



Move on down the road

Pairs events at the Masonic Centre today in five categories, Victory Dinner tonight at 7.30.

Stage 1 Butler runs from 10am Saturday to late Sunday afternoon. Stage 2 and Seniors Stage A start on Sunday night at 8pm.

Finals decided

Favourites NSW won the **Open** final after a see-saw battle with ACT. They jumped out to lead by 57 IMPs after two sets. Then Ted had a word to his team "There's a rumour that they'll put the Women's final on VuGraph because it's close. We can't have that, so let's ease off a bit over the next two sets".

ACT did indeed hit back, closing the gap to 12 IMPs with two sets to play. This made for an entertaining

VuGraph, using BBO software and dual screens – for Open & Closed rooms. Those rooms were actually in Jim & Ellie Fitz-Gerald's unit, near the Association.

In the **Seniors**, NSW built up a steady lead and maintained the gap over Western Australia.

The **Youth** had one final qualifying round in the morning, with South Australia blitzing Queensland to make the final. The four person Queensland team faded at the end; Paul Gosney was quite ill.

So ACT would play South Australia yet again. The first two sets were close, then Pandora's can of flood-gates opened, Gosney-style. A sweet victory for Canberra, particularly Christy Bridgland, who has tried to win this event 10 times before.



The Sunshine girls – Greer Tucker, Rosa Lachman, Margaret Millar, Sandy Johnston, Toni Bardon, Jill Broad, Pele Rankin

The **Women's** final was nip and tucker the whole way, with Queensland picking up 13 IMPs in the final set to win by just 3 IMPs. Greer was a member of the last Queensland team to win this event, in 1992. The final 40 boards were broadcast on BBO, with expert commentators including Ron Klinger and David Bird.

	c/f	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	Total
Open								
NSW	7	50	27	2	4	28	23	141
ACT		19	8	24	25	11	20	107
Women's								
Qld	6	16	20	17	11	26	34	130
NSW		26	34	3	23	20	21	127
Seniors								
WA	3	10	12	4	23	19	38	109
NSW		18	32	13	19	44	29	155
Youth								
ACT	2	14	24	61	48			149
SA		11	28	16	1			56

Teams in the finals

Winners = 42 PQPs, 2nd = 18

NSW Open: npc E Chadwick
S Hans - T Nunn
P Lavings - C Sundstrom
P Gumby - W Lazer

ACT Open: npc A De Livera
K Bagchi - D Lilley
D Hoffman - D Wawn
M Smart - P Reynolds

Qld Women: npc J Broad
R Lachman - P Rankin
T Bardon - S Johnston
M Millar - G Tucker

NSW Women: npc M Scudder
N Bashar - R Liepins
C Molloy - N Djurovic
M Watts - B Folkard

NSW Seniors: npc T Zines
S Bock - N Moses
P & R Jamieson
M Hughes - E Griffin

WA Seniors: npc D Yovich
J & R Hansen
R & S Greside
D Schokman - S Moses

ACT Youth: npc M Abraham
C Bridgland - D Geromboux
G Ware - N Griffiths
A Lightfoot - M De Livera

SA Youth: npc P Gue
A Lasocki - A Morcombe
N Croft - J Williams
P Sellars - J Gue

There is still time to enter the Butler.



Stage 1 starts Saturday 10am, Stage 2 (& Seniors Stage A) start Sunday 8pm.

Here are some finals hands

Saved by screens:

Seniors Final 3, Bd 3

S/EW ♠ A 7 4
♥ A K J 10 8
♦ J 8 7
♣ 10 8

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

♠ K 2
♥ 4
♦ A K 9 5 2
♣ A Q 9 6 5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Moses		Bock
no	1♥	no	3♣
no	4♥!	no	5♣
no	5♠	no	6♣
no	6♦	end	

3♣ was a mini-splinter – four hearts and a club singleton – which Steven forgot. Neville jumped to game in the known fit, then Bock remembered. He tried a hopeful 5♣, which Neville took as stiff ♣A. Then came the 5♠ cuebid followed by grudging preference to 6♦. When the ♦Q fell doubleton, that was 10 IMPs in.

Without screens, Bock would have heard partner alert his 3♣. Then he would have an awkward legal problem over 4♥ – might have to pass.

In the Youth, Griff Ware played the routine 3NT/N on a spade lead. The safe line is to win and play ♦A-another. Ware took the very good but-not-quite-100% line of taking the heart finesse. When hearts broke and the ♦Q fell doubleton, he had 12 tricks, 2 IMPs in.

VuGraph 1, Bd 2

E/NS ♠ A Q 9 8
♥ Q 9
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 10 5 4 2

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

♠ 10 3
♥ J 8 7 6 2
♦ Q 10
♣ Q J 7 3

Khokan Bagchi did well here, particularly when you consider that at 8am on the morning of the final, he was

halfway between Canberra and Sydney. He'd driven there on Thursday for a work meeting, stayed up late waiting for the phone call that would tell him whether he had to come back for the final, then set off early next morning.

Anyway, Hans led a heart to the 5-9-duck. Bagchi won the next heart in hand to play a spade to the king and ace. He won the club switch then played the ♦4-10-A-3.

He wanted to play towards his two jacks but couldn't cater for ♦Q863 in North because that needs three entries – 1 for a spade play, 2 to lead the ♦9 to force North's ♦Q, 3 for a finesse against North's ♦8.

He only had two entries so he played for South to have ♦Q-10. There was much rejoicing on VuGraph. Of course the ♦10 would have been a great card from 10-x

VuGraph 1, Bd 10

E/Both ♠ 10 9 2
♥ A K 10 9 7 4
♦ —
♣ 9 8 6 3

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

♠ 7 6 4
♥ Q 8 5
♦ K Q 10 4 2
♣ 7 5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sundstrom	Smart	Lavings	Reynolds
1♣	2♥	no	no
3♥	no	dbl	no
4♠	end	3♠	no

In the Open Room, Bagchi - Lilley reached 4♦ for -200.

Peter Reynolds led the ♥5 to the king. To shoot it now, Michael Smart had to underlead for a diamond switch to kill dummy's ♦A. When he cashed the ♥A instead it was all over. 13 IMPs to NSW.

I asked Pele Rankin for a hand. Modestly she showed me her bad one from the last set. She thought it had cost them the event.

Finals 6, Bd 19

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

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

♠ Q J 4
♥ 10
♦ 10 7 5
♣ Q J 9 7 3 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rankin	Watts	Lachman	Folkard
3♥	dbl	end	3♣

They had to pay out -500 to Beri

ABF events

Interstate Pairs (5 categories)

Fri 10.30 & 2.30

Victory Dinner

Fri 7.30

Stage 1 Butler

Sat 30th 10am, 2pm, 8pm
Sun 10am, 2pm

Stage 2 & Seniors Stage A

Sun 8pm
Mon, Tue 10am, 3pm

Stage 3

Wed - Fri 10am, 2.30

Youth triathlon at NSWBA

5-7 August, Fri - Sun
Teams, Pairs then Individual!

World Youth Championships

7-17 August
at Olympic Park Homebush

Tipping contest results. 1 pt for each finalist +1 for the winner. These were the Day 1 entries from Peter Gill & The Editor.

Open

PG NSW from ACT 3
NH ACT from Vic 1

Women

PG Vic from ACT 0
NH Vic from WA 0

Seniors

PG SA from NSW 1
NH NSW from Vic 2

Youth

PG SA from ACT 2
NH ACT from SA 3

A tie, with 6 out of 12. Both win a trip to Homebush for the World Juniors.

Folkard's pre-empt. Would you have doubled as West? Or North? Or bid as East, with or without the double? An instructive hand!

Here's another textbook hand from the Youth:

Finals 4, Bd 15

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

East plays 3NT on a spade lead. The winning line is simple enough – win the ♠K and take two heart finesses. You probably need hearts to break as well.

The youthful declarer ducked the spade instead – not good. After the defence knocked out the ♠A, declarer crossed to the ♦A to lead a heart. Arian Lasocki hopped up with the ♥Q to kill the suit. That meant one heart trick only – 2 off. Yes, North could have ducked if South had played low but this earned an extra undertrick and was more stylish.

David Wawn had a chance here:

Vugraph 2, Bd 13

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

When Gumby led a trump against 4♠/N instead of the singleton heart, declarer was back in the game. Wawn drew trumps, pitched two hearts on the ♦AK, then had to guess clubs. Ace, then low to the queen was not a success.



Applying the pressure

by David Lusk

Round 1 Seniors, Bd 23

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lusk	Snashall	Januszke	Kilvington
			no
2♣	2♦	no*	4♦
??			

* negative

After opening 2♣, intending to show 21-22 balanced on the rebid, West found the auction at the four level without getting the chance to make a natural bid. Your call?

West doubled and East bid 4♥, so all was well. However, it is questionable as to whether double (take-out) is the right bid. On reflection, pass may be correct. For East, the implication must be that West's hand is balanced. East should therefore bid 4♥ anyway.

Imagine that East held 4-4 in the majors. With no room to manoeuvre, East would still bid 4♥ and the spade fit would have been missed.

At the other table NS bought the auction in 4♦ (making), so pass apparently didn't work.

Disclosure

Rd 1, Bd 15			
S/NS	♠ A J 8		
	♥ A 10		
	♦ A J 9 3		
	♣ A 8 4 3		
♠ 9 4 2		♠ 10 7 6 5	
♥ K Q J 9 2		♥ 8 4 3	
♦ 7 5		♦ K 4	
♣ J 6 2		♣ Q 10 9 5	
	♠ K Q 3		
	♥ 7 6 5		
	♦ Q 10 8 6 2		
	♣ K 7		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			no
2♦*	2NT	no	3NT

* multi (weak in either major or 21-22 balanced)

With such a good suit and with the vulnerability favourable, why wait for a 6 card suit to cause the opponents a few headaches?

The value of the 2♦ opening was that East knows to consider a major suit lead to the eventual 3NT contract. East guessed correctly and led a heart - one off.

No such action was taken at the other table and East had no reason to lead a heart.

If West bids hearts naturally, he may steer NS into the alternative contract of 5♦, making.

ANC Eclectic Pairs (120 pairs)

Held yesterday at four clubs

1st	Joe Barda & Bob Richman	Kings & Queens	70.1%	\$200
2nd	Ann Zipser & Fay Cooney	Double Bay	67.1 %	
3rd	Janice Harris & Kyoko Luiker	Lindfield	63.3%	
4th	Ed Barnes & Paulne Potts	Kings & Queens	62.8%	
5th	Faith Duncan & Annabel McLean	Club Willoughby	62.8%	

Restaurant Deals

These four restaurants – grouped around the intersection of Oxford and Crown – offer special dinner deals (6pm - 7.30) for bridge players.

Typically a choice of entrees, main course and a glass of wine.

WHOOPEE'S

Italian – 241 Crown St – \$25

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Asian – 294 Crown St – \$30

THE CLOVE

Indian – 249 Crown St – \$26.90

GREEN CHILLIES

Thai – 113 Oxford St – \$25

Where have they gone?

Here's a suggested sing-along for the victory dinner. It's from Territorian Meryl Howley.

Where have all the bridge stars gone?

Long time passing

Where have all the bridge stars gone?

Bleak mid-winter

Where have all the bridge stars gone?

Gone to Sydney, every one

When will the ever learn?

When will they ever learn

Where have all the dummies gone?

Long time passing

Where have all the dummies gone?

Outside smoking

Where have all the dummies gone?

Gone for coffee, every one

When will the ever learn?

When will they ever learn

Where have all the directors gone?

Long time coming

Where have all the directors gone?

When we were calling

Where have all the directors gone?

Making rulings, every one

When will the ever learn?

When will they ever learn

Where have all the winners gone?

Tails a-wagging

Where have all the winners gone?

Friday evening

Where have all the winners gone?

Victory dinner, every one

When will the ever learn?

When will they ever learn

Where have all the losers gone?

Tails a-drooping

Where have all the losers gone?

Friday evening

Where have all the losers gone?

To the airport, every one

When will the ever learn?

When will they ever learn

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Appeal #3

Youth – Victoria vs Queensland

Teams 2/4, Bd 15

S/NS ♠ J 9 5 4

♥ K J 6 5

♦ 10 6

♣ K 10 3

♠ Q 6 2

♥ A 10 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ A J 8 2

♠ AK 3

♥ 7 4 3

♦ AKQJ 8 7 2

♣ —

♠ 10 8 7

♥ Q 9 8

♦ 4

♣ Q 9 7 6 5 4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Martin	Howard	Touton	Kingham
no	no	2♣ ¹	no
2NT	no	3♦ ²	no
4♥	no	5♦	no
6♦	end		

1 alerted, strong

2 alerted as transfer

+920 EW

Director (Mullamphy): I was called by North at the conclusion of play, contending that EW arrived at 6♦ as a result of the mis-alert.

We ruled that East's knowledge that 4♥ could not be natural is Authorised – West would not bid this way



Concerning the 24-board matches, Bill Jacobs, who was a member of the ABF Tournament when the matches were lengthened from 20 boards to 24 in the late 1990s, points out that this was in response to requests for more bridge, mainly from the States without finals ambitions.

Okay, just asking. If it's more bridge you want, the obvious alternative is to play a **triple** round robin of 16-board matches.

24 x 14 = 336, 16 x 21 = 336. That's four matches a day with the extra round on the night after stage 3 ends.

Just a suggestion

with long hearts.

West is not in receipt of any Unauthorised Information and is free to raise 5♦ to six. NS made no suggestion that there was any reaction by East when 3♦ was alerted. Result stands.

Appellants: (1) Over West's undisclosed 4♥, a slam try of 4♠ is a Logical Alternative, perhaps number one choice. Then West is likely to drive to 6♥ or higher.

(2) Why would West bid 6♦ over 5♦ unless he suspected that partner did not have hearts?

Respondents: On (2), 5♦ is a most unlikely cuebid. If East has an extreme 2-suiter, 6♦ is sensible having already shown heart support.

West reflected on the bidding to date and concluded his original interpretation of 3♦ made little sense. There was no reaction of mannerism by East.

Committee (P Gue, J Hoffman, B Jacobs, W Lazer, B Neill): East's 5♦ bid may have been influenced by UI. Final result uncertain. Score adjusted to 8.9 IMPs to EW, being 90% of the score achieved and 10% of -50. EW were counselled on the implications of UI.

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 0411248 248.