

2022 Australian National Championships



Mixed Butler cutoff, Open Butler continues

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What's coming up tomorrow:

Wednesday, 13 July

TBIB Open and Mixed Butler, Butler Swiss Pairs A

10.00am

Instinct not always a winner

Jon Free is one of the finest players in WA. He has taught, partnered and encouraged players for many years, and has an instinctive knowledge of what is happening at the table.

This doesn't always translate into gains at the table, however.

Take this deal from Sunday:

Board 16, Open Butler

West deals, EW vulnerable

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| West | North | East | South |
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| Packer | L Smith | Free | Demarco |
| pass | pass | 1♠ | pass |
| 3♦ | pass | 4♠ | all pass |

John "sniffed" that this hand could easily belong to the opponents, so once Mimi Packer had shown a three-card limit raise with her 3♦ bid, he made the two-way bet of leaping to game. (a) it might make, (b). It would keep the opponents out of game in hearts.



Lori Smith, Jon Free, Therese Demarco, Mimi Packer



Wooden sculpture at St Halletts winery, depicting a bridge player's despair, despite being fortified by the wines of the Barossa Valley.

Courtesy Ivy Luck

He was correct that the opponents could make 10 tricks in hearts, but how likely was it that either opponent would come in now?

Therese Demarco led her singleton diamond, and there was no way Free could get to ruff a heart while the opponents had communications to receive a diamond ruff. Down 1, -50 and 5 IMPs away.



Victor Muntz—1919—2012

It will be 10 years in September since Victorian Victor Muntz left us.

Victor played on the Victorian Open Teams at the ANC in 1972 (1st), 1973, 1974, 1981, 1983, 1992 (2nd), 1994 (2nd) and 1995. He played on the Victorian Senior Teams at the ANC in 1996 (1st); 1997 (1st), 1998 (2nd), 1999 (1st); 2002, 2003, 2004 (1st), 2005 and 2007.

Victor's daughter Kitty inherited her father's love of the game, and she has developed an effective partnership with Leigh Gold.

Leigh and Jessel

In 2010, Jessel Rothfield partnered Leigh Gold in what was to be his final SWPT.

In a five-person squad with Jamie Ebery, Stan Klofa and Jeannette Collins, Jessel had been hoping to



Leigh and popular caddie Taydon

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play the system he played with the late Carole, but memory problems forced Leigh and Jessel back to an easier system.

Leigh recalls that Jessel held his own to the extent that the team made it to the Round of 20 (nowadays the Round of 16).

Margaret's long career

2018 was Hobart and the Open Team, playing with Brad Coles, but not her final ANC.

Thanks to Julia Hoffman for reminding me that her last ANC was in Melbourne, 2019, when she played in the ACT Women's Team with Elizabeth Havas, defeating WA in the final.

Her teammates were Adrienne Stephens, Erin Tewes, Pam Crichton, Julia Hoffman, Jodi Tutty (npc). A champion to the end.

Adrienne Stephens adds: Margaret was not at all well. Tim drove her down to Melbourne and she stayed in the hotel. We took it in turns to make her lunch, and she was able to rest between sets. I remember saying to her at one stage "We are really doing very well". She replied "Well, I didn't come here to lose". I was in such admiration of her guts and determination when so ill. She played in the

last stanza and then took a taxi to the airport and flew home!! She is greatly missed by all at the Canberra Bridge Club.

Adrienne Stephens

Standard auction?

Laurie Kelso, Chief Tournament Director snapped the auction at right, which took six rounds from each player without a suit or level left out—until:



Finally, a break after 3♥ - 4♦ was another relay, and West would have loved to sign off, but to do that, he had to bid 5♥.

You're queueing up to learn how to get to the five-level one down, you say?

Ask Keiran Crowe-Mai and Chris Mulley, they will be happy to teach you.

Which hand was that, you ask?

Clue: it was in the last round on Monday.

You'll need more pass cards against these guys!

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