

# 2022 Australian National Championships



## Interstate teams under way

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### What's coming up:

Sunday, 3 July	Interstate Teams Competition	9.30am
Monday, 4 July	Bird in Hand Pairs	9.30am and 1.30pm



Government of South Australia



SENIORS CARD  
Time to enjoy more

### Free travel for Seniors Card holders

From July 1, Senior Card members can travel free on Adelaide Metro buses, trains and trams – all day, every day.

Australian states and territory Seniors Card holders can also travel free, but must visit- [www.adelaidemetro.com.au/seniors](http://www.adelaidemetro.com.au/seniors) for more information and collecting a temporary 14 day ticket,

*Adel Abdelhamad, ANC Organiser.*

### They're in luck!

One couple who have taken advantage of Adelaide tram travel are good friends Ivy and John



Luck, (Ivy is in the Queensland Women's Team while John is in the Seniors). Ivy and John have been in Adelaide since Thursday, and are playing the *Paul Lavings BridgeGear Pairs* with their respective bridge partners.

I caught up with the effervescent Ivy, who is staying at Glenelg Beach, and asked how she has been getting around the city. She applauded the ease of getting to the venue. John and Ivy have both been walking and tramping it around the city!

### Let the action begin

The first event of the 2022 ANC, the *Paul Lavings BridgeGear Swiss Pairs* was run smoothly by Chief Director Laurie Kelso and Scorer David Anderson.



Before the first round began, I had a chance to talk to some of the less experienced pairs in the field. Barbara Travis introduced me to Megan Edwards, left and Michelle George, who have been hooked on bridge for the last five years (on November 6 they will celebrate their five year anniversary as bridge players). They learned from Phil Gue at



Adelaide Bridge Centre, where they played a fixed game exclusively (i.e. the same foursome played together) for two and a half years.

With a little confidence, and perhaps a little prodding from David Gue, now proprietor of Adelaide Bridge Centre, they have recently entered the fray of competitive bridge, playing in the Hobart Festival of Bridge in 2021, (where they were fourth in the Novice Swiss Pairs) the Gold Coast Congress in 2022 and the Tasmanian Festival of Bridge in Launceston in March 2022. Their next bridge adventure will be at the Spring Nationals in Sydney in October.

They play three times a week, mainly at Adelaide Bridge Centre and SABA. They fiercely support their guru, David Gue, who is part of the South Australian Open Team this year.

Michelle and Megan have worked on their game by completing lessons by Justin Williams and Jeff Travis. It is great to see such enthusiastic newcomers, and it was a pleasure to meet them

### Down to business

*Paul Lavings BridgeGear Swiss Pairs*

Board 6, East deals, EW vulnerable

<p>♠ Q 6 ♥ 7 ♦ 10 8 6 5 4 2 ♣ Q 6 3 2</p>	<p>♠ A J 10 9 8 4 ♥ A K 8 3 2 ♦ J ♣ A</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ 5 3 ♥ Q 10 9 6 5 4 ♦ 7 ♣ K 10 9 5</p>
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The deal above caused swings around the room. A spade slam by NS is optimum, but was bid at only 16 of the 23 tables. One NS pair bid the grand slam (tough on the opponents), another bid 6NT, while the remainder languished in game.

The overbidders were in luck; ♠Q was doubleton, so 13 tricks rolled in easily, especially when a heart lead by East saw the singleton ♥J winning.

The unsuccessful auctions went along this line:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		2♥	3♦
Pass	4♠	all pass	

The North players, fearing a misfit, jumped to game in spades, thus denying their partnerships the chance to reach slam.

3♠, however, is 100% forcing, and such fear needs to be conquered.

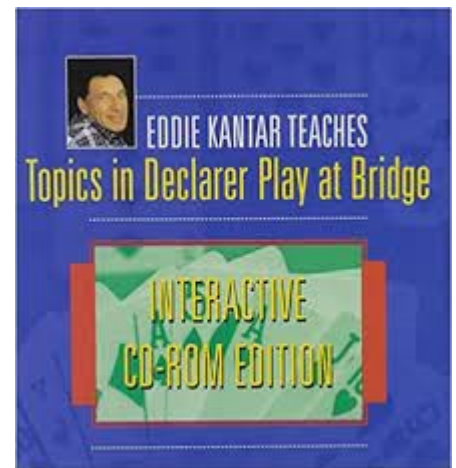
Congratulations to Sophie Ashton—Liam Milne, who took out the event from Paul Hooykaas—Ralph Parker and Neville Francis—Tony Hutton.

In the Restricted, Warren Males—Martin Wu won from Briar Saint—Mike Stratton and Carolyn & Chris Mroczec.

### Improve your bridge by reading

*by Paul Lavings, NSW*

It is well known that reading bridge books is the best way to improve your bridge and the best book on declarer play is the brilliant *Eddie Kantar Teaches Topics in Declarer Play at Bridge*.



The first chapter alone is priceless, “A Transport of Delight”, on the art of creating extra entries and fluidity within a single suit. Eddie observes, “If all the contracts that were lost by overlooking entry problems (frequently at trick one) were laid end to end, there would be no end.”

Later chapters feature when to and when not to finesse, basic counting (including “Count Your Tricks!”) and basic declarer technique.



Try your hand at two of the quizzes from the end of that first chapter:

How do you play this trump suit - A42 opposite KQ8753

You need three entries to dummy - AJ83 opposite KQ42 (dummy)

Try this toughie. How do you make 13 tricks with clubs as trumps on a top diamond lead:

♠ Q 10 9  
♥ 8 4 2  
♦ 10 8 6 2  
♣ J 3 2

♠ A J 5  
♥ A Q  
♦ ----  
♣ A K Q 10 8 7 6 5

You need to take the spade finesse twice and stay in dummy to then take the heart finesse.

That can only be done by drawing trumps ending in dummy with ♣J, and leading ♠Q, unblocking with ♠J. Now when you lead ♠10 you either stay in dummy or can return to dummy with ♠9 if East covers.

Nothing else does the job.

### Interstate roundup

At the time of writing, two Sydney women, Kinga Moses and Nazife Bashar, are at the mercy of the airlines, making lineups an issue. Several people – including the Chief Tournament Director - have been inconvenienced when their travel plans were disrupted.

We seem to have taken such in our stride, used as we are now to Covid and other nasties.

Let's hope the morrow brings a peaceful and stress free day.

Some of the changes to the players and captains and spelling errors were brought to my attention by Barbara Travis:

Jon Hunt may not be here until later. Peter Reynolds is npc of the ACT Open Team. David Fryda is npc of the NSW Open Team. Therese de Marco

will replace Sheila Bird, and Anne Davey in the South Australian Youth Team had a typo in her surname.

*Ed: Thanks, Barbara.*

*Apologies to Kim Frazer, one of our Recorders, whose name was misspelt yesterday.*



Thanks to Julian Foster, npc of the NSW Youth Team, who has contributed an article for Bulletin 3. I appreciate each and every article I receive. Please feel free to compliment your partner by emailing their triumph to [sleksix@gmail.com](mailto:sleksix@gmail.com)

### Answers to Quiz

A42 opposite KQ8753 - How do you play this trump suit?

Keep the 3, to maintain fluidity, K first then 5 to Ace. If the suit breaks 2-2 you now have an entry with the 3 to the 4 just in case you need it later.

AJ83 opposite KQ42 (dummy) - You need three entries to dummy in the suit

Play Ace then overtake J with K, and later overtake 8 with Q. Now the 3 is an entry to the 4 on the fourth round of the suit.

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