

2022 Australian National Championships



Interstate round robin ends, final begins

eBulletin 5

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What's coming up tomorrow:

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| Thursday, 7 July | Interstate Teams Final | 9.30am |
| Thursday, 7 July | Interstate Matchpoint Swiss Pairs | 9.30am and 1.30pm |

Eating Crow

by Paul Lavings, NSW

In 1974 SA, David Anderson (pc)-Zoltan Nagy, John Kikkert - Brenton Lewis, George Smolanko - Robert Wundke faced NSW Roelof Smilde (pc) - Tim Seres, Roger Cook - Imants Liepa, Paul Lavings - Neil Mathiesen in the ANC Teams Final in Melbourne. Smilde - Seres were at their best, but neither of the other two pairs could produce a positive set.

Eventually Cook - Liepa played the last set and despite playing well SA won by 135-120.

This was Board 40:

East deals, all vulnerable

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

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| West | North | East | South |
| Lavings | Nagy | Mathiesen | Anderson |
| | | pass | pass |
| 1♦ | dbl | 2♦ | dbl |
| all pass | | | |



George Smolanko—Paul Lavings, protagonists for 50 years

Keith McNeil, whose middle name was Acol, commented in *Australian Bridge*, "Barred by their system from opening four-card majors, Lavings opened 1♦. Nagy dredged up a takeout double and Mathiesen made a preemptive raise to 2♦. Anderson gleefully wielded the axe, and the result was 800 points to the Southerners."

That was 14 IMPs when NS reached 4♠, down two, in the other room.


My next encounter with SA was the ANC final in Brisbane in 2000. Bob Dalley and I had survived an appeal to get us into a triple-tie for third place in the NSW Butler. We won the tie break but used up an awful lot of luck in doing so.

The Final was 6 x 10 and after three sets NSW, Alan Walsh (npc) Pauline Gumby -Warren Lazer, Michael Prescott - Peter Fordham, Bob Dalley - Paul Lavings led SA Phil Markey (c)-Nicholas Croft, Attilio De Luca - Kevin Lange, Joachim Haffer - David Lusk 78—66.



The fourth set was a disaster. In third seat I held this hand, nil vulnerable after my RHO opened 1♦: ♠AKQ62, ♥K1076, ♦---, ♣A1053

I was already preferring to overcall rather than make a takeout double with a five-card major but it seemed that if ever there was a hand where it was better to start with a double, this was it:

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| ♠ 4 3 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ 8 6 4 3 ♣ Q J 9 7 |  | ♠ 10 ♥ Q 9 ♦ A K Q J 10 7 5 ♣ K 8 2 | ♠ A K Q 6 2 ♥ K 10 7 6 ♦ — ♣ A 10 5 3 |
| WEST <i>Lusk</i> 3♦ | NORTH <i>Dalley</i> Pass Pass | EAST <i>Haffer</i> 1♦ 5♦ | SOUTH <i>Lavings</i> dbl dbl |

all pass

Sure, not everyone would find 3♦ on David Lusk's hand, and Joe Haffer's 5♦ was a great bid, but, having doubled, intending to bid my long suit I then didn't bid it because the bidding was too high. Sadly not only did they make 5♦, but we make 5♠ with our 10-card trump fit!

Something was wrong, and the conclusion was obvious. I was a butcher for doubling 1♦ instead of overcalling 1♠. SA won that set 55-13 and went on to win comfortably 172-141.

To be continued

ABF Colts Team

by Rebecca O'Reilly

It's my pleasure to introduce the hybrid WA/ACT Youth Team, an excellent ABF/BAWA/BFACT initiative to allow these young, up and coming players a chance to compete. They may be small, but they have more energy than a shopping bag full of sugar! (Well, about that much, actually).



VISIT PAUL AT THE STALL

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Alexis Wilsmore (ACT)

Coming from a bridge-playing family (the surname should be a clue), Alexis made her ANC debut in 2018 at the ripe old age of nine. After a few years in France, she is back to grace the tables of youth bridge (with practically fluent French).



We expect a coup-en-passant soon! Alexis is in Year 8 now, and is also keen on martial arts, rock climbing and drama (hopefully not at the same time).

Alexis was looking forward to spending a week playing bridge and having some quality time with her Mum away from her siblings – as a bonus, she got some of that quality time at the table.

William Brayshaw (WA)

With yet another familiar surname, William was introduced to trump games from an early age, and played his first duplicate session in 2021, at the age of nine. Now WA is part of



Australia again, another Brayshaw has been unleashed (stop groaning!) With enthusiasm even greater than the length of his hair, William is very excited to be taking part in his first ANC, and we're sure he will learn a lot. William enjoys origami when he's not at the table drawing trumps!

Dev and Diya Shah (ACT)

The twins were born in Baltimore, USA, and have triple citizenship (Aus/UK/US), which makes them great candidates for AUKUS, but they'd have great trouble if they wanted to become MPs . . .

They are 14 and in Year 10, and the most experienced members of the team, having played in the 2019 ANC, and other competitions since. Dev plays cricket, golf and piano, and enjoys soccer. Diya, who joins us on Tuesday, also plays cricket and the piano and enjoys soccer. We are pleased to have their experience on the team so they can teach the newer players some good habits.

Acronyms, anyone?

by Julian Foster

It's my first experience captaining a youth team. I learned from one of our pairs that previous youth captain (Charles McMahon) had come up with a great acronym using the letters of his name to sum up how he wanted his team to behave at bridge.

C - Confidence

H - Humble

A - Attitude

R - Reset

L - Let go

E - Enjoy yourself

S - Stay calm

Lara told me whenever they mess something up at the table they now take a deep breath and just say "Charles" to themselves! What a wonderful guide. Something we all could learn from.....

JULIAN is harder to do the same (I blame my parents!). But we had a go:

EnJoy

Try to Unwind

Use Logic

Sometimes Improvise

Have a good Attitude

Be Nice

As usual the original is far better. But it's a fun exercise - perhaps all the teams should try it!



Queensland Women's Team

Ivy Luck, Kathy Males, Gabrielle Ilich, Sue O'Brien (npc), Michelle Radke, Janeen Solomon, Fay Stanton



Glenelg Contract Bridge Club had nine tables at the Beaumont Rookie Pairs. Here they are enjoying lunch. Huge gratitude to Julie Clark and GCBC for their support of the event.

BRIDGE AT BEAUMONT (Barbara Travis)



Bill Bradshaw - Katherine Alice-Flint, 1st NS

Bill Nash - Jim Wallis, 1st EW Open



Beati Bieganski - Lilia Male, 2nd EW Open



Richard Collis - John Pumpa
2nd EW Rookies



Kathy Hartmann - Julie Randall
2nd NS Rookies



Carmel Langley - Pam Murphy 1st EW Rookies



Yvonne Armstrong - John Dunlop 1st NS Rookies