

2024 Summer Festival of Bridge, January 9-21

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2023 National Senior Teams Winners

Apologies to rightful winners of the 2023 Senior Teams, BUCHEN, Peter Buchen, Michael Courtney, George Smolanko, Andrew Braithwaite, Terry Brown and Arjuna de Livera. LORENTZ were runners up before winning the Senior Playoffs. The photograph in yesterday's bulletin showed LORENTZ on winning the Playoffs.

Nigel Rosendorff approached me this morning, eager to give credit to Richard Brightling for his thoughtful play on the deal below:

Board 6, East deals, EW vulnerable

	♠ Q J 9 8 5 4		
	♥ Q		
	♦ A J 6 5		
	♣ 10 4		
♠ K 6		♠ 10 3 2	
♥ A K 5		♥ 10 9 7 3 2	
♦ K Q 10 8		♦ 3 2	
♣ A J 9 2		♣ K Q 6	
	♠ A 7		
	♥ J 8 6 4		
	♦ 9 7 4		
	♣ 8 7 5 3		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Brightling</i>	<i>Bloom</i>	<i>D Hoffman</i>	<i>Rosendorff</i>
		pass	pass
2NT	pass	3♦	pass
3♥	pass	3NT	pass
4♥	all pass		



Behind screens in the Senior Playoff last year

Bloom led a spade to Rosendorff's ace, and ♠7 was returned. Brightling cashed ♥A, noting Bloom's ♥Q.

Using the theory of restricted choice (Bloom had no choice but to contribute ♥Q, thus a singleton), Richard crossed to a club honour and ran ♥10.

When that won, he cashed ♥K and played on clubs, discarding his losing spade from hand as Rosendorff impotently followed suit.

Richard conceded a trump and ♦A, claiming 10 tricks.

This turned out to be a poor score at the table (12 IMPs), as at many tables EW chose to play 3NT, down on a spade lead.

The declarer going down in 4♥ banged down a second round of trumps instead of running ♥10, and now a trump promotion meant only nine tricks.

Rosendorff applauded Richard Brightling's play, great to hear in a competitive bridge event.

Rubber with Richard or the case of the double voids

Long ago, when rubber bridge and hand dealing were the rage, the hands could be wild. A lack of attention to cutting the deck and shuffling led to what we now think of as 'Goulash' hands.

A couple of years ago we played a session of Goulash bridge at 'Grannes', the beautiful country residence of Greg Lewin near Stawell in the Grampians, Victoria.

Stawell is well known to Australians as the home of the Stawell Gift, a footrace competition which has

been held around Easter since 1878, and nowadays offers a prize of \$40,000 for first place.

The hands we played at Greg's home were difficult for most of those present (only 12 people in 2021 due to Covid).

You need to have been to the NZ Congress in Hamilton, New Zealand a few times in the 80s to be prepared for Goulash bridge, where the suggestion is to open at game level or beyond when you are dealt a good freak.

The two deals which follow feature Richard Brightling, once a rubber bridge fan. Richard lives in the Batemans Bay area on the NSW South Coast, having retired there from Canberra with housemate and longtime friend Leone Moffat.



Richard has seen his fair share of bridge deals, and remembers many, a skill that I have not mastered to the same effect.

In the 1970s, Richard was living in London, and frequented a small rubber bridge club called "Grand Slam Bridge Club", where the ante was 50p a 100.

I can find no mention of the club now, but it was on the ground floor of a terrace house near Marble Arch.

On the first deal, Richard held

♠---, ♥AK8765432, ♦---, ♣KQJ2

The bidding proceeded:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i> <i>Richard</i>
1♠	2♦	3♠	6♥
dbl	all pass		

Richard cannot remember the state of the rubber, so the 3♠ bid by East would probably have meant that either side was keen to clinch it.

Richard was pretty sure a tactical underbid would end the auction, so he tried a pragmatic 6♥.

The full deal:

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

The second hand was dealt at Double Bay Bridge Centre in the 1980s.

Richard, dealer held ♠---, ♥---, ♦AQ1087652, ♣KJ653

<i>West</i> <i>Morrison</i>	<i>North</i> <i>Kozakos</i>	<i>East</i> <i>Kaldor</i>	<i>South</i> <i>Brightling</i>
			1♦
1♠	2♣	2♠	4♣
4♠	5♣	pass	6♣
6♠	pass	pass	7♣
dbl	all pass		

Andrew Kaldor, a prominent Sydney fabric merchant had been having a "hard day at the office", so when the final hand of the rubber appeared, Kim Morrison, sitting to Richard's left, announced "Whatever you bid, I'm going to double."

However, when Richard opened 1♦, Kim changed his mind, bidding 1♠ instead. After the auction escalated to the six-level, with neither side knowing who could make what, Richard made what he suspected was going to be the winning decision, "saving in 7♣".

Indeed, 6♠ needs a diamond lead to defeat the contract, while 7♣ is laydown.

Hand from the Far East

Some of our top players have been invited to share interesting play hands from recent tournaments.

A big thank you to Paul Lavings, who contributed the following deal from the 2023 Far East.



The Hong Kong NS were tasked with defeating 1NT. Paul comments that there are many ways to defeat 1NT, but only one way to make 1NT. Here's the full hand:

Hong Kong (NS) v. Australia (EW)

Board 8, West deals, nil vulnerable

	♠ J 9 6 5 4 3		
	♥ K 5		
	♦ A K 5		
	♣ 7 6		
♠ A 2		♠ K 8 7	
♥ A 9 7		♥ Q J 8 6 3	
♦ J 10 8 6		♦ 3 2	
♣ K 9 8 2		♣ Q J 4	
	♠ Q 10		
	♥ 10 4 2		
	♦ Q 9 7 4		
	♣ A 10 5 3		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Lavings</i>		<i>Krochmalik</i>	
1♣	1♠	dbl	pass
1NT	all pass		

The preemptive(!) nature of the 1♠ overcall made it difficult for EW to reach their better spot, a partscore in hearts. As it is, the heart suit is stranded if declarer plays on hearts when gaining the lead, and NS can easily fulfil their quota of seven defensive tricks.

Paul could see that, so hoping for something good to happen (♣A in the North hand would be fantastic), he routinely ducked ♠Q at trick one. He won ♠A perforce at trick two, and played a club to

the queen and South's ace. South switched to a low diamond to the jack and North's king, and South cleared the spade suit as Lavings threw ♥9.

He cashed ♣J and played a club to ♣9, North discarding a low heart and ♣K, on which North discarded a spade.

This was the ending:

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

Paul, reading the situation perfectly, threw North in with ♦A and waited for the lead away from ♥K for the seventh trick.

North should, of course have foreseen the endplay and discarded a spade to avoid the ignominy.

Here's another hand honouring Australia's dear friend Pablo Lambardi:

Who'da thunk it!

By Barry Rigal

East deals, NS vulnerable

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

On this deal from the first qualifying session of the Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams, the field played game. Slam needs a favourable club position and the spade finesse, but that all comes in.



Pablo, Paul Marston, Gabby Lorentz, John Lester and Stephen Burgess

Can you construct a plausible sequence of plays that might lead to declarer failing to take 12 tricks in 6NT? Pablo Lambardi, East, heard South open 1♦, 3NT from North and 6NT from South.

He led ♦Q!

This was consistent with East holding ♦KQ10. Can you blame declarer too much for winning the ace and playing on diamonds, not spades, thereby snatching defeat from the jaws of victory?

Got 'ya!

Round 7, Canberra in Bloom Mixed Teams

Board 24, West deals, nil vulnerable

	♠ J 9 8		
	♥ 3		
	♦ K 6 3		
	♣ Q 9 8 6 4 2		
♠ Q 7		♠ 10 5 4 3 2	
♥ A K Q 9 4 2		♥ J 8 7	
♦ A Q 9 7		♦ J 10 5 4	
♣ J		♣ 10	
	♠ A K 6		
	♥ 10 6 5		
	♦ 8 2		
	♣ A K 7 5 3		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Justine</i>	<i>P Reynolds</i>	<i>Thomson</i>	<i>J Reynolds</i>
1♥	pass	pass	2♣
2♦	5♣	all pass	

Justine Beaumont, ex-BFACT President and ex-Organiser of October's Canberra in Bloom event, made a tricky play that led to success in defeating Jane Reynolds' game.

She led ♥A, and studied dummy before switching to - ♠7(!), ♠8, ♠10, ♠A.

Declarer drew trumps in one round, then played a diamond to dummy's king, and a diamond to Ian Thomson's ♦10, ♦8 and Justine's ♦Q.

Justine played ♦A, which allowed Jane to ruff in dummy. She now ran ♠J to Justine's queen, one down.

A far-sighted defence which gave declarer just enough rope to hang herself. Justine could see that declarer could hardly fail if she held three spades to the ace-king, as her ♠Q would come tumbling down.



The ABF Foundation is hosting a free bridge seminar at 8.45 am on Sunday 14th January in the breakout room on the ground floor.

Come along and listen to expert bridge player, Sartaj Hans discuss some of the trickier hands from Saturday's play in the SFOB.

You will love Sartaj's humour and presentation style.

Sartaj has represented Australia internationally many times. Last year he was a semi-finalist in the USA's Spingold and he has numerous Australian titles to his name.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Kim Frazer
ABF Foundation Chair

National Life and Non Life Master Teams Results after 6 of 7 matches

PI	Team	Imps	VPs	WDL
1	GEDDES (3) STEVE GEDDES - ELIZABETH YOO - ROBYN CARROLL - JENNY WALPOLE	208	85.62	4-0-2
2	SHARP (4) MOIRA SHARP - SIMON GRANT - RUITIAN LANG - JOHN NIVEN	94	80.09	5-0-1
3	HAMAM (5) ANITA DELORENZO (sub) - AMIR DEEN - PAUL LARBY - CHRIS BALLANTYNE - CHRIS HAMAM	49	71.57	4-0-2
4	WRIGHT (6) PETER WRIGHT - LARISSA COWLISHAW - STEPHEN BARTOS - PETER PARSONS - MICHAEL BURT - CATHY NICHOLS	35	67.78	4-0-2
5	BARNES (2) JULIE MANSFIELD - DENISE BARNES - HAMID SADIGH - SIAMAK PARSANEJAD	-44	53.67	2-1-3
6	TING (1) ERIC GOODCHILD - DEBRA GOODCHILD - MING TING - DAVID TING	-30	53.29	2-0-4
7	TAYLOR (7) ROGER BUSCH - CHRIS TAYLOR - PETER TALSMA - PAULINE LANE - ROGER BRAKE - PAUL BRAKE	-71	51.76	2-1-3
8	PRIEST (8) BARBARA PRIEST - LYN TURNER - ROWAN BERGIN - JON PIKE - JAYNE FRANCIS - KATE WARD	-241	16.22	0-0-6

National Women's Teams (January 2024) Results after 9 of 13 Matches

Place	Team	Imps	VPs	WDL
1	FULLER (3)	181	134.60	7-1-1
2	TRAVIS (8)	166	126.58	6-1-2
3	JACOB (14)	130	121.08	7-0-2
4	WILSON (5)	70	108.46	5-2-2
5	LUSK (6)	40	104.01	7-0-2
6	COATS (2)	36	94.22	4-2-3
7	TOBIN (10)	-7	86.13	3-0-6
8	CARTER (4)	-44	81.30	4-2-3
9	FOSTER (1)	-38	80.83	3-1-5
10	ZELLER (11)	-27	79.03	2-1-6
11	MILWARD (7)	-76	74.94	3-1-5
12	CARMODY (9)	-97	65.91	3-0-6
13	MUNTZ (13)	-108	63.84	2-1-6
14	CUTCLIFFE (12)	-226	39.07	1-0-8

National Senior Teams (January 2024) Results after 6 of 9 matches

Place	Team	Imps	VPs	WDL	Next Opp.
1	EWART (2)	158	89.80	5-0-1	3
2	HOFFMAN (4)	135	81.31	4-0-2	5
3	KANETKAR (3)	130	80.95	4-1-1	2
4	FREE (5)	93	77.52	4-1-1	4
5	BOCK (13)	61	71.69	4-0-2	17
6	LORENTZ (1)	59	71.47	4-0-2	7
7	LACHMAN (17)	29	66.28	4-0-2	13
8	VADAS (8)	33	65.87	3-0-3	12
9	STERN (7)	62	65.72	3-0-3	1
10	STRASSER (12)	34	65.35	3-0-3	8
11	QUAIL (10)	26	65.21	2-2-2	14
12	MORGAN-KING (14)	-8	60.29	3-0-3	10
13	HUTTON (6)	-16	59.29	3-1-2	22
14	BAYLISS (22)	-17	58.75	3-0-3	6
15	MUNRO (11)	8	56.46	2-1-3	16
16	ASKEW (16)	-14	54.74	2-1-3	11
17	LISLE (21)	-35	53.91	3-0-3	9
18	GLOVER (15)	-53	51.58	2-1-3	24
19	VAN VUCHT (9)	-55	49.00	1-2-3	21
20	FINIKIOTIS (18)	-99	45.45	2-1-3	19
21	MILLER (20)	-80	45.20	1-2-3	23
22	KELLY (23)	-91	42.32	1-0-5	20
23	CALLANDER (19)	-143	38.37	2-0-4	18
24	WILLIAMS (24)	-217	23.47	0-1-5	15



Bridge Shop - Novice Matchpoint Swiss Pairs (January 2024)

Results after 4 of 7 matches			Percentage per match (rounded)							Totals		
PI	Ca	Pair Names	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	%	VPs	Next
1	A	MARITA SCROOPE / GRAEME FRASER (3)	61	59	48	66				58.6%	59.32	20
2		BRICET KLOREN / IAN VICKERS (28)	68	55	52	57				58.0%	58.45	27
3	C	MARK LYONS / SUE LYONS (20)	58	67	64	43				58.1%	57.05	3
4	C	JOSH SCHWARTZ / MAXWELL ASHURST (27)	58	71	36	67				58.0%	56.60	28
5	A	JENNY BURCHMORE / PAMELA BEDWELL (4)	44	68	58	58				56.9%	55.49	6
6	A	MICHAEL BRAHAM / JOHN BELLINGHAM (6)	57	29	66	68				55.1%	52.26	4
7	A	STEVE KYBURZ / NICK VONTHETHOFF (1)	42	62	60	57				55.0%	51.83	22
8	C	MARGARET ANN SALMON / MAUREEN DOSZPOT	63	45	61	42				52.8%	45.01	1
9	B	BELINDA MOSS / JENNY BELL (12)	51	61	58	34				51.0%	43.96	10
10	A	PETER JONES / LILLIAN LESUEUR (10)	43	50	51	63				51.7%	42.92	12
11	B	BARBARA BIALOWAS / JENNY BERGIN (14)	49	45	54	55				50.9%	42.51	24
12	C	JACQUES CHERBUIN / NICOLA MEARES (24)	57	51	42	53				50.9%	42.31	14
13	B	JUDITH CROSS / LEANNE GOODES (11)	56	49	39	58				50.3%	41.71	8
14	A	PAMELA ORR / SUSAN BANKS (8)	44	62	54	43				50.7%	40.86	11
15	C	PHILIPPA WICKMAN / GRANT WICKMAN (23)	60	41	67	33				50.4%	40.63	25
16	C	GEORGE PALAVESTRA / LISA RALPHS (25)	51	41	49	56				49.3%	38.47	23
17	C	MEURINE THOMAS / JOHN MCGARVA (17)	49	55	46	47				49.2%	37.81	21
18	C	DENYSE FREEDMAN / ROBIN EDWARDS (21)	49	38	59	45				47.7%	34.52	17
19	C	ZARA CHOWDHURY / LIAM MINOGUE (19)	32	54	41	58				46.4%	33.39	26
20	C	BARBARA STUART-HARRIS / SUE WHIGHAM (26)	56	39	33	55				45.9%	32.46	19
21	A	GRAHAM JONES / CONNY SZENCZY (2)	51	59	42	32				46.0%	31.92	5
22	A	DOINA UZUBALIS / PHIL YOUNG (5)	39	66	40	42				47.0%	31.17	2
23	B	PENELOPE SHILLING / SUSIE THEARLE (13)	59	33	46	44				45.5%	30.16	9
24	A	JACK ABRAMS / LEESA ABRAMS (9)	37	46	60	37				44.9%	28.67	13
25	C	BRIGITTE KESTERMANN / GRAHAM WARD (16)	43	32	45	55				43.6%	25.75	18
26	B	JENNY HEUSTON / SUE GAME (15)	40	34	55	45				43.2%	25.08	7
27	C	MARGARET KIDNEY / JOYANNE GOUGH (18)	42	50	34	42				41.9%	21.14	16
28	A	MARGARET REAVELL / WINNIE RASTE (7)	41	38	40	45				41.1%	18.55	15

Chris Diment Matchpoint Swiss Pairs (January 2024) Results after 4 of 8 matches

Place	Pair Names	Percentage	VPs	Next Opp.
1	SUE LA PEYRE / BOB COX (12)	58.0%	58.25	2
2	JENNA GIBBONS / JULIAN FOSTER (2)	57.4%	58.15	12
3	SHANE HARRISON / DAVID HUDSON (1)	58.2%	57.71	3
4	JACK JAMES / JEREMY FRASER-HOSKIN (6)	57.0%	55.30	7
5	MARLENE WATTS / MICHAEL PRESCOTT (3)	54.2%	50.67	1
6	PAUL WEAVER / TERRY BODYCOTE (7)	53.8%	50.00	6
7	CHRIS STEAD / PETER LARDY (17)	52.0%	45.75	22
8	DARIA WILLIAMS / TONY WHITE (22)	52.3%	45.55	17
9	ANDREW GRACE / BILL WILMOTT (30)	51.8%	44.23	13
10	JEANETTE GRAHAME / NIKKI RISZKO (13)	51.8%	44.03	30
11	SETSUKO LICHTNECKER / PEER BACH (16)	52.0%	43.27	24
12	LYNDA YOUNG / PHILIP YOUNG (24)	50.7%	42.38	16
13	ALEXANDER HEWAT / NOEL BUGEIA (8)	50.3%	40.85	25
14	LALITA KANETKAR / FRANK HARDIMAN (25)	51.1%	40.76	8
15	EDWARD CZARNOCKI / LES WOZNICZKA (28)	50.2%	40.62	5
16	VANESSA BROWN / ADRIAN LEITCH (5)	50.2%	40.47	28
17	GEORGE MCLEAN / TIM MATHER (29)	49.9%	39.65	10
18	BILL NASH / JAMES WALLIS (10)	49.2%	38.93	29
19	GREG LEWIN / GEOFF CHETTLE (9)	49.0%	38.03	18
20	ROBIN HO / ALEXANDER COOK (18)	49.6%	37.90	9
21	LINDSAY SCANDRETT / DONNA CROSSAN-PEACOCK (26)	48.8%	37.75	27
22	DAN DANTON / WARREN SMITH (27)	48.2%	36.68	26
23	DAVID CUMMING / COLIN SPELLER (23)	47.9%	35.26	4
24	SEAN MULLAMPHY / DAVID FRYDA (4)	47.3%	33.87	23
25	CHRIS HANNAN / CHRIS HASEMORE (21)	47.1%	32.85	19
26	MARIAN OBENCHAIN / IAN WEBB (19)	46.5%	32.77	21
27	MARYANNE BIRD / PHYLLIS MORITZ (14)	46.8%	31.59	20
28	ERIC LIPPEY / KERRY BOYTELL (20)	46.4%	30.81	14
29	ALISON HANSON / REX HANSON (15)	44.8%	28.29	31
30	ADRIENNE STEPHENS / PETER KAHLER (11)	44.8%	26.49	32
31	DOREEN HAND / LYN WIDDUP (32)	43.7%	23.89	11
32	SARI IRLICHT / GAYLE BAGG (31)	39.2%	17.25	15



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