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Victory Dinner

A crisp Canberra evening – 7°C. The Great Hall at University was full to overflowing for the ANC dinner.

I liked the high vaulted ceilings and modern art on the walls. The food was great!

After the entree and short speeches from Julia Hoffman, Beverley Carmichael and ABF President Keith McDonald, came the prize-giving and photo opportunities:



NSW won the Open teams.

An unusual picture – Prescott in a suit, Julia shuns the limelight.

NSW were hot favourites and took revenge for last year's loss to SA. Phil Gue focussed on the crucial factor, "This year Michael Prescott was npc, last year he actually played."



A local victory in the Seniors'. Len Dixon (on the right) was a member of the first ACT Open team in 1963.

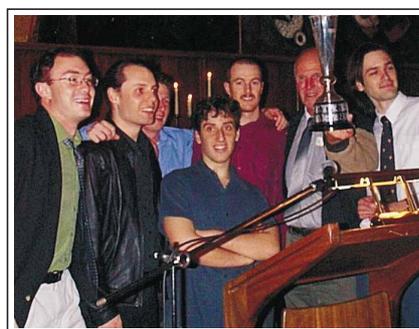
ACT got stronger as the event went on, grabbing a spot in the final at the death then wearing down the previously invincible Victorians.



Pauline tries to abscond with the trophy for the Women's Teams

In the Women's final NSW won five sets straight to build up a 50 IMP lead over WA, then suffered a 30 IMP scare in the 10 boards. Hilary's offer a sudden death extra 10 was not accepted.

Cathryn Herden and Ruth Tobin also played in 1988, losing that final to WA. Ruth is visibly pregnant. (That is, too pregnant for netball)



WA won every set of the Youth final against Victoria. They could even afford a mobile phone fine.

Teams finals by session

	c/f	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	Total
Open								
NSW	7	17	56	37	19	28	34	198
SA		36	22	4	33	37	8	140
Women								
NSW	1	20	19	36	32	27	14	149
WA		16	9	15	26	14	49	129
Seniors								
Vic	15	17	32	13	3	16	33	129
ACT		16	21	33	53	9	21	153
Vic fined 1 IMP & ACT fined 0.5!								
Youth								
Vic	18	13	24	15	16			86
WA		39	29	36	28			129
WA fined 3 IMPs - mobile phone!								

The team members

NSW Open: K Dyke - I Del'Monte
T Antoff - A Simpson, M McManus
- T Nunn, M Prescott (npc)

SA Open: A De Luca - D Lusk,
P Hudson - J Zollo, P Chan - R
Januszk, P Gue (npc)

NSW Women's: I Glander - M
Scudder, R Nailand - H Pitt, C
Herden - R Tobin, P Evans (npc)

WA Women's: A Booth - L Shiels,
D Frankel - R Krasenstein, S
Shilbury - J Touyz, H Yovich (npc)

ACT Seniors': H Ali - G Riszko, L
Dixon - J Brockwell, R Curnow - D
Hoffman (capt)

Vic Seniors': R Gallus - D White,
G Ridgway (capt) - A Robbins, G
Pick - R Rozen

WA Youth: P & S Brayshaw,
J Pynt - O Mailes, G Dupont - P
Wilsmore, I Bailey (npc)

Vic Youth: L Gold - T Johnson,
T Lee - K Wan, K Chan - A
Lasocki, J Fust (npc)

Some hands from the finals

NSW Open lost part of their lead in set 4. What do you do here:

Final 2, Bd 11

S/Nil ♠ 7
 ♥ K Q 10
 ♦ A 7 6
 ♣ K Q J 10 9 4

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

♠ J 3
 ♥ A J 8 2
 ♦ 10 5 4 2
 ♣ 7 3 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			No
1♠	2♣	4♠	No
No	?		

For NSW, Theo Antoff passed for -420. His counterpart tried 5♣, undoubled for -100 and 8 IMPs to SA.

In the Seniors', Hashmat Ali also bid 5♣ and brought in 8 IMPs for ACT as part of their 53-3 set against Victoria.

I don't understand passing 4♠ or bidding 5♣. North should double and South should rip.

Final 2, Bd 16

W/EW ♠ 9 3
 ♥ A K 5 3 2
 ♦ A J
 ♣ K Q 6 4

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

♠ 2
 ♥ 10 9 6
 ♦ 7 6 5 3 2
 ♣ J 8 7 5



Joan Touyz and Shirra Shilbury of WA won the Women's Pairs.
 (See earlier issues for photos of the other Pairs winners)

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Dixon	Rozen	Brockwell	Pick
No	1♥	1♠	No
2♠	3♣	4♠	5♣
Dbl	End		

South looked at the vulnerability and took the cheap save. However, 5♣ went for -500 and 4♠ had no play.

A good method is for South to double 4♠ to suggest the save, rather than take the plunge in front of partner. In the Open:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
No	1♥	3♠	No
No	Dbl	No	4♥
4♠	End		

A less costly phantom.

Final 2, Bd 17

N/Nil ♠ 8 7 6 5 3
 ♥ 9 6 3 2
 ♦ 3
 ♣ Q 10 9

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

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

This latest Kieran and Ish grand was less successful. Ish bid 4NT RKC as West and thought partner's 6♦ showed two aces and a void so he punted 7♦ and redoubled to boot.

In the other room, Al Simpson was on lead against 6♦x. With two aces, it's often good to lead a trump against a slam but you can sometimes look silly. This time a trump shoots it but Al led an ace for -1090 and 17 IMPs to SA.

The vugraph

An improvement on January but there were a few technical problems



The acerbic Panel – Peter, Bobby, Phil & Neville

– wrong board numbers, delays with screens, slow play etc, especially when the Seniors were on. VuGraph should be for fast players only!

In the Open Vugraph, NSW carried a 31 IMP lead into the final 10 boards. Kieran found a good lead here:

Vugraph 2, Bd 11

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

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

♠ A J 4 2
 ♥ 10 9 3 2
 ♦ A
 ♣ K J 9 2

He was on lead as South against 5♦x. This is cold on a club or a heart lead but he led the ♦A then switched to ♠A-another. 3NT is cold but EW had taken a phantom save against 5♣, which failed at the other table.

A few SA disasters then good cardplay in a quiet partscore to finish:

Vugraph 2, Bd 19

S/EW ♠ 8 5
 ♥ Q J 9 6 4
 ♦ J 9 8
 ♣ A J 6

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

♠ K 10 3
 ♥ 8 3
 ♦ K Q 6 3
 ♣ K Q 9 4

Theo Antoff played 2♠/E on a heart lead to his ace. He led the ♠Q-K-A-5, returned to the ♦A to lead the ♠9 and pick up the suit for no loser, +110.

At the other table, the play went the same, except that Ish played the ♠8 on the first round of trumps. This looked like ♠10-8 (if South has ♠K-10-5-3, the contract has no play) so Jessie Chan cashed the ♠J next to go one down. A fine expert false card!