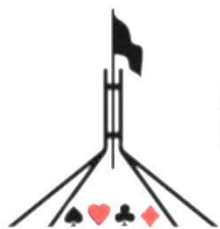




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2025 Canberra SUMMER FESTIVAL of Bridge

Today marks the start of the highly anticipated TBIB Swiss Pairs, featuring five divisions and plenty of action to enjoy!

Meanwhile, Youth Week has wrapped up, and the Canberra Accommodation Centre now hosts the Australian Seniors', Women's, and Junior Team selections.

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Youth week players enjoying crazy pairs in the courtyard



Yesterday the National Seniors' and Women's team selection events commenced. The format is a 96 board Semi-Final which will conclude at lunch time today and a 96 board Final which will conclude tomorrow evening.

In the Seniors, The NEILL Team who came 4th in the National Seniors' Teams Championship were non-contending for Australian team selection which has given a semi-final place to the BEAUCHAMP team.

In the women's field the Tutty team have contracted to 2 pairs with Pele Rankin and Jess Brake being removed due to ineligibility as Jess is already a member of the Australian Mixed Team.

Results overnight:

Seniors:

BLOOM (144.1)

leads

FREE (116).

BEAUCHAMP (148)

leads

KROCHMALIK (95.1).

Women's

TUTTY (150.1)

leads

BIRD (74).

TRAVIS (108.1)

leads

MUNDELL (82)



AUSTRALIAN SENIORS' & WOMEN'S TEAM SELECTION EVENTS

Seniors' Semi-Finalists

BLOOM

MALCOLM CARTER - NIGEL ROSENDORFF -
MARTIN BLOOM - TONY HUTTON

FREE

GEORGE SMOLANKO - JONATHAN FREE -
ATTILIO DE LUCA - RON KLINGER

KROCHMALIK

STEPHEN BURGESS - PAUL LAVINGS - ANDREW
BRAITHWAITE - ARJUNA DE LIVERA - AVON
WILSMORE - ROBERT KROCHMALIK

BEAUCHAMP

MAURITS VAN DER VLUGT - AVINASH KANETKAR
- TERRY BROWN - DAVID BEAUCHAMP - IAN
THOMSON - GEORGE KOZAKOS

Women's Semi-Finalists

TUTTY

ELLA JACOB - DAGMAR NEUMANN -
RENEE COOPER - JODI TUTTY

TRAVIS

MARNIE LEYBOURNE - LEONE FULLER -
LORI SMITH - BARBARA TRAVIS

MUNDELL

JANE REYNOLDS - RUTH TOBIN -
HELENE PITT - GISELLE MUNDELL


BIRD

JUDITH TOBIN - FELICITY SMYTH - KAREN CREET -
SHEILA BIRD - MARCIA SCUDDER - JUDY MOTT

Picked it like a nose (by Leigh Matheson)

Matthew Sieredzinski (right) – Heath Watkins (left) won the Butler from the Australian Junior Selection. Here's a hand where Heath made a doubled contract in the event:

Dlr: West ♠ 762
 All Vul ♥ K1084
 ♦ K76
 ♣ A104

| | | |
|----------|---|--------|
| ♠ 9 |  | ♠ KJ43 |
| ♥ QJ7 | | ♥ A653 |
| ♦ AQ4 | | ♦ 983 |
| ♣ QJ8765 | | ♣ K2 |

♠ AQ1085
 ♥ 92
 ♦ J1052
 ♣ 93



| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| — | 1 ♣ | Pass | 1 ♥ |
| 1 ♠ | Pass | 3 ♠ | Dble |

All Pass

West led the HQ, which went to the HK and HA. East switched to the D9, which went to the DJ and DA. West switched to the CQ, taken by the CA.

Heath now had a choice of play in trumps, but he chose the correct one. He played a spade to the S10, dropping the 9! The H9 was taken by West, who played a club to the CK. East got off lead with the D8, which went to the D10, DQ and DK. This set up a big card beer card in dummy (though it would be put to use prior to trick 13).

Heath now called for a low spade, intending to run it. East was awake and covered with the SJ. So Heath took the SQ. He now played a diamond to the D7 (a critical entry). When everyone followed suit he claimed the rest of the tricks with the marked spade finesse and the good D5 in hand. 9 tricks made for +730.





**Fixed Income Solutions Swiss Pairs Winners (above)
Jack James (left), Jeremy Fraser-Hoskin (middle right)**



**Fixed Income Solutions Swiss Pairs Runners-up (above)
Lucy Stevenson (middle left), Dave Wiltshire (middle right) (middle right)**





The Bridge Shop Under 20 Masterpoint Teams Winners



The Bridge Shop Under 20 Masterpoint Teams Runner-up





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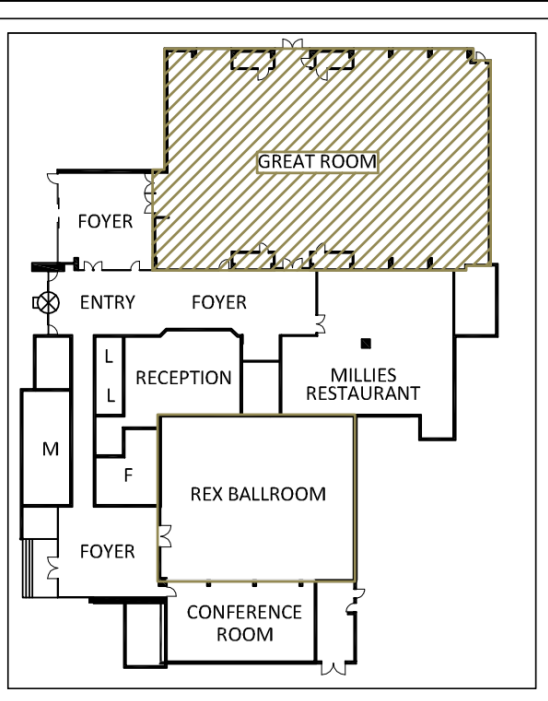


The Bridge Shop Under 100 Masterpoint Teams Winners



The Bridge Shop Under 100 Masterpoint Teams Runner-up





CANBERRA REX HOTEL FLOOR PLAN

Most games will be played in the **Great Room** (straight ahead and to the left as you go into the building) **or in the Ballroom** (to the right as you enter the building).

Female toilets are located in the hallway leading towards the ballroom and the rear of the Great Room.

Male toilets are located in the hallway leading to the Ballroom.

The bars/restaurants are quick lift ride to level 5+6. Be sure to head there after your game to discuss hands in and enjoy in the view.

WHAT'S ON TODAY (SATURDAY 11/1)

TBIB Open Swiss Pairs

Session times 9.45am, conclude by 6.00pm (Great Room)

TBIB 750/500 Swiss Pairs

Session times 9.45am, conclude by 6.00pm (Grand Ballroom)

TBIB 300/100 Swiss Pairs

Session times 9.45am, conclude by 6.00pm (Grand Ballroom)

Australian Women's Team Selection

Session times 9.00, 11.30, 2.30, 5.00, conclude by 7.15
(Canberra Accommodation Centre)

Australian Seniors' Team Selection

Session times 9.00, 11.30, 2.30, 5.00, conclude by 7.15
(Canberra Accommodation Centre)

WHAT'S ON TOMORROW (SATURDAY 12/1)

TBIB Open Swiss Pairs

Session times 9.45am, conclude by 4.45pm (Great Room)

TBIB 750/500 Swiss Pairs

Session times 9.45am, conclude by 4.45pm (Grand Ballroom)

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NEED HELP?

DURING THE GAME

DIRECTORS (RED SHIRTS)

Bridge related matters

CADDIES (BLACK SHIRTS)

If you run out of boards to play

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SUMMER FESTIVAL EVENTS**

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Unpleasant Experience?

The ABF is committed to ensuring that all players compete in a pleasant and respectful environment. To assist in this, we appoint recorders to facilitate the smooth running of bridge events. The role of our recorders is to:

- Receive information (either verbal or written) from individual players as to concerns which may arise from events at the table
- Be available for consultation prior to commencement of play (10 minutes) and at the end of play (20 minutes); and
- Consider the issue/s raised and take appropriate action.

If you require a recorder, simply speak with one of the directors (red shirts).





Helping Partner

(by Leigh Matheson)

This week I had the pleasure of playing the Fixed Income Solutions one-day Swiss Pairs with Leon Meier, a representative of the New Zealand Open team. What really impressed me was how he would go out of his way to help partner where possible. Take this hand from the first round, for example:

Dlr: West ♠ Q108

All Vul ♥ J642

♦ K8

♣ A954

♠ 532



♥ Q95

♦ A762

♣ KQ6

♠ AKJ4

♥ AK10

♦ J95

♣ 832

♠ 976

♥ 873

♦ Q1043

♣ J107

Against 3NT, Leon led the D2. Declarer won the DK and led a heart to the H10 and the HQ. We then cashed the DQ and DA leaving:

♠ Q108

♥ J64

♦ —

♣ A95

♠ 532

♥ 95

♦ 7

♣ KQ6



♠ 976

♥ 73

♦ 10

♣ J107

♠ AKJ4

♥ AK

♦ —

♣ 832

Instead of simply cashing the last diamond, Leon considered the problems I might have. If I had stopper(s) in the Majors, this would rectify the count for a potential squeeze. Instead, he switched to the CK, establishing the setting trick and telling me what suit he was able to guard.

As clubs was the only suit I could guard, I followed suit with the CJ, telling partner that he could discard all his clubs if needed.

