

BUTLER CONCLUDES

Congratulations to Melbournians Rena Kaplan—Paula Schroor, who led all the way in Stage III of the Women's Butler. They qualified equal first, then kept increasing their lead until they were more than a match in front of the next pair. Their only loss was in the very last match, when their lead was unassailable



Paula Schroor & Rena Kaplan



Bruce Neill & Andrew Peake

The Open Butler was more nail-biting, with Sydney-siders Bruce Neill—Andrew Peake taking the lead in the 10th round.

The Seniors Butler was won by Bob Gallus—Michael Dilks, both of Melbourne, who overtook Tony Hancock—Peter Grant in the dying stages of the event.

TODAY'S TIMETABLE

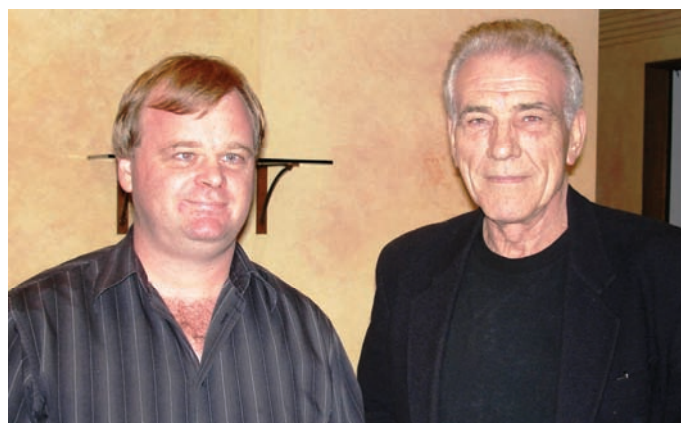
Championship Event:

ANC Teams: Open, Women, Seniors, Youth
10.30am, 2.45pm, 8pm

Congress Event:

Barossa Restricted Teams—3 sessions
10am, 2.30pm, 8pm

The ANC Pairs was won by Michael Prescott, Sydney and John Hughes, Cairns.



Michael Prescott & John Hughes

SABA TEAMS RESULTS

PLACE	TEAM	VPs
1	HARMS RUSSELL HARMS JEFF TRAVIS LUKE MATTHEWS GORDON FALLON	123
2	GAMBLE JULIE BOYCE CHRIS THOMAS DEB WELLMAN DI MARLER	112
3	NASH BILL NASH RICHARD WEBB BETTY MILL NATHAN BROWN	105

DON'T MESS WITH THE LOL

Sara Tishler and Adam Sarten recently returned from Verona, where they played in the Rosenblum Teams with Heather Renton – Marlene Watts. Sara and Adam were hauled into the Appeals Room following a situation which arose during the play of the deal below:



Sara Tishler

(Hand recreated from memory – may not be an exact replica)

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ K Q 2
♦ K Q J 9
♣ A Q

♠ 5 4 2
♥ A 8 6 4
♦ 8 7 6 2
♣ 4 3

♠ A 8 6
♥ J 9 7 5 3
♦ 4
♣ J 10 9 8

♠ Q J 10
♥ 10
♦ A 10 5 3
♣ K 7 6 5 2

WEST	NORTH <i>Sarten</i>	EAST	SOUTH <i>Tishler</i>
	2♦ ¹	Pass	2♥ ²
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣ ³
Pass	3♦ ³	Pass	4NT ⁴
Pass	5♦ ⁵	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

1. Multi
2. Pass or correct
3. Baron, not alerted on the South side of the screen
4. Not alerted, as natural
5. Simple Blackwood

Sara simply did not believe her partner. “He must have two aces,” she thought, bidding the diamond slam confidently.

On Adam’s side of the screen, he had alerted Sara’s bid as Baron, and the 4NT continuation as Simple Blackwood. Sara, however, had forgotten to alert her 3♣ bid, and her right-hand opponent assumed it was Stayman.

East led ♣ J against the slam. When Adam won ♣ A at trick one, the position would have been clear to East, if he had bothered to ask about the auction.

Adam drew two rounds of trumps, then knocked out ♠ A. East, having assumed the 3♣ bid was Stayman, also

assumed that the 4NT bid was quantitative. He won ♠ A and continued ♠ 10.

Sarten won ♣ Q, crossed to dummy in spades and ruffed a club. He crossed to dummy in trumps and drew the rest of West’s trumps.

The Appeals Room at Verona consisted of a four-panel committee and the table director, and included observers Bobby Wolff and Richard Grenside. The four players involved, as well as Michael Rosenberg, the team captain were present.

East asserted that his defense was based on the fact that he believed 3♣ to be Stayman, 3♦ to show no four-card major, and 4NT to be quantitative. He thought that the 5♦ bid was accepting the invitation and showed a diamond suit along the way.

He went on to say that in America, players practice active ethics, and they inform their opponents if they may be unaware of a particular bid.

Tishler replied that in Australia players don’t alert anything above 3NT, and everybody knows what Baron is, so why should that be alerted.

She apologized for not alerting, saying “I’m just a little old lady from Moonee and and bury myself if you like. I apologise for not alerting 3♣, I should have.”

A member of the Appeals Committee asked Sara why she went on to slam, knowing two aces were missing.

“I didn’t believe him” she replied, whereupon most of the room started grinning.

Ultimately, the appeal was dismissed, but Tishler – Sarten were awarded a 3 IMP procedural penalty for failure to alert. The expert American team won the match 17-13.

SO LONG

It’s been good to be here. I would dearly love to be present for the ANC Interstate, always an exciting event, but other commitments force me to leave. Good luck to all the teams. I will be looking forward to reading the Bulletins online, now under the capable editorship of Dianne Marler.

Quotable Quips

“I do not like the way the cards are shuffled,
But yet I like the game and want to play,
And through the long, long night will I,
unruffled,
Play what I get, until the break of day!”

Eugene F Ware

DAVID'S PRETTY LITTLE DUCK

David Wiltshire returns to his roots for the 2006 ANC. David was introduced to bridge by Nic Croft in his Adelaide University days. He and friend Steve Geddes were keen 500 players until Nic gave the pair a couple of rudimentary lessons, and from there it was no looking back for the imaginative David. Known as 'Crazy Dave' in his first couple of years, David is now part of the OzOne squad. He represented Australia in the World Youth Pairs in Poland with Gabby Feiler and in Paris with Joshua Wyner. David is based in Sydney now, and works fulltime in bridge; playing, directing and OzOne commitments.



On the deal below, David's imagination as a defender earned him a huge swing in Round I of the Open Stage III Butler:

Board 11, South deals, nil vulnerable

			♠ 9 7 5
			♥ A Q 6 3
			♦ K 7
			♣ 10 9 6 5
♠ J 2		♠ A K Q 10 8 6 4	
♥ 8 7 4 2		♥ ---	
♦ A 10 9 6 4 2		♦ Q 5 3	
♣ 2		♣ A Q 4	
	♠ 3		
	♥ K J 10 9 5		
	♦ J 8		
	♣ K J 8 7 3		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Neill	Wiltshire	Peake	Dyke
3♦	3♥	5NT ¹	1♥
6♣ ²	Pass	6♦	Pass
			All Pass

1. Grand Slam force
2. One top honour

Wiltshire led ♥A against Bruce Neill's contract. Neill ruffed in dummy and played a trump to the nine. Wiltshire could see that winning ♦K would provide the only trick for NS, so he tried the effect of ducking.

This had the desired effect. Placing Dyke, South with ♦KJ8, Neill played two rounds of spades. Dyke was able to ruff the second round with ♦J. ♥K forced dummy's last trump, but Neill was not concerned. He continued playing spades, knowing that he could wait until Dyke ruffed in with ♦K, whereupon he would over-ruff, and cross to dummy with ♣A to enjoy the rest of the spades. Wrong!

A third spade won, but on the fourth spade, Wiltshire produced ♦K to take the contract one down. Wiltshire has obviously earned his place on the OzOne squad legitimately, and his peers can only admire his fine feeling for the game.

THE RARE BIRDS IN BRIDGE

On my walk to the venue, I started thinking about the bids and plays which rarely occur in bridge. To date, I've never opened with 4NT, asking for specific aces. However, about 30 years ago I picked up: ♠ 8 ♥ AKQJ10876543 ♦ 5 ♣ —. I'd actually never heard of 4NT openings back then, but my RHO opened 1♣ in any case. When I now bid 6♥, being the matriarch of the Blue Mountains Bridge Club, she boomed, "Barbara, you can't bid like that!"

Andrew Peake held as close to a 4NT opening as I've seen since: ♠ AKQJ653 ♥ 8 ♦ AK965. He opened 1♠, only to hear Andrew Mill bid 5♣. The auction came round to him and he rebid 6♣. Phil Markey took the 7♣ save, which goes 5 light (1100) against 1430 – except when declarer revokes!

The Grand Slam Force or 'Josephine' doesn't come up that often, but I've seen two in the past few weeks. During the Butler Pairs preceding the VCC our auction went: 1♠ – 5NT – 6♥ (extra length to two top honours) – 7♠. Peter Gill and Paul Gosney bid:

Gosney	Gill
2♣	2♠
5NT	7♣ (2 top honours)
7♠	
♠ QJ104	♠ AK973
♥ AKQ108743	♥ J5
♦ A	♦ Q
♣	♣ K9642

Bruce Neill, with Andrew Peake, on the other hand, utilised a 5♠ rebid, asking how good partner's spades were. This is a great bid if partner can respond with a suit lacking top honours! Andrew's rebid was 7♠.

(There's some symmetry about all the hands above – there's always a club void.)

Now there's another opening bid I've never made – five of a major, asking partner to bid six with one top honour, seven with two.

A play I've never managed to execute is a smother play. However my partner managed one once – and I was the victim. Each time declarer lost a trick to her she returned a 'horrible' card (and that was three times). Finally the smother play occurred – and declarer still reminds me about it 25 years on. That's because the declarer was Jeff Travis! (And I still married him...)

ANC YOUTH PAIRS

Place	Players	Perc	Score
1	ROSEN ,WARDLE	58.33	255
2	STEVENSON ,YUEN	64.90	248
3	SPROD ,REYNOLDS	56.77	245
4	LOCKWOOD ,GUE	47.69	226
5	JENNER-O'SHEA ,MORCOMBE	47.22	217
6	BRADY ,WILSON	53.70	213
7	HU ,KINGHAM	56.02	211
8	GOLDBERG ,HOWARD	43.23	206
9	SELLARS ,MAIN	36.11	187
10	REYNOLDS ,MIDDLEMISS	36.06	150



JEREMY ROSEN AND MARTIN WARDLE

ANC SENIORS PAIRS

Place	Players	Perc	Score
1	MORRIS ,VOLFRAMS	58.33	264
2	CHAN ,PUSKAS	52.08	262
3	BERGER ,MORAWIECKI	56.67	259
4	MILWARD ,MILWARD	44.17	257
5	KAHLER ,MENDICK	49.58	257
6	KLOFA ,SCHWABEGGER	50.42	246
7	LUSK ,JANUSZKE	51.67	244
8	HENDERSON ,LEENDERS	58.75	242
9	STRUJK ,GRANT	53.75	238
10	DE JONG ,GASPAR	46.67	228
11	GLASSON ,GLASSON	37.92	215
12	STRONG ,OSMUND	43.75	206
13	MOONEY ,MILL	46.25	202

ANC MIXED PAIRS

Place	Players	Perc	Score
1	EMERSON ,DE LUCA	63.19	160
2	WOODS ,HOHOR	58.69	154
3	SOLOMON ,EVANS	52.08	150
4	CLEMENTS ,PIPER	47.92	144
5	PARROTT ,PARROTT	49.31	143
6	HOCKING ,LANGE	52.78	142
7	SCERRI ,SCERRI	40.28	141
8	BOOKALLIL ,FISCHER	44.92	140
9	MANFORD ,ASHWORTH	40.97	120

ANC WOMENS PAIRS

Place	Players	Perc	Score
1	SHILBURY ,TOUYZ	57.41	529
2	MARKS ,ROCKS	60.42	483
3	GIBBS ,COOPER	52.08	475
4	SCUDDER ,GLANGER	53.47	461
5	LIEPINS ,CHADWICK	54.95	445
6	MUNTZ ,MAGEE	49.73	442
7	LITTLE ,WEBBER	43.49	433
8	BROOKS ,HAMMOND	44.91	433
9	STEPHENS ,PETTIGREW	48.15	431
10	WEDDELL ,THOMSON	45.92	427
11	MOSES ,BASHAR	55.79	422
12	ANDREWS ,PHILLIPS	45.67	421
13	GUPTA ,DRUCKMAN	46.53	417
14	FALLON ,MARRETT	46.88	412
15	LARSEN ,BERGER	50.52	411
16	BROAD ,MARTIN	52.55	406
17	DEMARCO ,JEFFERY	51.85	405
18	SMITH ,DEL PICCOLO	45.19	395
19	HICKEY ,SANDERCOCK	44.79	350



DAVE WILTSHIRE AND ED BARNES

ANC OPEN PAIRS

Place	Players	Perc	Score
1	WILTSHIRE ,BARNES	56.41	366
2	THOMPSON ,MCCANCE	46.79	352
3	CARTER ,CREET	51.28	339
4	AFFLICK ,KAMALARASA	56.09	334
5	LAVINGS ,DYKE	54.81	321
6	FREE ,CALCRAFT	52.24	320
7	ZOLLO ,CHAN	46.15	316
8	BLOOM ,GILL	49.04	302
9	DREYER ,JACOBSON	46.79	302
10	CHRAPOT ,MEYER	50.96	300
11	WARTHOLD ,HERRING	49.68	293
12	STARK ,GOLD	54.49	289
13	VAN VUCHT ,WHITE	44.87	272
14	YOVICH ,RANASINGHE	40.38	262