

BRIDGE VICTORIA BULLETIN

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In the 'Feedback' section last month I asked

"How do you get to 6♥ after a 2NT opening?"

NORTH

♠98
♥KJT765
♦QJT87
♣

SOUTH

♠K43
♥A84
♦AK3
♣AQ43

As North, you bid 3♦ as a transfer to ♥s. South bids 3♥.

Andrzej Krolikowski suggested that he would bid 5♣ as exclusion RKCB and partner would respond 5♠ showing 2KC excluding ♣s.

This raises four interesting points

1. How many people are aware of exclusion blackwood and what are the responses – there are many different options and you don't want the answer to take you past a safe contract
2. Why is ♥s necessarily the best suit to be trumps? There could be a bigger fit in ♦s.
3. Is South mandated to bid 3♥ over 3♦ or can South do something different with a good fit in ♥s.
4. We can still be off the AK of ♠s.



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

These finer points of the game where more defined sequences are agreed (but perhaps things that occur less frequently and thus easier to forget) are where the pairs willing to put in the effort and practice can gain an advantage. However, it is a fine balance because the increased complexity of a system requires more mental effort which will potentially reduce the energy left for the other aspects of the game.

Which school do you prefer?

I would be interested in any response.

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.

Bridge Victoria Operating Committee (BVOC) News for October.

The 'democratisation' paper has been undergoing a process of review and approval. This has now been finalised. At the first meeting of BVOC the committee agreed we needed a process to ensure fair representation of bridge clubs across Victoria.

- Victoria was divided into 6 regions. Three country regions (WRBA, NRBA and ERBA) and three new metro regions.
- In March each year, each region will be able to nominate (or elect) a person that will represent the region on BVOC, with the aim to progress further growth and development of bridge across the state.
- A draft paper was sent to clubs for consultation earlier this year. The final paper has now been approved by BVOC and will come into effect in March 2024.
- The paper is available for download from the BVOC web site and is called '**Election of Bridge Victoria Operations Committee (BVOC)**'.

There will be a review of the process in 2026 and further changes may be made then. We urge all clubs to read the paper and take steps to nominate or elect your representative to BVOC in March next year. The process for this is set out in the paper.

The new Bridge Victoria website has been launched and we are hoping you are enjoying it or will check it out at www.bridgevictoria.au if you haven't already.

It has some neat features such as:

- Learn to Play where you can choose beginners, intermediate or supervised classes. This is dependent on having relevant club information, so please send any updates you would like included in this section to info@bridgevictoria.au.
- Resource for Clubs include features such as find a club, a teacher or a director, Bridge Victoria contacts, marketing support, masterpoint information, insurance for clubs and documents. We are working on new documents – such as 'How to run a Congress'. To improve this area further please let us know what would be useful to you.
- For Players includes 'Tips for new Players', Podcasts (for inspiration and fun), also the ability to find a club near you, VQP information and links to ABF Convention Card.
- Upcoming Events show State events, Congress events and an integrated calendar.
- Results contain State and Congress events, plus Honour Boards.

But there is always room for improvement. We are depending on Victorian clubs and players to contribute news, any events they want promoted and congress results. Meanwhile, the VBA website will continue to exist, as a signpost to the BV and VBC sites, but also will contain and reflect the governance role of the VBA. This is a work in progress.

The trialling of a state event at the Waverley Bridge Club is almost upon us. Please support the Victorian Swiss Pairs which is to be held face to face at Waverley, Wednesday 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th of November. Entries can be made at the Bridge Victoria website <https://bridgevictoria.au/enter-event/?id=12548>.

Directors Course. Laurie Kelso will be running a Director's Course, hosted by the Geelong Bridge Club, on the weekend of November 11th & 12th. Please find details on the Bridge Victoria website <https://bridgevictoria.au/director-training-in-geelong/>.

TEACHER ACCREDITATION. FOR NOMINATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAIR OF BVOC AT chair@bridgevictoria.au.

The 2024 ANC is being held in Orange between 6th to 18th July next year. If your thoughts are turning to accommodation for this - John McKenzie - an Orange Bridge Club member - has volunteered to help with ANC accommodation and travel. John can be contacted on 0402 018 318 or email jmaconsulting@gmail.com .

WE WISH YOU A GREAT MONTH OF BRIDGE AND PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US AT THIS EMAIL ADDRESS: info@bridgevictoria.au.

TEST YOUR DECLARER SKILLS

Both sides are Vulnerable when this hand appeared

West leads the ♥2.

What is your plan from here?

Answer at the end of the bulletin.

NORTH(D)

♠65
♥A65
♦KQJT4
♣A54

WEST

♠
♥
♦
♣

EAST

♠
♥
♦
♣

SOUTH

♠AT32
♥T4
♦A7
♣QJT63

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♦	P	2♣	P
3♣	P	3NT	P
P	P		

While you, as South, are waiting for West to lead, you see that they play reverse count and attitude and lead 4th best.

BRIDGE HAND OF THE MONTH

N/S are Vulnerable and E/W are NV

NORTH

♠ Q932
♥ KQ9742
♦ Q4
♣ 4

WEST

♠
♥
♦
♣

EAST

♠
♥
♦
♣

SOUTH(D)

♠ A8
♥ AJT865
♦ A32
♣ AQ

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

2NT showed the minors and after a very competitive auction, North decided that doubling 6♣ would not go many off. Therefore, North decided to trust your declarer play and hope that 6♥ would make [also, East-West may save in 7♣ with their favourable vulnerability even if 6♥ was not making].

North's wish that East – West would save didn't eventuate, so now it is up to you.

West leads the ♠T which appears to be a singleton to everybody at the table.

You cover with the ♠Q and East plays the ♠K and you win the ♠A.

You lead the ♥J and West follows with the ♥3 and, after you play from dummy, East discards the ♠4.

What is your plan from here?

Answer in the next bulletin.

Send in your play to

loganrun@optusnet.com.au

BRIDGE HUMOUR



DAVID LUSK passed away in July this year



David Lusk was not a Victorian but a South Australian.

I first met him about forty years ago at a bridge congress. At that stage, he was a well-known player in the South Australian bridge scene. He also became the youngest president of the South Australian Bridge Association and was already an established and very popular bridge teacher and columnist.

We didn't really become friends until a little later after I had played in a few teams of which he was a member. We then played together in a few events and I was awarded the 'prestigious' title of an honorary South Australian (at least I was told it was a great honour for a Victorian).

Back at that time,

- Victoria had 'stolen' the Formula One grand prix from the streets of Adelaide and
- The VFL were proposing that 'foreign' clubs could enter the Victorian competition as long as they didn't win

On the streets of Adelaide, the following saying was very popular – 'kick a Vic'.

I played on several 'all but one' South Australian teams normally with David Lusk but with others as well. As I was not Victorian born, my sins were of a lesser nature.

In 2015, David Lusk received a Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Queen's Birthday Honours list for his services to the community and to the game of bridge.

It was a well-deserved honour so I emailed him when I heard the news and asked him how I should now address him at the bridge table and by email. I suggested perhaps 'Lord David' or 'Sir David' or 'Your Eminence'. In his understated style, he suggested that this wasn't necessary but he wouldn't object.

It would be fair to say that I enjoyed playing with him or, for that matter, in a team with him because he was always a gentleman. He gave the impression that he was an easy-going laid-back player who wasn't paying particular attention to proceedings but this was far from the truth. When he spoke, it was always in a quiet and measured way but always insightful.

I have two stories that indicate how his actions at the table created a pleasant environment for all

- The first was one where I was a spectator. It was the final of a national event and David was playing with a particularly aggressive bidder who felt that using the 'Pass' card was almost an indictable offence. It was the first hand and David passed as dealer, the next three players made their bids and, with nothing to say, David passed again. The other three made their bids and it was David's turn to bid again. He looked in the bidding box and noticed that there were no further 'Pass' cards. He quietly called the director and suggested that he had been given his partner's bidding box and his partner had his one. This was met with laughter at the table and a wink towards me.
- The second story happened a little later in the Nationals in Canberra where I was playing with David. In the first twenty-board match, I had a particularly poor run of cards and, for the first six boards I passed each time it was my turn. David turned to me and said, as a joke (I think), that he was not used to this situation where so much passing was done by his partner. The aggressive bidder mentioned before would have bid on each of these hands at least once.



RESULTS

RESULTS FOR OCTOBER-VICTORIA

REAL DEAL BRIDGE 1ST CONGRESS

THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

22 pairs contested the open event and the placegetters were

1 st	Gulzar Bilal	Leo Saoud
2 nd	Catherine Lachman	Andrew Macready-Bryan
3 rd	Christine Louie	Herman Louie

6 teams contested the open event and the placegetters were

1 st	Phillip Fent	Andrew Macready-Bryan	Seb Wright	Alex Goss
2 nd	Nathan Mill	Geoff Chettle	Andrew Mill	David Beckett
3 rd	Gulzar Bilal	Leo Saoud	Mohamed Ghatwari	David Samuels

WARRNAMBOOL BRIDGE CLUB 2023 CONGRESS

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 7TH/8TH OCTOBER

16 pairs contested the open event and the placegetters were

1 st	Kae French	Penny Corrigan
2 nd	Piyush Jain	Michael Stokie
3 rd	Jane Keyte	Neil Keyte

10 teams contested the open event and the placegetters were

1 st	Kae French	Penny Corrigan	Lanny Chan	Trevor Haley
2 nd	Douglas Newlands	Denny Newland	Gavin Bailey	Kirsten Bailey
3 rd	Richard Giles	Ray Beacham	Ping Li	Tony Ni

BAIRNSDALE BRIDGE CLUB 2023 CONGRESS

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 14TH/15TH OCTOBER

32 pairs contested the open event and the placegetters were

1 st	Moira Hecker	Helen McAdam
2 nd	Chelliah Arul	Steven White
3 rd	John Haylock	Ron Wilson

15 teams contested the open event and the placegetters were

1 st	Rob Ziffer	Fred Sundermann	Simon Hinge	Jeanette Collins
2 nd	Alison Farthing	Jean Macleod	Kaye Douglas	Greg Nicholson
3 rd	Rob Graham	Glenis Lohr	Egbert Tzoe	Ken Tierney

SUNBURY BRIDGE CLUB 2023 CONGRESS

SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER

22 pairs contested the open event and the placegetters were

1 st	Catherine Lachman	George Lovrecz
2 nd	Richard Giles	Ray Beacham
3 rd	Kae French	Penny Corrigan

WAVERLEY BRIDGE CLUB 2023 SUPER CONGRESS

FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY 27TH/28TH/29TH OCTOBER

The annual Waverley Super Congress always attracts a lot of entrants.

There are a few reasons for this –

- a large and pleasant environment for play
- a good management team
- even though it is BYO lunch, some used the plentiful snacks as lunch and there was still a large variety left for morning or afternoon tea
- a bar on the premise that puts 'Dan Murphy' to shame with their prices
- a generous prize pool for players that do well

26 pairs contested the Friday match point pairs event and the placegetters were

1 st	Kim Frazer	Kitty Muntz
2 nd	Debbie Krus	Allan Gory
3 rd	Dee Harley	Anna St Clair

62 pairs contested the open Swiss pairs event and the placegetters were

1 st	Chen Ding	Jack Huang
2 nd	Phillip Fent	Sue Read
3 rd	Christopher Leach	Ismail Gulec

20 teams contested the Swiss teams and the placegetters were

1 st	Bob Gallus	Kim Frazer	Anna St Clair	Dee Harley
2 nd	Marion Spurrier	Jan Tunks	Susie Groves	Alastair Lowe
3 rd	Chen Ding	Ming Zhang	Daniel Mao	Jack Huang

Pictures of the winners of the Saturday and Sunday events are on the following pages



The Swiss Pairs winners

Chen Ding and Jack Huang

Jack appears to be making a quick exit from the premise.

Jack – you won – well done – stay and enjoy the success.



The Swiss Teams winners.

The picture is sans Bob Gallus. Bob is renowned for being a little camera shy.

Talk about a thorn between two roses! (only kidding Dee)

Anna St Clair, Dee Harley and Kim Frazer.

They did well in the last round to justify their number one seeding.

RESULTS FOR OCTOBER - NATIONAL

SYDNEY SPRING NATIONALS

OCTOBER 18TH – 25TH

Looking out the windows of the playing area at the wide-open spaces in Sydney's inner west. The Canterbury Racecourse is a good venue (some may disagree).



With apologies to the above person, the next page outlines the 'Canterbury Tales'.

50 teams contested the Open Teams and, in the final, the result was

1 st	Sophie Ashton	Sartaj Hans	Andy Hung	David Whiltshire
2 nd	David Gue	Joachim Haffer	Philip Markey	Joshua Tomlin

The final of the Women's Teams was played between the top two all-female teams in the Open Teams field

1 st	Sue Lusk	Paula McLiesh	Pele Rankin	Viv Wood
2 nd	Robyn Fletcher	Helen Lowry	Carolyn Miller	Helen Milward

102 pairs contested the Dick Cummings match points event and the placegetters were

1 st	Arlene Dalley	Ashley Bach
2 nd	Paul Dalley	Tony Nunn
3 rd	Tony Leibowitz	Matthew Thomson

A Dalley family from Sydney benefit where the female member of the family finished ahead of the male.

10 teams contested the Senior Teams and, in the final, the result was

1 st	Richard Brightling	Neil Ewart	David Hoffman	Ian Robinson
2 nd	Andrew Braithwaite	Arjuna De Livera	Ron Klinger	Ian Thomson

Our own Neil Ewart does very well in another event with his Canberra teammates. However, it is a sad state of affairs with so few senior teams. Senior events may need to be incorporated in Open fields like the Women's event.

22 teams contested the Mixed Teams in a very strong field and, in the final, the result was

1 st	Sophie Ashton	Geeske Joel	Liam Milne	Jamie Thompson
	Lauren Travis	Will Watson		
2 nd	Sue Lusk	Matt Mullamphy	Bruce Neill	Jenny Thompson

It was an exceptionally close final and well done to our own Jenny Thompson (with another ex-Victorian in Jamie Thompson in the winning team).



UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

VICTORIAN CONGRESSES FOR NOVEMBER

SOUTH GIPPSLAND BRIDGE CLUB 2023 CONGRESS

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 11TH/12TH NOVEMBER

WODONGA BRIDGE CLUB 2023 CONGRESS

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 18TH/19TH NOVEMBER

Please see a brochure on the following page.

KOOYONG BRIDGE CLUB 2023 CONGRESS

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

VBC SUMMER BRIDGE CLUB 2023 CONGRESS

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 25TH/26TH NOVEMBER

WODONGA BRIDGE CLUB

invites you to

A Weekend of Lessons and Play

With Jan Hackett

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th November 2023

Venue: Senior Citizens Club Wodonga
15 Havelock St, Wodonga, 3690

Saturday and Sunday

10.30 - 12.30	<i>Improving & Intermediate Lesson with practical component</i>
12.30 - 1.30	<i>Lunch - Bring your own</i>
1.30 - 4.30	<i>Afternoon bridge play (open to all Border area and ABF registered bridge players)</i>

Cost and Payment

\$10.00	<i>per day for Wodonga Club Members</i>
\$15.00	<i>per day for non members</i>
\$5.00	<i>per day for afternoon bridge session</i>

Cash or Credit Card on the day (we have a Square Reader)

Tea/Coffee/light refreshments provided each day.

For registration (required for planning) or for further information please contact:

Mary Prowse 0401132074 or mary.prowse@bigpond.com

NATIONAL EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

AUSTRALIA OPEN TEAM PLAYOFFS

NOVEMBER 11TH TO 16TH

CANBERRA

A gruelling event to determine the Australian Open team.

120 board matches, 4 stanzas of 15 boards each day commencing at 9.30 am.

AUSTRALIA WIDE KNOCKOUT TEAMS FINALS – REALBRIDGE

The Victorian Bridge Centre team

ISMAIL GULEC, MARGARET YUILL, MARGARET KLASSEN, CHRISTOPHER LEACH, MICHAEL SULLIVAN

The Moonee Valley team

GEORGE LOVRECZ, THILAK RANASINGHE, GORDON MCROBERT, KIM FRAZER

The two Victorian teams above lost in their respective Quarter Final match in the Open division.

The remaining teams play in the semi-finals in November.

WHAT NEXT IN DEFENCE?

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

Dummy as NORTH

Your hand as EAST

♠QT
♥T94
♦KQ74
♣K763

♠A93
♥KJ
♦JT632
♣985

As with last month, nothing serious, it is just the world championships.

1NT is 15-17 and West's 2♦ shows one major.

West leads the ♥5 and your ♥K is taken by declarer's ♥A.

Declarer cashes four ♣ tricks (declarer had a four-card suit and you throw a small ♦ on the fourth ♣) and then three ♦ tricks ending in dummy.

Declarer then leads dummy's last ♦ and you win with the ♦J.

What do you do now?

This is the position after you win your ♦J.

♠QT
♥T9
♦
♣

♠A93
♥J
♦
♣

OTHER

Bayside Bridge Club's Centenarian

A wonderful celebration was held at the Bayside Bridge Club on 30th October. We had the opportunity to celebrate the 100th Birthday of one of our most beloved players, **Bet Reid!**

Bet is an amazing person, who has brought such joy to all who know her. A cheeky sense of humour, embracing of all and a very fine bridge player. Apart from her love of bridge, Bet has been active in Probus through the years and has contributed to her beloved Beaumaris community in many ways.

Driving herself around until very recently, Bet continues to live life to the fullest!

The members of **Bayside Bridge Club** were thrilled to share in the festivities.

Bayside Bridge Club, known as "the friendly club", operates out of the Hampton RSL, 25 Holyrood St, Hampton, Victoria. www.bridgewebs.com/bayside or baysidebridgeclub@gmail.com

Photos of the memorable event are on the following two pages.

The first picture is of Bet standing in front of the balloons and the cake.

(for the punters in our midst – only another 265 years until BET365).

The second picture is of the packed Bayside Bridge Club

Thank you Glen for sending in the details.





PROMOTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

CLUB	NAME	RANK
Alexandra Club	Hurley, Suzanne	Graduate
Bairnsdale Bridge Club	Spears, Ruth	Bronze National
Ballarat Bridge Club	Ni, Tony	Bronze State
Bayside Bridge Club	Groves, Susie	Bronze Life
Bayside Bridge Club	Howell, Sheila	Local
Bayside Bridge Club	Mackiggan, Rebecca	Club
Bayside Bridge Club	Robson, Ted	State
Bayside Bridge Club	Williams, Maree	Graduate
Bendigo Bridge Club	Bodey, Wendy	Local
Bendigo Bridge Club	Burt, Glenda	Local
Bendigo Bridge Club	Murphy, Danny	Silver Local
Bendigo Bridge Club	Pritchard, Merlyn	Bronze National
Berwick Bridge Club	Blyth, Bill	Regional
Berwick Bridge Club	Warren, Ruth	Regional

Deniliquin Bridge Club
 Frankston Bridge Club
 Geelong Bridge Club
 Geelong Bridge Club
 Geelong Bridge Club
 Geelong Bridge Club
 Geelong Bridge Club
 Geelong Bridge Club
 Katterly Bridge Club
 Katterly Bridge Club
 Katterly Bridge Club
 KLTC Bridge Club
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 Lyceum Club
 Macedon Ranges Bridge Club
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 Melton Bridge Club
 Moonee Valley Bridge Club
 Moonee Valley Bridge Club
 Moonee Valley Bridge Club
 Moonee Valley Bridge Club
 Moonee Valley Bridge Club
 Moonee Valley Bridge Club
 Nagambie Bridge Club
 Northern Bridge Club
 Northern Bridge Club
 Northern Bridge Club
 Northern Bridge Club
 Ocean Grove Bridge Club
 Ocean Grove Bridge Club
 Ocean Grove Bridge Club
 RACV Bridge Group
 RACV Bridge Group

Armytage, Jane	Club
Fordyce-Burke, Gerry	Regional
Bennetto, Elizabeth	Silver Local
Casey, David	Regional
Johnston, Linda	Regional
Powell, James	Club
Prowse, John	State
Ramage, Judy	Club
O'Donoghue, Gigi	Graduate
Pearse, Pam	Graduate
Wood, Andrea	Local
Kornfeld, Lucy	Local
Lisowski, George	Bronze Local
Sear, Judith	Graduate
Simonson, Gillian	Graduate
Tang, Jane	Graduate
Richardson, Margie	Graduate
Cook, Andrea	Bronze Local
Dunn, Jean	Graduate
McCallum, Guy	Graduate
Newell, Lyn	Bronze Local
Wilson, Tony	Graduate
Morton, Adrian	Regional
Anderson, Sue	Club
Fitzgerald, Deirdre	State
Fuggle, Martin	Club
Jones, Liz	State
Storey, Haddon	Regional
Humphrey, Ray	Graduate
Bates, Arnie	Bronze Local
Bates, Jacquie	Bronze Local
Bilal, Gulzar	Bronze National
Boston, Vera	Regional
Dohle, Karen	Graduate
Woods, Ralph	State
Hurford, Lyn	Club
Goodey, Jennifer	Silver Local
Moore, John	Club
Moore, Margaret	Club
Thistlethwaite, Dawn	Local
Berryman, Heather	Club
Del Papa, Jessamy	Local
Kinahan, Michael	Local
Isaac, Shane	Local
Neal, Elizabeth	Regional

RACV Bridge Group	Newstead, Peter	Bronze Local
RACV Bridge Group	Senyard, June	Silver Local
RACV Bridge Group	Uglow, Richard	Club
Sale Bridge Club	Cumming, Wendy	Graduate
Sale Bridge Club	Thompson, Kaye	Graduate
Shepparton Bridge Club	Key, Roger	Bronze Local
South Gippsland Bridge Club	Dwyer, Lois	Bronze Local
The Quiet Club	Mercovich, Patricia	Bronze Local
Torquay Bridge Club Inc.	Fowler, Elizabeth	Club
Torquay Bridge Club Inc.	Gray, Lynette	Club
Torquay Bridge Club Inc.	More, Diane	Graduate
U3A Knox Bridge Club	Chan, Kathy	Graduate
U3A Knox Bridge Club	Churcher, Sue	Silver Local
U3A Knox Bridge Club	Fitzgerald, Jo	Club
U3A Knox Bridge Club	West, Anne	Club
Victorian Bridge Association	Codron, Richard	State
Victorian Bridge Association	Goldberg, Sue	Club
Victorian Bridge Association	McMillan, Lesley	Bronze Local
Victorian Bridge Association	Van Riel, Jan	Silver Local
Wangaratta Bridge Club	Kelly, Jan	Silver Local
Warrnambool Bridge Club	Attrill, Janet	Bronze National
Warrnambool Bridge Club	Fitzpatrick, Denis	Local
Waverley Bridge Club	Barry, Angela	Silver Local
Waverley Bridge Club	Bodo, Sally	Bronze Local
Waverley Bridge Club	Duke, Maureen	Silver Local
Waverley Bridge Club	Gorman, Brenda	Bronze Regional
Waverley Bridge Club	Henderson, Barb	Bronze Local
Waverley Bridge Club	Horan, Katharine	Bronze Local
Waverley Bridge Club	Lewis, Janice	Local
Waverley Bridge Club	Matthews, Paul	Club
Waverley Bridge Club	Nainanayake, Kumara	Silver Life
Waverley Bridge Club	Williams, Mandy	Graduate
Whittlesea Bridge Club	Sheehan, Julie	Bronze State
Williamstown Bridge Club	Clasper, Jan	Regional
Williamstown Bridge Club	Strode, Nicola	Silver Local
Yarra Valley Bridge Club	Brunlow, Neil	Bronze Regional
Yarra Valley Bridge Club	Tooth, Patricia	Graduate

Congratulations to all of the above.

The following two pages show a flyer advertising Youth week in Canberra in July.



55th Australian Youth Bridge Championships

January 6 -12 (2024), Canberra

Venue

Canberra Accommodation Centre 210 Northbourne Ave, Braddon ACT

Eligibility

Australian Youth Pairs Championship: Open to all players born 1984 or later

Australian Youth Teams Championship: Open to all players born 1984 or later

Australian Youth Squad Selection event open to players born in 1999 or later who are also eligible to represent Australia

Young at heart pro-am pairs: Open to anyone who has ever played in youth week!

Cost

Full week pricing \$650 for students, \$750 non-students
(price Includes accommodation and meals)

Young at heart pro-am pairs only \$40 (includes lunch + end of event bbq)

You can also book extra accommodation for \$65 per night. The venue is over the road from the Rex so if you are playing in the SFOB after youth week, you don't need to relocate.

Enter now by clicking [HERE](#)

Convenor and Chief Tournament Director: Laura Ginnan
ausyouthbridgeweek2024@gmail.com or 0411694248 (email preferred)

Schedule

Jan 6-7

**Australian Youth Pairs
Championships**

Jan 8-9

**Australian Youth Teams
Championships**

Jan 10-11

**Australian Youth Team
Selection**

**NZ + 26-40 year old +
consolation butler**

Jan 12

**Young at heart
+ pro-am pairs
BBQ**

What's new (or old but awesome)

**Old Fenner Hall as the venue
(next door to the SFOB venue)**

**Everyone gets their own room!
(shared bathrooms)**

Scavenger hunt

Pro-am/young at heart pairs (Friday)

NZ players are back!

**Icy poles, tiny teddies,
deodorant and toasties
(thanks Johnno)**

Night time side events

Crazy Pairs, Goulash, Cliff Wake, Speedball + more

Australian Bridge Federation ABN: 70 053 651 666

JENNY THOMPSON'S UPDATE



Work continues on finalising the State 2024 calendar and as part of this we are very keen to be able to reach all Victorian players, at all levels, to participate in these events. This could be either face to face or online. The Victorian Swiss pairs starts Wed 8th Nov for 4 weeks (a brochure is shown on the following page). This year it is being held at the Waverley Bridge Club. Please give it a try.

As an outcome of the report presented to the ABF by the Online Committee the ABF have confirmed a change to the format of the 2024 GNOT to include an online stage. The first state-based stage will remain the same as previous years, but the teams who win those qualifying events then move to an online competition being played between September 20 to 24. The online competition reduces the team numbers to 12 who then play face to face between 23rd and 25th November. The venue is still to be confirmed and will be advised as soon as it is confirmed by the ABF.

You will soon be hearing more about a new online beginner program for youth being run by Paul Marston on behalf of the ABF. The ABF will be asking its members to encourage as many new young people they know to look into having a go and participate in the lessons.

As Chair of the MyABF steering committee, I encourage clubs to look at utilising MyABF going forward. During 2023 the MyABF project continued to grow and deliver further functions for club administration and the extension of online payment options. Julian Foster can be contacted on julian.foster@abf.com.au to discuss this.

Thank you

Jenny



VICTORIAN SWISS PAIRS

Wednesday: Nov 08, 15, 22 & 29, 7:30pm

To be hosted at The Waverley Bridge Club
21A Electra Avenue Ashwood Vic 3147

This is the first state event to be held at Waverley so we encourage all players to come and make this a successful event.

A State **RED POINT** event!

- This is a State IMP-Scored pairs event, with the match results then converted to VPs.
- It is open to all players who are registered members of an affiliated Victorian Club
- Cost will be \$16 per night. Please click [here](#) to enter.

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FEEDBACK

How should the following auction proceed?

We play Multi twos and therefore 2NT is the minors with less than an opening hand.

NORTH

♠KQ42
♥AJ9765
♦
♣AJ4

SOUTH(D)

♠7
♥T
♦AQJT64
♣QT732

At our table, South opens 2NT both minors and I bid 3NT as I had the majors stopped.

This was not a success, as West lead a small ♠ and East won with the ♠A and returned a ♠.

Answer:

South is very good for their 2NT opening. If South had been a little weaker then 3NT would have been a major disaster on a ♠.

North should bid 3♣ as they know about the huge misfit (a secondary option might be 3♥ [who knows South might have two ♥s but this is a little optimistic] or a third option might be 4♣ but there are a lot of cards to cross ruff opposite a weaker hand).

South, over 3♣ bids 3♦ to show a 6-5 and a very good opening.

Now North, with a lot in reserve as an easy 5♣ bid.

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WHAT NEXT IN DEFENCE? – NOV Solution

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

Dummy as NORTH

Your hand as EAST

♠QT
♥T94
♦KQ74
♣K763

♠A93
♥KJ
♦JT632
♣985

As with last month, nothing serious, it is just the world championships.

1NT is 15-17 and West's 2♦ shows one major.

West leads the ♥5 and your ♥K is taken by declarer's ♥A.

Declarer cashes four ♣ tricks (declarer had a four-card suit and you throw a small ♦ on the fourth ♣) and then three ♦ tricks ending in dummy.

Declarer then leads dummy's last ♦ and you win with the ♦J.

What do you do now?

This is the position after you win your ♦J.

♠QT
♥T9
♦
♣

♠A93
♥J
♦
♣

Declarer has eight tricks. Therefore, your side must take the rest.

If declarer had originally ♥AX and the ♠K, then declarer would have ducked the first ♥ and, after cashing the minor suit tricks, led a ♠ towards the ♠K. Therefore, cash the ♥J and lead a ♠ to partner's ♠K. A current world champion got this wrong – hope for us all

TEST YOUR DECLARER SKILLS – NOV Solution

Both sides are Vulnerable when this hand appeared

NORTH(D)

♠65
♥A65
♦KQJT4
♣A54

WEST

♠Q87
♥J982
♦986
♣987

EAST

♠KJ94
♥KQT3
♦532
♣K2

SOUTH(D)

♠AT32
♥T4
♦A7
♣QJT63

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♦	P	2♣	P
3♣	P	3NT	P
3NT	P		

While you, as South, are waiting for West to lead, you see that they play reverse count and attitude and lead 4th best.

West leads the ♥2.

What is your plan from here?

The lead of the ♥2 suggests a fourth best lead. Therefore, when the opponents get in, they have three ♥ tricks to cash.

Therefore, rather than ducking the first ♥, you should win the ♥A immediately and lead the ♦4 to the ♦A in your hand and lead the ♣Q for a finesse of the ♣K.

In the layout shown on the left, East will win and the defence can cash three more tricks in ♥s and then you have the rest of the tricks – 3NT making.

(Admittedly the lead could be the third best from an honour and East might have four ♥ hearts to cash [five originally] when they get in with the ♣K. If that is the case, then your contract is doomed).

The danger in ducking the first ♥ is that East may win and switch to a low ♠. Now when East gets in with the ♣K, the defence will get one ♥ trick, one ♣ trick and now three ♠ tricks. Therefore, 3NT will be one off.

BRIDGE HAND OF THE MONTH – OCT solution

Both sides are Vulnerable when this hand appeared

NORTH

♠KQT96
♥T7
♦64
♣KJ43

WEST

♠J83
♥Q6
♦J872
♣QT76

EAST

♠A752
♥J94
♦KT
♣A982

SOUTH(D)

♠6
♥AK8532
♦AQ953
♣5

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

You could have possibly bid 3♦ over 1♠ but that would have been a splinter agreeing ♠s and besides you agreed beforehand that 2♦ was forcing. After partner bids 2♥, you come to life and eventually bid 4♥ when partner cooperates with some points.

While you, as South, are waiting for West to lead, you see that they play reverse count and attitude and lead 4th best.

West leads the ♣6 and you wonder what you have done.

After you insert the ♣J, East thinks for a little while (you think to yourself that where there is life there is hope).

East eventually wins the ♣A and exits with the ♦K and after you win the ♦A, West follows with the ♦2.

What is your plan from here?

It would appear that East has a doubleton ♦ (including the K – this appears to be confirmed by West indicating an even number of ♦s by playing the ♦2).

It would also appear that East can beat the ♥T in dummy.

It seems appropriate that ♥S have to be 3 – 2 or else this might be impossible.

Plan A – play for a ♦ ruff in dummy and hope that, when East over ruffs, they play another trump immediately. This means, with East originally holding three ♥s, you can pull trumps and lead a ♠ to East's known A and end play East. However, East can thwart this by cashing the ♠A before exiting with a trump.

Plan B – play for trumps 3 – 2 and for West to hold the ♠J (this stops East playing the defence proposed above [East should realise that you are 6 – 5 to bid this way]). Therefore, cash the ♥AK and the ♦Q and then lead the ♠6 to the ♠9. What is East to do?

The Suggested solution is Plan B as it prevents East from becoming the 'hero' in the hand.

Yes, the contract can be beaten by East switching to a small trump at trick two (or cashing ♠A before exiting with a small trump) but that didn't happen to give you a chance.