



Back in Sydney

WELCOME to ANC 2005! The next few weeks will be a feast of bridge in Sydney.

This is the 66th(!) running of the ANC and lots of you will have been to many previous ones. We're delighted to be hosting you all once more.

This year we've changed the timetable somewhat – most importantly, moving the Butler after the Interstate events to lead into the ABF Youth Triathlon and the WBF World Youth Championships in a few weeks' time. The events are spread across two venues to move the action closer to Sydney's tourist heart.

Week one leads off with the Interstate Teams in the NSWBA premises ... watch out for the BBO broadcast of the Teams Final of Thursday 28 July. Come along to the VuGraph show of the last 20 boards on Thursday evening, again at the NSWBA. There'll be a bar and entertaining expert commentary from David Stern and others. We may also persuade Ted Chadwick to share some of his distinctive humour unless (or, even if!) his team makes the final.

Team supporters can get their bridge fix at a program of Congress events at some of Sydney's major clubs. Details are in the welcome bags and on page 2 - or ask at the hospitality desk.

The ANC Pairs on Friday and the Victory Dinner on Friday night are at the Sydney Masonic Centre, just 300 metres from the NSWBA, down along Goulburn St.

Next week the Butler starts on Saturday 30 July at the Sydney Masonic Centre. The following week sees the start of the World Youth Teams Championships on Sunday 7 August at Homebush. We hope some of the world's leading Youth players will take part during the Butler week.

The ANC is only in Sydney once ev-

ery eight years, and I want to give a huge thank you to all the people who helped to organise it.

Play well. Be lucky!

Bruce Neill, Conventer

Seoul-Searching

Four Australian teams went to Korea in June for the Pacific Asia Championships. All four did okay, but no wins this time. Australia has not won the PABF (Far East) Open Teams since 1970. China dominated the major events:

Open

China 1st, Australia 3rd

Ladies

China 1st, Australia 4th

Seniors

Japan - Yamada 1st, Australia 2nd

Youth

Japan 1st, Australia 2nd

Here's a hand from the Open match with China

Open RR2, Australia v China

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

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

♠ A J 5
♥ Q 10 9
♦ 7 6
♣ A K 7 6 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zhao	Neill	Fu	Klinger
			1NT

2♣* 3NT End

2♣ showed a 1-suiter. Zhao started with ♦Q-J. Ron hopped the ♦K at trick two and took 10 tricks via the heart finesse.

At the other table, Bob Richman also led the ♦Q-J, the difference being that he had passed over 1NT. After some thought, Zhuang ducked this – hoping for ♦Ax or Axx on his right –

Timetable – at NSWBA

Captains' meeting

Sat 23rd 10.30am

Welcome lunch at YWCA

Sat 12 noon

Interstate Teams

(Open/Women/Seniors/Youth)

Sat 2.45 & 8pm

Sun - Wed 10.30, 2.45, 8pm

Interstate Finals

Thu 10.30, 2.45

Vugraph at 7.30

then, at Masonic Centre

Interstate Pairs (5 categories)

Fri 10.30 & 2.30

Victory Dinner

Fri 7.30

Stage 1 Butler

Sat 30th 10am, 2pm, 7.30

Sun 10am & 2pm

Stage 3 finishes Friday 5 Aug

Youth triathlon at NSWBA

5-7 August, Fri - Sun

Teams, Pairs then Individual!

World Youth Championships

7-17 August

at Olympic Park Homebush

so he went two off for 11 IMPs to Australia.

Hands like this illustrate the danger of coded leads vs notrumps. Some people would lead the ♦J at trick one to show "zero or two higher honours" which gives the game away.

I reckon these revealing leads are good, provided you can recognise the right time to be a deviant.

Five matches involving Australian teams were broadcast live on BBO – BridgeBase Online. We will do the same here for the Interstate finals.



CHINA won the match 48-20. They picked up 12 IMPs on this board:

E/NS ♠ K Q J 7 2
 ♥ 6
 ♦ J 9 7 4 3
 ♣ A 9

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

♠ 9
 ♥ 10 9 8 7 4
 ♦ Q 5 2
 ♣ J 7 5 3

The Chinese East-West had a natural auction to 3NT/E, doubled by Neill as North for a spade lead.

This he got but that was still -550. At the other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Richman		Gaspar	
		1♠ diamonds	
2♣ Relay		2♥ fragment	
4♥		No	

An okay spot, particularly when South made a poor club lead, rather than the ♥10. North won the ♣A and returned a trump, so George felt confident. However, South overruffed in spades and returned a trump, so there were nine tricks only. Or are there? Download BBO, then go to: www.abf.com.au/events/overseas/pabfc/2005/Qb9AustChinaOpen.lin and decide for yourself.

How good were CHINA? They won the Open by 49 VPs over the 22 rounds, their three pairs coming 1st, 2nd & 5th on the (raw) datums.

Here are Butler rankings for the Australians in Seoul:

Gaspar - Richman	4th
Klinger - Neill	10th
Hinge - Nagy	20th
Neumann-Stern	5th
Feitelson-Havas	7th
Clark-Hay	22nd
Walsh-McDonald	3rd
Krochmalik-Lavings	9th
Griffin-Hughes	13th
Geromboux - Ware	6th
Feiler - Porter	10th

These last two pairs played as a four throughout the Youth, because Queenslanders Paul Gosney and Nathan van Jole had to pull out at

the last moment. They also lost their place on the Australian team for next month's World Youth Championships, to be held at Olympic Park in Sydney. Replacing them are Daniel Krochmalik and Justin Williams.

The Youth team in Seoul finished second after a close tussle with Japan.

Here is a youthful success of sorts, reported by Cathy Chua, who edited the Daily Bulletin:

"Just two boards later, a Roman Key Card disaster gave West a chance to get that -1600 back. Or some of it, at any rate:

W/NS ♠ Q 7 6
 ♥ A Q 9
 ♦ A K Q 6
 ♣ K 10 6

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

♠ K 8
 ♥ K J 10 5 4 3 2
 ♦ 7 2
 ♣ Q 3

After a strong 2NT opening by North, Matthew Porter, South, transferred and then invoked RKCB via 4NT. After a 5♠ response from partner he knew Gabby held the ♥Q which was irrelevant, but only two aces which was, of course, to the point.

Did I say RKCB disaster? Well, only in the bidding. The play was another thing. Against mostly 4♥, but several times 6♥, the field led the ♠J or the ♠A if played the other way up. West won the ace and had to guess which minor to shift to: +1430 to Australia."

In the PABF Pairs, Ishmael Del'Monte – npc of the Australian Open team – paired up with Tadashi Teramoto, who came second in this year's NOT in Canberra. They won, from Bruce Neill and Ron Klinger.

We look forward to meeting you at the ANC Welcome Function. It starts at 12:00 noon on Saturday 23 July.

It's in the Mary Jane Barker Room at the YWCA, 5-11 Wentworth Ave, Sydney. Just round the corner from the NSWBA.

Congress events in Week 2

All these events at the **Masonic Centre**, 279 Castlereagh St.

All start at 10am with no play in the evenings, to give you a chance to experience some of Sydney's night life.

Swiss Teams

Monday 1st Aug

Swiss Pairs

Tuesday 2nd Aug

Restricted Pairs

Wednesday 3rd Aug

ANC Swiss Pairs (gold points)

Wed - Fri, 3-5 August

Open to everyone! Not just drop-outs from Stages 1,2 & A.

You can enter at the Hospitality Desk or ring the Convener on 9924 7270

Support events

Four clubs around Sydney are holding red point support during week 1, when there are no duplicates at the NSWBA. They are:

Double Bay	9326 2072
Kings & Queens	9327 2546
Lindfield	9416 2500
Willoughby	9411 3527

A combined *eclectic* event will be held at all four clubs on Thursday daytime.

Parking

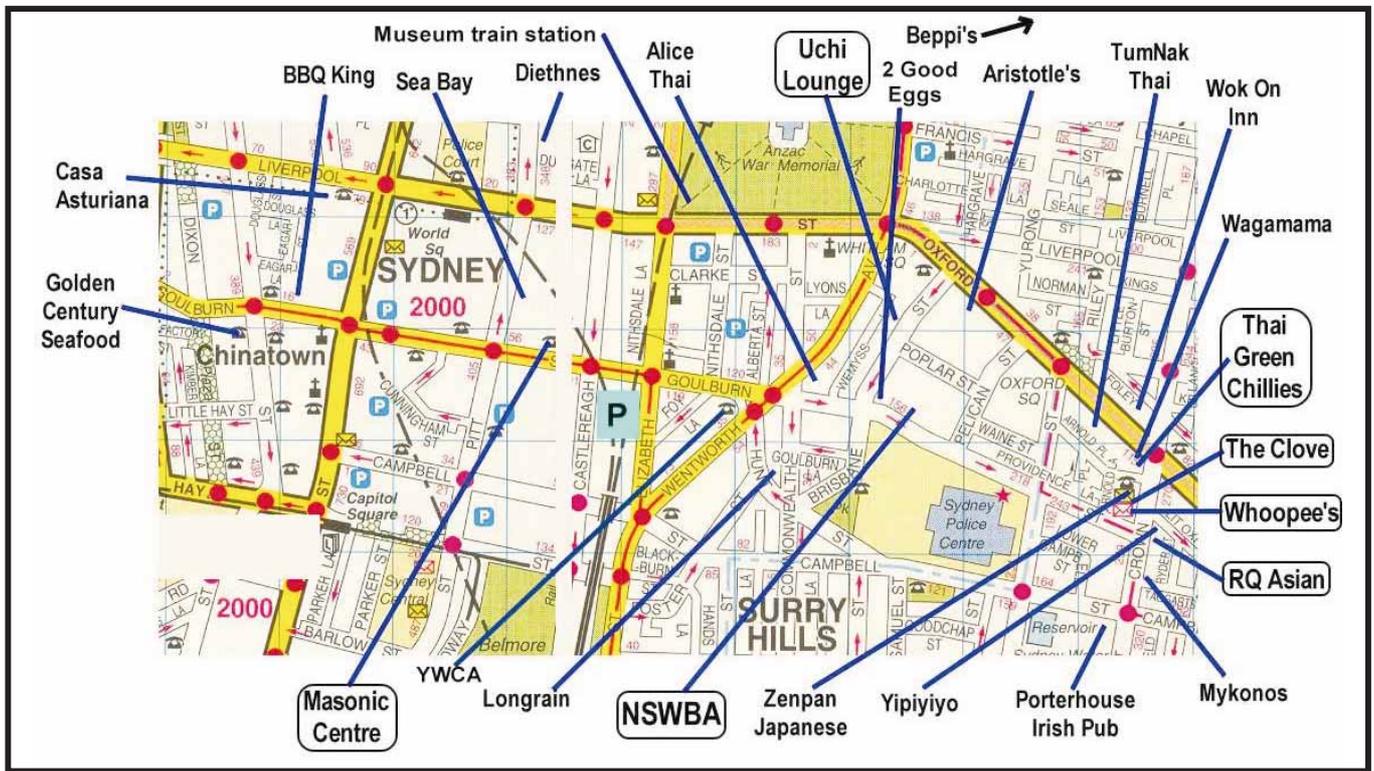
Special rates have been arranged with Goulburn St Parking, corner Elizabeth. Daily subsidised rate is \$5. Vouchers can be purchased from the Hospitality Desk during session times.

Public transport is abundant. Both venues are within 5 minutes' walk of Museum train station.



Downstairs at the NSWBA

You can order lunch from them tomorrow morning. They are also open week days till 5pm.



Saturday's matches (provisional)

Restaurant Guide

There are dozens of good cafés and restaurants near the NSWBA. *Café Sqizito* on our ground floor is open weekdays till 5pm, and also this Sunday so you can order lunch before you play.

A number of restaurants – *Thai Green Chillies*, *The Clove*, *Uchi Lounge*, *Whoopee's* & *RQ* – are sponsoring with prizes or special menus. They are highlighted on the map above.

On Oxford or Crown you will find Indian, Thai, Cajun and a host of others. For quick and cheap, try Subway (corner Brisbane & Oxford), Hungry Jacks or Sushi Train (in the arcade on the Eastern corner of Oxford & Pelican).

By the way there's a new coffee shop just opening on the corner of Goulburn & Brisbane Sts, open 7 days a week till 7 pm! Very convenient!! And they make good coffee! Called *2 Good Eggs*.

Nibbles available during play – thanks to William Zhang and Tommy Kiss.

Mahogany Leather

Rd	time	table	Open & Seniors	Women's	Youth
1	Sat – 2.45	1	Tas v NSW		SA v Vic
		2	Qld v NT	Qld v WA	Qld v ACT
		3	Vic v SA	ACT v Vic	NSW v WA
		4	ACT v WA	Tas v NSW	
2	Sat – 8 pm	1	WA v Tas	NSW v SA	ACT v SA
		2	NSW v Qld		WA v Qld
		3	NT v Vic	WA v ACT	NSW v Vic
		4	SA v ACT	Vic v Tas	

8 years ago

The previous Sydney ANC was held in the Roundhouse at the University of NSW.

The event was overshadowed by the disaster at the Maccabiah Games in Israel. Four Australian athletes died, including Elizabeth Sawicki. Other bridge players to die around that time included Audrey Dalley, Edgar Kaplan and Diana Spencer.

Khokan Bagchi & Seamus Browne won the Open Butler, as they did the year before. Beri Folkard & Kinga Moses won the Women's Butler.

Stephen Lester wrote this about the 468 board Butler "The opportunity to play in what many see as Australia's most important single bridge event

was one I will long treasure."

I particularly liked the electronic score entry at the table. Whatever happened to that, Martin?

Interstate Teams in 1997

Open NSW def SA
 Women's ACT def NSW
 Seniors Vic def ACT
 Youth SA def NSW

In those days, the Mixed Pairs was the final event. Dick Cummings and Pamela Blinman won after a kerfuffle. They turned up at the advertised start time to find the event already under way, due to a last minute change. Their substitute pair had a bad first round, so they appealed. Who were the joint winners?

The 05 ANC teams

Open

ACT	K Bagchi, D Lilley, D Hoffman, D Wawn, M Smart, P.Reynolds, A De Livera (npc)
NSW	S Hans, T Nunn, P Lavings, C Sundstrom, W Lazer, P Gumby, T Chadwick (npc)
NT	S Fischer (c), J Kostyrka, K Miller, L Miller, M Bookallil, F Park
QLD	N Francis, M Moren, D Appleton, P Hainsworth, D Janzekovic, K Sanmugarasa, T Strong (npc)
SA	G Fallon, W Jenner-O'Shea, C Lorimer, J Middleton, D Cherry, J Horowitz (c)
TAS	G Bailey (c), K Bailey, H Francis, L Kaszubski, P Beck, R Tyson
VIC	B Jacobs (c), S Hinge, C Chua, A Sarten, I McCance, B Thompson
WA	P Brayshaw, C Mulley, T Fuller, D Allen, D Matthews, C Belonogoff, J Free (npc)

Women

ACT	J Hoffman, N Church, M Weddell, R Thomson, A Pettigrew, A Stephens, P Grant (npc)
NSW	N Bashar, R Liepins, C Molloy, N Djurovic, M Watts, B Folkard, M Scudder (npc)
QLD	R Lachman, P Rankin, T Bardon, S Johnston, M Millar, G Tucker, J Broad (npc)
SA	C Kain, A Clarke (c), M Wilson, F Wilson, W Andrews, J Roberts
TAS	D Cooper (c), M Gibbs, A Little, J Tyson, V Cowan, C Elliott
VIC	H Snashall, S Murray-White, S Collins, M Woods, C Lachman, C Mill, Willcox (npc)
WA	S Clements, T Manford, A Booth, L Shiels, D Brooks, P Hammond, H Yovich (npc)

Senior

ACT	L Dixon, G Riszko, J Kahler, P Back, A Farthing, B Carmichael, P Grant (npc)
NSW	S Bock, N Moses, P Jamieson, R Jamieson, M Hughes, E Griffin, T Zines (npc)
NT	E Nunn (c), P Nunn, B Hambleton, W Moir, M Howley, P Howley.
QLD	T Jackman, R Wallis, J Han, R Morey, K Wood, C Howard, Afflick (npc)
SA	B Clarke, P Colmer, D Lusk (c), R Januske, A Easley, R Lupini
TAS	J Bailey (c), K Glasson, S Filler, A McDonald, V Badcock, J Mann
VIC	S Klofa, V Muntz, C Snashall, G Kilvington, M Chrapot, M Tencer, L Kelso (npc)
WA	J Hansen, R Hansen, R Grenside, S Grenside, D Schokman, S Moses, D Yovich (npc)

Youth

ACT	C Bridgland, D Geromboux, G Ware, N Griffiths, A Lightfoot, A De Livera, M Abraham (npc)
NSW	D Krochmalik, N Rodwell, J Hornibrook, K Hornibrook, M Brady, M Hanaghan, N Hughes (npc)
QLD	A Hung, P Gosney, R Touton, G Martin, R Touton (npc)
SA	A Lasocki (c), A Morcombe, N Croft, J Williams, P Sellars, J Gue
VIC	I Hu, J Howard, P Hollands, A Munro, B Kingham, A Mill (npc)
WA	J Pynt, O Mailes, A Sharma, A Sharma, J Reynolds, J Free (npc)

Who are favourites?

Ask an expert assessor – Peter Gill, Cathy Chua, Ron Klinger, David Lusk, etc

In the Open, Victoria, ACT and NSW have strong teams. ACT are the defending champions and their team this time seems even stronger. South Australia have sent an inexperienced team – the top three pairs from their trials event were unavailable. ACT and SA look likely to fight out the Youth again. The Women's and Seniors look wide open, with some big names missing. Anyone's guess? Here are my (Nick's) finalists:

Open	ACT to beat Victoria again
Women	WA to beat Vic, just a guess
Seniors	NSW to beat Vic
Youth	ACT to beat SA finally

Other pundits are welcome to post their selections, preferably today!

Last Year in Melbourne

Open	ACT def Victoria
Women	NSW def WA
Seniors	Victoria def SA
Youth	SA def ACT

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