



# 2022 Summer Festival of Bridge

## prebulletin

Wednesday January 12

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### Submissions to Editor, Stephen Lester

#### President's Welcome

**O**n behalf of the Australian Bridge Federation, I welcome players to the online Summer Festival of Bridge to be held on *RealBridge*. It's not easy getting together for a game these days, but thankfully we have learned to quickly readjust and can play events online.



Thank you to the Tournament Organiser, Ian Thomson and his team for quickly planning this event when it was obvious it could not be held face-to-face in Canberra.

The event caters for players of all levels, and it is pleasing to see that players are supporting the event, including the three new events - the Mixed Pairs, the Open Matchpoint Swiss Pairs and the Under 750 MPs Matchpoint Swiss Pairs.

I would encourage players to support *Tony Bernrose Insurance Brokers*, who are again sponsoring the event. TBIB has continued to be loyal sponsors of bridge during the pandemic.

Although you won't be able to have post mortems at the bar this year, at least you will be able to see and speak to your opponents, just like face-to-face bridge. Enjoy the experience and the best of bridge to you all.'

**Allison Stralow, ABF President**



#### Welcome to the Summer Festival

**I**t's been two years since the last Festival. Sadly, this year's event is being run online due to the continuing uncertainty of COVID-19 within Australia. We plan to return to a face-to-face Summer Festival in 2023.

This year's event will be provided on the *RealBridge* platform. Details of access to each event will be provided on the ABF website. Noting that our regular participants are scattered over a range of time zones we have compressed the breaks between sessions and have limited the differential between the daily start time and finish time to approximately seven hours.

Click here for the [Supplementary Regulations](#).

Click here for [Session times](#).

If you wish to watch, there will be a 20 minute delay click here for [Kibitzing link](#)

[Session links and seating](#)

Officials:

**Chief Tournament Director:** Laurie Kelso

**Reviewer:** Matthew McManus

**Recorder:** Chris Hughes

**Convener:** Ian Thomson, fully supported by Jane Rasmussen who is doing all the hard yards.

I wish all participants the best of luck and hope to see everybody in person at the 2023 Summer Festival.

**Ian Thomson, Convener**



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## 2022 Summer Festival of Bridge entries are closing

Entries close for the Mixed Pairs and Senior Teams at 11.59am Wednesday 12th January  
Entries close for the TBIB Swiss Pairs <750 and Open Swiss at 7.30pm on Friday 14th January  
Entries close for the SWPT at midday on Monday 17th January

### Welcome from the Editor

I last edited the Festival in 2020, never for a moment dreaming there would be no Festival in 2021, or that the 2022 event would be online. Such is the world we now live in. At least we can see our opponents on the top class *RealBridge* site. No meeting up for drinks after play or going out to one of Canberra's many fine dining experiences, but the format has the advantage of allowing players from overseas to compete with much less expense.

We have players from New Zealand, Hong Kong, Philippines, Singapore and Argentina.

### Past Winners

Winners in 2020 were ASHTON, Sophie Ashton, Sartaj Hans, Nabil Edgtton Andy Hung, Peter Gill with runners up DON: Hugh Grosvenor, Tania Lloyd, Michael Courtney, Rosie Don.

### Sorry to bring this up . . .

I apologised in 2020 for including this deal from the final as the only hand in an abbreviated final bulletin, but at least Nabil will be happy with me for reposting it!

Board 7, South deals, all vulnerable

♠ ---		♠ K 8 3
♥ K Q 8 7 2		♥ J 10
♦ 10 7 4		♦ 8 5
♣ A 9 8 3 2		♣ K Q 10 7 5 4
♠ A 7		♠ Q J 10 9 6 5 4 2
♥ 9 5 4 3		♥ A 6
♦ A K J 9 6 3		♦ Q 2
♣ J		♣ 6

4♠ is the normal opening bid by any experienced South, and an initial thought by West is to enter the auction, either by bidding 5♦ or doubling (primarily takeout, and implying heart tolerance.)

The decision to double cost heavily for the DON West. As can perhaps be expected, partner bid 5♣ and West converted to 5♦.

After this was doubled, East corrected to 5♥, doubled by Sophie Ashton, South. When this came back to East, the correction was to 6♣, doubled and -1400, when the defence was merciless and declarer had a difficult guess in the endgame.

All with 4♠ going down! Nabil's reasoned decision to pass 4♠ at the other table led to 17 IMPs on the deal.



ASHTON, Andy, Nabil, Sophie, Sartaj and Peter

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