

# 2022 Australian National Championships

NSW victors in Open, Women and Seniors,  
SA takes out Youth



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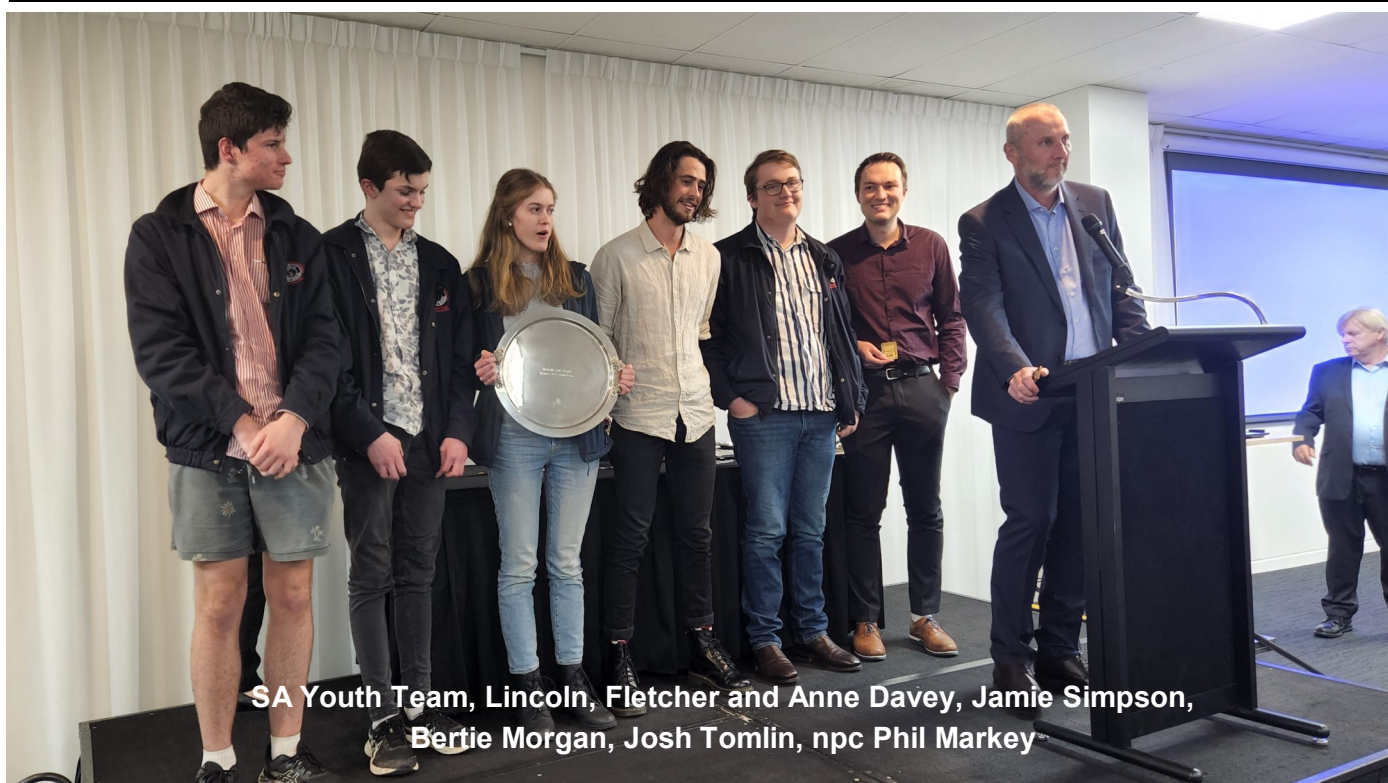
What's coming up tomorrow:

Saturday, 9 July

TBIB Open and Restricted Butler

10.00am

Open Teams	C/F	1 to 12	13 to 24	25 to 36	37 to 48	49 to 60	Total
NSW OPEN	2.2	11	40	14	48	7	122.2
VICTORIA OPEN	0	13	34	26	17	28	118
Women's Teams	C/F	1 to 12	13 to 24	25 to 36	37 to 48	49 to 60	Total
SA WOMEN	13.1	22	17	28	28	20	128.1
NSW WOMEN	0	20	31	33	25	37	146
Seniors Teams	C/F	1 to 12	13 to 24	25 to 36	37 to 48	49 to 60	Total
NSW SENIORS	0.8	4	27	42	35	9	117.8
ACT SENIORS	0	16	31	6	18	37	108
Youth Teams	C/F	1 to 12	13 to 24	25 to 36	37 to 48	49 to 60	Total
SA YOUTH	0	15	46	13	35	32	141
VICTORIA YOUTH	0	6	6	11	27	48	98



SA Youth Team, Lincoln, Fletcher and Anne Davey, Jamie Simpson, Bertie Morgan, Josh Tomlin, npc Phil Markey

## Open Interstate

Congratulations to NSW, worthy winners of the Open Interstate Finals. With the closing scoreline 122.2 – 118, it was nailbitingly close, as you will see from my article “The last four boards”.

It was more exhausting kibitzing BBO than playing. Watching the see saw motion of progress in the final leads to the following:

### The last four boards

*Board 21, North deals, NS vulnerable*

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

At this juncture, NSW led by 2 IMPs, 118 – 116 (plus the 2.2 carry forward). With 3NT the obvious contract, it looked unlikely to be a swing board, with 11 tricks the likely outcome at both tables.

However, the NSW South (slightly carelessly) tabled ♣Q instead of a low club from dummy, and now the club suit only yielded three tricks, so +630 instead of +660, 1 IMP to Victoria. Careless play like this could lead to disaster if the scores had been tied.



Open Interstate datum winners,  
Liam Milne—Sophie Ashton

## Victory Dinner

ABF President Allison Stralow welcomed us, and was on hand to award the trophies for the Interstate. In addition, she presented Dallas



Cooper from Tasmania a beautiful plaque as newest member of the ABF Committee of Honour, for her service to the ABF. Dallas has been TBA Councillor for 22 years.



*Board 22, East deals, EW vulnerable*

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

The auction was the same at both tables, with North declaring 2♠. With Paul Dalley at the helm, Robert Fruewirth started well with ♣10 lead, run to ♣Q.



### Once were youth

Now resident of Sydney, Jamie Thompson was left alone when the Victorian Youth Team were called to the dais for presentation of the silver medallion in the Youth Interstate.

Dalley floated a heart to Thompson's queen, and Ben Thompson exited a low spade, ducked to Fruewirth's jack. ♠9, ducked all around was followed by a heart to Thompson's ace. Thompson cashed ♣A and erred by playing ♣J, allowing Dalley to shed a heart as Fruewirth ruffed with ♠3.

Had Thompson played ♠K instead, the result would have been three down (two spades, four hearts and two clubs), 2 IMPs to Victoria, but

Fruewirth, in with ♠3, played another heart, allowing ♠9 to take a trick so the contract was only one down. That meant 2 IMPs to NSW, now back to 3 IMPs in front.

*Board 23, South deals, all vulnerable*

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

Again, little chance for a team hungering for a double digit swing, with both rooms in 3NT, again the obvious contract.

Paul Dalley was declarer from the North seat in one room, and after a spade lead by East picked up the suit, it looked like 11 tricks would be the outcome. However, the defence recovered midgame, and in the endgame, Dalley ended with only 10 tricks, a 1 IMP swing to Victoria when the Victorian North took 11 tricks.

Victorian Open Team at the Victory Dinner



Board 24, West deals, nil vulnerable

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

As in many tight matches, it all came down to the last board.

Justin Mill and captain James Coutts came out of the playing area first, and Justin was not happy with the last board.

He had played 3NT on the misfitting deal, which drifted down two after a club lead.

Tony Nunn, South showed good judgement by passing Dalley's 2NT rebid after he had shown spades and hearts.

This effectively ended Victoria's campaign. They would have needed something like North to be in 3NT and for West, Ben Thompson to have doubled for a heart lead (dummy's second bid suit) to win the match. It was not to be.



NSW Women's Team: Kinga Moses, Avril Zets, Nazife Bashar, Marcia Scudder (npc) Giselle Mundell, Rena Kaplan, Helena Dawson

### Cancer Council Congress Pairs

Run over two sessions, the top 6 placegetters were:

Helen Gray—Peter Mika

Laura Ginnan—Eva Samuel

Anne Harris—Barbara Marrett

Linda Alexander—Heather Motteram

