No	3♥ <sup>2</sup>	No
3♠	No	3NT	No
4♠	End		

- 1 Myxo, possibly a weak 2♥  
 2 transfer

Paul took an appropriately aggressive stance and John did not let him down.

Declarer won the heart lead in dummy to run the ♠10. South does better to cover. When he ducked, Zollo repeated the club finesse to dispose of a heart.

Then came ♠A and a spade to dummy's nine. The play suggested that South had 1-6-3-3 without the ♦A so John ducked two diamonds into North's A-Q and the contract was in the bag.

Back to trick 2. If South covers the ♣10, this would be the ending, with North on lead:

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

♠ 7 ♠ K 10 9  
 ♥ 9 ♥ —  
 ♦ K 9 7 ♦ 5 4 3  
 ♣ 5 ♣ —

♠ —  
 ♥ K J 10 9  
 ♦ J 10  
 ♣ —

North forces dummy with a club and declarer will duck a second diamond. North wins to lead a heart, ruffed in dummy. North ruffs the next diamond but has to concede the last two tricks one way or the other.

**Lucky Nic Croft**

**Teams 6, Bd 2, E/NS**

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

Dave Wiltshire was at the helm of 6NT as West. With 12 tricks as cold as the proverbial frog, a good youth player's thoughts inevitably turn to trick 13 and a certain diamond pip.

Dave called for the ♦Q and then a low club. While South was contemplating a duck, Dave foolishly claimed. *Quel Horreur!* If South ducks, Dave can test hearts at no cost and run the majors ending on table, making trick 13 with the ♦7 whenever South holds also diamond length.

Taking all 13 including the last with the beer card is worth about a carton. Fortunately for Dave, North had the diamond length so his squandered opportunity passed most notice ...

**Tales of Hoffmans - 1**

*by David Schokman*

**Teams 3, Bd 4**

W/Both ♠ J 8 2  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ J 10 7 4  
 ♣ 10 9 8 7 6 4

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

♠ —  
 ♥ A K Q 10 4 2  
 ♦ K 8 6 3 2  
 ♣ Q 3

This is a hand from the Monday Bulletin where Bob Richman and George Gaspar went for 1100 in 7♦.

In the Seniors' match between WA and ACT, David Hoffman played 5♣ after this auction:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hoffman	Jones	Curnow	Abrahams
3♠	No	4♠	5♥
No	No	5♠	End

Margaret Abrahams figured 5♥ was safe enough, though 4NT followed by 5♦ over 5♣ to show the reds might have been better. Roger Curnow for ACT decided to be a good host and let his Western cousins off the hook by bidding 5♠.

On a diamond lead, the only way to make 5♠ is to drop the ♣Q offside. If you do that, you're a better man than I am, Gunga Din.

North in fact led the ♣10. David Hoffman tried the jack from dummy then drew trumps, cleared clubs, noting the break and ran his trumps.

With South marked with 0-6-5-2, the ending was clear. If South had come down to ♥AKQ ♦K, I believe David would have dropped the stiff ♦K on the bidding. Margaret instead came down to ♥AK ♦K8 and was thrown in to lead into dummy's ♦AQ at trick 12.

There was no justice as their teammates were doubled in 5♥ for -100. David's play held the loss to 4 IMPs instead of 14. ♠♥

**ANC Pairs**

Pair pace needs a seres calm  
 competitors carping  
 needs a seres charm  
 it makes our day  
 to see seres play

**Last of the Saga**

To save us from the sobs and tears  
 economy class contract us  
 to e're enshrine primordial fears  
 and keep minibars intactus

**Congress Events**

Walk-in Pairs every morning at 9.30  
**Social Players' Day** Wed 25th, 10am - 3pm  
**Hurry Back Teams** Wed & Thur at 1.30  
**ACTEW Swiss Pairs** Wed & Thur at 7.30