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ROUNDUP

DI MARLER—CONVENOR

As we move into the last day of the 67th ANC, I'm sure that we can all recount some great stories of wonderful successes and abysmal faux pas. I'm positive that we will all go away from this tournament with something extra in our memory banks—whether it be how one of our “heroes” played a hand to perfection, or just remembering the infectious laughs heard around the room on occasion during the fierce competition that is the ANC. Won't it be so nice to go home and get re-acquainted with our own beds. Dormitory style living can be fun for two or three days, but it palls after 6 or 7. Don't you agree Helen and Sally?

On behalf of the SA Bridge Federation and the ABF, I'd like to thank you all for participating in the Adelaide ANC. The weather has been kind to you and I hope that you have enjoyed the hospitality that our little city has offered.

Don't forget that the Victory Dinner will commence with pre-dinner drinks on the mezzanine floor of the hotel at 7.00pm with a three course meal to follow. If you do not have a ticket, then please come and see me because there will be no entry without one!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the ABF Tournament Unit of Sean Mullamphy, Eric Ramshaw, Chris Diment and Martin Willcox for their continued professionalism. My little blondie mate, Jane Rasmussen, has also worked tirelessly during her vacation to poor oil on troubled waters—thanks Jane.

Also to all the wonderful SA volunteers who covered a myriad of activities that form an essential part of the set up, running and dismantling of an event such as this—a BIG THANK YOU. You all know who you are—I don't think that I need to identify you individually.

And last of all—to the sponsors who came on board with donations of copiers, embroidery, paper and other stationery items, wine and cash for prizes - THANK YOU. Your continued support of our sport has been fantastic.

See you all at the ANC in Fremantle—travel home safely and thanks for participating.

TODAY'S TIMETABLE

Championship Events:

Open, Women's, Senior & Youth Teams Finals
10.00am, 2.00pm

Congress Events:

10.00am and 2.00pm
Alexander Botten & Associates
Last Ditch Pairs

ALEXANDER BOTTEN & ASSOCIATES LAST DITCH PAIRS

10.00am & 2.00pm Friday 4th August
1st Overall \$200
2nd Overall \$100
3rd Overall \$50

Sessional prizes of fabulous SA wines.
Come and have some fun in the last event of the
2006 ANC.

HEARTS, HEARTS, HEARTS



Billie Gupta (NSW Women's Team) could be forgiven for thinking that her partner had something other than hearts in her hand, until she bid them three times!!! Billie tells everyone the sad tale and then promptly goes on to say—“But our partners saved the day—because they were in a game contract making 420 and we only went three off!!” Ed: Seems to me that Billie and Liz must have flummoxed the opposition as well, 'cos this ol' duck would have thrown in a speculative double just for good measure.

RANGE ROVERS AND MAXI MINIS

Blaine Howe

There have been many attempts by the lawmakers of bridge to restrict the bidding methods players are allowed to use in both serious competition and club events.

Some of the restrictions have prevented the use of reasonable methods that good players should be able to handle. Paradoxically, methods which, in my view, are of dubious legitimacy have been allowed to continue.

There is one class of method to which I have very strong objection to and that is wide-range or split range bids which disadvantage opponents because of the information which can be given by bidding tempo. The bidders can take advantage of this, but the opponents cannot.

It doesn't matter whether these breaks in tempo are deliberate or accidental – the effect is the same. This is important. I am not presuming any intent by the users of the methods. The users can get genuine advantage if responder "picks up" on the bidder's range by the way he/she bids.

I have encountered all the methods which follow in the past year or so, and on more than one occasion. I accept that methods such as these are potentially as dangerous for the users as for the opponents, but I still question their legitimacy. I guess I sound like a senior broaching this subject, but I don't object to artificial stuff in general – for example, I really enjoy playing against Forcing Pass.

1. 12-18 1NT Opening The range for a natural 1NT opening should be limited to 4 points (15-18, etc). This is the most apparently benign method on the list, but the most dangerous in serious competition. I believe this method should not be allowed unless screens are in use.

2. Wide Range TWERB Two-Way Exclusion Relay Bids. These show either one suit or another pair. This version promises only four-card suits and no lower HCP limit. This method often surfaces over a strong club, but I have had it used against me when playing Standard.

3. Wide Range Preempts, 0-10 HCP This is a lot different to just being light on occasion, especially when it is on the system card. As with Wide Range TWERB, the proponents never seem to actually hold the advertised minimum, but the seeds of doubt have been sown on the system card.

4. Four-Suit Weak/Strong Multi A 2♥ opening which is a weak two opening in any suit or an Acol Two in any suit. You really don't want to meet this beast...

5. Forcing Pass over a one-level suit opening This shows 0-8 HCP or 16+ HCP and was used by one pair in second seat against all natural suit openings. I may have the numbers out by a point or so, but you get the drift. To put the icing on this cake, the users explained to me that pass was forcing, but advancer could take a view and pass. Give me strength...

The potential for both accidental and intentional abuse using these methods is so strong that I would prefer not to have to face any of them again, especially in national or state events. Hopefully, the bridge authorities will examine them at some point.



IS GAROZZO BLONDE?

Reported at the score up:

Bidding was fast and furious and after sighting dummy, Declarer said, "Who do you think I am, Garozzo?"

Everyone burst out laughing and said "We know you're not Garozzo". Tables in the immediate vicinity tried to hold their laughter in but failed.

The blonde dummy then dug herself into a deeper hole by mumbling: "I knew Garozzo was famous, but I thought he was a soccer player before this week."



EXCITEMENT PLUS

The most exciting thing that happened during the match between Jonathon Free/Les Calcraft and Anne/Doug Newlands was seeing a board tossed from another table land on its side. What are the odds of this happening again—I'm sure that if it does someone else will be called to take the photo!!!

YOUNG 'UNS SHOW THE WAY

PETER GILL

The World Youth Teams Championship in Bangkok has begun— with two competitions - Junior (U26) and Schools (U21).

In the World Schools Bridge Championship, Australia (Justin Howard, Andy Hung and Peter Hollands from Melbourne, Michael Delivera from Canberra, Adam and Nabil Edgton from Sydney, npc Cathy Mill) are doing well, with a 25-3 win over China by the Melbourne - Canberra foursome and a win over the European Champions (Poland) being the highlights so far.

Australia is equal 2nd of the 16 teams on 148 VPs. Four teams qualify for the semi-finals.

No Australian team - Open, Women, Seniors or Youth - has made the last four of a World Championship since 1991.

Australia's results to date are:

- 1 10-20 Pakistan
- 2 19-11 USA
- 3 19-11 Chinese Taipei
- 4 25-3 China
- 5 17-13 Latvia
- 6 18-12 Poland
- 7 15-15 Canada
- 8 25-5 Thailand

In the Junior (U26) event, Australia is 14th of 18 teams on 112 VPs— our sole win being against Chile. We have played most of the leaders, and play the bottom three teams near the end.

1. 6 - 24 Israel (coming 2nd)
2. 15-15 Norway
3. 14-16 Poland (Euro Champions, leading)
4. 24- 6 Chile
5. 6 - 24 USA2
6. 9 - 21 USA1 (Defending World Champs, coming 3rd)
7. 9 - 21 Hong Kong
8. 14-16 Brazil
9. 15-15 Hungary

In response to Dave Beauchamp's letter to the Editor (Bulletin #13), Jonathan Free from WA comments:
 "Please note that the ANC is in fact in Fremantle next year, and not Perth. WA is expecting it to be very enjoyable and whilst some of us have discussed holding a congress in Broome, it is actually two hours flying time to Broome from Perth—so everyone will logistically be playing interstate— perhaps a more attractive prospect may be to consider the Margaret River area."
 Ed: If you want it, they will run it, so how about getting your comments to Jonathan before the end of the ANC.

Under 21's AFTER ROUND 12

Rank	Team	VPs
1	ISRAEL	235
2	POLAND	200
3	AUSTRALIA	199
	LATVIA	199
5	USA RED	191
6	USA BLUE	179
7	NORWAY	178
8	SWEDEN	177
9	CHINESE TAIPEI	175
10	CHINA HONG KONG	171
11	CANADA	146
12	PAKISTAN	141
13	ITALY	125
14	CHINA	97
15	INDONESIA	93
16	THAILAND	81

The World Youth Teams Championship in Bangkok

Under 26's AFTER ROUND 13

Rank	Team	VPs
1	USA 1	218
2	POLAND	214
3	ISRAEL	212
4	FRANCE	211
5	SINGAPORE	208
6	EGYPT	202
7	ITALY	199
	USA 2	199
9	NORWAY	198
10	BRAZIL	192
11	CHINA HONG KONG	190
12	CANADA	184
13	HUNGARY	156
14	CHILE	153
15	AUSTRALIA	143
16	JAPAN	137
17	THAILAND	121
18	JORDAN	60

OPEN TEAM RESULTS AFTER ROUND 7 RR2

Place	Team	Name	VPs	Opp	Last VPs
1	1	VIC	324.4	2	37.5
2	2	NSW	70.7	1	-39.1
3	3	ACT	1.9	4	-20.0
4	5	SA	-44.7	6	-7.0
5	7	WA	-107.6	8	0.0
6	4	QLD	-111.7	3	20.0
7	6	TAS	-135.8	5	7.0
8	8	BYE	-300.0	7	0.0

WOMEN'S TEAM RESULTS AFTER ROUND 7 RR2

Place	Team	Name	VPs	Opp	Last VPs
1	2	VIC	282.8	1	37.5
2	1	NSW	116.6	2	-37.8
3	3	QLD	66.2	4	-35.2
4	4	SA	30.8	3	35.2
5	8	NT	-32.5	7	36.5
6	5	WA	-57.0	6	-1.0
7	6	ACT	-120.7	5	1.0
8	7	TAS	-288.4	8	-36.5

SENIOR TEAM RESULTS AFTER ROUND 7 RR2

Place	Team	Name	VPs	Opp	Last VPs
1	1	ACT	127.3	2	36.6
2	5	WA	45.6	6	35.3
3	4	VIC	23.4	3	37.5
4	3	NSW	15.7	4	-37.7
5	2	QLD	-18.4	1	-36.6
6	6	TAS	-87.6	5	-35.3
7	7	SA	-108.2	8	0.0
8	8	BYE	-300.0	7	0.0

YOUTH TEAM RESULTS AFTER ROUND 5 RR3

Place	Team	Name	VPs	Opp	Last VPs
1	1	SA	261.7	2	-36.0
2	2	QLD	257.5	1	36.0
3	3	NSW	33.7	4	-36.3
4	4	VIC	23.3	3	36.3
5	5	ACT	-292.6	6	8.0
6	6	COLTS	-302.6	5	-8.0

**WILL VICTORIA BE VICTORIOUS
AFTER A SLIDE?**

Despite the Victorian Open Team virtually maxing NSW in the last match of the round robin (97/21) and having a carry forward of 25 imps; after 2 ten board sets, NSW now lead by 30 imps.

Victoria were the stand out team throughout the round robin with an amazing average of +27 imps per match and now are the underdogs.

Where will it end???

There are 4 ten board rounds to go.

WOMEN'S TEAM FINAL AFTER ROUND 2—20 Bds

Place	Team	Name	VPs	Opp	Last VPs
1	1	VIC	61.0	2	15.0
2	2	NSW	49.0	1	27.0

SENIOR TEAM FINAL AFTER ROUND 2—20 Bds

Place	Team	Name	VPs	Opp	Last VPs
1	1	ACT	59.0	2	20.0
2	2	WA	37.0	1	23.0

OPEN TEAM FINAL AFTER ROUND 2—20 Bds

Place	Team	Name	VPs	Opp	Last VPs
1	2	NSW	76.0	1	44.0
2	1	VIC	46.0	2	0.0

CONTINUING STORY OF THE 4 LOLS

Sadly one of the LOL's turned up her toes and the other three were scratching their heads as to what to do—advertise for a replacement seemed to be the best course of action.

An interview process was proposed and a set of rules written down. The rules were:

1. We don't want to know about your wonderful husband, how well he provided for you, or how attentive he is; 'cos what is—is.
2. We don't want to know about your original paintings, your diamond rings, your big house, your fur coats; 'cos what is—is.
3. We don't want to hear about your beautiful children, your son the doctor, your son the lawyer or how well your daughter married; 'cos what is—is.
4. And lastly, we don't want to hear a thing about your sex life 'cos what was—was!!!

Ed: How many of us would be able to join the LOL foursome and live by their Rules.