



**ANC Swiss Pairs today**

These Butler events just keep coming. This three day event is the one formally known as the Consolation Butler, a Gold Point event for those who fell at the first or second hurdle. These days it's open to everyone and it's still gold points.

This year we welcome a number of overseas youth pairs – from countries including Poland and New Zealand – who are having a final warmup before the World Junior Teams, which starts at Olympic Park next week.

**Next up – Stage 3**

Stage 2 is over – 140 boards to cut the field in half. Now for the final round robin – 13 rounds of 14 boards. That will make it 442 in total. Remember that the top two pairs in Stage 3 will represent Australia in the Commonwealth bridge tournament, next March in Melbourne.

**ABF events**

**Stage 3**

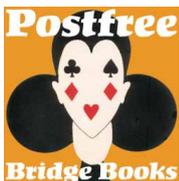
Wed - Fri 10am, 2.30

**Youth triathlon at NSWBA**

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

**World Youth Championships**

8-17 August  
 at Olympic Park Homebush



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**Stage 2, Rd 11, Bd 25**

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Ritter		Hans
	no	no	?

Sartaj couldn't contain himself here – he opened a strong 1NT, raised to game after West's DONT 2♣ overcall. On a low club lead, he flew dummy's ♣Q for "all the matchpoints." +460.

4♠ is basically on the diamond finesse, so okay. South has a routine 3♠ opening, which North will usually pass.

**Stage 2, Rd 14, Bd 27**

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♦
2♦*	no	4♥	5♣
5♦	no	6♥	end

This is the likely auction to slam. Open Datum was -510 NS so few managed it. Or perhaps NS found their -300 in 7♦x.

Really, there have been a suspiciously high number of 6-5 shapes.

**Qualifiers to Stage 3**

**Open – NS**

1	B Neill & R Klinger	250
2	A DeLivera & I Robinson	238
3	S Hinge & C Chua	222
4	M Chen & J Li	214
5	S Hans & C Ritter	213
6	S Tishler & A Sarten	210
7	E Barnes & C Feitelson	206

**Open – EW**

1	N Francis & M Moren	252
2	G Gaspar & S Browne	250
3	B Richman & M Derofe	246
4	P Gill & M Bloom	235
5	R Jedrychowski P Wyer	234
6	B Coles & A Braithwaite	220
7	K Morrison M Chadwick	220

**Women's – NS**

1	S Lusk & T Tully	261
2	C Lachman & C Mill	242
2	J Snow & H Borman	222
4	E Berger & J Faranda	220
5	V Goldberg & S Gerdan	214
6	M Watts & B Folkard	210
7	J Abrams & E Whitby	208

**Women's – EW**

1	A Anderson & B Stacey	247
2	R Jamieson D McKinnon	241
3	M Scudder & I Glanger	228
4	K Neale & H Renton	226
5	P Rickard & J Twigg	225
6	R Kaplan & P Schroor	223
7	W Driscoll & D Greenfeld	222

**Seniors – NS**

1	A & F Halmos	237
2	M Bourke & E Ramshaw	230
3	D Brooks & P Hammond	227
4	R Stuart & G Lane	223
5	J Kahler & G Atkinson	217
6	J Collins & S Klofa	216
7	R Liepins & M Draper	212

**Seniors – EW**

1	L Calcraft & P Fordham	268
2	P Kahler & L Lowe	254
3	R Gallus & M Dilks	249
4	B Noble & G Bilski	241
5	M Askew & J Brown	238
6	P Bayliss & J McGeary	230
7	K Daws & F Lyons	226

**Stage 2, Rd 14, Bd 28**

W/NS ♠ J 6 3 2  
 ♥ Q 10 5  
 ♦ J 10 8 4  
 ♣ J 2

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

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

Judy Frazier & Neville Moses were playing a session as the House Pair, filling a half table. They bid these cards to 6♣ via 2NT – 6♣!

South doubled and led the ♦A, which caused no pain. Tony Nunn opened 4♣ with the West cards – looks about right with such disparity in the suits. To see this, consider how the Frazier - Moses sequence would fare with West's minors swapped.

**Stage 2, Rd 9, Bd 2**

E/NS ♠ 8 7 5  
 ♥ 10 8 7 6 5 4  
 ♦ Q  
 ♣ K Q J

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

♠ AK Q J 10 4 3 2  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ AK  
 ♣ A 6 4

You don't get an 11-trick hand every day. Four Open pairs reached 7♠. I guess they didn't get the routine 3♦ opening from East. Here's one of the successful auctions:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Feitelson		Barnes
no	2♦*	no	2♣
	3♣		4♣
	4♦		4♥
	4♠		4NT
	5♣		7♠

Candice's 2♦ showed any positive(!). You can probably figure out the rest. That 10 IMPs out is your fault, East.

**Stage 2, Rd 10, Bd 20**

W/Both ♠ 10  
 ♥ 8 4 2  
 ♦ A 9 8 5  
 ♣ J 9 5 4 3

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

♠ J 6 5  
 ♥ AK 10 6 5  
 ♦ J 2  
 ♣ K 10 7

Neil Perry made this tight, vulnerable 4♠. North missed the winning club lead, choosing a heart.

South won and switched to a trump. After a diamond to the king held, declarer drew trumps and led a heart. South took the ace and exited a heart to declarer's jack, with dummy pitching a club. This is the ending:

The ANC Warm-Up Swiss Pairs was won by Merrilee Rob and Arthur Ramer.

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= painless operation.  
 Now try :

**NO NO**  


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**CORRECT**

♠ —  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ A 9 8  
 ♣ J 9 5

♠ 8 3 ♠ 9  
 ♥ — ♥ —  
 ♦ 10 7 ♦ Q 4 3  
 ♣ 8 2 ♣ A Q

♠ —  
 ♥ 10  
 ♦ J  
 ♣ K 10 7

On a second diamond lead, the defence was stuck. If North rises with the ♦A to lead a club, declarer hops ace. The club loser goes away on the ♦Q. So North has to duck again.

Then declarer can play ♣A-Q to South and pitch a diamond from hand on the enforced ruff-and-sluff.

**Summer Festival Changes**

I'm sure you've seen the stylish new Canberra brochures about. Here's a summary of some of the changes:

**SWPT:** Back to 14 x 20-board matches (3 per day) after a 1-year trial of four 16-board matches per day. This time, just 6 teams will progress from each venue, instead of 8.

**Last train:** A 2-day Butler Pairs event the week before the SWPT. Win one of the last two places in the 2006 Open Playoff.

**Twilight:** Some days (1st Friday, 2nd Wednesday) start at 10am, and have a twilight match that finishes at 7.30 for an evening off.

**Bulletin:** The Editor is NZ-er Alan Taylor, who has been doing the Daily Bulletin at Rotorua/Hamilton for 20 years.

**Youth Triathlon**

This weekend at the NSWBA. Starts Friday night at 7.45 with Teams, then Pairs, then Individual. Finishes around 1pm Sunday. Note that the Opening Ceremony of the World Junior Teams is on 5.30 Sunday at Homebush.

Ring Peter Edgton  
 on 0437 290 184

**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.

**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 0411 248 248.