

2024 Summer Festival of Bridge, January 9-21

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Vale Peter Fordham

Sydney identity Peter Fordham discovered the joys of playing bridge while at Queensland University in the 1960s. Over the years, he represented three states, Queensland, NSW and ACT in the Australian National Championships – something few have achieved!



He played internationally twice, 1998 at Lille and in 2001 in Paris. He passed away on May 22, 2023.

Winkle winkle little star

Board 13,
North deals, all vulnerable

<p>♠ 9 5 ♥ K 10 8 7 ♦ 3 2 ♣ Q 9 6 4 2</p> <p>♠ Q 10 7 3 ♥ J 9 4 2 ♦ K 9 ♣ K 8 3</p> <p>♠ A K 8 6 ♥ A Q ♦ Q J 8 5 4 ♣ J 7</p>	<p>♠ J 4 2 ♥ 6 5 3 ♦ A 10 7 6 ♣ A 10 5</p>
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At his final Summer Festival last year, he still managed to engineer a winkle squeeze, a rare beast indeed. He was playing the National Senior Teams with old friend Alan Watson

The auction left a little to be desired; not only was there no fit, but there was a blockage in hearts which meant that Peter could see only four readily available top tricks. When things are so dire, we

need a little assistance from the opposition, and on this deal, it was forthcoming:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i> <i>Fordham</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1♦
pass	1♥	pass	1♠
pass	1NT	pass	3NT
all pass			

East tried a thirds and fifths ♣5 lead to West's king. A club came back to East's ace, followed by ♠2, which Peter ducked to West's queen. Another club came back, and Peter, deciding that their carding was honest, rose ♣Q, throwing diamonds from dummy on ♣Q and the next two clubs.

West discarded a diamond and a heart, while East discarded a diamond and a heart. Now Peter cashed ♠AK, unblocked ♥AQ and exited a diamond.

This was the end position:

<p>♠---</p> <p>♥ K 10</p> <p>♦ 3</p> <p>♣---</p>	<p>♠---</p> <p>♥---</p> <p>♦ A 10 7</p> <p>♣---</p>	<p>♠---</p> <p>♥ J 9</p> <p>♦ K</p> <p>♣---</p>
<p>♠---</p> <p>♥ J 9</p> <p>♦ K</p> <p>♣---</p>	<p>♠---</p> <p>♥---</p> <p>♦ Q J 8</p> <p>♣---</p>	<p>♠---</p> <p>♥---</p> <p>♦ A 10 7</p> <p>♣---</p>

EW could no longer score their two diamond tricks when Peter played a diamond from dummy, and he guessed right in hearts when West was in with ♦K. Phew!

I have a number of anecdotal recollections of Peter, which include these:

Paul Lavings: "I remember being with Peter at the airport, when he announced that he had a bomb in his luggage. This resulted in a four hour wait while he was whisked away for interrogation".

Mike Hughes : "I remember a Fordham auction where after he got to 7NT, I doubled., Peter looked at his partner and said "you must be playing Key Card."

Ted Griffin: "Peter and his partner conducted an auction where they bid the suits the opposition owned before arriving in 4♦, doubled and redoubled. The score was -5800 (no tricks).

Not all anecdotes would be about bridge, though. After Peter changed from office work to a career as a self-employed masseur, his technique at massage therapy greatly enhanced not only his look (trendy ponytail and bohemian clothing), but his popularity Sadly missed..



Gill Tidey - Tamara Cutcliffe

I watched the match where CUTCLIFFE, a local team plated the strong TRAVIS team.

Clearly lifting above their weight, Barbara Travis and Candice Ginsberg were more than sympathetic to their opponents and offered very good advice, gratefully received.

At the other table the CUTCLIFFE EW faced the talented Lauren Travis and world champion Kate McCallum.

BD: 8, Rd 7	♠	Dir: W
	♥ 32	Vul: None
	♦ 87643	
	♣ AKJ976	
♠ AJ8765432		♠ KT9
♥		♥ J9875
♦ A		♦ QJ952
♣ QT3		♣
	♠ Q	
	♥ AKQT64	
	♦ KT	
	♣ 8542	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♠	2NT	3♠	4♥
4♠	5♣	pass	pass
5♠	pass	pass	dbl
pass	6♣	dbl	all pass

The women's field had to contend with this deal, where 7♠ is laydown EW, with 11 tricks in clubs the limit NS.

With no one really knowing who was making what, NS's best bet is to pass 5♠, rather than pushing on to the six-level.

Allowing EW to play in 6♠, or worse, doubling 6♠ was not a success. Three pairs were doubled in 6♠, two making only 12 tricks, and one the lot for -1310, an unusual score.

There was no upside for the pair who pushed EW into 7♠ – there was no eight-level to play, so that was -1770.

Those who managed to subjugate EW and play high level doubled club contracts were charmed to be conceding only 300 at the seven-level.

Incidentally, what would you bid with the North hand on the first round? My money's on 3♣, weak.

Chanteuse and linguist

by Stephen Lester

It seems such a short time ago that Ella Jacob was a young girl, playing at the club Rena Kaplan and I owned at Gardenvale in Brighton. She played with her dad, Bill Pattison, a keen player and fervent supporter of the club. Bill, a seemingly fit and vigorous man, succumbed to a massive stroke, and passed away in 2018.

I moved back to my homeland, New Zealand in 2009, only to return to Australia in 2012 following the Christchurch earthquakes, which encouraged me to flee rather than fight.

In 2013, I started working at the Gardenvale club again, by now owned by Ishmael and Kim Del'Monte and called Kings and Queens (a sister club to Kings and Queens Sydney).

Ella was now an even keener player, and had met (and later married) Kiwi Nick Jacob, the love of her life.

Nick is the son of much-loved friends, Tom Jacob and his charming wife Steph. Ella and Nick ran the supervised session at Kings and Queens while I was temporarily in charge of the club. The pair have been trans-Tasman dwellers, and now have two gorgeous children, Louis, 6 and Freya, 4.

Being trans-Tasman myself, I have not always been able to follow the Jacob comings and goings, but I was not surprised to learn that the intensely musical Ella is a dreamy singer as well as being a cellist and pianist.

Listening to Ella perform via Facebook on her balcony, where she admired the light was a highlight of my social media scrolling before coming to Canberra.

Ella is multilingual, having studied Japanese and Spanish, teaching the latter at Otumoetai High School in Tauranga, NZ.

Looking at her Facebook profile, it is wonderful to see that bridge has offered her much in the way of friendship, not only from youth players but experienced players. She won the Australian National



Youth Pairs and Teams last weekend and played the Australian Women's Teams with Jenny Thompson.

I don't know all of Ella's bridge triumphs, but I can confirm that she and Nye Griffiths helped two seniors, Simon Hinge and me to win the 2018 Spring National Open Teams in Sydney.

Ella and Nye brought back many juicy double digit results, including 18 IMPs from the deal on the next page.

Ella declared 6NT doubled from the South seat. This can be defeated only on a club lead, but West found a diamond, so +1680.

At the other table North declared 7♠ after a Key Card accident, +100.

We had great fun as a team, and it was a surprising but welcome treat to take home the title.



Board 18

Dealer E
Vul N-S

♠ AKQJ87543
♥ J72
♦ ---
♣ A

♠ T92
♥ A9
♦ QT4
♣ K9865

♠ 6
♥ T864
♦ J98763
♣ JT

♠ ---
♥ KQ53
♦ AK52
♣ Q7432

Some of us live and breathe for hands like this . . .

BD: 23	♠ J52 ♥ AK7 ♦ 7 ♣ AKT765	Dir: S Vul: ALL
♠ Q3 ♥ Q62 ♦ T652 ♣ Q843		♠ A987 ♥ 9853 ♦ Q43 ♣ 92
	♠ KT64 ♥ JT4 ♦ AKJ98 ♣ J	



Chris Diment Matchpoint Swiss Pairs winners Shane Harrison - David Hudson

	♦	♥	♠	NT			
N	5	5	5	5	5		15
S	5	5	5	5	5	6	6
E							13
W							

How many of the women players noticed this extremely rare phenomenon - NS can make 11 tricks in every denomination.

You can bet your life Lauren Travis did . . .

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Stick to your guns

BD: 5	♠ JT82 ♥ AT97642 ♦ 75	Dir: N Vul: NS
♠ 83 ♥ AQ97 ♦ J83 ♣ Q986		♠ T76542 ♥ K54 ♦ Q ♣ T43
	♠ AKQJ9 ♥ 63 ♦ K5 ♣ AKJ2	

Richard Hills reports on a rare success for his declarer play.

The contract was 3NT by Richard, (North) on a passive spade lead. He cashed ♦K, noting the queen from East. Following the Principle of Restricted Choice, he now finessed against West's ♦J. +720 versus -100 at the other table in a 4♠ contract.

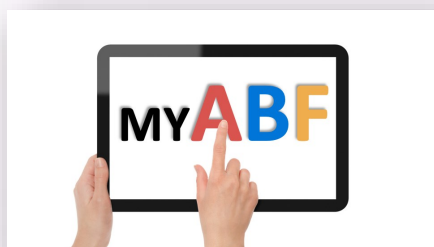


“Dagmar, are you trying to match your glasses to your blue jeans or the seats to your left?”

“Stephen, can't you see I'm matching my earrings?”



Kate McCallum studies her options



Non-contending teammates Barbara and Lauren Travis, runners up in the National Women's Teams round robin



National Women's Team winners, Dagmar Neumann, Marnie Leybourne, Jodi Tutty and Leone Fuller

National Women's Teams (January 2024)

Results after 13 of 13 matches

Place	Team	Imps	VPs	W□D□L	Gold pts
1	FULLER (3)	273	190.83	10-1-2	22.89
2	TRAVIS (8)	279	187.51	9-1-3	17.57
3	JACOB (14)	194	177.05	10-1-2	15.23
4	LUSK (6)	153	172.27	11-0-2	13.03
5	COATS (2)	42	137.23	7-2-4	9.59
6	WILSON (5)	11	130.95	5-2-6	4.32
7	ZELLER (11)	2	127.40	5-1-7	3.96
8	CARTER (4)	-77	119.09	6-2-5	5.04
9	TOBIN (10)	-48	115.92	4-1-8	3.24
10	MUNTZ (13)	-80	106.65	3-1-9	2.52
11	FOSTER (1)	-137	102.35	4-1-8	3.24
12	MILWARD (7)	-139	101.50	4-1-8	3.24
13	CARMODY (9)	-176	88.12	4-0-9	2.88
14	CUTCLIFFE (12)	-297	63.13	2-0-11	1.44



Life and Non Life Master Teams winners GEDDES, Jenny Walpole, Elizabeth Yoo, Robyn Carroll and Steve Geddes

National Life and Non Life Master Teams

Masterpoints shown do not include those attributable to the knock-out.

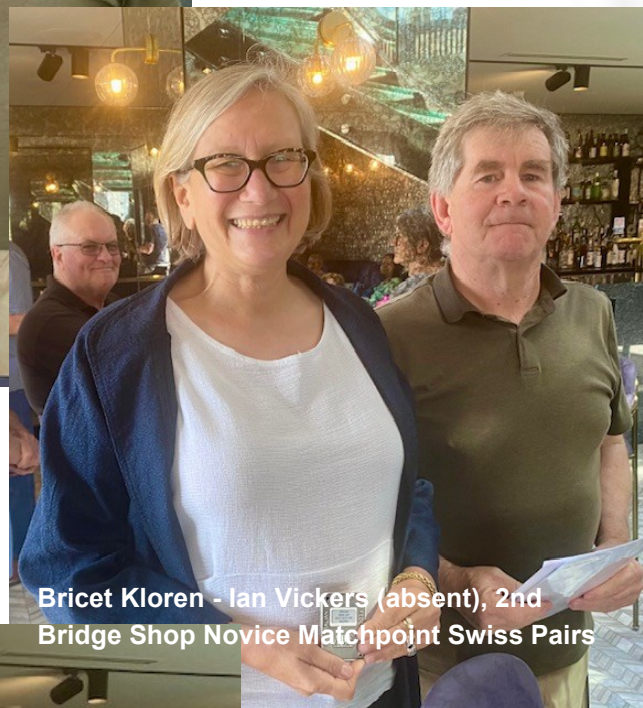
Results after 7 of 7 matches

Place	Team	Imps	VPs	W@D@L	Gold pts
1	GEDDES (3)	214	97.21	5-0-2	9.59
2	SHARP (4)	88	88.50	5-0-2	7.79
3	HAMAM (5)	37	78.59	4-0-3	5.88
4	WRIGHT (6)	19	73.97	4-0-3	2.88
5	TING (1)	-14	67.10	3-0-4	2.16
6	TAYLOR (7)	-48	66.87	3-1-3	2.52
7	BARNES (2)	-32	66.65	3-1-3	2.52
8	PRIEST (8)	-264	21.11	0-0-7	

7 Friday, January 12



Steve Kyburz - Nick Vonthethoff, 1st Bridge Shop Novice Matchpoint Swiss Pairs



Bricet Kloten - Ian Vickers (absent), 2nd Bridge Shop Novice Matchpoint Swiss Pairs



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Results after 9 of 9 matches

Place	Team	Imps	VPs	WDL
1	FREE (5)	160	119.72	6-2-1
2	LORENTZ (1)	132	116.78	7-0-2
3	EWART (2)	135	114.12	5-1-3
4	VADAS (8)	96	109.57	6-0-3
5	HOFFMAN (4)	127	109.24	4-2-3
6	MORGAN-KING (14)	88	108.85	6-0-3
7	KANETKAR (3)	104	105.22	4-3-2
8	HUTTON (6)	64	100.03	5-1-3
9	FINIKIOTIS (18)	61	99.73	5-1-3
10	QUAIL (10)	35	98.75	4-2-3
11	BOCK (13)	26	94.26	5-0-4
12	STERN (7)	53	92.32	4-0-5
13	LACHMAN (17)	1	90.84	5-0-4
14	ASKEW (16)	5	89.26	4-1-4
15	STRASSER (12)	-3	87.72	4-0-5
16	LISLE (21)	-17	86.22	4-1-4
17	VAN VUCHT (9)	-20	85.89	3-2-4
18	GLOVER (15)	-70	79.31	4-1-4
19	MUNRO (11)	-70	77.99	3-1-5
20	KELLY (23)	-121	66.78	2-0-7
21	BAYLISS (22)	-169	64.82	3-0-6
22	CALLANDER (19)	-182	59.85	2-1-6
23	MILLER (20)	-175	56.26	1-2-6
24	WILLIAMS (24)	-260	46.47	1-1-7



National Seniors Team winners FREE; Jonathan Free (absent), Ron Cooper, Attilio de Luca and George Smolanko

Chris Diment Matchpoint Swiss Pairs

Results after 8 of 8 matches

Pl	Pair Names	Percentage	VPs	Gold pts
1	SHANE HARRISON / DAVID HUDSON (1)	60.4%	125.71	11.63
2	SUE LA PEYRE / BOB COX (12)	56.4%	107.50	8.48
3	JENNA GIBBONS / JULIAN FOSTER (2)	54.8%	103.86	7.50
4	MARLENE WATTS / MICHAEL PRESCOTT (3)	53.5%	96.04	5.37
5	JACK JAMES / JEREMY FRASER-HOSKIN (6)	52.3%	91.01	4.73
6	CHRIS STEAD / PETER LARDY (17)	51.3%	88.23	4.34
7	ADRIENNE STEPHENS / PETER KAHLER (11)	52.3%	87.97	3.53
8	BILL NASH / JAMES WALLIS (10)	51.1%	86.49	3.62
9	ALEXANDER HEWAT / NOEL BUGEIA (8)	50.9%	84.05	3.20
10	SETSUKO LICHTNECKER / PEER BACH (16)	50.5%	83.50	3.38
11	LALITA KANETKAR / FRANK HARDIMAN (25)	51.1%	82.16	2.73
12	GREG LEWIN / GEOFF CHETTLE (9)	50.3%	81.93	2.52
13	DAN DANTON / WARREN SMITH (27)	50.0%	81.61	2.24
14	EDWARD CZARNOCKI / LES WOZNICZKA (28)	50.1%	80.74	2.24
15	ERIC LIPPEY / KERRY BOYTELL (20)	50.4%	80.72	1.96
16	VANESSA BROWN / ADRIAN LEITCH (5)	50.2%	80.71	2.24
17	ROBIN HO / ALEXANDER COOK (18)	50.4%	80.61	1.96
18	JEANETTE GRAHAME / NIKKI RISZKO (13)	50.2%	80.42	2.24
19	PAUL WEAVER / TERRY BODYCOTE (7)	49.4%	79.74	2.80
20	SEAN MULLAMPHY / DAVID FRYDA (4)	49.7%	79.42	2.52
21	DAVID CUMMING / COLIN SPELLER (23)	49.9%	79.06	2.24
22	LINDSAY SCANDRETT / DONNA CROSSAN-PEACOCK (26)	49.6%	77.54	2.24
23	CHRIS HANNAN / CHRIS HASEMORE (21)	49.3%	76.74	2.24
24	DARIA WILLIAMS / TONY WHITE (22)	48.2%	72.30	1.96
25	LYNDA YOUNG / PHILIP YOUNG (24)	48.3%	72.17	1.96
26	ANDREW GRACE / BILL WILMOTT (30)	48.0%	70.30	1.96
27	MARYANNE BIRD / PHYLLIS MORITZ (14)	47.6%	68.21	1.68
28	GEORGE MCLEAN / TIM MATHER (29)	46.2%	63.99	1.68
29	ALISON HANSON / REX HANSON (15)	46.1%	62.77	1.68
30	MARIAN OBENCHAIN / IAN WEBB (19)	45.9%	62.20	1.40
31	SARI IRLICHT / GAYLE BAGG (31)	42.4%	46.36	0.84
32	DOREEN HAND / LYN WIDDUP (32)	43.1%	45.94	0.56



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