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WINNERS CROWNED TODAY



Open (NSW): Nick Hughes, Mathew Vadas, Nicoleta Giura, Paul Lavings (npc), Michael Wilkinson, Peter Buchen, Terry Brown



Women's (QLD): Sue O'Brien, Pele Rankin, Lindy Vincent (npc), Therese Tully, Greer Tucker, Maha Hoenig (absent: Margaret Millar)



Seniors' (SA): David Anderson (pc), Kevin Lange, Judy Hocking, John Zollo, Roger Januszke, George Smolanko, Adel Abdelhamid (manager)



Youth (NSW): John McMahon, Charles McMahon, Matthew Smith, Ailsa Peacock, John Newman (npc), Lakshmi Sunderasan, Alex Phillips

Tournament Website:

www.qldbridge.com/anc

♠ **SCHEDULE** ♠

Today's Program (Sat, 2nd July)

10:00 ANC Open Butler Stage 1 and Restricted

14:00 ANC Open Butler Stage 1 and Restricted

Tomorrow's Program (Sun, 3rd July)

10:00 ANC Open Butler Stage 1 and Restricted

14:00 ANC Open Butler Stage 1 and Restricted

After an intense 56 board Final, the winners have been crowned! The **NSW Open** came back strong after being down 30 IMPs after half way, and won by 39 IMPs.

The **QLD Women's** had a strong second and third set which gave them a bit of a buffer in the last set, as they won by 31 IMPs in the end.

In the **Seniors' Final**, **SA** also had a strong middle two sets to take victory by 40 IMPs.

In the **Youth Final**, the **NSW** were overwhelmingly strong as their lead extended to 115 IMPs after three sets to which **WA** then conceded gracefully.

The ANC Butler (Open and Restricted) starts today, so welcome to everyone who have just joined us!

Results: 2016 ANC Teams Final



Runners-Up Open (WA): Jonathan Free (npc), Deana Wilson, Jane Reynolds, Tim Munro, Viv Wood, Chris Mulley, Fiske Warren



Runners-Up Women's (ACT): Richard Brightling (npc), Margaret Bourke, Leone Moffat, Jodi Tutty, Julia Hoffman, Judith Tobin, Elaine Leach



Runners-Up Seniors' (ACT): David Hoffman, Peter Grant, Arjuna De Livera, Jon Hunt, Tony Marinos, Christopher Quail, Elizabeth Havas



Youth Team (WA): Rebecca O'Reilly, Francesca McGrath, Kate Does, Chris Ingham (npc), Jack O'Reilly, Kirstyn Fuller, Renee Cooper

OPEN

Team	C/F	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
NSW	14.35	22	11	63	34	144.35
WA	0.5	37	40	13	15	105.5

WOMEN'S

Team	C/F	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
QLD	2.67	17	43	47	7	116.67
ACT	0	36	9	9	31	85

SENIORS'

Team	C/F	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
SA	4.43	37	34	45	14	134.43
ACT	0	36	12	9	37	94

YOUTH

Team	C/F	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
NSW	28.92	77	37	51		193.92
WA	0	20	40	18	WD	78

Using the Clues

This was an interesting hand from the ANC Finals:

Dir: S	West	You	N	E	S
Vul: EW	♠ 6	Pass	1♠	Pass	1♣
	♥ J 10 5	Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♣
	♦ K J 8 7 4	Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
	♣ A 7 6 2	Pass	6♥	All Pass	

2♦ = Artificial, game-force, 5♦ = 1 or 4 Key Cards

What do you lead? Have a think before reading on.



There are some clues from the auction that may guide you. Firstly, we know for certain that South (our RHO) has a 6-4 (or maybe a 5-4) shape. What about North, do we know much about her hand?

One thing's for sure – North (our LHO) must have a *very* good hand to have immediately jumped to 4NT over 2♥ to ask for key cards. What does this mean? Well, because we are looking at their missing key card (♣A), and due to our strength in the red suits, we can be fairly sure that the likely reason that North jumped to 4NT is because she has a long running spade suit!

Thus, leading a diamond to try and set up a trick won't work – the declarer will just win the diamond lead, draw trumps, and utilise those spades.

Therefore, to have any chance to defeat this contract, we must only go for our one and only shot: Play partner for a singleton club. Lay down that ♣A and hope!

F2 Brd 19	♠ A K Q 10 9 2	♠ J 8 5 4 3
Dir: S	♥ A K Q 4	♥ 7 2
Vul: EW	♦ 9	♦ 10 6 5 3 2
	♣ Q 3	♣ 9
♠ 6		
♥ J 10 5		
♦ K J 8 7 4		
♣ A 7 6 2		
	♠ 7	
	♥ 9 8 6 3	
	♦ A Q	
	♣ K J 10 8 5 4	

Today is your lucky day, as your partner is there for you with a singleton club!

In the Open Team Final, both tables reached 6♥ by North, one via 1♣-1♠-2♣-2♥-3♥-4NT etc., and the other via 1♠-2♣-2♦-3♥ etc. (1♠ was 8-12 with “0-2♠

and 4-5♥’s”, or “6+♠”, 2♣ was Game Invite+ any shape, 2♦ probably showed the “0-2♠’s and 4-5♥’s” variety.

With North as declarer, East had a clear club lead and both slams went down.

In the Women’s Final, one table reached 6♥ by North (Pass-1♠-2♣-2♥-3♥-etc.) and the singleton club lead was found, and at the other table, the auction was given as the problem at the beginning of the article. Jodi Tutty not unreasonably thought that a trump lead would be the safest lead that didn’t give anything away (as it looks like the opponents are in a 4-4 fit), and it might start to cut down the opponent’s ruffs. Unfortunately, that was not to be on this hand.

In the Seniors’ Final, one table got to 6♥ by South via 2♣-2♦-2♥-4NT-etc. (where 2♣=Precision, 2♦=Enquiry). The singleton spade was led at the table, so declarer made the slam without much trouble. Perhaps the same reasoning can be applied on this auction, as North didn’t do any investigating?

At the other table however, there was a misunderstanding on what trumps were, and with a misunderstood key card response, 7NTX was reached.

One table in the Youth did the best out of all:

West	North <i>Cooper</i>	East	South <i>McGrath</i>
			1♣
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	X	3♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Renee Cooper and Francesca McGrath bid to the best slam of 6♣ by South on the above auction. Over Renee’s 2♦ artificial game-force, Francesca decided to ignore her four little hearts and repeated her clubs once again. Was the club suit good enough to bid for the third time? Maybe, maybe not, but it worked out perfectly on this hand.

The ♣10 solidified the club suit, and thus the 6♣ slam could not be touched. This was a solid 10 IMP pick-up to the WA when the other room stopped short in 4♥.

ANC COMMITTEE

The 2016 ANC Committee and officials all welcome you to Brisbane, and to have a fantastic time and experience at QLD's ANC. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to approach any one of these members, we are all here to help you!



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Gracious Gratitude

Terry Brown from the NSW Open Team would like to extend out his gracious gratitude to his WA opponents Chris Mulley and Tim Munro in the Teams Final for having great sportsmanship. Not only were they very kind and pleasant to play against, despite playing a Forcing Pass system, they explained everything in perfect detail.

OTHER INFORMATION

Membership: The Kedron Wavell Services Club offers a variety of services. Become a member for \$5 and you will receive discounts on the foods and drinks.

Wireless Internet: There is free public wifi from the Kedron Club.

Bridge Administration Desk:

- Entries and Payments for any events
- Enquiries on restaurants, parking, transport, medical needs.
- A basic medical kit.
- Blank system cards.

Smoking: Designated smoking areas are outside the venue.

Help from the Editor!

If you have any interesting, funny, bizarre, exciting, or even just an instructive hand, let Andy Hung know! You can tell him at the venue, or simply drop him an email at hung.andy.p@gmail.com

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

VENUE, TRANSPORT, AND PARKING

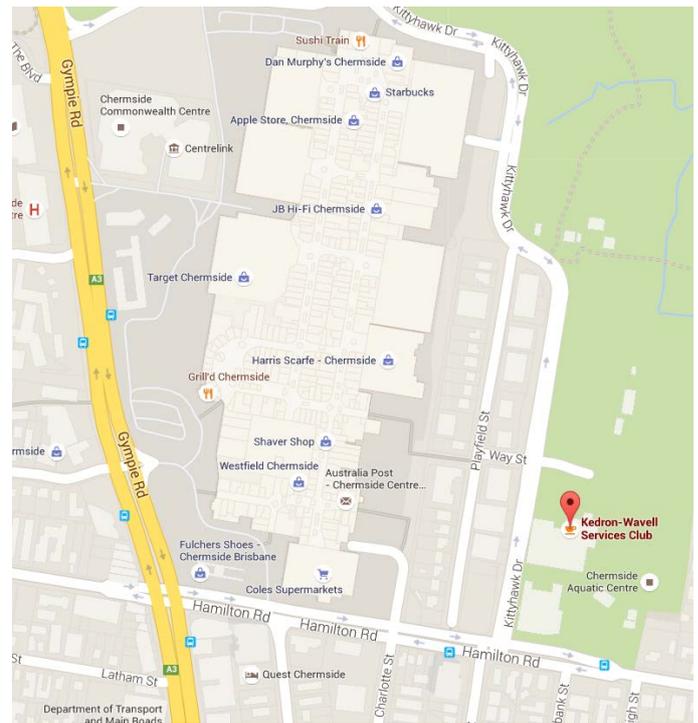
The 2016 ANC will be held at the Kedron Wavell Services Club at Chermside, 10km north of the Brisbane CBD, in the heart of the ever expanding North Brisbane business district. The Club, the largest RSL in Queensland, has a number of catering and refreshment options and **plenty of free car parking for patrons.**

The Club address is 21 Kittyhawk Drive (off Hamilton Road), Chermside South, Qld 4032. This is behind the Library and adjacent to the Westfield Shopping Centre, Chermside. The walk is five to seven minutes.

The venue also has street access from 375 Hamilton Road. The playing area will be in the Community Hall which is a separate building from the inside of the Club.

There is a full and extensive bus service to the shopping centre. To search for a journey planner, you can visit www.translink.com.au

If you are residing within a 7km radius of the Kedron-Wavell Club, they are also offering a \$2 Courtesy Bus at specific times (bookings required). For more info, kindly visit their website at: <http://www.kedron-wavell.com.au/our-club/club-bus/>



ANC BUTLER INFORMATION

EVENT	ELIGIBILITY
ANC TBIB Butler Pairs	Open, Women, Seniors
ANC Restricted Butler Pairs	Restricted
ANC Swiss Pairs	Open

Eligibility Requirements:

Restricted = Under 300 Masterpoints as at 31/12/2015

Senior = Must be born before 01/01/1958

Youth = Must be born on or after 01/01/1991

Restaurants, Bars & Shopping

Kedron-Wavell Services Club has a number of cafes, bars and restaurants at your convenience. There is also a range of cuisines and restaurants around the vicinity of the club to suit any taste or dietary requirement. Nearby there is also the Westfield Chermside shopping complex, which has plenty of dining and shopping options.

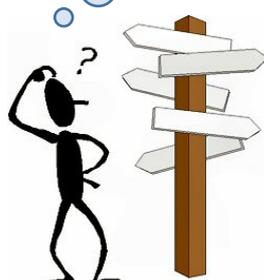
QUERIES?

If you experience any problems or require help, you can contact: **Charles Page** (Tournament Organiser) on **0449 758 046**, or **Julie Jeffries** (Secretary) on **0419 724 506**.

Please Take Note

We are very grateful to be able to hold the 2016 ANC here at the Kedron-Wavell Services Club. However, please do not forget that we are guests at the club, so we need to adhere to their rules about displaying your membership card when asked, and to treat the staff with courtesy whilst serving you at the Bar, the Restaurant and the Cafe. Thank you.

Be polite to your partner and your opponents. Bridge, after all, is only a game ... right?



INTERVIEW WITH:**Ron Klinger**

Bridge player, author, teacher

Hi Ron, thank you for taking your time to do this interview.

Q: You have played Bridge at the highest level for over 30 years, How has the game developed in that time?

A: Bridge is still evolving with new ideas appearing all the time. The good ones stay on, and the inferior ones die a natural death. I look back sometimes at old copies of Australian Bridge and when I see what we did, I think to myself, 'I cannot believe I did that'.

The most important innovations include transfers after a 1♣ opening and in competition, and transfers after an auction like 1X-1Y ; 2NT. Other developments include bridge websites for playing and for teaching.

Q: Are all of these changes for the betterment of Bridge (and if not what are they)?

A: I believe they are better for the serious pairs who want to compete at the highest levels. They might not be so attractive at club level, but then they are not compulsory after all. BBO is a tremendous boon for bridge, particularly for players in outlying areas who cannot easily attend a bridge club. With BBO you can play 24 hours a day, 365/366 days a year. In addition, you can watch the top players in action and with Vugraph for major BBO matches, you have expert commentary.

Q: What are some of the important things that the ABF needs to do to ensure that Bridge remains relevant and at the forefront of its market?

A: The most important task for the ABF is to make bridge attractive to young players. Those who do want mind games will come to bridge after the novelty of the internet and smartphones wears off. Organising teachers in high school to learn bridge (if necessary) in order for schools to have bridge clubs like they have chess clubs should be high priority.

Q: What is your view about the standard of Australian Bridge played internationally? (And why is this?)

A: Australia generally under-performs at international level (despite some good results from time to time). I suspect that this is largely because the players believe that making the team is the "big thing" and they lack the belief in themselves that they can actually win a World Championship. We have many talented players, whose

game is dulled by playing with sponsors in order to maintain a livelihood. Very few pairs are prepared to devote the time and effort and physical exertion to be at their peak when the international events come around. Granted it may be difficult when you have to earn a living as well as improving your standard, but one owes it to one's partner and team-mates to make maximise efforts.

Q: Do you think appointing an international credentialed Coach could improve performance? (And why is this?)

A: Only for the younger players. I doubt that those who have been playing for many years would benefit from a coach in the sense of improving their bridge skills. If a coach was appropriate, he/she need not be international.

Q: What do you think the role of a coach should be on a successful Bridge Team?

A: Rather than a coach, a bridge psychologist could be very useful for international teams. Non-playing captains can rarely fulfil the psychological needs of the players, not only to boost them when they are feeling down, but also to deal with partnership or team disharmony, to ensure the players focus on the current task and to be an outlet for players' frustrations.

Q: You have taught Bridge for a number of years, what have you found makes a good teacher?

A: Extreme patience, never rebuking students, good preparation for each session and it also helps if you have a sense of humour.

Q: Who has been hardest students to teach (youths or the over 60s) and why?

A: It is very easy to teach young players. They will usually travel at twice the speed of a class for older generations because they often read ahead in their textbooks and play in between classes.

Q: Is there anything in Bridge that you have not achieved, and what is it?

A: Plenty, but it does not bother me. I still enjoy competing and trying to do the best I can. I am lucky because I have always had enthusiastic partners who also aim high. It would be tiresome to have a partner, who is not trying his/her utmost.

Thank you for your time Ron.

