2022 Australian National Championships





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eBulletin 3

Monday 4 July

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What's coming up:

Tuesday, 4 July

Interstate Teams Competition

9.30am

Tuesday, 5 July

Bridge at Beaumont

9.30am and 1.30pm

Her three opponents

Sometimes it feels like you have three opponents at the table – left hand, right hand and centre hand. Here's an example.

Playing in the *Paul Lavings BridgeGear Swiss Pairs*, Susan Humphries and I had never played a board together until Saturday. Things had been going pretty well, and we were on the right side of several slams which had kept us at Table 2.

Then this happened in the last match:

Board 22, East deals, EW vulnerable

- **♠** Q 2
- **Y**AQJ82
- ♦ J 9 6 4
- 10 4
- **♦**86
- **7** 10 9 7 5 4
- ♦ A K 10 8 5
- **♣** 5
- N W E S
- **★** K 10 7 5 4
- **Y** K 3
- ♦ Q 3
- ♣ J876
- **A** J 9 3
- **9**6
- 7 2
- ♣ AKQ932

The auction began with a pass by East, 1♣, 2NT (red suits), pass, 2♥. No, that's not a typo – East's 2♥ was insufficient!

Susan (North) was licking her lips at the prospect of doubling the correction to 3♥.

But sadly she reckoned without her Centre Hand Opponent. As South, I had the bright idea of accepting the insufficient bid in order to bid 24!

All this did today, of course was get EW out of trouble.

We went on to 3NT, which was down after the defence cashed three diamonds then shifted to a heart. You have to play for clubs 4-1 and run ♣10 to make, but West could easily have been 1-5-5-2 instead of 2-5-5-1.

Collecting +800 from 3 X would of course been a lot better. If only I'd shut my mouth (or been playing online where this couldn't have happened)!

Julian Foster



What a lead!

I had a thoroughly enjoyable time watching the NSW v. Victoria Youth in Round 3.















The camaraderie at the table was impressive, and the three young men at the table enjoyed having a charming young lady present. Victoria, 24 a seasoned Interstate youth player, took it upon herself to make the table (and visitor) feel comfortable. She was gracious to her opponents and kind to her partner.

Victoria's older brother Jamie is a bridge star, but Victoria is no slouch herself, as you can see from the hand in the next column:

Board 3, South deals, EW vulnerable

♠ A 4 3

♥ K

◆ A 10 5 2

♣ A K J 10 9

♠ J

♥QJ98762

976

♣ 3 2

N W E ♠ Q 10 8 2♥ A 10 5 4

♦ K Q

♣854

★ K 9 7 6 5

7 3

♦ J 8 4 3

♣ Q 7 6

This auction ensued (see next page).



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The future of bridge

These four young men from South Australia will represent Australia at the World Youth Championships in Salsomaggiore in August.

Josh recently moved from ACT to Adelaide to complete a PhD in Pure Maths. David is the face of the

Adelaide Bridge Centre, having built up great rapport with his clients. Bertie Morgan was booked for the Youth Team before the pandemic (2020, Canberra). Jamie is doing a PhD in Analytical Chemistry at the University of SA. He teaches biology at uni, and his nickname is Plant Boy.















West North East South pass

2NT 3♥ pass pass

3NT all pass pass

On lead at the end of the auction, Victoria asked the meaning of 3. When she questioned whether it could be a transfer, Patrick visibly blanched when he realised she was right.

Victoria had noticed the quick 3NT over 3♥, so it was clear a heart lead was required. She fingered ♥10 and ♥A before unerringly tabling the ace.

Any other lead would have led to failure, but her unsupported ♥A lead allowed Xavier to cash his seven hearts.



Chris & Carolyn Mroczek playing Kathy Hartmann—Ursula Najar in the Paul Lavings BridgeGear Restricted Swiss Pairs

Winners of the South Australian Bridge Association **Team Challenge:**

Catherine Ellice-Flint, Bill Bradshaw, Tassi Georgiadis and Joanne Bakas





















