

## Information:

The winning pair from Stage 1 of the Butler will be joined by the top two pairs from Stage 2, to form the Australian International Youth Team for 2007. Participants in the Butler must be born on or after 1 January 1981.

There will also be an international challenge match between Australia, New Zealand and other international teams approved by the ABF Youth Committee. All bridge players are invited to come along and kibitz top level youth bridge. Venue and other details will be available on the ABF Youth Website leading up to the challenge.

There is a 50% discount for full-time students in events which are part of the Summer Festival of Bridge.

The ABF is pleased to advise that the Chief Tournament Director for all of the youth events and for the International Challenge will be Matthew McManus.

Gold Master Points will be awarded at the appropriate ABF scale for the youth events.

Trophies and prizes in both the pairs and the teams will be awarded in three categories. To be eligible all members must be born on or after:

- 1 January 1977 (overall awards)
- 1 January 1981 (under 26) and
- 1 January 1986 (under 21).

The Australian Youth Championships are acknowledged as the best bridge event in Australia. The atmosphere is invariably friendly and players enjoy their time at the table and away from it. This event should be attractive to young players regardless of skill level and experience.

## Venue:

Fenner Hall, 210 Northbourne Ave,  
Braddon, ACT.

Northbourne Ave is the major thoroughfare through the centre of Canberra.

## Travel:

Air: Flights booked well ahead through Virgin or Qantas will be cheaper if booked over the internet so don't leave your booking too late.

Bus: [www.greyhound.com.au](http://www.greyhound.com.au)  
[www.murrays.com.au](http://www.murrays.com.au)

Plane: [www.virginblue.com](http://www.virginblue.com)  
[www.qantas.com](http://www.qantas.com)

Car: [brad@redgrover.com](mailto:brad@redgrover.com) (Brad Coles)  
can help to organise lifts from Sydney.

The ABF Youth Committee takes no responsibility for passenger safety for any transport arranged for players.

## Accommodation:

The venue – Fenner Hall – provides single bedroom accommodation, with bedding, linen, tea and coffee facilities. Shared bathroom and kitchen. You are required to bring your own utensils if you are planning to cook.

Rooms may be booked through the venue for \$245 per week. This is a discounted rate for our event, so please mention this when booking. Full payment is required at time of booking.

The ABF Youth Committee will make every effort to arrange billeting for those requiring it. Early advice would be appreciated. Priority in this respect will be given to players under 18.



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# Australian Youth Championships

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## International Team Selection

**Under 30, Under 26 and Under  
16 Pairs & Teams of Four**

**Fenner Hall, ANU**

210 Northbourne Ave, Braddon.

**January 13 - 20, 2007**

**Convenor  
Brad Coles**

**Tournament Director  
Matthew McManus**

## To enter:

To enter online, simply go to

<http://www.abf.com.au/youth/events/ayc/index.html>

where you will be able to enter, book your accommodation at Fenner Hall, and let us know if you are looking for a partner or team mates.

If you do not have the ability to enter online or print an entry form then contact Brad Coles on 0412276577 and an entry form will be posted to you.

## Further Entry Information

- Only one entry per pair or team is necessary.
- All entry fees will be collected at the start of the event.
- Entries close at 5pm on Wednesday 10 January although late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the convenor and tournament director.
- Entries to the Youth Butler will be by selection from the Youth Teams Championship. A maximum of one pair will be selected in advance from the Australian Youth Triathlon.

## Don't miss out!

If you are under 30, this is your chance to have a week of fun and challenging bridge while at the same time helping the under 25 players improve their game!

## Eligibility:

Selection in the Australian Youth Team is restricted to players born on or after 01/01/1981. Youth Championship events are open to players born on or after 01/01/1977 and Under 16 events for players born on or after 15/01/1990.

## System regulations:

Some complex systems (e.g. forcing pass systems) are not permitted. Contact the convenor or see ABF Youth Website from November for full details. The right to deem a system complex rests with the convenor and director so please check.

## Timetable:

Subject to variation according to entry numbers.

January 2007	10:30am	1:30pm	7:30pm
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>		Pairs Q1	Pairs Q2
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pairs F1	Pairs F2	BBQ
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Talk at 12pm	Teams 1	Teams 2
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Teams 3	Teams 4	Teams 5
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> - Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Butler and Playoffs	Butler and Playoffs	Butler and Playoffs
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Butler supporter's pairs		
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pairs-of-four		Pro-Am Pairs
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Novelty pairs		International Challenge
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	International Challenge (sessions 2-5)		

Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Under 16 Youth Camp (morning and afternoon)</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	

## Entry Fees:

	Standard	PTS/Conc	FTS
<b>Pairs:</b>	\$44	\$32	\$26
<b>Teams:</b>	\$44	\$32	\$26
<b>Butler:</b>	\$44	\$32	\$26

**Youth Camp:** (\$14 per day, \$8 per session)  
All fees are payable at the start of each event.

Financial assistance may be available subject to serious financial need. In this regard contact the youth coordinator David McDonald: [eckythumpf@hotmail.com](mailto:eckythumpf@hotmail.com)

## More information:

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