

BRIDGE VICTORIA BULLETIN

MAY 2023

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In the April issue, I asked which symbol layout people preferred.

To date, I have been using a multi-coloured layout as follows –



The person proposed a more traditional red and black symbol layout –



I received no response so I will stick with the original format.

On the positive side, Greg Quittner did send in an article which I have used as a basis for the 'Bridge Humour' section this month.

At least somebody has emailed me 😊.

I have had no responses on the 'Hand of the Month' columns. I am wondering whether they are too easy or too hard.



Above is a picture of Chris Hughes looking puzzled at home.

Submit all your input to my private email address

loganrun@optusnet.com.au

Movie buffs will recognise a subtle reference to a 1976 science fiction film.

TEST YOUR DECLARER SKILLS

Both sides are Vulnerable when this hand appeared

NORTH

♠
♥
♦
♣

WEST

♠KJ97654
♥AJT
♦5
♣76

EAST

♠Q
♥K6
♦6432
♣AQ8543

SOUTH

♠
♥
♦
♣

North leads the ♦8 and South wins the ♦K and then returns the ♦A which you ruff and North contributes the ♦9 [you now believe that North started with the ♦Q98 from the carding so far].

Decide how you are going to make this ♠ game.

You have a ♠ and a ♦ loser for sure and quite possibly a ♣ loser and a possible ♥ guess for the Q if things don't work out.

What is your plan from here?

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
	1♣	1♦	DBL
2♦	P	P	4♠
P	P	P	

West knows where the contract is to be played and bids 4♠ as his/her second

BRIDGE HAND OF THE MONTH

Both sides are Vulnerable when this hand appeared

NORTH

♠ Q97
♥ AQ93
♦ A3
♣ AQ75

WEST

♠
♥
♦
♣

EAST

♠
♥
♦
♣

SOUTH

♠ KJ2
♥ KJ986
♦ Q9
♣ 632

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	1♦	1♥	2♦
4♥	P	P	P

North knows where the contract should be played after South's bid of 1♥

4♥ is reached quickly and West leads the ♦J.

You duck this trick but East wins the ♦K

East continues with the ♠2 and you put up the ♠K to see who has the ♠A. When West plays the ♠8, you know that East has that card.

East has overcalled when vulnerable and West has raised with presumably a 4-card ♦ suit and some distribution.

You play two rounds of ♥s and East follows to both rounds and West throws a ♦.

Decide how you are going to make this ♥ game

What is your plan from here?

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BRIDGE HUMOUR

SOMETIMES BEING LUCKY TRIUMPHS OVER GOOD TECHNIQUE

With apologies to Billy Joel and his Piano Man

It's seven o'clock on a Wednesday
The regular crowd shuffles in
There's a pair discussing their system
Desperately trying to win

Your regular partner Jim rushes in at 7:25pm just before the evening session is about to start at 7:30pm. He is holding a piece of paper in his hand. He passes it over to you. Your immediate response is, "Jim, I've told you before no new additions to the system until after the session". Jim replies, "I promise you this is great. You can use this convention with a variety of hands. I read it in the latest Australian Bridge magazine". Jim looks at me wandering off to our assigned table for the first session. He continues, "OK let's leave it for now and discuss it after the session".

You start off at table 1 against 2 lovely ladies, Dina and Julia. The first 2 boards seem flat and then comes board 3.

North and South are vulnerable and Jim and yourself are not vulnerable.

Sitting South, as dealer, you hold

♠A876
♥KQJ32
♦AQ
♣Q4

You open 1♥ and your partner bids 2♦. You reverse into 2♠ because you have a very good hand. Your partner, who doesn't believe in wasting time in the auction, trots out 4NT and you reply 5♥ showing two controls without the ♠Q. Partner now bids 6♥. You thought that 4NT agreed ♠s, so what does 6♥ mean. You guess it is choice of contracts, so with a good ♥ suit, you decide to pass and hope for the best.

Dina, as West, leads the ♣T and dummy comes down.

♠9
♥AT95
♦KT972
♣J73

Your first thought is that at least this contract is better than 6♠.

Your second thought is that you wonder whether this highly unusual bidding is included on the piece of paper Jim held.

Your third thought is, Dina has led the unbid suit and I shall probably have to gracefully concede one down.

Julia wins with ♣A and starts thinking.

You wonder what she is thinking about but hope springs eternal.

After quite a while, Julia puts the ♠K on the table.

You win the ♠A and draw trumps and throw your losing ♣ on the ♦K and claim. You are a little bewildered but it is what it is.

The full hand was

JIM

♠9
♥AT95
♦KT972
♣J73

DINA

♠4
♥876
♦J3
♣KT98652

JULIA

♠KQJT532
♥4
♦8654
♣A

YOU

♠A876
♥KQJ32
♦AQ
♣Q4

As you enter the score, you hear the following commentary at the table.

Julia says, "Dina, why didn't you bid 3♣?"

Dina says, "Julia, I was vulnerable with a poor suit. Why didn't you preempt with that great suit?"

Julia replied, "We are vulnerable and look at all my losers. I guess I was a bit conservative. I am sorry Dina that I asked why you didn't bid as it was a pretty ordinary suit."

Jim couldn't help himself. He said, "If either of you ladies had bid, I would have bid the slam directly. When you play a sophisticated system like ours, 6♥ is automatic over a preemptive bid by either one of you."

You think to yourself.

We've just started play on a Wednesday
You say to yourself with a grin
There are three discussing this auction
It's time for a tonic and gin

Editor's Note:

Greg Quittner sent me the background for this article.

I edited and added to it in several places but I am grateful for his assistance.



RESULTS

RESULTS FOR APRIL-VICTORIA

April seemed to be a quiet month on the calendar for congresses.

However, there was a major event held.

VICTORIAN OPEN TEAM PLAYOFF

On the weekend of the 15th and 16th April, the Victorian Open team to represent Victoria in the ANC in Perth in July was decided.

Four teams played on Saturday the 15th April.

In one semi-final, the following two teams were featured.

NEIL EWART - DAVID BECKETT - CHEN DING - MING ZHANG - DEE HARLEY - PHILLIP FENT
LEO SAOUD - MOHAMED GHATWARI - KAE FRENCH - GEOFFREY JOHNSON - GORDON MCROBERT - GUS GHALI

The first named team were successful.

In the other semi-final, the following two teams were featured.

JAMIE EBERY - KIM FRAZER - LEIGH GOLD - KITTY MUNTZ - BEN KINGHAM - SYLVIA GLUCK
GEORGE LOVRECZ - BOB GEYER - STEPHEN WEISZ - JOHN YANG - MARTIN WILLCOX - ALAN RACE

The second named team were successful.

In the final on Sunday 16th April, the following teams featured.

NEIL EWART - DAVID BECKETT - CHEN DING - MING ZHANG - DEE HARLEY - PHILLIP FENT
GEORGE LOVRECZ - BOB GEYER - STEPHEN WEISZ - JOHN YANG - MARTIN WILLCOX - ALAN RACE

The first named team were successful.

Therefore, congratulations to the Victorian Open team and good luck in Perth

NEIL EWART - DAVID BECKETT - CHEN DING - MING ZHANG - DEE HARLEY - PHILLIP FENT



UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY

VICTORIA

BAYSIDE BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS

SATURDAY 6TH MAY 10AM (PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9:30AM)
BEAUMARIS BOWLS CLUB - MARTIN STREET BEAUMARIS

Contact: Manager: Glen Kruger on 0493 112 412

Website: <http://www.bridgewebs.com/bayside>

VICTORIAN RESTRICTED PAIRS

SATURDAY 13TH MAY

The Victorian Restricted Pairs final is being held on 13th May.

This event is open to all players who are registered members of an affiliated Victorian Club and who have fewer than 300 masterpoints as of 31st December 2022.

The two top placed pairs win a place in the Australian Restricted Pairs Championship at the Australian National Championships in Perth in July, with the ABF providing a subsidy for the airfares and entry fee.

The Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) will reimburse the cost of airfares for the participants but will NOT be purchasing airline tickets. The participants will also receive \$250 towards accommodation. If the airfares purchased totals more than \$2200 per person, no accommodation subsidy will be issued. The ABF also pays the entry fee to the Restricted ANC.

SALE BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS

SATURDAY 20TH MAY AND SUNDAY 21ST MAY
MASONIC HALL: 5-7 MARILYN WAY, SALE

Contact: Secretary: Libby Thomson M: 0408 783 500

BENDIGO BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS

SATURDAY 27TH MAY AND SUNDAY 28TH MAY

VENUE

'The Conservatory' at All Seasons Resort Hotel 171-183 Mclvor Road,
Bendigo 3550 Phone: (03) 5443 8166

All Seasons Resort Hotel offers discounts to congress participants. When booking, mention the Congress to access corporate rates.

Contact: Congress Convenor: Paul O'Hare Phone: 0419 345 240

Email: directorbendigobridge@gmail.com

On-line enquiries: www.bridgewebs.com/bendigo

Director: Martin Willcox

EVENT DETAILS

Bendigo Swiss Pairs

Date: Saturday, 27 May

Bendigo Swiss Teams

Date: Sunday, 28 May

Entry fees for both events: \$50 per player

Entry fees includes light lunch and refreshments. Please let the Congress Convenor know if you have any special dietary requirements.

Enter your pair and team at www.bridgeunlimited.com or call / email Congress Convenor.

Please book your entries on or before Tuesday, 23 May.

ANOTHER CONGRESS HELD EARLY IN JUNE IS:

MOONEE VALLEY SUPER CONGRESS

BOWLING CLUB ROOM

2A PATTISON ST.

MOONEE PONDS, MELBOURNE, VIC 3039

PO BOX 349, MOONEE PONDS 3039

CLUBROOM: 9375 3724

it is a few days before the Gold Point Victor Champion Cup

Friday 2nd June: shorter day format for Novice (<100mp) and Restricted (<300mp)

Saturday 3rd June: Swiss Pairs – 108 pair maximum – Open and Restricted sections

Sunday 4th June: Swiss teams - 32 team maximum

PEOPLE

Organiser:	Fraser Thorpe
Phone:	0419135826
Email:	thorpefraser@gmail.com
Chief Tournament Director:	Laurie Kelso

NATIONAL

AUTUMN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ridley Centre, Adelaide

Thursday 4th May

Rookie Butler Swiss Pairs: one day only restricted to players < 35 MPs at 31st December 2022.

Thursday 4th May and Friday 5th May

TBIB Butler Swiss Pairs: Open and Mixed

StepBridge Butler Swiss Pairs: Under Grand Master and Under Life Master

Saturday 6th May and Sunday 7th May

TBIB Open Swiss Teams

StepBridge Swiss Teams: Under Grand Master and Under Life Master

WESTERN SENIOR PAIRS

Melville Bridge Club

Saturday 20th May and Sunday 21st May

AUSTRALIAN WIDE PAIRS

25th – 31st May (Novices)

WHAT NEXT IN DEFENCE?

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
		1NT (15-17)	P
2♣	DBL	2♠	P
4♠	P	P	P

Sitting East, you double the 2♣ (Stayman bid) for the lead

The opponents find their major suit fit and bid 4♠ ending the auction

Dummy as NORTH

Your hand as EAST

♠A743
♥KQ62
♦Q7
♣987

♠65
♥J8
♦J943
♣KQJT2

Your partner, West leads the ♣A and continues with a small ♣.

On the third ♣ trick, South (declarer) follows and partner plays a ♥.

What information do you have about declarer's hand and partner's possible holding?

What is your plan from here to defeat this contract (if possible)?

Answer at the end of the bulletin

OTHER

MCMANAMNY CLUB TEAMS EVENT

After the success of the 2022 McManamny Club Teams, the event will be held again this year on Sunday 24 September at Moonee Valley Bridge Club.

Twenty teams from five clubs took part last year at the Waverley B.C. The Crofts Trophy (best Club performance) was won by Geelong and the Stokes trophy (best team on the day) was won by Waverley Team 3 (Alex Goss, Peter Goss, Elizabeth Vanselow and Robert Quirk).

The event is named after Nicole McManamny, a Waverley stalwart and Bridge fanatic.

In Club Teams competitions, each club selects up to five teams to play all day against other club teams. Pairs compete against pairs of a similar level.

Think about entering this fun competition and save the date in your calendar.

VICTOR CHAMPION CUP (VCC) – VICTORIA'S NATIONAL CONGRESS

The VCC 2023 is open for entries.

This is the premier congress in Victoria held annually across the Queens' Birthday weekend.

<https://myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/607>

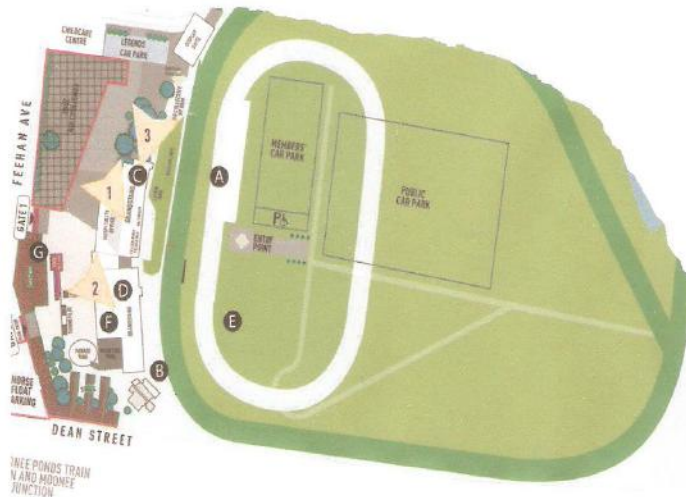
We have a great new venue: Moonee Valley Racecourse. Great surrounds, great lighting, great access, great parking and a great location. If you are interstate or need accommodation, please book quickly from our provided options. We will be working out lunches and breakfasts nearer to the event and will keep you informed. Of course, there will be lots of coffee. Please go to the 'MyABF' site for details and this will be the last public broadcast to you all from me.

Geoff Schaller
Convenor VCC 2023
(0418 559 343)

Please see the brochure on the following page

2023 Victor Champion Cup Festival of Bridge 8th – 12th JUNE 2023

Chief Tournament Director: Laurie Kelso
ABF GOLD Point and PQP Events



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<https://myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/607>



RECENT RANKING PROMOTIONS – AS UPDATED BY THE CLUBS IN MARCH 2023

CLUB	NAME	RANK
Alexandra Club	Stansen, Helen	Club
Bairnsdale Bridge Club	Cornwall, Heather	State
Ballarat Bridge Club R	Beck, Anne	Regional
Ballarat Bridge Club R	Dunne, Leigh	Graduate
Ballarat Bridge Club R	Mason, Cheryl	Club
Bayside Bridge Club	Charpentier, Dina	Bronze Local
Bayside Bridge Club	Costello, Margaret	Club
Bayside Bridge Club	Cross, Louisa	Graduate
Bayside Bridge Club	Cvjetan, Helen	Bronze Local
Bayside Bridge Club	Dwyer, Mary Louis	Local
Bayside Bridge Club	Elias, Karen	Club
Bayside Bridge Club	Lindsay, Heather	Bronze Local
Bayside Bridge Club	Rotstein, Felice	Local
Bayside Bridge Club	Sacks, Mandy	Local
Bayside Bridge Club	Sealy, Lillian	Bronze State
Bayside Bridge Club	Sutherland, Peter	Graduate
Bayside Bridge Club	Taylor, Suzie	Silver Local
Bayside Bridge Club	Vaughan, Rhonda	Graduate
Bayside Bridge Club	Wilson, Derek	Club
Benalla Bridge Club R	Baker, Jennifer	Silver Local
Bendigo Bridge Club Inc R	Hegarty, Graeme	Regional
Bendigo Bridge Club Inc R	Jackman, Scott	Bronze Local
Bendigo Bridge Club Inc R	Parker, Veronica	Graduate
Bendigo Bridge Club Inc R	Rogers, Janet	Bronze National
Bendigo Bridge Club Inc R	Symons, Faye	Gold Life
Bridge Fanatics	Dorevitch, Michael	State
Frankston Bridge Club	Cranch, Terry	Regional
Frankston Bridge Club	Donald, Denise	Silver National
Frankston Bridge Club	McGaulin, Bill	Club
Frankston Bridge Club	Scott, Chris	National
Frankston Bridge Club	Spurling, Anita	Club
Gardenvale Bridge Club	Goldberg, Jill	Club
Gardenvale Bridge Club	Preiss, Candace	Regional
Gardenvale Bridge Club	Sharp, Danny	Gold Life
Gardenvale Bridge School	Crompton, Doug	Club
Geelong Bridge Club	Bennett, Sue	Graduate
Geelong Bridge Club	Comisel, Heather	Graduate
Geelong Bridge Club	Glover, Margaret	Bronze Life
Geelong Bridge Club	Johnstone, Jenny	Silver Life
Geelong Bridge Club	Ramage, Judy	Graduate
Geelong Bridge Club	Sinclair, Marta	Graduate

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Chapman, Barb	Graduate
Critchley, Sue	Graduate
Downer, Rose	Silver Local
Finkelstein, John	Bronze Local
Hart, Carole	Graduate
Saul, Diana	Life
Clark, Eileen	Regional
Morton, Adrian	Silver Local
Porter, Sue	Local
Bunting, Susie	Bronze National
Fanning, Edward	Local
Archer, John	Local
Beech, Cheryn	Silver Local
Buckley, Joe	Regional
Lyon, Anne	Silver Local
Stanbrook, Janet	Club
Arnott, Toni	Silver Local
Bray, Paul	Club
Cassar, Karen	Silver Local
Conlan, Judi	Graduate
Forster, Ruth	Regional
Headey, Bruce	Bronze National
McMahon, Mairead	Club
O'Donnell, Hannah	State
Ranasinghe, Thilak	Silver Grand
Roberts, Matthew	Bronze State
Saunders, Myrna	Silver National
Slutzkin, Andrew	Bronze Life
Woods, Ralph	Bronze Regional
Young, Lynda	National
Young, Philip	Bronze National
Bellamy, Patricia	Bronze National
Gilbert, Jean	Graduate
Murphy, Barry	Graduate
Ferwerda, Fiona	State
Freedman, Morry	Graduate
Michael, Sharon	Club
Read, Mariette	Regional
Toeng, Frances	State
Bishop, Valerie	Bronze Local
Craig, Joy	Club
Forbes, Hugh	Local
Gunn-Browne, Margaret	Graduate
Ham, Jennifer	Regional
Hern, Yvonne	Local

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Kay, Steve	Club
Aronson, Heather	Graduate
Dubs, Lilli	Graduate
Friedman, Belinda	Graduate
Harris, Sue	Local
Scholtz, Geraldine	Regional
Thomas, Gill	Graduate
Shaw, Caroline	Silver Local
Waylen, Paul	National
Foster, Sally	Silver National
Beasley, Merrie	State
Clarke, Sally-Ann	State
Deague, Kris	Bronze Local
Gall, Georgie	State
Mitchell, Hayley	Bronze National
Wilson, Caroline	Regional
Woodard, Amanda	Silver Local
Bowers, Elizabeth	Regional
Douglas, Phil	Bronze State
Nilsson, Deborah	Regional
Van Der Riet, Penny	Bronze State
Bennett, Daph	Local
Hides, Robyn	Local
Higgins, Marg	Graduate
Holman, Carol	Club
Leggatt, Jenny	Graduate
Sherrin, Jim	Club
Boast, Graham	Graduate
Boast, Kath	Graduate
Oakes, Iris	Silver Local
Currier, John	Bronze Local
French, John	Bronze Local
Johnston, Alan	Silver Life
Kudelka, Tom	Regional
Battistella, Lesley	Graduate
Francis, Michael	Life
Macleane, Dianne	Silver Local
Milledge, Mandy	Club
Robinson, Jill	Silver Local
Davis, Debbie	Local
Pasquill, Margaret	Bronze Local
Doyle, Ron	Graduate
Jensen, Carol	Graduate
Ratnarajah, Ratna	Graduate
Ellis, Sheena	Club

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Feder, Debra	Club
Gaskell, Merle	Club
Holding, John	Bronze Local
Nancarrow, Judy	Club
Procel, Harry	Bronze National
Rose, Sue	Club
Wertheimer, John	Graduate
Dickinson, Pam	Bronze Local
Harband, Genie	Bronze Life
Hardy, Lydia	Graduate
Hepenstall, Julie	Regional
Layton, Deb	Club
Mercuri, Sue	Graduate
Quirk, Ann	Regional
Sertori, Kevin	Bronze Life
Shields, Brian	Club
Spernat, Julie	Local
Stewart, Fay	Bronze Local
Geng, Jing	Silver Local
Merenda, Paul	Club
Korab, Anna	Club
Morris, John	Local
Tull, Gail	Graduate
Cook, Jon	Club
Langer, Karim	Local
Robins, Dallice	Local

Congratulations to all of the above.



TEAMS KNOCKOUT



PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT

2023 AUSTRALIA WIDE TEAMS CLUB KNOCKOUT

When: Second Tuesday of each month, starting June, 7.30 pm Eastern

Qualifying: June-August-September:

Knockout and Consolation: October-November-December:

Where: RealBridge

Format: Clubs (home and alternate members) can enter one team (total 4) in each division:

All Clubs' players < 50 masterpoints

Clubs < 100 members and players less than 100 masterpoints

Clubs > 100 members and players less than 100 masterpoints

All Clubs and players less than 750 masterpoints

All Clubs and no masterpoint limit (* Masterpoints and Club members at 31 March 2023)

" Unlimited substitutes and monthly format avoid any significant disruption to existing club programs and the second Tuesday avoids the Melbourne Cup." Dave Munro, South Perth Bridge Club

Cost: \$240 per team (\$10 per player per round) with entry and payment via myABF covers 6 rounds for all teams. Teams not making the knockout stage join a three round Swiss consolation

Prize money: \$1000 winner and \$500 runner up payable to Club (this prizemoney is payable to clubs in divisions with 16 entries. The organisers will scale prizemoney for divisions with fewer entries)

Gold Masterpoints at A2 level

Director: Matthew McManus

Organiser: Rob Ward (SMS 0418 611 908)

" This was a great competition particularly for the less experienced players who grew significantly during the event. Home and alternate club provisions broadened eligibility. " Sue Falkingham Tasmania BA and Liz Sylvester Mollmook.

Tournament Regulations: can be found via myABF



IN CLUB

ONLINE

PLAYING BRIDGE TOGETHER





Laura Ginnan has won multiple national championships, represented & won a World Junior Championships bronze medal while representing Australia. Locally Laura is a regular on the Victorian Women's team & has won multiple Victorian Congress events. She is also a level 2 nationally qualified director.

As a teacher, Laura is relaxed, approachable, & patient and enjoys the challenge of delivering thought-provoking content with cards in your hands as much as possible. With 14 years working in bridge club management, event coordination, teaching, directing, & professional play you couldn't be in better hands for this event.

The topics presented during this holiday are specifically focused on improving Congress performance. They offer a rare insight into the tactics you can apply to maximize your score while playing IMPs format.

email - events@realdealbridge.com website - www.realdealbridge.com

She is holding a bridge retreat session in May.

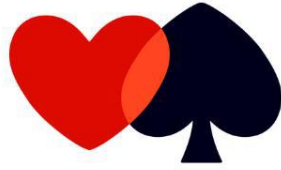
A brochure follows

If you wish more details, then please contact her directly.

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GIPPSLAND LAKES BRIDGE RETREAT

The topics presented during this holiday are specifically focused on improving Congress performance. They offer a rare insight into the tactics you can apply to maximise your score while playing IMPs format. This event runs alongside the Sale Bridge Club Congress where you can show off your new skills.

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WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY - SUNDAY 21ST MAY 2023

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Geelong Bridge Club 2023 Congress Saturday 24 & 25 June 2023

**Venue: Highton Bowls Club - cnr Roslyn & North Valley Roads,
Highton Vic 3216**

**Director: Martin Willcox
Recorder: Arthur Robbins**

**Entries on Bridge Unlimited: bridgeunlimited.com
Entries close Friday 5pm 16 June 2023**

**Cost: \$100 per pair, \$200 per team
Payment will be by cash only on the day of play**

Program

**Saturday: 10am start - Swiss Pairs Open and Restricted
Restricted: <100 Masterpoints as at 31 March 2023**

**Sunday: 10am start - Open and Restricted Teams
Restricted: <100 MPs per player as at 31 March 2023**

Cash prizes

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided. Bar open at end of play with nibbles provided. Please notify Convenor of any dietary requirements at least one week prior to play.

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Highly artificial systems not permitted. System cards mandatory.

JENNY THOMPSON'S UPDATE

The ANC will be held in Perth this year in July and, we congratulate all the following players for making the Victorian representative teams to represent Victoria at this prestigious event. The Youth team will be announced shortly.

VIC OPEN TEAM:

NEIL EWART & DAVID BECKETT, CHENDING & MING ZHANG, DEE HARLEY & PHILLIP FENT.

VIC SENIOR TEAM:

ROBERT GALLUS & STEPHEN WEISZ, QUENTIN VAN ABBE & ANDRZEJ KROLIKOWSKI, GEORGE LOVRECZ & MARTIN WILLCOX.

VIC WOMEN'S TEAM:

KIM FRAZER & KITTY MUNTZ, PENNY BLANKFIELD & SUE READ, EVA SAMUEL & LAURA GINNAN

State events that occur in May which we encourage all players to participate in are the Victorian Online Open Teams Championships starting Monday May 8 (played on RealBridge), the Rothfield Teams which commences on 17th May being played face to face at VBC and the Victorian Restricted Pairs being held on 13th May.

The Restricted Pairs is open to any player who has up to 300 masterpoints as of 31st December 2022. The winning 2 pairs qualify (and receive subsidies) to participate at the ANC Restricted Butler Pairs in Perth starting on Saturday 15th July.

Note:

There has been a change in the date for the metropolitan GNOT final from October 1 to September 23.

Editor's Note:

In qualifying for the Victorian Women's team, KIM FRAZER & KITTY MUNTZ were the only one of five pairs to bid the grand slam on the following hand.

Their auction is shown below.

Well done to them.

The following hand took place in the playoff for the Victorian Women's team this year.

NORTH

♠KT9542

♥

♦AQ76

♣QJ4

WEST

♠

♥

♦

♣

EAST

♠

♥

♦

♣

SOUTH

♠AQJ73

♥AQ8

♦

♣AKT52

South was the dealer and opened 1♠ (you might ask yourself why not open a 2♣ game force with such a great hand. The problem with opening a game force with a two suited hand is that auction may get too high before the strong hand can bid out their shape. This is a common expert treatment to open these hands at the 1-level).

- (1) 2NT is Jacoby and is a game force with at least four spades
- (2) 5♦ is called Exclusion Blackwood. It is done with a void and asks partner to show a Roman Keycard response ignoring any control in ♦s.
- (3) 5♥ shows 1 or 4 key cards outside of ♦s. Therefore, partner has the ♠K.
- (4) 6♣ asks partner about their ♣ holding (because South needs partner to hold the ♣Q to solidify their suit).
- (5) 6♥ shows the AK or the Q of ♣s.

South has enough information to bid the grand slam.

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
		1♠	P
2NT ¹	P	5♦ ²	P
5♥ ³	DBL	6♣ ⁴	P
6♥ ⁵	P	7♠	P

The defense doubling 5♥ to show ♥s is of no concern of course.



FEEDBACK

Chris

I had the following hand vulnerable as dealer

♠AT
♥Q9864
♦KQT8
♣Q5

I was sitting North and opened 1♥. The auction proceeded as follows

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♥	1NT	2♠	P
3♦	P	P	P

I was bidding out my shape to see if game in ♠s was a possibility.

I went four off vulnerable in 3♦ when 2♠ might well have made.

Why was I left in 3♦ by my partner when they had a six-card ♠ suit?

Answer:

You had 13 points and East had 15-17 points, so, even if South held all the rest of the points, game was not very likely (especially as you don't have a big fit with partner).

Besides, if partner had the rest of the points, they would double 1NT and let poor West sort out what to do with no points at all. A 2♠ bid indicates that they don't have enough points to double but they have a reasonable six (or longer) card suit and they wish to play right there.

Partner passed 3♦ because you had shown a highly distributional hand with no liking for ♠s at all and their ♦s were better than their ♥s.

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WHAT NEXT IN DEFENCE? – MAY Solution

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
		1NT (15-17)	P
2♣	DBL	2♠	P
2♠	P	P	P

Sitting East, you double the 2♣ (Stayman bid) for the lead

The opponents find their major suit fit and bid 4♠ ending the auction

Dummy as NORTH

Your hand as EAST

♠A743
♥KQ62
♦Q7
♣987

♠65
♥J8
♦J943
♣KQJT2

Your partner, West leads the ♣A and continues with a small ♣.

On the third ♣ trick, South (declarer) follows and partner plays a ♥.

What information do you have about declarer's hand and partner's possible holding?

What is your plan from here to defeat this contract (if possible)?

This is a matter of counting points and wishful thinking.

Dummy has 11 points and you have 8 points and partner has shown up with 4 points which equals 23 points.

Declarer has opened a 15-17 point 1NT [so subtracting 23 from 40], this leaves partner with 0, 1 or 2 points.

Therefore, partner doesn't have the ♦K [even if he/she has it, it isn't disappearing anywhere if declarer has upgraded a 14-point hand for whatever reason].

Therefore, you lead another ♣ hoping partner has something like QTX in ♠s. this will promote a ♠ trick no matter what declarer does.

TEST YOUR DECLARER SKILLS – MAY Solution

Both sides are Vulnerable when this hand appeared

	NORTH		
	♠		
	♥		
	♦		
	♣		
WEST		EAST	
♠KJ97654		♠Q	
♥AJT		♥K6	
♦5		♦6432	
♣76		♣AQ8543	
	SOUTH		
	♠		
	♥		
	♦		
	♣		

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
	1♣	1♦	DBL
2♦	P	P	4♠
P	P	P	

West knows where the contract is to be played and bids 4♠ as his/her second

North leads the ♦8 and South wins the ♦K and then returns the ♦A which you ruff and North contributes the ♦9 [you now believe that North started with the ♦Q98 from the carding so far].

Decide how you are going to make this ♠ game.

You have a ♠ and a ♦ loser for sure and quite possibly a ♣ loser and a possible ♥ guess for the Q if things don't work out.

What is your plan from here?

Plan A

If you try to ruff a ♥ by leading to the K and then back to the A and ruffing the last ♥ with the ♠Q, this might mean that you have two ♠ losers if the ♠T does not come down in two rounds [also if ♠s are 2 2 with South having the A and North the T, after the ♠Q wins and you ruff a ♦ back to hand to pull trumps, another ♦ from South will create a promoted ♠ trick for North after winning the A]. This will cause the contract to fail if the ♣ finesse is wrong.

Plan B

Leave the ♥K as entry to the ♣ suit [so when ♣s are 3 2, you can get to dummy to throw a ♥ away on the long ♣. If the defence try to knock out this entry, they have solved your ♥ guess for you].

Just lead a small ♠ to the Q at trick 2 [since North is known to have three ♦s, there is no promotion when you get back to your hand].

You would have to be unlucky to go off from here because even if ♣s don't break 3 2, you still have the chance of guessing who has the ♥Q.

BRIDGE HAND OF THE MONTH – APRIL Solution

The following hand took place in the Nationals in Canberra.

NORTH

♠ A95
♥ A865
♦ 9
♣ AKJ76

WEST

♠
♥
♦
♣

EAST

♠
♥
♦
♣

SOUTH

♠ QJ3
♥ KQJ3
♦ AK85
♣ 43

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	P	1♦	P
2♥	P	3♥	P
3♠	P	4NT	P
5♦	P	6♥	P

South, over North's 1♣, simply bids 1♦ on the theory that you are going to bid again if partner rebids 1NT, so show the ♦ suit along the way.

North shows a strong hand by jumping to 2♥ (a high-level reverse).

South shows a good hand by bidding 3♥ (not fast arrival to game as they are in a game forcing auction).

North shows the ♠ control.

South rolls out the Blackwood convention and after North shows 3 key cards, South bids 6♥

East leads the ♦2.

Decide how you are going to make this small slam

What is your plan from here?

The best plan is the following sequence of plays.

Win the ♦ lead and ruff the ♦5 with the ♥5.

Then lead the ♥6 to the ♥J.

Now ruff the ♦8 with the ♥A.

Then lead the ♥8 to the ♥Q and pull the last trump [trumps are 3 2].

Lead the ♠Q and you are now guaranteed 12 tricks.

[on the hand, if you try and setup the ♣ suit at trick 2, East has a singleton and will ruff this and exit in trumps with a ♠ trick to come [the K is offside].

This plan will work with trumps 3 2 nearly all the time and is still on a finesse with trumps 4 1.