

2022 Australian National Championships



Open Butler continues, Mixed Butler Final starts

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What's coming up tomorrow:

Thursday, 14 July

Final rounds all events

10.00am

Mixed qualifying ends

Having played this event with little success, the luck factor inherent in the game was brought home, not for the first time.

Leading the NS field at the end of the qualifying were South Perth

pair Gwyneira Brahma—Dave Munro. Gwyneira's brave actions are evident in two sample deals:



Gwyneira

Board 20, West deals, all vulnerable

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West	North	East	South
Lester	Munro	J Thompson	Brahma
3♠	pass	pass	3NT
all pass			

I confess 3NT would not have occurred to me; I would have bid a boring 4♣, which partner would have raised to 5♣.

5♣ would appear to be in danger after a heart lead to the ace and a ruff. After ♠K switch, however, there are just enough entries to set up the diamonds for a spade discard.

The NS scores ranged from 6♣ making, +1370 to 6♣ down two, -200.

The other brave decision I was told about was in the last round. Brahma—Munro stormed home with +41, partly due to the 12 IMPs from:

Board 9, North deals, EW vulnerable

♠ J 10 8 5 3 ♥ 7 ♦ A J ♣ A J 9 8 6	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ 9 7 ♥ Q 9 8 5 3 2 ♦ 10 8 6 5 ♣ Q	♠ 6 4 2 ♥ K J 10 6 ♦ 9 ♣ 10 5 4 3 2
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North, Dave Munro started proceedings with a 2♠ Octagonal Two, eight options, get it?

West thought he had a pretty good hand, and after EW reached 5♦, Gwyneira, South believed him, saving in 5♠.

West expressed his feelings about 5♠ by applying the axe, but East pulled 5♠x to 6♦.

With 5♠x booked for -500, East's decision to forge on to 6♦ exchanged +500 for -500.



Adelaide bridge player Helen Rollond has introduced several of her grandchildren to the hardest part of bridge - being a caddie at a national event! Here are three of her brood - from left Fergus and Ainsley Larkin - Helen herself - and Neve Stewart. Adelaide is known for its wonderful caddies and these are just a small sample. Keep up the great



Bill rubbished

This shot, from the Great Barrier Reef Congress (reproduced with permission) shows evergreen Bill Nash, visitor to almost every ABF event, which he plays with crowd favourite Jim Wallis.

Bridge Outside the Box with Val Kovachev

by Dawson/Wilkins \$34.95 (196 pages)

by Paul Lavings



Val's bids are sometimes outrageous, but he always bases them on logic. He believes in following his logic wherever it may lead, not in following a bunch of 'rules'. Val takes more risks than most players. His goal is to push opponents out of their comfort zone and help his partner find the best lead. He makes as few bids as possible to reach the final contract, never describing his hand more than necessary.

You will find yourself trying to guess what action Val is about to take next and you'll wait for the outcome with bated breath. Your imagination expands as you gasp, then smile at the sheer audacity and cheekiness of some of his bids.

Add some spice to your bridge game by choosing a few of Val's approaches to incorporate into your own game. Learn how to be the lion in your bridge jungle!

Paul Lavings

No reason for rubbishing Bill at the 2022 ANC, where Bill and Jim were second to Bruce Crossman—Niek Van Vucht in the Swiss Pairs A.



Jim and Bill



Bruce Crossman—Niek van Vuht,
1st Swiss Pairs A



Gail McCombie—Bas Bolt from Sapphire Coast
Bridge Club in Tura Beach, NSW South Coast. The
club is lucky enough to own its own clubrooms.

Do you recognise the guy in the orange cap?



David Beauchamp supplied this photo of the Australian Open Team at the World Bridge Olympiad, Rhodes, 1996, on the occasion of the 10th Olympiad. David is at right, partnering Ted Chadwick and to his right watching on is Dutch npc Maurits Van der Vlugt, now a Sydney resident.

To David's right is one of the spearheads of world bridge, Bauke Muller. The Netherlands were champions in the 2022 European Teams Championship, with Switzerland second.

In 1996 Open champions were France: Bompis, Levy, Mari, Mouiel, Multon, Szwarc, while USA: Blanchard, Chambers, Deas, Greenberg, Levitina, Quinn took out the Women's.

Australia Open were 12th in the Qualifying and 10th in the Ladies Series.

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