



BFACT News



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From the President:

Hi – Well the Festive Season has passed with, I hope, good memories of that special time. The Youth Bridge Week was held at the beginning of January. Congratulations to Griff Ware, Daniel Geromboux and Matt Porter in winning places in the Australian Youth Team to play in the World Championships later this year.

The Summer Festival of Bridge was a busy time for bridge players and I hope an enjoyable one for you. For me, one of the best parts of this Congress is meeting up with old friends and catching up on what has been happening during the past 12 months.

Bridge has played a very important part in my life for the last 22 years. I learned a new skill, but more important is all the friendships that I have formed over those years. I guess it is that factor more than any other that has made me encourage as many people as I can to take up this great game. Encourage your friends and family if they are not already bridge players to take up this great pastime. Statistics show that as we get older a pastime that makes our brain work keeps us younger and healthier.

Some of the major goals that Council are working to achieve include:

- encouraging young people to play bridge;
- organising GNOT qualifying events that will result in the best Open and Provincial teams being selected to represent our region;
- another successful 'Interclub Teams Championships' (invitations have already been sent to interested clubs); and
- developing a 'History of Bridge in the ACT' (preliminary research is underway).

Happy bridging in 2005

Val Mitchell

President.



Upcoming Events:

There are a number of events coming up in the first half of the year. More info available at your club or a BFACT councillor (all events at the Canberra Bridge Club unless otherwise indicated):

- Discussion of Youth Bridge with David Lusk from South Australia – 12 & 13 Feb.
- Gold Coast Congress – 19-26 Feb in Surfer's Paradise.
- ANC Mixed Pairs selection – 3, 10 & 17 March.
- ANC Seniors & Youth teams selection – 5 & 6 March (plus the previous Friday & Wednesday if entries warrant).
- Klinger Tour – 1, 2 & 3 April (in Canberra, Cooma and Cootamundra respectively).
- Open & Women's Butler Pairs selection – 11, 18, 25 April plus 2 & 9 May.
- ANC Women's team selection – 23 & 24 April (plus the previous Friday and Wednesday if entries warrant).
- Club level Directors' Course – 8 May. Held at the Southern Cross Club, Woden.
- ANC Open Pairs selection – 16, 23, 30 May plus 6 June.
- Inter-club Restricted and Senior's teams – 9 April, 18 June and 24 Sep. Venues TBA.
- Simultaneous Pairs – Week beginning 20 June.



Sean Mullamphy, now Convenor of the Summer Festival of Bridge has requested constructive comments on the current format of the Summer Festival of Bridge. Please forward your comments to Sean at: mullamphy@netspeed.com.au

Summer Festival Results:

This year BFACT region players did very well in the many events on offer at the Summer Festival of Bridge. As I run through the results, names in *italics* are BFACT players that I recognise as such – I apologise if I make any errors. Here is a quick summary of the results:

Warm-up Pairs – Winners NS were B. Bradshaw & C. Carter; second C. Gilje & T. Romine. Winners EW were M. Machado & D. Fraser; second A. McKay & B. Hardy. There were 42 pairs in each direction (84 pairs in total!)

National Non-Life Teams – Winners were A. Pettigrew, A. Stephens, K. Moschnew and P. Wells. Runners-up were R. Plush, T. Jowett, J. Kidd and T. Smith.

National Novice Teams (0-149) – V. Cariola, L. Barrett, R. Pang and B. Fox. Runners-up were J. Jackson, C. Kershaw, D. Collins and G. Bunworth.

National Novice Teams (0-99) – C. Whiddon, L. Baker, R. Scotford, S. Scotford, Y. White and P. Cokboll. Runners-up were L. Allen, J. Stephenson, D. Gribble and R. Millar.

National Novice Teams (0-49) – S. Soh, E. Duncan, C. Lee and S. Dynan. Runners-up were A. Bednarz, E. Williams, S. Heimer and C. Macquarie.

National Women's Teams – Winners were M. Bourke, M. Woods, S. Lusk, T. Tully, J. Cormack and D. Neumann. Runners-up were E. Havas, L. Stern, A. Clark, C. Feitelson, L. Fuller and S. Evans.

National Seniors Teams – Winners were B. Neill, R. Klinger, Z. Nagy, D. Middleton, D. Lilley and G. Smolanko. Runners-up B. Noble, G. Bilski, W. Malaczynski, C. Hughes, T. Brown and P. Chan.

Multi-Pairs (Men) – Winners J. Wocial & D. Pietak. Second B. O'Hara & S. Burgess.

Multi-Pairs (Women) – P. McLeish & T. Lloyd. Second D. Moir & L. Leibowitz.

Multi-Pairs (Mixed) – B. Barden & J. Pritchard. Second K. Hume & D. Franklin.

Multi-Pairs (Novice) – C. Houghton & W. Houghton. Second B. Daghlich & F. Garrick.

Multi-Pairs (Seniors) – D. Croft & R. Morawiecki. Second T. Strong & A. Tuxworth.

National Swiss Pairs – The field was a huge 284 pairs! Winners were B. Richman & S. Burgess. Runners-up were G. Gaspar & E. Caplan.

South-West Pacific Teams (SWPT) –

- Winners – J. Rothfield, C. Rothfield, S. Browne, K. Dyke, I. Del'Monte and R. Fruewirth.
- Second – P. Marston, T. Teramoto, S. Bloom, B. Bloom, N. Rosendorff and A. Kanetkar.
- 1st Womens – J. Mott, J. Frazier, V. Dressler and K. Johnman.
- 1st Mixed (must have at least one male and one female player playing each session) – M. Smart, I. Robinson, c. Quail, K. Creet, D. Wawn and S. Bird.
- 1st Seniors (born before 01/01/1950) – J. Pettit, J. Pettit, L. Goorevich, H. Hutton and P. Wood.
- 1st Veterans (born before 01/01/1940) – I. Walker, B. Adcock, K. Rich and J. Keegan.
- 1st Country (all team members are Australian residents who do not reside in Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Perth or Sydney) – P. McGrath, C. Dibley, J. Gleeson and G. Cowen.
- 1st Youth (born after 16/01/1980) – G. Ware, N. Griffith, F. Brownm J. Howard and J. Williams.
- 1st Novice (<150 masterpoints as at 30/09/2004) – G. Zuber, R. Erskine, M. Lokan, C. Lokan, A. Kynaston.

For all the results and more, take a look at www.abf.com.au and follow the links to the Summer Festival results.



Youth Week Results:

The Youth began on 8 Jan with the Youth Pairs. This was won by *Matthew Porter* and *Gabby Feiler*, with *Mark Abraham* and *Freya Wilson* winning the consolation. Next the Youth Teams. The winning team was *Mike Doecke*, *Paul Gosney*, *William Jenner-O'Shea* and *Nathan Van Jole*. Runners up were *Adam & Nabil Edgtton*, *Daniel Geromboux* and *Griff Ware*.

Then on to the main event during the Youth, the selection of the Australian Team. The format is quite interesting. Firstly, a Butler Pairs is played amongst all the entrants. The pair that wins is automatically selected for the team. Then the pair who came second chooses one of the pairs who came 3rd, 4th, or 5th to play a teams match against the other two pairs. The winning team of this match joins the pair to form the Youth Team.

This year the winning pair of the Butler was *Griff Ware* and *Daniel Geromboux*. The runners-up *Matthew Porter* and *Gabby Feiler* chose the pair who came 4th, *Paul Gosney* and *Nathan Van Jole*, to complete the team against *Daniel Krochmalik*, *Justin Williams* and *Adam & Nabil Edgtton*. The final result is that the 2005 Australian Youth Team is *Griff Ware*, *Daniel Geromboux*, *Matthew Porter*, *Gabby Feiler*, *Paul Gosney* and *Nathan Van Jole*!

The Under 16s had two separate events for themselves. Eight pairs played in the Under 16 pairs, which was won by *Ben Elmslie* and *Andrew Morcombe*. There were four teams in the Under 16 teams, which were won by *Susan Humphries*, *Pascale Gardiner*, *Lily Dixon* and *Lucy Stevenson*.

The Youth Week is capped by the International Challenge. This year there were three Australian teams and one New Zealand Team. The Australian Youth team was just that, the team selected to represent Australia. The Australian Colts team was a comprised of six male youth players (*Adam Edgtton*, *Nabil Edgtton*, *Justin Howard*, *Andy Hung*, *Robert Meakins* and *Ronnie Ng*) and the Australian Fillies, a team of four female Australian youth players

(*Christy Bridgland*, *Freya Wilson*, *Ally Morris* and *Renee Pollak*). New Zealand were represented by *Susan Humphries*, *William Niu*, *Fraser Rew* and *Michael Whibley*. The Australian Youth defeated the Australian Colts in the playoff for first, and the New Zealand team defeated the Australian Fillies in the playoff for third.



McCutcheon Trophy:

The McCutcheon Trophy is awarded every year to the player that gains the most masterpoints in a year. There are also category winners for each masterpoint category. So, if you started the year as a Nil Master (<2 masterpoints) and received 200 during the year, not only would you become a *National Master, but you would very likely win the Nil Master category of the McCutcheon Trophy!

The full results can be found in the ABF Newsletter, which you can pick up at your club or online at <http://www.abf.com.au/> (follow the newsletter link). However, since a few BFACT players made the lists this year, I thought I'd summarise the key BFACT results.

The overall Winner and Best Performing Silver Grand Master is *I. Del'Monte*. He has been a regular on the lists for quite some time.

The best performing BFACT player was *Margaret Bourke* who was 7th on the overall list, and 6th on the Best Performing Silver Grand Masters list. Other high flying BFACT players are *David Wawn* and *Mark Abraham* (8th and 10th in the Gold Life Master category), *Griff Ware* (winner Bronze Life Master category), *Daniel Geomboux* (3rd Life Master category), *Nye Griffiths* (winner State Master category), *Wendy Boxall* (4th **Local Master category), *Stephan Winkler* and *Anatoli Lightfoot* (2nd and 5th in the Nil Master category).

Well done to all!



Attention ACT Bridge Players

Are you interested in helping with the development and promotion of ACT Youth Bridge?

If so, we need YOUR input at the ACT Youth Bridge Brainstorming and Planning Weekend on February 12-13 at the Canberra Bridge Club (Duff Place, Deakin)

There will be multiple sessions primarily focusing on:

- **Strategies for attracting new ACT youth bridge players**
- **The creation of ACT university bridge clubs**
- **Bridge in schools**
- **Teaching sessions for new ACT youth bridge players**
- **Training sessions for older ACT youth bridge players**
- **Fundraising and sponsorship for ACT youth bridge**

If you are interested in helping with the above areas or any other aspect of ACT youth bridge please email Griff Ware at thegruffle@mac.com or leave a message for Val Mitchell on 6282 3322.

Any suggestions, comments or offers of help would be appreciated. We want your input even if you cannot attend any of the sessions at the planning weekend.