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## NEWS & SPECIAL EVENTS - August 2005

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### LESSONS

#### Wednesdays, 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 August, 10am AND 7.30pm

#### Supervised Play

Under the expert guidance of former teacher and experienced player, Val Hopwood, these sessions will help recent beginners and returning players make the transition to being a competent player.

They include

- A mini lesson at the start of each session
- Hands that reinforce the lesson
- Assistance available at any time during the bidding and play.

**Costs:** The first 3 sessions are free to those who have just completed the series of Beginners' Lessons. For members who are not concession or student members, the cost is \$8 for mornings, \$9 for evenings. For others, the cost is just \$2 more than the normal table money for Wednesday sessions.

#### Wednesdays 10, 17, 24 & 31 August, 2.00 pm AND 7.30 pm

#### Post-Beginners' Lessons

Sean Mullamphy will give these lessons which are intended to continue the tuition for those who have completed a basic beginners' course, or as a refresher for those who have been away from the game for a while.

10 August	Stayman Convention
17 August	Pre-emptive Openings
24 August	Benjamin Twos
31 August	Defensive Signals

**Cost: \$11 each lesson (including GST)**

#### Wednesdays, 7, 14, 21 & 28 September; 5 & 12 October 2.00 – 4.30 pm AND 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm

#### Beginners' Lessons

Learn to play bridge in 6 easy lessons in a friendly and supportive environment under the expert tuition of Sean Mullamphy.

At the end of your series of lessons, join the Wednesday Supervised Play sessions under the continuing guidance of a teacher (see below). Note the first 3 of these supervised play sessions are free!

This is a great deal for beginners! \$66 includes 6 lessons, text book, lesson notes and a subsequent 3 supervised play sessions, as well as \$20 off your Canberra Bridge Club membership.

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#### Mondays, 1, 8 & 15 August, 7.30 pm

#### Griffin Trophy

This 4 week Honour Board event started at the end of July but you may still enter. To be eligible for the trophy, a player must play 3 sessions, each session with a different partner. Pre-dealt boards and hand records will be available for all sessions.

**Cost: \$9.00 per player**

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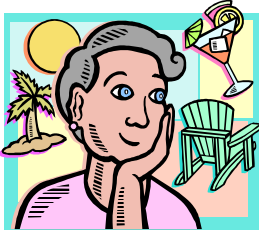
**Thursdays, 4 & 11 August, 7.30 pm**

**Butler Pairs**

This relaxed event started at the end of July. You can play on any of the 3 nights of the event but to win you need to play at least twice with the best 2 out of 3 scores counting. Pre-dealt boards and hand records will be available for all sessions. Butler (that is teams type) scoring is used with scores compared with the average score across the field. **Cost: \$10.00 per player**

**Thursday, 11 August**

**Pat's Farewell**



On the last night of the Butler Pairs (11 August), a supper will be held at the conclusion of play to give Pat Back's many friends, who are members of the Club, an opportunity to say goodbye and thank you for the enormous amount of work Pat has done for the Club over a long period of time. Pat will shortly be moving to Queensland. If you wish to participate, why not come along to play on the night or alternatively drop into the Club at the end of play?

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**August and September, 2005**

**Grand National Open Teams (GNOT)**

**The following Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) Events will be held during August & September.**

**Tuesdays, 16, 23 & 30 August, 7.30 pm**

**GNOT Restricted Butler Pairs**

This is a 3 week event – entries are restricted to players who have not yet attained the rank of Life Master.

**Cost: \$10.00 per player**

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**Thursdays, 18 & 25 August and 1 September, 10.00 am**

**GNOT Butler Pairs**

This is a 3 week event.

**Cost: \$9.00 per player**

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**Thursdays, 18 & 25 August and 1 & 8 September, 7.30 pm**

**GNOT Teams Event**

This is a 4 week event.

**Cost: \$12.50 per player**

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In both of the two Open events, the top 25% of pairs or teams will be eligible to play in the ACT Regional GNOT Open Final on 1st October at the Canberra Bridge Club. This IMP pairs event will select three pairs who will form the Canberra 2 Team. In the case of the GNOT Teams, any 2 or 3 pairs of players from the top 25% of teams will be eligible to play in the Regional Final.

Also, in all three of these events, the top 25% of pairs who have NOT YET attained the rank of Life Master will be eligible to form a team to play in the ACT Regional GNOT Provincial Final, also to be played on 1st October at the Canberra Bridge Club.

The winners of the respective Regional Finals will represent the ACT in the GNOT Open Teams Final to be played at Tweed Heads in November.

**Pre-dealt boards and hand records will be available.**

**Please enter by placing your name under the appropriate event on the notice board.**

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**Mondays, 22 & 29 August, 5 & 12 September, 7.30 pm** **Hugh Hudson Butler Pairs Championship**

This Club Championship and Honour Board event involves a Swiss movement and runs for 4 weeks. Enter by placing your name on the noticeboard. Pre-dealt boards and hand records will be available.

**Cost: \$11.00 per player**

## Friday, 12 & 26 August and 9 September, 7.30 pm

## Nationwide Pairs

The ABF's Australia-wide event, Nationwide Pairs, is designed for regular club players and takes the form of a simultaneous duplicate movement across all participating clubs, using pre-dealt boards issued by the ABF organisers. The normal movement is played at any individual club, and local scores are calculated as usual. In addition, however, scores are submitted to ABF headquarters and match-pointed across all participating clubs, with red masterpoints awarded to the top pairs nationally.

A further feature is that, after completion of the event, pairs can access details of their performance on each board from the special website set up for this purpose ([www.nationwidepairs.com.au](http://www.nationwidepairs.com.au)).

This event is open to all club members and held every few weeks throughout the year.

It's great value. You get hand records, green and red masterpoints, personalised results on the Internet and the usual Friday night supper!

**Cost: The ABF charges an entry fee of \$1 per player for the event, which is added to the normal CBC table money.**

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## 23 July – 5 August

## Australian National Championships, 2005

Congratulations to all participants who represented the ACT at the Australian National Championships in Sydney. The interstate teams championships are now completed.

In particular, congratulations to the ACT Youth team Griff Ware, Christy Bridgland, Daniel Geromboux, Nye Griffiths, Anatoli Lightfoot & Michael De Livera who won the interstate teams championships 2005 defeating South Australia 149 to 56 in the Final. As reported in the ANC Bulletin #7 of 29 July, "A sweet victory for Canberra, particularly Christy Bridgland, who has tried to win this event 10 times before." Well done!



In the Open Series in a closely contested struggle, the ACT team of K Bagchi, D Lilley, D Hoffman, D Wawn, M Smart and P Reynolds was defeated 90 to 76 by NSW.

The ACT Women's Team of N Church, J Hoffman, M Weddell, R Thomson, A Pettigrew and A Stephens finished fourth and the Seniors Team of L Dixon, G Riszko, J Kahler, P Back, A Farthing and B Carmichael finished sixth.

Good luck to the following players who also represent the ACT in the Interstate Pairs Championships Australian National Championships in Sydney.

### Open

1. Steve Carter & Ros Roworth
2. Harrison Lee & Tony Marker
3. Mark Abraham & Arjuna De Livera

### Women's

1. Julia Hoffman & Nola Church
2. Pat Back & Janet Kahler
3. Ann Pettigrew & Adrienne Stephens

### Seniors

1. Len Dixon & George Riszko
2. Tony Marinos & Gytis Danta
3. Andrew Struik & Brian Thorpe

### Youth

1. Griff Ware & Nye Griffiths
2. Daniel Geromboux & Christy Bridgland
3. Anatoli Lightfoot & Michael De Livera

### Mixed

1. Denise McKinnon & Peter Reynolds
2. Bev & Bruce Crossman
3. Sue Coleman & Richard Hills

## Stage II Butler Pairs

Representatives with direct entry to Stage II.

### Women's

Beverley Clark & Juliana Maher

### Open

Arjuna De Livera & Ian Robinson

**Results are on the ABF website <http://www.abf.com.au> for all ANC events.**



to the following Club Members on their recent promotions!

Graduate Master	Chris Tough
Club Master	Keith Jorgenson
	Maggie McGregor
*Local Master	Jean Wilson
Regional Master	Andrew Moorhead

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### CBC Disabled Access Grand Opening!

As mentioned previously, the ACT Government awarded a grant to the Club under its Renew Community Infrastructure and Facilities Program for the installation of the stair lift between the Olive Lott and Barry Turner rooms. To celebrate the acquisition of this new facility, we have invited the ACT Chief Minister to join members for an informal morning tea on a Monday or Thursday in August. We will advise you of the exact time and date as soon as possible.



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### CBC Annual Festival of Weekend Bridge Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 9-11 September

### Spring Congress

- Join the CBC at its annual Spring festival of a week-end of bridge and fun.
- Tea and coffee will be available free during all sessions.
- Enter now in one, two or three of the events by writing your name/s on the list on the noticeboard.

#### 1. Friday, 9 September, 7.30 pm

#### Champagne Pairs



Friday night is a walk-in so come and celebrate Spring with a glass of champagne before play starts at 7.30 pm. Prizes will be available for placegetters and best restricted, and the Judy Buchhorn Memorial Pairs trophy will be awarded to the winning pair. Drinks and nibbles will be served at the end of the session.

**Cost: \$15 per player**

#### 2. Saturday, 10 September, 1.00 pm and 7.30 pm

#### Spring Swiss Butler Pairs

Cash prizes will be available for placegetters and for best restricted according to the number of entries. Drinks and nibbles will be served at the end of play on Saturday night.

**Cost: \$20 per player**

#### 3. Sunday, 11 September, 10.00 am

#### Spring Congress Teams

Sunday Spring Congress Teams day will include prizes for placegetters and best restricted as well as a delicious 2 course lunch with wine and juice and also, drinks and nibbles will be served at the end of play.

**Cost: \$30 per player**

**Enter one, two or three events in the Congress.**

**Total Cost For All 3 Events: \$60 per player**

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## Thank-You

The Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute has sent a letter of thanks to members of the CBC who supported the 2005 Bridge for Brain Research Challenge and donated \$655.00 towards research into diseases and disorders of the brain including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and dementia. The Australia-wide event raised more than \$25,000 for the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute.



Congratulations to all those who participated and those who scored above 60% will receive red master points. The complete set of bridge results can be found on [www.powmri.edu.au/bridge.htm](http://www.powmri.edu.au/bridge.htm).

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## CBC Policy on Bidding Systems

The following regulations apply to CBC events and walk-in sessions:



ABF system classification regulations apply in all events conducted by the CBC unless otherwise specified in the CBC Regulations for the event. The regulations are available on the ABF website, [www.abf.com.au](http://www.abf.com.au)

For walk-in events at the Club, a pair cannot use a highly unusual system or conventions, which are multi-meaning pre-emptive bids that do not guarantee a specific suit. These conventions are called "Brown Sticker" conventions in the ABF regulations. There is one exception - the European multi-2(, whose only weak option is to promise an unspecified major. It is permissible to play any natural system and most strong club systems (for example, Precision).

You and your partner can play an artificial system (such as Polish Club), which is referred to as a Red System in the ABF regulations, in a walk-in event against experienced pairs. However, if your opponents are inexperienced \* you must ask your opponents if they are happy for you to play such a system at the start of a round. In making such a request, you should explain to your opponents the artificial bids in the system. You may wish to offer to provide the opposing pair a simple suggested defence (in written form) to conventional bids.

If the opposing pair does not want to play against your preferred system, you should adopt a natural or strong club system for the round in question.

If you are using an unusual system in a walk-in session, you should take special care to avoid bidding misunderstandings attributable to the complexity of its system. While the Director is obliged to comply with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge in making rulings, if the effect of such rulings is to disadvantage opposing pairs, it can cause resentment.

A pair can playing an artificial system must display two system cards fully describing relevant bids or treatments.

\* Inexperienced pairs are referred to as "Protected Pairs" in the ABF Regulations. It is a pair where both players are below the status of National Master, or where one player is below the status of Local Master, and which chooses to play a natural system.

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## Ord Minnett Prizes

The Canberra office of the stockbroking firm Ord Minnett, which manages the Club's investments, has kindly undertaken to provide a weekly prize in the form of two bottles of wine for our players (one for each member of a successful partnership). The Ord Minnett Prize will be awarded at a different session of bridge each week, usually to the pair achieving the highest percentage score at the session (although Directors will have discretion to award the prize on another basis if they see fit). The prize will rotate across the 11 sessions of bridge held at the club each week, so that any particular session could expect to attract 4 or 5 prizes over the course of a year.

Your Director will let you know in advance when your session will be eligible for the prize, and the basis on which the prize will be awarded. The following sessions have been designated as Ord Minnett sessions for the next few weeks.

5 August      Friday daytime session  
13 August     Saturday daytime session



**Good Luck All!**

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## Hire a Room and Kitchen

The Canberra Bridge Club facilities are available for hire –

**Costs: For a Morning, or an Afternoon or an Evening = \$110**  
**For a Whole Day = \$220**

**Charity Discounts Available**

*Tell your friends about it – To make a booking, call Sandy or Judith on 6282 2382.*

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## Thank-You



Thank you to the many helpers at the Club who quietly volunteer their time and energies to clean the microwaves, repair the blinds, help the Director set up the tables, wash tea towels and table-cloths, empty the dishwasher, clean the chairs, water the plants, shop for supplies, tidy up at the end of a session, etc. All such efforts are greatly appreciated and add to everyone's enjoyment of the Club's facilities and pleasure in playing bridge.

If you would like to offer your help, please ask your Director or a Committee member.

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