



2022 Summer Festival of Bridge



Gumby to play Ashton in NOT final

Lusk to play Creet in Women's Teams final



Saturday, January 22

Results

Almost time to say goodbye

In a normal face-to-face Summer Festival, the carnival is over for most players, with the weekend featuring only the NOT final and semi final.

Players have the advantage this year, due to the online Festival, of playing on the Friday and Saturday, and we have a field of 86 tables in the Open Matchpoint Swiss Pairs and 48 in the Under 750 Masterpoints field.

Sunday thus sees a very active Online Summer Festival.

It was a nailbiting last match in the quarter finals for GUMBY, Pauline Gumby – Warren Lazer, Robert Fruewirth (once more a force in bridge) – Jamie Thompson and SIMPSON, Jo and Sam Simpson, Liz and Blair Fisher and Pam Livingston – Jeff Miller, an all-Kiwi team.

Little did they know it, but as the last board appeared onscreen, GUMBY had recovered a reasonable deficit to lead by 1.1 IMPs.

Submissions to Editor, Stephen Lester

Board 48, West deals, EW vulnerable

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

At one table, Lazer – Gumby bid to 3NT after Lazer opened 1♣, Gumby bid 2♣, weak, and Lazer showed a balanced 17-18.

This was the bidding at the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Livingston</i>	<i>Fruewirth</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Thompson</i>
1♣ ¹	pass	1♦ ²	pass
1NT ³	pass	2NT ⁴	pass
3NT	all pass		

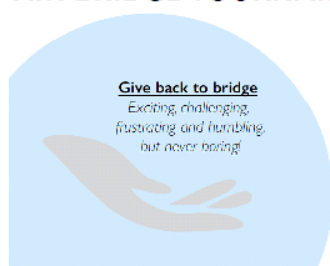
1. Strong
2. Negative, 0-7
3. 16-18
4. Invitational, no major

Livingston knew partner had a maximum of 7HCP and no major. She looked at her hand, and here I am imagining her thought processes: "I have a maximum, but a big hole in spades. Jeff doesn't have a major, so I'd love to be able to pass".

After about three minutes, she raised to 3NT, figuring the contract would be the same at the other table.



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She was right, 3NT was two down off the bat at both tables, and GUMBY had won the match. Had she gone with her instinct, 2NT would have been one down, but 3IMPs to SIMPSON, and they would have been in the semi final. Tough decision.

Sartaj the magician

Both Peter Gill and Liam Milne, a fine bridge journalist alerted me to Sartaj Hans' incisive declarer play on the deal below.

NOT quarter finals

Board 24, West deals, nil vulnerable

	♠ A J 3		
	♥ Q 5 4		
	♦ K 6 4		
	♣ A K Q 9		
♠ 9 8 7 6	<div>W N S E</div>	♠ K Q 10 5 4 2	
♥ J 10 9 6 2		♥ 3	
♦ A 10 9		♦ J 8	
♣ 4		♣ J 7 6 3	
	♠ ---		
	♥ A K 8 7		
	♦ Q 7 5 3 2		
	♣ 10 8 5 2		
West	North	East	South
<i>De Livera</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>Braithwaite</i>	<i>Gill</i>
2♥ ¹	dbl	4♠ ²	4NT
pass	5♣	all pass	

1. Weak, both majors (4+, 4+)
2. Minors

The disruptive EW bidding had precluded a 3NT contract by North. Instead, Peter Gill drove his side to the best alternative contract, 5♣ by North.

Both 3NT and 5♣ are makeable, but could Sartaj see through the cards to bring the contract home?

Liam Milne comments: "There are many interesting points to this deal, the main one arising from the play in 3NT by North on ♠K lead, ducked and a switch.

East must be awake to dump ♦J under the king the first time a diamond is played from dummy, to unblock the suit and allow partner to win the second diamond for a spade through North. Pauline Gumby and my partner both missed it.

But even better – 5♣ by Sartaj – his declarer play was easily the best played hand of the event, I think."

Here's how Sartaj handled the problems in the play. He ruffed ♠K opening lead in dummy, and played two rounds of clubs, getting the bad news.

He ruffed ♠J in dummy, followed by a diamond to the king.

Here, Andy Braithwaite spoiled the story, falling from grace by playing low, not dumping ♦J, as recommended by Liam.

Now there was only one winning play for Sartaj: he cashed the last club honour and played ♣9 to Braithwaite's jack. He played ♠4, and West was squeezed. He threw ♦10 as Sartaj won ♠A.

A diamond exit, Braithwaite playing the jack and de Livera the ace, established ♦6 in hand as the 11th trick.

Great card-reading; Sartaj has truly mastered the knack of seeing into the opponents' hands, the skill Bob Hamman mentioned in Bulletin 7:

If you are ever to amount to anything at this game, you must build up a picture of the unseen hands. The idea is to know what the problem is before you try to solve it.

An aside: Sartaj, ever the gentleman, messaged me this morning:

"Unfortunately, I've since found a flaw in my card-play.

After running the diamond through de Livera, I needed to cash one heart and then come out a low diamond to the blocking jack, and only now if spade return then club, club throwing Braithwaite in.

Almost famous."

Ed: Sartaj sent me another message, saying that his play could have been improved even more, but making the contract was the main quest, yes?

Hamman and the TV star

I thought I recognized the pupil Bob Hamman was teaching in the black and white photo I used in Bul-

letin 7. The name Lorne Green sounded familiar, but it was not until Paul Lavings and Robert Krochmalik messaged me that it all came back:

“Stephen, someone has to say it, Bob Hamman’s student in the photo from Bulletin 7 was no less than Lorne Greene. Lorne was Ben Cartwright in all 430 episodes of *Bonanza*, plus he starred in *Battlestar Galactica* and countless other TV movies and series.

I mentioned this to Robert Krochmalik and we Googled Lorne Greene. Like Robert’s father (and



my own), he was born in 1915 and passed away in 1987, as did Robert’s father. Both were Jewish.

I recall seeing Lorne’s photo in various bridge magazines from the 1960s and ‘70s. He was also a backgammon player. Backgammon was a huge fad in the 1970s, and fortunes were won and lost in a single sitting.

The doubling cube could go all the way up to 64 (2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64) so a modest stake of \$2 a point could turn into \$128 on one game, and if you got gammoned this turned into \$256.”

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Open Matchpoint Swiss Pairs after 5 of 10 matches: 1, David Weston - Kim Morrison, 2. Dagmar Neumann - Jodi Tutty

Under 750 MP Matchpoint Swiss Pairs after 5 of 10 matches: 1. Marelle Irvine - Peter Robinson, 3. George McLean - Tim Mather

Oz Youth Challenge Pairs: 1. Andrew Spooner - Matthew Brown, William Han - Sebastian Langdon Macmillan, 3. Viktor Kolding - Daniel Ravn Tylvad

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A kiwi elopement

Play of the day

Nick Jacob demonstrated great technique on the deal below, making the play in his spade contract look a doddle.



West had doubled a club relay (lead directing) by South after North opened 1♣ at both table.

Lazer - Gumby subsided in 2♠ while Tom had more at stake in 4♠.

Board 17, North deals, nil vulnerable

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

West cashed the top clubs, followed by a diamond shift. Tom won ♦A, cashed ♥A,K (as West false-carded with ♥Q on the second trick), then ruffed a club, East discarding a diamond. Now a diamond to the king, followed by a fourth club, as East shed a heart.

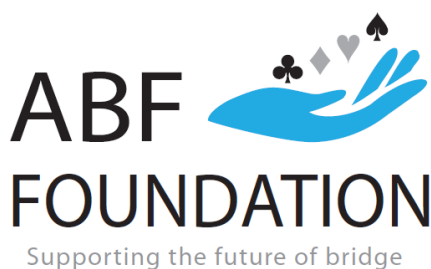
A diamond exit to West's queen saw this pretty ending, with West on play:

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

West, with no winning option played ♥10, and East, down to spades only, ruffed with ♠6, over-ruffed with ♠10.

♦9, ruffed with dummy's ace left ♠KJ poised over East's ♠Q5, without Tom ever playing a trump.

Easy for some, harder for mere mortals.



The original concept of the ABF Foundation was to establish a 'Bridge Future Fund' to provide a mechanism for bridge players and the broader community to contribute funds for the long-term benefit of the bridge community, either through a gift or bequest in their will or via donation.

The Foundation aims to assist participants of all skill levels to enjoy and promote our fascinating



game. This includes encouraging young people to learn the game through to supporting and caring for, and expansion of bridge activities amongst our seniors.

The Foundation's role is to fund projects which are outside the proper domain and stated objectives of the ABF. As an example, the Foundation's trustees are planning to fund an academic research project into the benefits of teaching bridge to young people. This type of research might then be used to assist with the development of bridge programs in schools.

The Foundation's first major fund-raising event is our 'Pro-am Tourney' which will be held online in February. Many of Australia's leading players have donated their time to support this event. If you have always wanted to have a game with a pro this is a great chance to give it a try.

Kim Frazer

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Morphettville Racecourse, Adelaide

2.07.2022 - 14.07.2022

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Name</u>	<u>Start Time</u>
Sat - 02.07.2022	Paul Lavings Bridgegear - Welcome IMP Swiss Pairs - Open and Restricted	9.30am
Sun 03.07.2022	ANC Interstate Teams Championships	9.30am
Sun 03.07.2022	SA Bridge Association Teams Challenge	9.30am & 1.30pm
Mon 04.07.2022	ANC Interstate Teams Championships	9.30am
Mon 04.07.2022	Bird in Hand Pairs	9.30am & 1.30pm
Tue 05.07.2022	ANC Interstate Teams Championships	9.30am
Tue 05.07.2022	Bridge at Beaumont Pairs	9.30am & 1.30pm
Wed 06.07.2022	ANC Interstate Teams Championships	9.30am
Wed 06.07.2022	Support Cancer Council Pairs	9.30am & 1.30pm
Wed 06.07.2022	ANC Interstate Teams - Finals - Stanza 1	5.00pm
Thu 07.07.2022	ANC Interstate Teams - Finals - Stanzas 2-5	9.30am
Thu 07.07.2022	ANC Matchpoint Interstate Pairs	9.30am
Thu 07.07.2022	<i>ANC Victory Dinner</i>	7.00pm
Fri 08.07.2022	ANC Matchpoint Interstate Swiss Pairs	9.30am
Sat 09.07.2022	ANC TBIB Butler Pairs - Open -Stage 1	10am
Sat 09.07.2022	ANC TBIB Butler Pairs - Restricted Day 1	10am
Sun 10.07.2022	ANC TBIB Butler Pairs - Open -Stage 1	10am
Sun 10.07.2022	ANC TBIB Butler Pairs - Restricted Day 2	10am
Mon 11.07.2022	ANC TBIB Butler Pairs - Mixed - Stage 1	10am
Mon 11.07.2022	ANC TBIB Butler Pairs - Open -Stage 2	10am
Mon 11.07.2022	ANC Swiss Pairs A - Day 1	10am
Tue 12.07.2022	ANC TBIB Butler Pairs - Mixed - Stage 1	10am
Tue 12.07.2022	ANC TBIB Butler Pairs - Open -Stage 2	10am
Tue 12.07.2022	ANC Swiss Pairs A - Day 2	10am
Wed 13.07.2022	ANC TBIB Butler Pairs - Mixed - Stage 2	10am
Wed 13.07.2022	ANC TBIB Butler Pairs - Open -Stage 2	10am
Wed 13.07.2022	ANC Swiss Pairs B - Day 1	10am
Wed 13.07.2022	ANC Senior Butler Pairs	10am
Thu 14.07.2022	ANC TBIB Butler Pairs - Mixed - Stage 2	10am
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Thu 14.07.2022	ANC Swiss Pairs B - Day 2	10am
Thu 14.07.2022	ANC Senior Butler Pairs	10am
Thu 14.07.2022	<i>ANC Butler Pairs Drinks & Presentation</i>	5pm

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