

## Information:

The winning pair from the Butler will join the winning team from the Playoff of pairs 2 through 5 to form the Australian International Youth Team to play in the World Championships in Beijing in early October 2008, with airfare and other costs paid by the ABF. Participants in the Butler must be born on or after 1 January 1982. The 2008 Australian U21 and U28 teams will be selected after the Youth Week is completed.

There will not be an international youth challenge match between Australia and New Zealand on Saturday January 19.

If you decide to stay for the week after Youth Week, the Australian National Open Championships have a 50% discount for full-time students in events which are part of the Summer Festival of Bridge.

Gold Master Points will be awarded at the appropriate ABF scale for the youth events.

Prizes and trophies in both the pairs and the teams will be awarded. Plenty of bridge book prizes are awarded including Handicap Prizes and Encouragement Prizes.

The atmosphere is friendly and players enjoy their time at the table and away from it. This event should be attractive to young players regardless of skill level and experience. Additional staff have been added in 2008, to enhance the experience.

## For more information, contact:

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## New Venue:

Canberra Bridge Club, 6 Duff Place, Deakin, ACT. Deakin is south of the lake. We will help with transport to the best of our ability. Lifts to and from the Canberra City YHA and Canberra Motor Village will be provided. .

## Travel to Canberra:

Book flights at [www.virginblue.com](http://www.virginblue.com) or [www.jetstar.com](http://www.jetstar.com) or [www.qantas.com.au](http://www.qantas.com.au).

Cheap buses from Sydney (Airport) to Canberra [www.murrays.com.au](http://www.murrays.com.au) [www.greyhound.com.au](http://www.greyhound.com.au).

We will meet those who arrive by bus or plane on Friday or Saturday at the terminals. For such lifts, contact Assistant Convener Peter Gill

Car: Contact the Convener Ed Barnes to organize lifts from Sydney.

## Entry Fees:

	Standard	FTS
<b>Pairs:</b>	\$50	\$25
includes free barbecue on Sunday evening		
<b>Teams:</b>	\$50	\$25
<b>Butler:</b>	\$50	\$25
includes free entry to other activities from January 16-18.		

All fees are payable at the start of each event.

FTS = full-time students.

Limited financial assistance is available from the Friends of Youth Bridge Fund subject to serious financial need. Contact Peter Gill.

## Accommodation:

Prices of cheap accommodation in Canberra have skyrocketed in the last two years.

If you would like your accommodation booked for you, please contact Ed Barnes or Peter Gill.

We suggest:

Canberra City YHA Youth Hostel  
7 Akuna St, Canberra City.  
02 6257 3999 or toll free 1800 300488.  
<http://www.yha.com.au/hostels/details.cfm?hostelid=240>

Embassy Motel.  
Hopetoun Circuit, Deakin.  
02 6281 1322, 02 6162 7200  
<http://www.embassymotelcanberra.com.au/>  
Next to the venue. Not cheap. .

Canberra Motor Village., Kunzea St, O'Connor.  
Up to six people in one cabin, with kitchen, ensuite and air-conditioning.

Forrest Inn Lodge and Apartments.

Albany Apartments, Forrest

Websites such as [quickbeds.com](http://quickbeds.com), [wotif.com](http://wotif.com), [hotels.com](http://hotels.com) and [lastminute.com.au](http://lastminute.com.au).

Last year's venue Fenner Hall provides single accommodation with shared bathroom. Their price has gone up to over \$40 a night, hence our decision to move.

The other ANU university colleges such as Burton and Garran Hall similarly have ballooned in price.

The Conveners will make every effort to arrange billeting for those requiring it. Early advice would be appreciated. Priority in this respect will be given to players under 18.



**The Australian Bridge Federation**

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# Australian Youth Championships

**for Under 30 year olds**

**includes selecting Australia's  
Under 26 National Team**

**at the Canberra Bridge Club**

**6 Duff Place, Deakin**

**January 12 - 19, 2008**

**Convener  
Ed Barnes**

**Assistant Conveners (on site)  
Peter Gill and**

**William Jenner O'Shea**

**Tournament Director  
Matthew McManus**

## Entry:

Advance entry is required, by emailing Ed Barnes [youthweek@abf.com.au](mailto:youthweek@abf.com.au) or ring or text Ed Barnes at 0415 750401.

When you enter, we need your name, phone number(s), email address, Date of Birth, events you will play in, partner, teammates and whether you need to be picked up on arrival in Canberra.

If you need a partner or team-mates, contact the Conveners.

Accommodation enquiries to Peter Gill.

- You can enter individually or in groups, as long as we obtain the required information.
- All entry fees will be collected at the start of the event.
- Entries to the Youth Butler will be by selection from the Youth Teams Championship. One pair has been selected in advance from the Australian Youth Bridge Triathlon.
- It's best to enter the Youth Teams in a team of four with all four players being Australians born on 1/1/1982 or later, in order to maximize your chance of making the Australian team.
- Some complex systems (e.g. forcing pass systems) are not permitted. Contact the Convener for full details.

## Timetable:

January 2008	10:30am	1:30pm	7:30pm
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>		Pairs Q1	Pairs Q2
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pairs F1	Pairs F2	BBQ
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>		Teams 1	Teams 2
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Teams 3	Teams 4	Teams 5
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Butler 1 (seminar at 11am)	Butler 2 Consolat'n Butler 1	Butler 3 Consolation Butler 2
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Butler 4 (seminar at 11am)	Butler 5 Consolat'n Butler 3	Butler 6 Crazy Pairs & Speedball
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Butler 7	Butler 8 Consolat'n Butler 4	Playoff 1 Individual
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Playoff 2	Playoff 3	-

### Notes:

1. If you are not in the final five pairs of the Under 26 National Team Selection event, the bridge finishes on Friday evening January 18.
2. The top nine eligible pairs from the Youth Teams qualify for the U26 Selection event called the Butler. Others go into the Consolation Butler, with two special fun events in the evenings.
3. There are five free seminars, including two at about 11-45am on Wednesday 16/1 and Thursday 17/1, one by Aussie International Bobby Richman and the others by a top Australian expert.
4. The Playoff is for four top pairs from the Butler to qualify for the Australian U26 team.

## Eligibility:

Selection in the Australian Youth Team is restricted to players born on or after 01/01/1982. Youth Championship events are open to players born on or after 01/01/1978.