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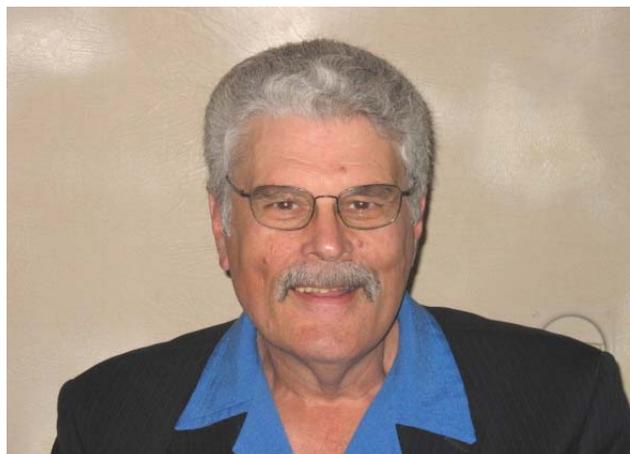


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Keith McDonald – ABF President

AND THE FINAL WORD FROM....

ABF President Keith McDonald

The ABF congratulates BAWA and Allison Stralow on a wonderful 2007 ANC. Allison was assisted by an excellent committee dedicated to ensuring the event was a success.

This, the 68th Australian National Bridge Championships, has been privileged to have a unique recognition of the event by Australia Post creating a special commemorative postmarker used at the Fremantle Post Office for the duration of the Championships. I hope this has set a benchmark for all future ANCs. It is an innovative marketing strategy to promote Bridge. Derek Pocock is to be thanked for the part he played in arranging this distinction.

The support from the players in all events has been excellent and reflects highly on BAWA. The Esplanade Hotel at 46 Marine Terrace Fremantle and staff have contributed to the smooth running of the event for two weeks. The list of generous sponsors is impressive. You must visit the ANC web site to check the sponsors because they should be thanked by us "supporting them". The Western Australian clubs have been marvellous and the donations from individuals are appreciated.

In my humble opinion one of the reasons for the success has been the well maintained ANC home page and the excellent publicity.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

SATURDAY 21 JULY

Championship Events:

10.00 am: 1.30 pm **ANC TEAMS FINALS**

10.00 am: 1.30 pm **Vugraph Presentation**

(free entry)

7.00 pm **VICTORY DINNER**

(Admission only by ticket)

Congress Events:

10.00 am Lindy Rosenwax Farewell Pairs

We are delighted to have the President of Zone 7, John Wignall MNZM, and his wife Adele with us in Perth. John is also Executive Vice President of the WBF (see Bulletin No 8).

My personal thanks to BAWA for another wonderful ANC. I have attended the last 3 Western Australian ANCs, 1984 as Captain of the Queensland Youth, 1991 as Captain of the Women's and 1999 as Captain of the Seniors'. At the end of the day the Captain of this ship is Allison.

Allison we salute you for a job well done.

Keith Mc Donald (President ABF).

P.S. I was impressed with the ANC Logo. Well done James Reynolds.

...& CONVENOR ALLISON STRALOW

On behalf of the ANC Committee I would like to thank everyone for making the 68th ANC such a success. Of course, the highest praise should go to my dedicated committee who worked so hard to make sure every aspect was fully covered. We have enjoyed hosting our interstate visitors, catching up with old friends and making new ones.

The Esplanade Hotel Fremantle has been an excellent venue and the City a Fremantle a wonderful playground.

The 69th ANC will be held in Queensland from 21 July- 8 August, 2008 at Surfers Paradise. See you there!

REMEMBER THIS?

This article by the late Kirwan Ward appeared in The West Australian on September 1st 1964. It is well worth reproducing for your amusement.

“Well, WA beat the Vics. at Subiaco yesterday by 69 points. Of course our team had the advantage of playing on our home tables, and it naturally took the big V some time to settle down to the faster green baize surface after the heavier nap they’re accustomed to in Melbourne.

I tiptoed into the City Hall when the contest was in full swing and filled in a gap in my sports watching experience. In my time I have seen just about every major sporting event you can think of, from jai-alai to sumo wrestling. But this was my first Contract Bridge Championship and, for a bloke whose card-playing background cut out when we lost the Snap pack, it was a very unfamiliar spectacle indeed.

As soon as the four battlers were in the starter’s hand, a small crowd gathered, and began breathing with respiratory respect on the backs of their necks. There was none of that “Who’s deal is this?” and no chatter. They just flipped the boards around and got on with it.

Though I watched them closely not one player placed the card on the back of his hand and hit it away: every one of them used the flick pass.

It was very quiet in the City hall and there was very little movement. Almost like a Test match with Redpath batting except that the general pace was brisker than a Test match (what isn’t?).

The fans, mostly women, crowded in, watching every move without so much as an occasional avvergoermug. No similar sized gathering of women anywhere in the world was ever quieter. Cigarette smoke spiralled up from each table, and if you listened intently you might hear a murmured “Three” or “Ace of clubs” but that was all.

There is a head-high curtain dividing the hall the way the Wall splits Berlin, and when I went to enter the southern sector the tournament director politely stopped me. He said that if I went into this twilight zone I couldn’t come out until the final siren. Why? Because I might be carrying secret signals to the south side boys from their mates north of the curtain. I’ve never felt so flattered in my life.”

MEMORIES

Kinga and I first played in an ANC in Perth in 1970. Kinga was by far the youngest member of a NSW Women’s Team led by the legendary Mary McMahon and her redoubtable partner Ruth Eaton.

They won a hard fought final against WA to give Kinga the first of her 6 ANC Women’s titles (all with different partners) – a record which will be equalled by Berri Folkard if (or should I say when) NSW wins the Women’s this year.

Mind you Mary McMahon won no less than 9 of those titles and a couple of Opens as well – a measure of her greatness.

I felt honoured when I won a place as a NSW representative in the 1970 Individual Championship and particularly pleased when I was running 9th at half time, in a field which included such luminaries as Tim Seres, Jim Borin and Dick Cummings, to name just a few.

The highly popular Len Dixon was leading the event and second and third were two less gifted and much less popular players whose names now escape me – I will call them X and Y. I had partnered both of them in the first half and was due to play against each of them twice after half time in that familiar Individual format where tables reform in different partnerships three times.

I also had to partner Len and was pleased that we had a good round enhancing his lead.

Well, into the second half I was surprised to find that through no fault of my own, tops began to fall into my lap – so much so that with one round to go I was a comfortable second behind Len and despite my nerves, I managed to hang on through the last four boards.

My prize for second was a Parker pen which I still have, presented at an elegant Victory Dinner held at Cottesloe in a pavilion overlooking the water. Everyone was in evening dress and I remember one highlight was the entry of white-gloved waiters into a darkened hall, holding aloft silver salvers bearing a dessert of flaming bombe Alaska.

I was congratulated on my efforts by one of the very top players (who shall also be nameless) and I responded honestly with,

“Actually it was pure luck!”

“It wasn’t luck at all,” he replied.

“I can assure you it was,” I said. “In three or four rounds in the second half I scored top after top quite undeservedly.”

“That’s what I mean,” he said. “If you examine the scores, you will find you played

GOODNIGHT SWEETHEART

Ed: Because Neville Moses thought (as I did) his contribution "Memories" had gone AWOL he then contributed the hand below.

I am pleased to report "Memories" was "found" and is also contained in this issue – thank you Neville.

	Stephen Bock	
	♠ 10 7	
	♥ A J 9 6 5 4	
	♦ Q 6 4	
John Ashworth	♣ Q 5	Terry Piper
♠ A 6 3 2		♠ Q J 9 5 4
♥ 8 3 2		♥ 10 7
♦ J 8		♦ K 9 7
♣ A J 7 2		♣ 9 8 3
	♠ K 8	
	♥ K Q	
	♦ A 10 5 3 2	
	♣ K 10 6 4	
	Neville Moses	

Contract 4♥ by South.

John led J♦ to the Q, K and Ace. I drew trumps (overtaking the Q) and pitching a club from hand. Now a diamond up – but Terry was awake and inserted the 9. Goodnight sweetheart!

I should, of course, have ducked the J♦ at trick one.

TO BID OR DEFEND?

By David Beauchamp

OPEN BUTLER Stage 3 Session 4
Board: 28
Dealer: West
Vul: NS

	Cathy Chua	
	♠ A K 10 9 8 7 4	
	♥ Q 8	
	♦ -	
Ted Chadwick	♣ J 7 6 4	Dave Beauchamp
♠ -		♠ J 6 5 2
♥ A J 10 2		♥ K 7 4 3
♦ A 10 7 6 5 4 2		♦ Q J 9
♣ A 8		♣ 5 2
	♠ Q 3	
	♥ 9 6 5	
	♦ K 8 3	
	♣ K Q 10 9 3	
	Simon Hinge	

Most of the players in the Butler had troubles with this hand! At my table Ted opened 1♦ and Cathy overcalled 4♠. This was passed back to Ted, who reopened with a routine takeout double. I didn't consider bidding with my flat unexciting collection and fair defensive prospects.

I led the Q♦ and declarer ruffed and now to make the contract has to run the 10♠. At 4 of the 7 tables, the contract was the same, but all the declarers decided against running the 10.

So was the double routine? The other alternative with the shapely West hand is 4NT. Partner will likely expect a hand with 6 diamonds and 4 clubs, but if East bids Clubs, West can convert to Diamonds (thereby showing long Diamonds and Hearts), One E/W pair (Parker/Hainsworth) played 5 diamonds making and another bid 6 diamonds (declarer misguessed in Hearts for 1 away). I presume Ted was reluctant to bid 4NT as my hand could have defensive spade values.

KILLING LEAD

by Murray Green

You hold ♠ Q 10 8 7 4, ♥ 7, ♦ Q5, ♣ Q 10 9 8 7, and the bidding proceeds:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Walsh	Green	Chung	Peake
			1♥
P	2♦	P	2♠
P	2NT	P	3♥
P	4♣ (1)	P	4NT (2)
P	5♦ (3)	P	6♥

All pass

- (1) 1st or 2nd, cue for hearts
(2) RKCB
(3) 1 or 4 key cards for hearts

Your lead?

Answer:

ANC TEAMS Set 12

Board: 3

Dealer: S

Vul: EW

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

Ros Walsh led Q♦!! Peake ducked in dummy, thinking the lead a singleton. So did David Chung, who rose Ace and returned a diamond. Declarer ruffed high, disappointed when West followed.

After a heart to Q, and heart back, East split with 10♥, an error, and West showed out. The position was now:

<p>♠ Q 10 8 7 4 ♥ - ♦ - ♣ Q 10 9 8</p>	<p>♠ J 9 5 ♥ - ♦ K J 10 ♣ A J 3</p>
<p>♠ A K 6 2 ♥ J 8 3 ♦ - ♣ K 6</p>	<p>♠ 3 ♥ 9 5 ♦ 9 6 4 ♣ 5 4 2</p>

Peake needed two entries for a trump coup, and played a club. Ros did not find the entry destroying Q♣, so J♣ won. This line required East to be 2452 – after ruffing a diamond, declarer needed to cash two spades before returning to dummy and the second of these was ruffed – down one.

As Bruce Neill observed, declarer can cater for both 1453 and 2452 in East (assuming no entry destroying Q♣ on the first round), by cashing a spade before a club to the jack. Declarer throws the three remaining spades and shortens himself by ruffing the second round spades, before returning to A♣ for the coup.

THE SUBSTITUTE

by Sean Mullamphy

ANC OPEN TEAMS SA vs TASMANIA
Board 3

<p>D Newlands ♠ A 5 ♥ A J 10 9 4 3 ♦ Q 7 2 ♣ 10 6</p>	<p>P Gue ♠ K Q J 8 7 4 3 ♥ Q 5 ♦ 8 ♣ 9 8 4</p> <p>A Paton ♠ 9 2 ♥ 8 7 2 ♦ A K 3 ♣ A K Q J 2</p>
<p>WEST 1♥</p>	<p>NORTH 4♠</p>
<p>EAST 5♥</p>	<p>SOUTH All pass</p>

At the other table: -

<p>WEST 1♥ 5♥ (1)</p>	<p>NORTH 4♠ All pass Takeout</p>
<p>EAST X (1)</p>	<p>SOUTH P</p>

A problem with a deal meant that I had to substitute a board an Open match. I shuffled and dealt this

gem. When I delivered the board to Phil Gue he remarked, “These substitute boards always produce 13imps.”

Both tables played 5♥ and both defenders lead K♠.

Doug Newlands (West) decided to play for at least one trump honour in the South hand and crossed to dummy in the “safer” diamond suit (total 6 cards) to finesse in hearts. North won the Q♥ and underled the QJ of spades to South’s 10. A little shocked at winning he got the gag and led a diamond for North to ruff.

At the other table, same lead, but Barbara Travis (West) took a different tack, laying down the A♥. If an honour dropped the contract was safe. If not the contract would make if the defender with 3 trumps followed to 2 clubs. Declarer could then pitch a spade on the third club winner. This line also works if all the trumps are in the South hand and South follows to 2 clubs.

Well played Barbara. Well defended Phil.

I SMELL AN ONION

By Phil Sellars

ANC Teams Set 11 NSW vs COLTS

Board: 9
Dealer: N
Vul: EW

<p>♠ K J 7 5 ♥ K 10 2 ♦ A K J ♣ J 10 9</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 9 6 3 ♥ 3 ♦ Q 4 ♣ A 8 6 3 2</p> <p>♠ A 2 ♥ Q J 9 8 4 ♦ 9 7 5 ♣ K 7 5</p> <p>♠ 8 4 ♥ A 7 6 5 ♦ 10 8 6 3 2 ♣ Q 4</p>
<p>WEST Renee</p>	<p>NORTH Edgtton</p>
<p>EAST Francesca</p>	<p>SOUTH Hornibrook</p>
<p>1NT 3♦ (2) 4♥ (4)</p>	<p>P P X (5)</p>
<p>(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)</p>	<p>Transfer to hearts I have diamonds I have hearts I think I got it wrong the first time WRONG!</p>

One thing about youth, especially rather green youth, is they are willing to give it a go. This hand is testament that one should always trust their partner.

With a little bit of luck on their side, Francesca is in a good spot with a chance to make. South led the 8♠-5-6-A. Then a heart to table followed by the 8♥, taken by South with the Ace, North discarding a club. Then a heart to dummy's K, North discarding another club. Stuck in dummy, declarer played A K of diamonds, dropping Q, and playing another diamond. Sadly it fell apart here. Renee now played K♠, another spade to ruff and drawing the last trump. Unfortunately, she left the spades open and the diamonds, finally going off just one for -200. Full marks to the girls on their effort though.

..... **AND IN THE SAME SET**

ANC Teams Set I | NSW vs COLTS

Board: 20
Dealer: W
Vul: All

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

♠ K
♥ J 8 3
♦ 10 5 2
♣ K Q J 7 4 2

♠ 6 2
♥ 5 2
♦ A K J 6
♣ A K 8 4 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
P	1♦	P	2♣
P	3♦	P	3NT
P	6NT	All pass	

♠ A K Q J 5
♥ K Q J 9 8
♦ 10
♣ J 6

The auction is straight forward and asks for a major suit lead. Playing A♥ you notice a rather stacked dummy against you. Declarer is stacked with values as well, so Renee had a tough choice to make. Partner made it slightly easier by playing the 9. Switching to the 7♠ and unblocking, managed to take the first 7 tricks for a score of +600.

Who said youth can't pick up good habits?

TRISKAIDEKAPHOBIA

By Jill Courtney

I have never been frightened of numbers - I have too many bridge scores that will evidence this. So when Denise Sharbanee and I were musing about how we might go in the Trials a discussion of numbers came up. Denise had never played in an ANC event so I gave her my own relatively limited views, having only played a few myself. I started with that indomitable number - ONE. I said that the hardest thing is scraping through Stage 1, theoretically the easiest step but many fine warriors have been known to

stumble at that early stage. This year was no exception. However, I said to her polite, positive, but doubtlessly disbelieving response, if we manage to make it through that Stage, I believe we can come in the first three in Stage 3. Denise is an extraordinarily impressive woman but I won't list all of those qualities here. Suffice it to say that she took me on good faith despite the fact we only had a few games under our belt prior to the event but she knuckled down and remembered my prediction. The gods were not kind in Stage 2 but we managed to qualify last in our side of the draw. No carryover but we were in Stage 3! Some notables such as internationals and fine players Sue Lusk and Therese Tully found they had a few days to enjoy Perth's sights after their Stage 2 exit.

Stage 3 gave us some good results, sufficient to get us into third place in the national event. It also gave us, like all, some bad ones. Here is one of mine. I have always considered that the number Thirteen is my lucky number, illogically of course, on the basis that it is my birth date. Hence on board 13 of round 3 of Stage 3, I confidently bid my way freely to 6♠. Our auction was fairly normal until I launched us into slam, bidding 6♠ rather than offering preference to hearts on the basis of my solid spade suit. Here are our hands:

There was no opposition bidding but I had shown a good hand with at least nine cards in the majors when I put us into that 6♠ contract. How to play it? On the 9♦ lead, I won and played a low heart towards the five card suit correctly ducked by the opposition. Obviously you are home if hearts break but you cannot afford to try to ruff a heart since it is doubtless that, if they are 4-2 West will be able to produce a bigger trump than dummy's six. Accordingly, I drew four rounds of trumps and entered dummy and played another heart towards my hand. East again ducked. My experience in these circumstances is that if she had held only three she would probably now rise figuring the cards would fall 3-3 on the next round. So she had to have four. The odds now favour inserting the 9♥ or 8♥, but how to explain to partner why I lost to doubleton 10 offside. After some thought, I succumbed to cowardice rather than odds and went up with another honour. This may not be all bad because endplays and squeezes were still workable, albeit not on this layout and frankly anti-percentage unless they

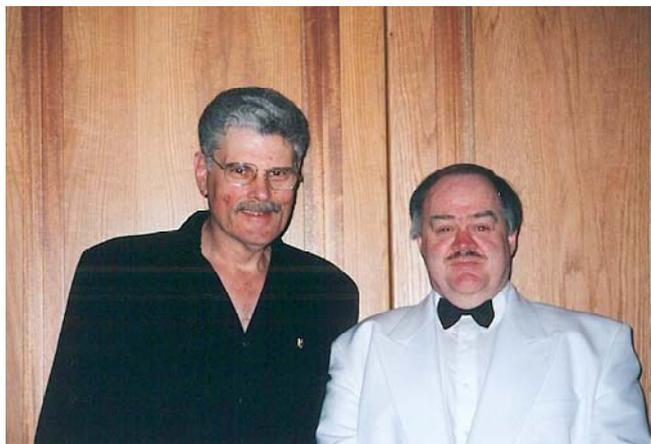
have found a very deceptive 9♦. As readers will know my communications prevent trying to set up clubs if they break 3-3. So I decided to take my punishment like a man and played for the 3-3 heart break despite "knowing" they were 4-2. And so they were, with East finely ducking twice with her A 10 7 3. All accolades to her, many would have faltered and rose.

There's no happy ending to this hand for us but it was, nevertheless, a fine contract. I gave the hand to a few experts (Michael, my brother and others) and none got it right although I believe I should have. But there you go. Maybe, after all, there is some reason to worry about the number Thirteen (Triskaidekaphobia) but this is one of the few examples I have encountered. (By the way if anyone wants to see the full layout it is board 13 of round 3 of stage 3).

As an aside, Denise reminded me that before the event I did say exactly that to her. That is, if we get through Stage I we should place in the top three in stage three.

Ah, numbers, numbers, numbers.

VALE JOHN ARKINSTALL



Keith McDonald & John Arkinstall at the 1999 ANC Victory Dinner at Observation City, Perth



Carol & Derek Pocock (facing camera) taking a break from the Hospitality Desk



Kate Smith (WA Women's Team) and father, Malcolm Smith



NT Women's Team: L to R: Lorna MacIntyre, Rosemary Mooney, Betty Mill, Alison Maynard, Terese de Marco and Liz Jeffrey



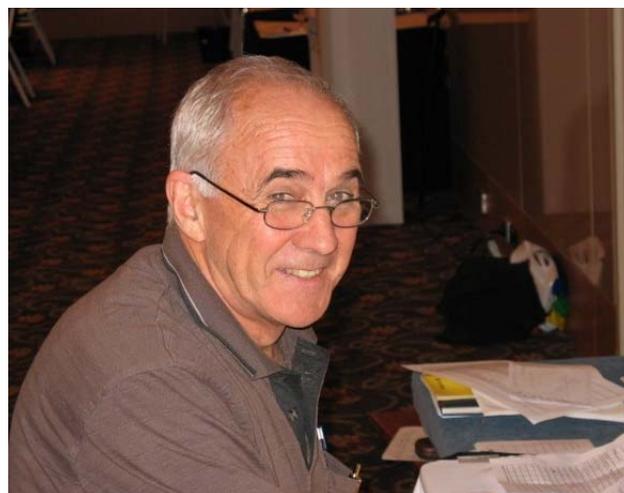
WA Women's Team: L to R: Kate Smith, Leone Fuller, Allison Stralow (npc), Annabel Booth with mascot Pearl, Alida Clark, Lauren Shiels and Jill del Piccolo



Peter Kahler (npc ACT Women)



Relaxing in the lounge L to R: Chris Mulley (npc WA Youth Team), Adam Sarten (Vic), Ron Cooper (WA), Keiran Crowe-Mai (npc NSW Women & Seniors), William Jenner-O'Shea (Colts Captain)



Harold McKnight – Congress Director



Taking tea L to R: Di Marler (SA Assistant Manager), Hilary Yovich (npc WA Seniors), Sue Lusk (SA Women & Women's Captain) and Barbara Marrett (SA Women)



Renee



Francesca

Renee & 'Cesca who feature in Phil Sellars article "I Smell an Onion"

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2007 ANC TEAMS
Results after RR2

OPEN

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	3	ACT	248.5	306
2	4	SA	152.1	250
3	2	QLD	133.1	207
4	1	VIC	80.4	102
5	5	NSW	72.2	108
6	6	NT	-166.9	-283
7	7	WA	-171.9	-215
8	8	TAS	-362.3	-478

WOMEN

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	1	WA	256.4	349
2	3	VIC	98.1	127
3	5	NSW	64.5	69
4	6	QLD	59.2	96
5	4	SA	-20.1	-21
6	2	NT	-92.4	-150
7	7	ACT	-124.4	-137
8	8	TAS	-249.7	-337

SENIORS

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	2	SA	92.7	120
2	5	QLD	38.1	38
3	3	WA	21.5	-1
4	7	VIC	-5	-23
5	1	ACT	-25.5	-30
6	6	NSW	-47.4	-24
7	4	TAS	-74.7	-80

YOUTH

Results after RR3

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	1	NSW	367.6	685
2	2	SA	265	542
3	3	VIC	112.5	203
4	4	ACT	-134.1	-189
5	5	WA	-272.7	-525
6	6	Colts	-368.8	-716

The Youth Finals commence on Saturday

2007 ANC TEAMS
FINALS – AFTER 2 ROUNDS

OPEN

Team	c/f	Round 1	Round 2	Total
ACT	10	18	27	55
SA	0	20	13	33

WOMEN

Team	c/f	Round 1	Round 2	Total
WA	16	13	25	54
VIC	0	30	13	43

SENIORS

Team	c/f	Round 1	Round 2	Total
SA	5	32	9	46
QLD	0	8	18	26

RESULTS OF CONGRESS EVENTS

WEST COAST BRIDGE CLUB PAIRS

1	John Beddow & Egmont Melton	72.0%
2	Helen Dennis & Susan Emerson	68.1%
3	Joan Valentine & Lisa Wylie	64.5%

STEELE BISHOP SECURITY SYSTEMS PAIRS

North/South		
1	Joan Valentine & Lisa Wylie	62.0%
2	Viv Zotti & Linda Ingham	59.3%
3	John Beddow & Egmont Melton	59.2%
East/West		
1	Robin Burton & May Schonwolf	58.4%
2	Helene Kolozs & Linda Wild	58.1%
3	Barbara Frost & Judith Ternahan	54.9%

YOUNG PATERSON LAST GASP PAIRS

North/South		
1	L Bedford-Brown & H Williams	58.4%
2	Derek & Carol Pocock	56.9%
East/West		
1	Lynne Errington & Jean Field	62.6%
2	Gill & Mark Dolling	51.3%