



2022 Summer Festival of Bridge



Ashton NOT champions again

Lusk wins Women's Final



Sunday, January 23

Results

Submissions to Editor, Stephen Lester



Repeat photo from 2020: Andy, Nabil, Sophie, Sartaj and Peter, worthy winners
The 2022 team included Tony Leibowitz

Like a juggernaut¹, ASHTON kept up pressure on their opponents, and while there were opportunities for COUTTS to forge ahead, judgement actions favoured ASHTON over COUTTS.

Take this decision Michael Ware faced from the second set:

NOT Final

Board 16, West deals, EW vulnerable

♠ ---		♠ A Q 10 4	
♥ K J 10 6 5		♥ A 7 2	
♦ K 4		♦ A J	
♣ A J 10 9 6 4		♣ Q 7 3 2	
♠ K J 9 6 5 2	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 8 7 3	
♥ 9 3		♥ Q 8 4	
♦ 9 6 5 2		♦ Q 10 8 7 3	
♣ 5		♣ K 8	

West	North	East	South
<i>Ware</i>	<i>Edgtton</i>	<i>McManus</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
pass	1♣	1NT	pass
2♥ ¹	3♥	4♠	5♣
pass	pass	dbl	pass
5♠	all pass		
1.	Transfer		

Who can blame Ware for removing the penalty double, which would have yielded a thin +100. OK, it was not a winning action, but the damage had in fact come from the COUTTS action in the other room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Hans</i>	<i>Tislevoll</i>	<i>Gill</i>	<i>Jacob</i>
pass	1♣	1NT	pass
2♥ ¹	dbl	3♥ ²	4♦
4♠	all pass		
1.	Transfer		
2.	Superaccept, not bad		

¹ Noun

a huge, powerful, and overwhelming force.

I prefer Nabil Edgton's action in showing the extreme distribution of his hand to GeO Tislevoll's heart-showing double.

After East, Peter Gill showed a super accept in spades, Nick Jacob had a difficult bid, but 4♦, whatever it was intended to mean, had no effect on the auction (perhaps Jacob took Tislevoll's double to be takeout). NS sold out to the vulnerable game, -620 while Sophie Ashton, the heroine of the deal, accurately and effectively saved, holding two good cards for North - ♣K and ♥Q.

Pushing EW to a non-making 5♠ was an added bonus.

This was the sort of juggernaut decision that has kept ASHTON at the forefront of bridge. By the end of the third stanza, ASHTON were ahead 85 - 45, and by the last board of the match, further outages meant ASHTON led 122 - 60.

Bidding a grand slam on this deal, where Hans and Gill missed even a small slam, Liam Milne and James Coutts brought in 16 IMPs, the largest swing of the match, making the final score a more respectable 122 - 76.

Events finalized today

National Women's Team Final

LUSK, Paula McLeish, Pele Rankin, Sue Lusk, Viv Wood 86.1

CREET, Karen Creet, Felicity Smyth, Sheila Bird, Anita Curtis 58

OZ Youth Challenge Teams

FLICKER, Damon Flicker, Joshua Tomlin, Oliver McCarthy, Darren Brake

Open Matchpoint Swiss Pairs

1. Russel Harms - Attilio de Luca, 2. Ross and Pam Crichton, 3. Jack James - Jeremy Fraser-Hoskin

Under 750 Matchpoint Swiss Pairs

1. Marelle Irvine - Peter Robinson, 2. Cheryl Henke - Jacky Gruszka, 3. Mardi and John Grosvenor



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Thu 24th - Sun 27th March 2022

Thursday/Friday:

TFoB Restricted Swiss Pairs

Australian Mixed Swiss Pairs - PQPs

Roger Penny Senior Swiss Pairs

Saturday/Sunday:

TBIB Australian Swiss Pairs – PQPs

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