2022 Summer Festival of Bridge



National Women's Teams Qualifying ends

NOT Quarter Finals

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Friday, January 21

Results

Exciting new ABF venture

The ABF will be offering a new event commencing May – June 2022. This event will be an Australia-wide club knockout championship.



It is proposed to have five

divisions, two exclusively for clubs with less than100 home club members, two for clubs with 100 or more home club members and one open to all clubs.

The five divisions proposed are:

- Clubs with <100 members and players with <100 Masterpoints
- Clubs with <100 members and <750 Masterpoints
- Clubs with >100 members and players with <100 Masterpoints
- Clubs with >100 members and players with <750 Masterpoints
- All clubs, with no Masterpoint limit

Each club can only have one entry per eligible divi-

sion, that is a maximum of three teams. As this is a club knockout, any home club member can represent their club.



This online event will take place on *RealBridge*.

Further information will be distributed to clubs when the regulations are finalized.

I look forward to clubs participating in this new event.

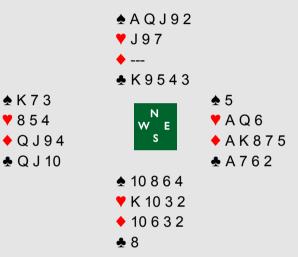
Allison Stralow, ABF President



Submissions to Editor, Stephen Lester

I'm feeling a bit vulnerable NOT Round of 16

Board 15, South deals, NS vulnerable



16 results, 10 different actions, 8 NS scores and 8 EW scores!

Par on the deal is, I think 4NTX by West, down one. However, due to the vulnerability (favourable for EW) and the uncertainty about who the hand belongs to, fortune favoured the non-vulnerable at eight tables, with seven pairs allowed to play 3NT.

All but one made at least nine tricks, while one West, faced with ♣5 opening lead, rose ace and cashed out for one down.

Some of the heroes of the bidding battle are shown below:

West <i>Tony Nunn</i>	North	East <i>Tony Leibo</i>	South <i>witz</i>
			pass
pass	1♠	dbl	3♠
pass	pass	dbl	pass
3NT	all pass		
+430 EW			

Tony Nunn made the practical bid, 3NT, when North failed to appreciate there could be a vulnerable game his way. He did not have the benefit of hearing diamond bidding by EW, and he was not to know the South hand offered a near perfect fit.

A confident $4 \triangleq$ bid would have worked well, and North must have rued the day he didn't bid $4 \triangleq$ after he had to defend 3NT.

West	North <i>Brian Mace</i>	East	South <i>Tom Jacob</i>
			pass
pass	1≜	dbl	2♠
pass	pass	dbl	rdbl
3♦	3♠	pass	4♠
all pass			

+620 NS

Jacob's redouble sent North the message he was good for his bid (3♠ shows <8 Total Points in most partnerships).

Mace showed willingness to compete over 3, and now Jacob raised freely to game, undisturbed by EW.

West	North <i>Sartaj Hans</i>	East	South <i>Peter Gill</i>
			pass
pass	1♠	2♦	3♠
pass	4♠	all pass	
+620			

Here the EW action gave NS more wiggle room. Takeout doubles don't have to have a perfect shape, and East had enough in the way of extras to make up for the imperfect shape. NS were able

to conduct a normal auction after the 2 overcall.

Only the two NS pairs shown above were allowed to play 4♠, while seven EW pairs scored a game bonus for 3NT making (nine, 10 and 11 tricks).

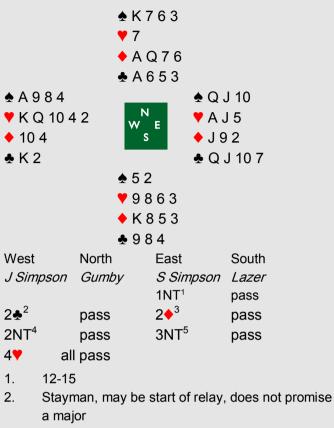


YOUR BRIDGE CLUB IN CLUB

Power of the Closed Hand returns

NOT Round of 8

Board 2, East deals, NS vulnerable



- 3. No major
- 4. Relay
- 5. 3343 or 3334

With transfer responses *de rigueur* in the modern vernacular, there are plusses and minuses to be had from the treatment.

Successful Kiwi husband-wife partnership Jo and Sam Simpson's sequence made West declarer, and this made the defence more difficult for North, Pauline Gumby.

Wiith an unattractive set of holdings, she started with A. Lazer discouraged (and gave count) with 9, I believe, but with everything else looking dangerous, she continued the suit to declarer's king.

This allowed declarer to shed a losing diamond on a top club, and the game came home with the loss of a spade, a diamond and a club.

At the other table, South led ♠5, and with the West hand exposed it was easy for North to win the king and switch to ace and another diamond, so 4♥ was down after the first four tricks.

PLAYING BRIDGE TOGETHER

At another table, West was also at the helm in 4♥. This time a low spade was led from the North hand, which looked to be a bad start to the defence. My correspondent continues:

"Declarer played a club to the king and ace. After cashing two diamonds, South, in with \blacklozenge K, considered his play.

Instead of the natural instinct to return a spade, he found a club switch to defeat 4.

This was cute, as it mangles the communications between the EW hands. Declarer can't draw trumps ending in dummy, and can only take one discard on the clubs before South ruffs.

A spade return doesn't work as declarer wins the ace, draws trumps and still has a club to get back to dummy to discard his last two spades.

Sadly, all this did was flatten the board, as most tables (including our other table) played it the other way up, and received ♠5 lead through the ace, which gave declarer no chance."

What's on offer for 2022?

Upcoming ABF Licensed Events

Despite Covid19's grip, the ABF plan to serve up all your favourite events, taking you around the country to some of our most exciting cities.

First up is the Gold Coast Congress at Broadbeach on the Gold Coast, February 18 - 26





Then it's the Tasmanian Festival of Bridge in Launceston, from March 24 - 27

The Autumn Nationals, Adelaide take us into the next season, April 28 - May 2





North Shore Bridge Club in Sydney is looking for a new General Manager.

Please click here to view the ad:

https://www.seek.com.au/job/55487500? tracking=TMC-SAU-eDM-SharedJob-13246

After Adelaide fly to Townsville for the Barrier Reef Congress, May 9 - 13





Jet straight back to Perth for the Western Seniors Pairs, May 14 - 15

The VCC is back in its normal time slot, the Queen's Birthday, June 9 - 13



July heralds the ANC, this year in Adelaide from July 2 - 14



Hugely popular, Coffs Coast Gold Congress is back, offering sun, sand, and a relaxed time from August 9 - 14

The West then beckons with the Swan River Swiss Pairs, Perth from August 20 - 21





What better time than late August early September to enjoy the extraordinary Northern Territory at the Territory

Gold Bridge Festival from August 31 - Sept. 4

National Women's Teams after eight rounds

Team	C/O	1	2	3	4	Total
Sylvester	41.42	9.64	15.15	14.46	19.74	100.41
Humphries	57.89	15.15	3.82	8.62	13.71	99.19
Lusk	51.00	12.61	16.18	12.01	6.55	98.35
Creet	59.75	4.85	13.45	20.00	0.26	98.31
Zhang	47.61	14.70	6.55	11.38	11.05	91.29
Chew	32.78	15.15	15.15	12.90	13.45	89.43
Wilson	51.80	7.39	11.05	0.00	17.71	87.95
Gibbons	50.76	5.30	8.95	5.54	17.08	87.63
Scudder	36.67	7.99	4.85	18.90	18.90	87.31
Morgan-King	43.82	10.36	7.99	11.38	8.95	82.50
Ichilik	42.28	12.01	12.01	7.99	6.29	80.58
Williams	33.11	18.41	4.85	7.10	4.63	68.10
Homik	33.57	1.59	18.54	8.62	2.92	65.24
Hocking	30.67	4.85	11.38	9.64	1.10	57.64
Hall	15.06	11.70	8.62	1.10	15.37	51.85
Lowry	21.63	8.30	1.46	10.36	2.29	44.04



NOT quarter finals after eight rounds

Ashton	140
Rosendorff	75

Thomson	87
Coutts	129

Gumby	93	
Simpson	92	

Hughes	95
Zhou	97





Visit Adelaide for the

2022 Autumn Nationals

Thursday 28th April - Monday 2nd May 2022

Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showground, Wayville

Gold Masterpoints awarded | PQPs in Open and Mixed events

Swiss Butler Pairs (Open, Mixed, Under Life, Under Grand)

Swiss Teams (Open, Under Life, Under Grand)

New Events

Under Grand Pairs Under Grand Teams

Changes from 2021

All matches 14 boards 9.30am start each day

Tournament Organiser: Barbara Travis Phone: 0437 919 928 | Email: anot@abf.com.au

To enter or for more information, see MyABF





