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FINALS TIME

Thursday night saw two of the six stanzas played in the Open, Women's and Seniors' Finals. On Friday, many players who were no longer involved decided to take advantage of the superb Tassie weather and explore the sights – the historic Salamanca area, Mt Wellington, the waterfront, the Cascade brewery tour, lunch at one of the superb restaurants or one of the cruises offering discount packages to players. Towards the middle of the afternoon, the Seniors Final was almost *a fait accompli*, with Victoria conceding after the fifth stanza. The ACT Seniors Team have been a class act all week, and deserve their title. The final result: ACT 154, Victoria 54.



ACT Seniors Team

The Open was also a one-sided affair, with Western Australia, well behind, determined to stick it out till the end. The final score was New South Wales 176, Western Australia 103.

The Youth Final was close going into the last round, when New South Wales firmly put the accelerator down to overtake Victoria and win by 117-84 IMPs.

The real excitement was in the Women's, where New South Wales had a 50 IMP lead at about the halfway stage, but went into the last stanza 5 IMPs behind archrivals Queensland. In the last stanza,

MONDAY'S TIMETABLE

10:00am

ANC Open & Womens Butler Stage 2
ANC Seniors Butler
Walk-in Pairs W05

10:00am

ANC Swiss Pairs Match 1

11:40am

ANC Restricted Pairs Match 1
ANC Swiss Pairs Match 2

2:00pm

ANC Open & Womens Butler Stage 2
ANC Seniors Butler
Lark Distillery Swiss Pairs C08 (1 of 3)
ANC Restricted Pairs Match 2
ANC Swiss Pairs Match 3

3:40pm

ANC Restricted Pairs Match 3
ANC Swiss Pairs Match 4

7:30pm

Events Tasmania Teams C09 (1 of 3)

New South Wales had real chances of reclaiming the lead, but a couple of wrong moves saw them subside 119—103 IMPs.



NSW Youth Team



A subdued but comfortable Vugraph room provided a good way to see what was happening, so we tuned into the last 10 boards of the Women's Final. The two most vital hands we saw were :

Board 17, North deals, nil vulnerable

	♠ K J 6		
	♥ K 6		
	♦ 4 2		
	♣ A K Q J 8 4		
♠ A 9 5 3		♠ 10 8 7 4 2	
♥ J 10 2		♥ Q 8 4 3	
♦ K 9 3		♦ 7 6	
♣ 10 9 6		♣ 7 3	
	♠ Q		
	♥ A 9 7 5		
	♦ A Q J 10 8 5		
	♣ 5 2		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Tully	Ichilcik	Rankin	Kalmin
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦ ¹
Pass	4NT ²	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

1. Minorwood (to Kalmin)
2. 2 Key Cards with no ♦Q (to Kalmin)

With the Queensland NS overboard in 6♦ (they knew they were missing two Key Cards), it was possible for NSW to take the lead had they stayed at the five-level, either in clubs, diamonds or notrumps. However, an accident occurred. Kalmin intended 4♦ as Minorwood, while Ichilcik thought she was signing off in notrumps, saying "no major ace to cuebid". An expensive way to find out you're on different wavelengths.

NSW had another chance on the next deal; the NSW EW in one room had stolen the hand in 4♦ down one, with 4♠ possible for NS;

Board 18, East deals, NS vulnerable

	♠ A K Q 10 9 4		
	♥ Q J 7		
	♦ 2		
	♣ J 8 2		
♠ J 7 6		♠ 2	
♥ A 8 5		♥ 10 4 2	
♦ J 10 9 7 4		♦ A K Q 6 5	
♣ Q 4		♣ K 9 7 3	
	♠ 8 5 3		
	♥ K 9 6 3		
	♦ 8 3		
	♣ A 10 6 5		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Tully	Ichilcik	Rankin	Kalmin
1♥	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

This is the auction we saw in the Vugraph Room. East led ♦A, ♦K. Declarer ruffed the second diamond, and drew trumps. She played ♥Q and ♥J, making it look like she was hoping East held a doubleton ♥10 (Tully marked with four hearts). When that did not happen, it looks like she turned her attention to clubs. The best line, which caters for both honours in the East hand, or split honours with West holding a doubleton honour, is ♣J from hand. When East covers with ♠K, you will have to decide whether to drop the doubleton queen offside, or play for ♣Q to be onside. Ichilcik, however, played a club to the 10 and Tully's queen.

There was still one more chance for declarer, when Tully continued with another diamond, forcing out the penultimate trump. Declarer could have discarded a club from dummy on this trick, retaining the heart in dummy, as it now looks unlikely clubs will play for two tricks. Tully actually needed to shift to her low club to defeat declarer at this point.

However, Ichilcik discarded a heart, and the contract was now one down.

In the Vugraph Room, Sue Lusk was astounded Tully had bid 1♥ with five-card diamond support. It shows you can't always trust what you see – the actual auction had been:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Tully	Ichilcik	Rankin	Kalmin
		1♦	Pass
3♦	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

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This makes declarer's line less plausible. It is likely Tully would have shown a four-card heart suit at the one-level.

Congratulations to the finalists in all events. The entire Interstate was played in an atmosphere of camaraderie and bonhomie, and Tasmania can be proud to have hosted such a popular event.



NSW Open Team

HAND DE JOUR

A hand played by one of the stars of the Victorian Youth scene, Justin Howard or Juzz, was brought to my attention. It features a superbly executed squeeze in operation for an extra overtrick in 3NT:

Round 9, Board 16, West deals, EW vulnerable

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

Justin was playing 3NT from the North seat. The lead was favourable, a low spade around to his ♠J, West contributing ♠10. Justin played a club to dummy and advanced ♦9, losing to East's queen. ♥9 switch, covered by ♥10, ♥J and ♥K clarified the heart suit for Justin. He played a club to the jack and played ♦8, going up with the king when West ducked.

A spade finesse, ♠A, followed by the cashing of the rest of the club suit left this ending:

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

West still has to discard, and can either unguard the heart suit for the last three tricks, or discard ♦A for the same effect.



Victorian Youth team, with Justin at top right

VICTORY DINNER

The swanky Royal Yacht Club provided a beautiful setting for this year's Victory Dinner. Pre-dinner drinks, dinner and dancing saw the crowd mingle and enjoy each other's company, while a talented singer provided the groove.

The evening also gave a chance for ABF President Keith McDonald to farewell Eric Ramshaw, outgoing chief of the Tournament Unit. Next year in Melbourne, Richard Grenside will be responsible as National Tournament Coordinator.

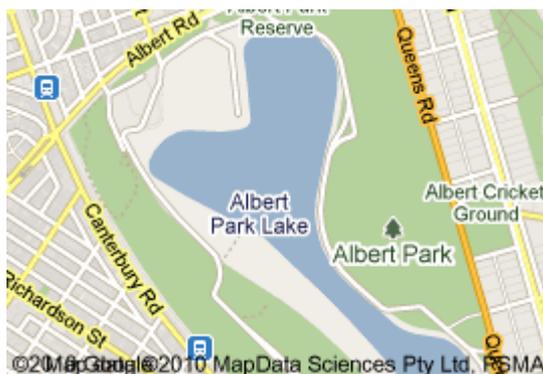




COME TO NEXT YEAR'S ANC IN MELBOURNE!!

WHEN: For 2 weeks starting July 23, 2011. We invite you to put it into your diary now!

WHERE: 'Powerhouse Function Centre' Albert Park Lake



Venue Features:

- On the Edge of Albert Park Lake – Home of the Australian Grand Prix
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EVENTS: Keep an eye on ABF www.abf.com.au and VBA www.vba.abn.au websites closer to the date, for schedules and the event details.

RESTAURANT REVIEWS

The Captain of the WA Youth Team can heartily recommend the Royal Thai in Elizabeth Street, Hobart – a sponsor of this ANC.

The restaurant offers a good selection of spirits and wines to compliment superb Thai cuisine.

Linda Bedford-Brown



Tasmanian table at the Victory Dinner



ROYAL THAI RESTAURANT

We were lucky enough to win a voucher to the Restaurant Remi de Provence which turned out to be very lucky indeed.

It is always difficult to find restaurants that you may end up having a good experience at especially when you are not familiar with the city.

We were greeted at the door by a tall Frenchman who proceeded to explain the procedures of his restaurant. First the wine cellar where you are invited to choose your wine for dinner. After much deliberation we chose a Sancerre as we had a great experience visiting that wine region town last year in France.

Then on to our table and time to review the menu, sooo hard to decide. Richard chose an aged (31 days) steak and I chose *coq au vin* which was rooster. Richard said it was the best steak he had ever had and cooked to perfection. My dish was also extremely good, and I enjoyed it very much. We finished off with *crème brulee* to end a most memorable evening.

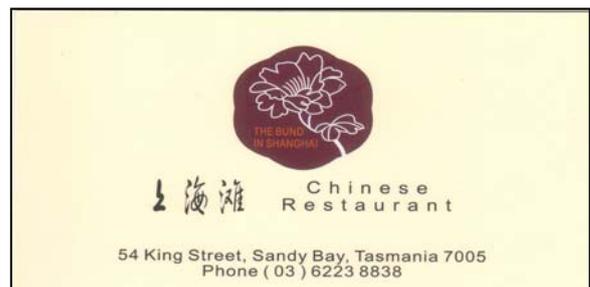
Sue Grenside



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On thte dancefloor



OPEN BUTLER AFTER 5 ROUNDS

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	1	P Gumby, W Lazer	104	114
2	46	E Adams, D Beauchamp	97	106
3	37	J Foster, D Weston	95	68
4	2	R Klinger, M Mullamphy	93	69
5	8	J Ebery, L Gold	92	59
6	44	M Watts, M Wilkinson	92	59
7	10	A Kanetkar, M Thomson	91	50
8	30	G Ware, M Abraham	89	51
9	34	G Finikiotis, M Durovic	88	46
10	26	S Hans, H Dawson	88	44
11	35	B Williams, J Fantarella	86	36
12	13	D McLeish, H Grosvenor	86	33
13	32	N Francis, A Maluish	85	37
14	23	J Magee, T Strong	83	30
15	24	R Nixon, B Waters	83	30
16	19	M Ware, M McManus	81	23
17	16	K Kat, B Kat	81	18
18	6	P Gill, M Robb	80	32
19	9	L Leibowitz, K Dyke	80	16
20	25	S Tishler, B Richman	80	15
21	5	P Lavings, T Leibowitz	80	13
22	18	G Bilski, N Strasser	79	15
23	21	P Gosney, N Edgton	79	15
24	43	N Van Vucht, S Fischer	78	12
25	20	I Robinson, A Braithwaite	78	10
26	7	B Neill, N Griffiths	77	6
27	14	A Mill, A Hegedus	76	7
28	40	G Belonogov, E Kowalczyk	76	7



29	49	E Barnes, F Rew	75	-4
30	36	A Richman, S Richman	73	17
31	55	D Braun, S Harrison	73	-11
32	53	B Lockwood, A Lockwood	72	5
33	42	G Rippon, T Davis	72	-2
34	51	B Nash, R Webb	71	-10
35	47	J Steer, S Steer	71	-16
36	12	C Quail, R Hills	71	-17
37	28	D Chung, P Beck	70	-18
38	3	K Morrison, S Hinge	69	4
39	39	R Tyson, J Tyson	68	-16
40	45	A Pol, A Swider	68	-22
41	11	S Browne, A Burke	68	-26
42	48	D Marler, T O'Loughlin	67	-28
43	33	E Samuel, J Fust	66	-27
44	52	I Callahan, D Wyllie	65	-33
45	56	J Thompson, C Kat	65	-33
46	54	C Arul, A Kaszubski	64	-40
47	17	J Courtney, M Courtney	63	-43
48	41	R Broughton, K Wilks	62	-45
49	27	C Boylson, J Free	58	-60
50	22	C Mulley, K Crowe-Mai	56	-64
51	29	R Prince, J Prince	56	-71
52	50	J Rasmussen, C Page	54	-81
53	38	I Mansfield, N Burica	52	-77
54	31	G Thomas, M Draper	50	-97
55	4	N Ewart, E Havas	49	-95
56	15	J Pettitt, A Meydan	44	-111



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WOMENS BUTLER AFTER 5 ROUNDS

Place	Team	Name	Score	Imps
1	6	M Chadwick, T Sharp	80	72
2	15	M Yuill, A Mellings	74	46
3	3	H Lowry, B Folkard	71	40
4	12	N Djurovic, P Evans	70	35
5	8	S Murray-White, P Schroor	70	30
6	7	K Moses, N Bashar	68	40
7	2	S Lusk, T Tully	67	24
8	22	W Ashton, E Moskovsky	63	14
9	20	V Brockwell, W Boxall	62	9
10	16	B Gutteridge, J Broad	61	2
11	17	C Williams, C Chandler	60	3
12	14	R Lachman, P Rankin	59	-2
13	24	D Munro, C Gardiner	59	-3
14	11	N Giura, J Bates	59	-5
15	5	I Glanger, M Scudder	58	-9
16	25	H Williams, S Pynt	58	-11
17	4	M Millar, G Tucker	57	-11
18	1	M Bourke, P McLeish	54	-19
19	18	T Cowie, J Masters	54	-24
20	10	M Tildesley, J Eddie	52	-29
21	13	H Cusworth, F Lyons	49	-39
22	9	W Driscoll, S Futaesaku	48	-43
23	21	M Obenchain, A Talbot	46	-45
24	19	J Mann, V Badcock	39	-75

THE PRESSURE WILL GET YOU

When you're playing for your state—and you're behind at a crucial stage in the Final, it's easy to play too quickly and lose your edge.

I witnessed two deals from an early round of the Final where it appears nerves played their part.

On the first example, the contract was either a spade game or slam. It was bid and went down at both tables in the Women's match. It was bid by WA but not NSW in the Open; 11 IMPs to NSW. It was bid by Victoria but not ACT in the Seniors, and went down due to a fine lead, and it was bid

by NSW in the Youth and went down, while it was not bid by the Victorian Youth.

Final Stanza 3, Board 8, West deals, nil vulnerable

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

First trick on this deal is to get to 6♠ from the West seat, as a diamond through the AQ dooms the contract. Second trick is to get a favourable lead—and from the North hand a heart lead looks pretty safe, although it in fact blows the suit, giving declarer four tricks. The declarer I watched on Vugraph got the favourable lead, but then threw his chance away by playing a spade to the king at the next trick, no doubt ruing his negligence in spurning the safety play in the trump suit.

In fact, I was told all the declarers in 6♠ played trumps from the top, a sure sign of pressure at a late stage of a long event. Full marks to Anne Powell of the ACT Seniors, who led a club from jack third to give declarer little chance in 6♠.

Final Stanza 3, Board 8, West deals, nil vulnerable

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

You are in 3NT from the West seat after a spade lead. You hold up ♠A until the third round. If you are in a stable state of mind, you will realize that this nasty contract will roll home only if the diamond suit is favourable. This happens, but at the table where I watched the pair under pressure, declarer played a club to the ace and then played ♥J. This could not possibly work. ♥♣

OPEN ANC FINAL

Table	Team	c/f	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Total
1	NSW A Peake, O Wu, S Browne, A Burke, P Gumby, W Lazer	2	34	19	62	15	25	19	176
	WA A Pol, A Swider, P Brayshaw, C Mulley, T Fuller, D Allen	0	18	26	10	3	21	25	103

SENIORS ANC FINAL

Table	Team	c/f	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Total
1	ACT D Hoffman, R Brightling, A Powell, E Dudley, R Crichton, P Crichton	1	2	31	51	54	15	154
	VIC M Dilks, R Gallus, A Czapnik, S Klofa, J Pettitt, A Meydan	0	16	17	1	16	4	54

WOMENS ANC FINAL

Table	Team	c/f	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Total
1	QLD M Millar, G Tucker, T Tully, P Rankin, M Jakes, R Green	14	18	7	10	13	45	12	119
	NSW L King, K Neale, H Lowry, B Folkard, L Kalmin, L Ichilcik	0	8	64	15	12	3	1	103

YOUTH ANC FINAL

Table	Team	c/f	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Total	
1	NSW N Edgtton, P Gosney, E Tewes, A Morcombe, A Edgtton, D Braun		8	19	16	11	63	117
	VIC J Howard, P Gardiner, P Hollands, M Henbest, L Henbest, A Munro	0	27	14	31	12	84	

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ACT Seniors Team

