

# 2023 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bulletin 1

Monday 10 July

## A VERY BIG WELCOME TO WARM SUNNY WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**INTERSTATE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP COMMENCES AT 9.30 AM**

**What's on Today: 10.00 AM Nedlands Bridge Club Congress Pairs**

**2.00 PM WABC Congress Pairs**

### **INTERSTATE TEAM REPRESENTATIVES**

#### **Open**

QLD Andy Braithwaite, Kim Morrison, Pele Rankin, Alison Dawson, Jim Evans, Pam Evans, Terry O'Dempsey (NPC)  
NSW Paul Dalley, Tony Nunn, Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer, Lavy Libman, Tomer Libman, David Fryda (NPC)  
ACT Sebastian Yuen, Christy Geromboux, Brad Coles, David Appleton, Bernard Waters, Malcolm Carter, Stephen Fischer (NPC)  
VIC David Beckett, Neil Ewart, Dee Harley, Phil Fent, Chen Ding, Ming Zhang, Jenny Thompson (NPC)  
SA Nicolas Croft, Arjuna de Livera, David Parrott, George Smolanko, Lauren Travis, Phil Markey (PC)  
WA Chris Mulley, Paul Brayshaw, Deana Wilson, Pim Birss, Karol Miller, Val Biltoft, Martin Doran (NPC)  
TAS John Grosvenor, Mardi Grosvenor, Phil Timmins, Bal Krishan, Andrew Richman, Sandra Richman (PC)

#### **Women**

QLD Abby Wanigaratne, Carmel Martin, Margaret Millar, Sue O'Brien, Maha Hoenig, Janeen Solomon, Toni Bardon (NPC)  
NSW Anita Curtis, Ruth Tobin, Judy Mott, Cathryn Herden, Lynn Kalmin, Lorna Ichilcik, Marcia Scudder (NPC)  
ACT Di Hawke, Lesley Gunson, Natasha Jacobs, Erin Tewes, Julia Hoffman, Pam Crichton (PC)  
VIC Kim Frazer, Kitty Muntz, Penny Blankfield, Sue Read, Eva Samuel, Laura Ginnan, Laurie Kelso (NPC)  
SA Therese Demarco, Sue Lusk, Alison Fallon, Pam Morgan-King, Ingrid Cooke, Anne Harris, Felicity Smyth (NPC)  
WA Stella Steer, Gwyneira Brahma, Christine Jenkins, Tuya Cooke, Kimberley Zhao, Cynthia Belonogoff, Kate Smith (NPC)  
TAS Barbara Giizel, Pam Murphy, Alaine MacMorran, Fiona Hickey (PC)



## Senior

QLD	Kerry Wood, Charlie Howard, Paul Collins, Ian Afflick, Ralph Parker, Larry Moses, John Luck (NPC)
NSW	Paul Lavings, Nigel Rosendorff, Avril Zets, Peter Buchen, Nazife Bashar, Kinga Moses, Matthew Thomson (NPC)
ACT	Alexander Hewat, George Stockham, Paul Nelson, Bill Tutty, Peter Grant, David Hoffman (PC)
VIC	Robert Gallus, Stephen Weisz, Quentin Van Abbe, Andrzej Krolkowski, George Lovrecz, Martin Willcox (PC)
SA	Lori Smith, David Cherry, Andrew Eddie, Kevin Lange, Russel Harms, Zolly Nagy (PC)
WA	Jan Kochmanski, Tad Bieganski, Egmont Melton, John Beddow, David Schokman, Geoff Yeo, Allison Stralow (NPC)
TAS	Richard Cooke, Margaret Gibbs, Felicity Wivell, Roger Swain, Jane Routley, Pam Lidl (PC)

## Youth

QLD	Lauren Morgan, Kate MacDonald, Sebastian Macmillan-Langdon, Paddy Taylor, Alex Wu, Zac Ross, Michael Gearing (NPC)
NSW	Tamara de Mel, Ellena Black, Duncan Lai, Adrian Le, Alex Heller, Magnus Eadie, Mitch Dowling (NPC)
ACT	Dev Shah, Diya Shah, Ken Takizawa, Alexis Wilsmore, Zara Chowdhury, Jade Wilkinson (PC)
VIC	Damon Flicker, Seb Wright, Alex Goss, Simon Pui, Taydon Gold, Matthew Sieredzinski, Leigh Gold (NPC)
SA	Ann Davey, Bertie Morgan, Lincoln Davey, Jamie Simpson, George Bartley, Anton Foster-Rohal, Felicity Smyth (NPC)
COLTS	Lizzy Brayshaw, Oliver Brayshaw, Antony Milner, Joe Milner, Jeremy Reid, Minnie Geale, Kirstyn Fuller (NPC)

# An Important Message for this Competition

## Zero Tolerance

Father Xmas picked up a monster. The hand contained so many high card points it took him some time to count

them all and realise he had a 25 count! Happy to have such a good hand he opened the bidding with a game forcing 2C and was a bit shocked when his partner, the Easter Bunny responded with a natural and positive 3D.

Father Xmas had 4 diamonds so showed his support and Easter Bunny wheeled out Blackwood. Perhaps worn out by counting his high card points Father Xmas holding 3 aces mistakenly showed 4 and was concerned when Easter Bunny promptly chose a 7NT bid.

Tooth Fairy in the pass-out seat looked confused and after a concerned pause eventually passed. Mary Poppins on opening lead chose a neutral diamond. Dummy was tabled and, in a disgust laden tone Easter Bunny called for a low diamond. The Tooth Fairy produced the ace of diamonds and Easter Bunny promptly claimed 1 off.

"You showed 4 aces and you only had three!" screeched Easter Bunny.

"I guess I just miscounted" responded an embarrassed Father Xmas.

Easter Bunny made little attempt to hide his anger and as he sorted his cards for the next hand, he could be heard furiously muttering and at various points using the words "fat" "pompous" and "wanker"

Fortunately, Father Xmas was a bit deaf and therefore oblivious to his partners ongoing poor behaviour but both Mary Poppins and Tooth Fairy were upset by the Easter Bunnies conduct.

The ABF Board is currently reviewing the rules for proper behaviour and the rules and regulations concerning the role of recorders at bridge events. The aim is to stamp out the Easter Bunnies and makes sure that a bridge tournament is always a safe and well-mannered environment.

At this year's ANC we do not want any Easter Bunny type behaviour. Bridge is a game that prides itself on the exemplary behaviour of its participants. All bridge players should maintain the highest standard of good manners and do nothing that could cause upset to other players or any impediment to others enjoying the game.

In the event any player is rude to you or causes you upset or just makes you feel uncomfortable with their poor behaviour there is something you can and should do. The recorders for this ANC are **Martin Doran, Kathy Power, and Robina McConnell.**

A recorder is chosen because they are someone with expertise in resolving disputes between players and dealing appropriately with bad behaviour from players. Approach a recorder and report any Easter Bunny type behaviour or indeed any behaviour that lowers the high standards expected from all participants.

Phil Markey, Chair ABF Ethics Committee



## ABF presidents Welcome.

On behalf of the ABF, I welcome you to the Perth Convention Centre, for the 84th Australian National Championships. Congratulations to Robina McConnell and the ANC committee for the many hours of work that they have put into the planning and running of this event. The planning has been going on for longer than usual and BAWA is relieved that this ANC will finally go ahead as planned.

Representing their state and territories is a special experience for all players and all categories will be hard fought as the teams vie for a place on the podium. I am confident that all players will ensure that the event is an enjoyable experience for both their partners, the opposition, and the officials. There is also a wide range of Congress events with prize money running everyday so please support these events. Thank you also to the many sponsors who have generously donated money and goods.

This ANC is a special event for me as it enables me to welcome you to my home state. Welcome to you all and enjoy two weeks of quality bridge.



## BAWA President's Welcome

The ABF and BAWA acknowledges the Whadjuk Nyoongar people as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters where we meet for ANC 2023, and we pay our respects to Elders past and present.

After much planning, and a few false starts due to border closures, the wait is finally over, and we can all gather together and play bridge.

ANC is the pinnacle of annual bridge calendar, when the best bridge players from each State battle it out for the title of the best team in three categories, Open, Women and Seniors. Very few of us will ever get the opportunity to represent our State and taste victory in the winning team. Our role is to support our team, welcome the many visitors to Perth and recognize the excellence of the best bridge players in Australia.

ANC is also a great opportunity for us to participate in the many events that are on during the Convention and play with top bridge players from all around Australia. We will observe some great play, pick up new ideas from other players, meet new people and have a memorable and enjoyable bridge experience.

Only the best players win, but all of us can choose to be kind, considerate and well-mannered to our partner, competitors, and officials.

Welcome and have fun.

## Participants Health and Wellness

Players and officials are asked not to attend any event if they are not well, or if they are supposed to be isolating or quarantining. If you come to play but are not well, you will be asked to leave the venue. If you start feeling unwell with Covid-19 symptoms during any event, please ask the Director to find a substitute until you are feeling well and have a negative RAT.

We have masks and RATS test available



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