

2024 Summer Festival of Bridge, January 9-21

Andy Hung presentation Tuesday 9am

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Amazing Youth Week by Peter Gill

Laura Ginnan performed a heroic, Herculean task by setting up, convening, directing, scoring and even creating meals at a highly successful Youth Week next door to the Canberra Rex this week. My part in Youth Week was minuscule, but here's an article about it because nobody else has time to write it up.

Youth Week predates the Summer Festival of Bridge! This was the 55th Youth Week - at the first one in 1969, Ron Klinger's team won the Youth Teams.



The National Open Teams began in 1973 and was won by Gabi Lorentz's team. Gabi this weekend won the Playoff for the Australian Seniors Team (once again).

The star performer of 2024 Youth Week was Ella Jacob.

Ella won the treble at the Youth plus the Women's playoff to determine the Aussie Women's team which represents Australia at October's World Championship in Buenos Aires. All in just over one week - nine days of success.

Her first win was the Youth Pairs in a 12 table field with Josh Tomlin on the first weekend. Then the Youth Teams on Monday - Tuesday with Danni Fuller (daughter of Leone, winner of the 2024 Women's Teams but ineligible team for the Women's Playoff), Jamie Thompson, Jamie Simpson and Josh Tomlin. Ella in her team of five had to sit out some of that event, so she could play in the National Women's Teams, where Ella's team was the top qualifier for the Women's Playoff which they won this weekend.



ABF President Allison Stralow welcomes visitors to the SWPT

1 Tuesday, January 16



Ella's fourth big win in a memorable week was the Cliff Wake Challenge on Tuesday evening, in which the Youth Teams winners take on the four best Open players who are readily available in Canberra.

A dashing defence to my 3NT by Ella and Josh on the very last hand led to a narrow victory by the youth team over Peter Gill - James Coutts - Renee Cooper - Lauren Travis.

4/4 - quite good, given that Meatloaf thinks that two out of three ain't bad.

On Friday anyone who'd ever played in Youth Week was welcome to play in the 13 table 52 board Youth Pro-Am Pairs.

After a 38 year gap since my last Youth Championships, I was at last eligible to play! Laura paired me with 12 year old Aadhi Hariharan who'd just qualified for the 6 pair squad from which the Australian Junior (under 26) team will be chosen. We came 2nd in the Pro-Am. Lauren Morgan and David Gue won.

Aadhi is the most talented 12 year old bridge player I've seen since Justin Mill 22 years ago. He learned bridge in Wellington before his family moved to Sydney five months ago. Aadhi has already made 7NTXX - a feat I am yet to achieve. If any of the bulletin readers has ever made 7NT redoubled, please email the Bulletin to let us know. Aadhi made it on a misdefence.

Put yourself in Leigh Matheson's seat in the 52 board Pro-Am Leigh's partner is his six-year old son Ashley, the youngest player at Youth Week.

Leigh puts down his dummy in a spade contract with ♠9763. Ashley wins the opening lead in hand, gives it some thought then places ♠4 on the table. Ashley's LHO plays ♠2.

Imagine Leigh's thoughts when Ashley calls for ♠3 from dummy! Before a befuddled Leigh can say anything, Ashley says "the four will win the trick!" as RHO shows out. Yes, declarer's spades were ♠AKQJ10854.

The top three qualifiers to the youth squad were George Bartley - Jack Luke-Paredi, Bertie Morgan - Alec Goss and Lara Topper - Tomer Libman.

Tomer learned bridge from dad Lavy. Lara learned bridge from her two grandmothers. Jack learned at school where his teacher Paul Brake (father of Jessica) had a youth bridge program. George and Bertie are the most recent stars to emerge from the late David Lusk's youth bridge program in Adelaide, which has produced several decades of top players and made South Australia tough to beat in the Internet Open Championships.

I'm in no way involved in the selection process, but personally I would imagine that unless there are a few weekends of online practise games in which one of the other three pairs in the squad shines, those three pairs are the front-runners to be the 2024 Australian Youth Team.

Finally - in the last five decades, NSW's number of wins per decade in the Interstate Open Teams has decreased from 8 to 5 to 5 to 4 to 3.

South Australia's number of wins has increased from 1 to 0 to 2 to 2 to 5 per decade. Yes - SA has won half of the last 10 Interstate Open Teams!

The main reason is the late David Lusk's youth program. David's obituary was in Monday's bulletin but I think his lasting legacy is worth mentioning and shows why he so deserved his Order of Australia Medal for services to bridge. Australia can be proud to have people like Laura Ginnan and David Lusk developing youth bridge.



Tuesday morning, 9 am

**Presentation by Andy Hung on
"The Hidden Secrets to Bidding Better"**

What gives the expert players the extra edge to outbid the average player? It is all about knowing when to pass, and when to bid more (sometimes much more). Come along and Andy will share the secrets with you on how to bid better

Follow the old Acol Rd

Stephen Burgess – Joan Butts have formed a partnership for this year’s SWPT. Part of SYLVESTER, Liz Sylvester, Peter Gill, Kate McCallum and Axel Johanssen, they are a New South Wales-based international flavoured team, not lacking in skill or experience

They chose to play Acol, Stephen’s system years ago when he was a NZ resident, while it is Joan’s first adventure with the system popularised by the bridge club in Acol Rd, London.

Who needs system, though when the opponents offer an easy penalty:

West	North	East	South
	1♠	pass	1NT
2♣	3♥	pass	3♠
pass	pass	dbl	all pass

The table started getting ready to play 3♠ when Stephen doubled in tempo.

♣2 to the ace, as declarer discarded ♦5, then a second club as he discarded ♦J.

BD: 9	♠ J9862	Dir: N
	♥ KT763	Vul: EW
	♦ AJ5	
	♣	
♠ 7		♠ AKQT4
♥ AJ2		♥ Q984
♦ KQT7		♦ 862
♣ QJT75		♣ 2
	♠ 53	
	♥ 5	
	♦ 943	
	♣ AK98643	

Stephen ruffed with ♠4 and cashed two top spades.

A diamond to declarer’s now singleton ace, and declarer was cooked. He tried a low heart, so Joan was in at trick six. Club plays allowed Stephen to overruff declarer, and eventually, out of trump control, he was powerless to stop the defenders scoring diamond and heart tricks in the nasty endgame. Down 6, +1400 and 14 IMPs.



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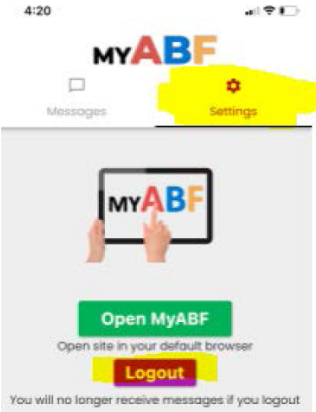
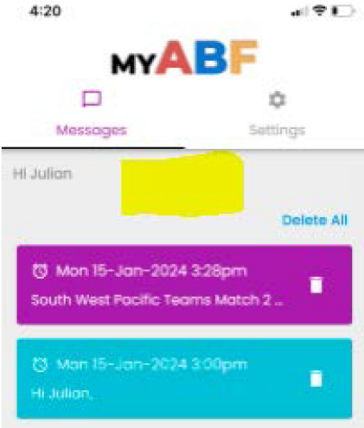

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More details about the App and how to use it were in the last ABF newsletter here:

<https://www.abf.com.au/abf-newsletter-december-2023/>

Apple users – partial fix

Recently the Android App has been working but the Apple one has not. Apologies for this – we have had technical problems which we have been trying to fix for the last few days. The issue is not fully resolved but we do now have a partial solution.

Action you need to take:	How to get the notifications:
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Rough patch

It's Bridge Shop proprietor Nick Fahrer's birthday tomorrow (a milestone), so be kind to him please.

I thought at one point that top Australian pair James Coutts – Liam Milne were going to do so in Set 3, playing against Nick and Michael Cartmell.

On Board 4, how do you play 4♥ from the East seat on a low club lead after NS have overcalled and supported spades?

The answer is obvious because we can see the full hand; ruff a diamond and force out ♥A and ♥K. Coutts received a club lead to the eight and ace, and took the losing ruffing finesse. That was two top trumps, a club and a spade to lose.

BD: 4	♠ QT97 ♥ K65 ♦ Q82 ♣ 876	Dir: W Vul: ALL
♠ K4 ♥ T32 ♦ 94 ♣ QJT932		♠ J ♥ QJ9874 ♦ AKT76 ♣ A
	♠ A86532 ♥ A ♦ J53 ♣ K54	

This defence was more tricky on the next board, and 54 NS pairs made nine tricks in 3NT while only 16 failed.



BD: 7	♠ J4 ♥ T742 ♦ KJ7 ♣ AK74	Dir: S Vul: ALL
♠ Q853 ♥ K6 ♦ Q953 ♣ 963		♠ 972 ♥ AQ98 ♦ 842 ♣ QT5
	♠ AKT6 ♥ J53 ♦ AT6 ♣ J82	

The lead was a spade, won by West's queen. West switched to a diamond, won by South's 10. Declarer was not out of the woods yet, with three tricks required from clubs.

Cartmell cashed ♣A,K, hoping for the queen to come down. When it did not, he played a third club, East winning. Feeling quite vulnerable, Cartmell waited for the next lead – a diamond.

East had decided declarer held ♥K so Cartmell gratefully claimed nine tricks.

I imagine it was more or less the same at other tables . . .





Seniors Playoffs winners: Stephen Burgess, Paul Lavings, Gabby Lorentz, Robert Krochmalik, Arjuna de Livera



Seniors Playoffs runners up: Attilio de Luca, George Smolanko, Jon Free, Ron Cooper

BOARD 23

BD: 23

♠ J52
♥ AK7
♦ 7
♣ AKT765

Dir: S

Vul: ALL

♠ Q3
♥ Q62
♦ T652
♣ Q843

♠ A987
♥ 9853
♦ Q43
♣ 92

♠ KT64
♥ JT4
♦ AKJ98
♣ J

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

Barbara Travis was first to notice the incredible diagram above which shows 11 as the limit in every denomination.

The other player who would be sure to notice is Lauren Travis!

What are the odds of this happening? I couldn't find out, but I did find this incredible statistic:

Interesting statistics

Number of possible auctions with North as dealer, assuming that East and West do not pass throughout =

128,745,650,347,030,683,120,231,926,111,609,371,363,122,697,557

Anecdote of the Day

This reveals my stupidity on BBO. Regular partner Simon Hinge and I play transfers over our 1♣ openings and Two Way Checkback over a 1NT rebid by opener.

Simon opened 1♣ and I had a 2-1-5-5 hand with 9 HCP. I showed four or more hearts with my 1♦ bid, and Simon's 1NT rebid denied 3 or more hearts.

Right, I thought, I'll transfer him to 2♦ and we'll play there as he should have at least three diamonds. I duly bid 2♣, which starts as a transfer to 2♦ and can show weak diamonds or an invitational hand. Simon duly bid 2♦, and Simon's hand was revealed, a 3-2-3-5 hand, with a couple of good red cards, making 2♦ an attractive spot.

I decided to go and make a snack. When I came back, Simon still hadn't played a card. Strange, I thought, it looks quite an easy hand.

Five more minutes went by, and then I got a phone call from good friend Jane Rasmussen. "Are you OK? They're waiting for you to play the hand on screen." (We have chat turned off during our practise matches, so opening leader David Appleton, Simon and Brad Coles, were waiting for me to play.)

I had bid diamonds first, so of course I was declarer. The joys of online bridge.

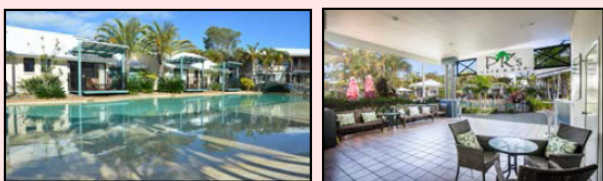


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PI	Pair Names	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	Imps	VPs	WDL
1	JACK LUKE-PAREDI / GEORGE BARTLEY	-8	-3	4	14	18	17	22	4	22	90.25	118.05	7-0-2
2	BERTIE MORGAN / ALEX GOSS	12	6	-4	-23	20	20	20	2	-2	51.17	106.50	6-1-2
3	LARA TOPPER / TOMER LIBMAN	8	-6	12	-14	24	27	-23	20	4	52.75	105.84	6-0-3
4	ZAC ROSS / KATE MACDONALD	-3	14	4	-12	12	-20	23	-4	16	29.00	99.57	5-0-4
5	JASMINE SKEATE / PADDY TAYLOR	8	-20	-3	12	14	-5	4	-2	-4	3.75	92.04	4-0-5
6	YIWEI QI / AADHI HARIHARAN												



The Youth this year qualified a six pair squad. While the top three pairs are the frontrunners, we must not disregard Zac, Kate, Jasmine and Paddy who are all from Queensland, and Yiwei and Aadhi from NSW.

(Ed: Apologies Yiwei for misspelling your name in yesterday's bulletin).



TBIB Swiss Pairs winners Alex Smirnov - Shane Harrison being presented with the trophy



TBIB runners up Ben Chosid - Christy Geromboux receive their medals



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Women's playoff winners, Ella Jacob, Renee Cooper, Jenny Thompson, Jane Reynolds

South-West Pacific Teams Top 10

Results after 3 of 12 matches

PI	Team	Imps	VPs	WDL	Next Opp.
1	DALLEY (6)	110	49.74	3-0-0	1
2	HANS (1)	115	49.12	2-1-0	6
3	COX (26)	104	48.87	3-0-0	60
4	BOLT (60)	92	48.05	3-0-0	26
5	WATTS (25)	84	46.44	3-0-0	17
6	HUTTON (17)	75	45.31	3-0-0	25
7	PACKER (18)	90	44.65	2-0-1	32
8	FRYDA (32)	87	42.59	2-1-0	18
9	MINSK (11)	50	41.76	3-0-0	24
10	QUAIL (24)	57	41.00	2-1-0	11

11	HOFFMAN (19)	58	40.82	2-0-1	40
12	MCGRATH (40)	61	40.47	2-0-1	19
13	WESTON (5)	50	40.04	2-0-1	69
14	WANIGARATNE (69)	55	38.63	2-0-1	5
15	TRAVIS (7)	48	38.43	2-0-1	27
16	GENC (27)	47	37.70	2-0-1	7
17	J THOMPSON (2)	33	37.37	2-0-1	13
18	MUNDELL (23)	38	37.32	2-0-1	4
19	KOZAKOS (13)	37	37.05	1-2-0	2
20	LAZER (4)	37	36.83	2-0-1	23
21	MORGAN-KING (22)	29	36.59	2-1-0	8
22	ASHTON (8)	25	36.26	2-1-0	22
23	GROSVENOR (12)	36	36.16	2-0-1	3
24	B THOMPSON (3)	31	36.02	2-0-1	12
25	KAPLAN (21)	27	35.74	2-0-1	59
26	FAIRLAMB (59)	25	35.21	1-2-0	21
27	HUTCHINS (74)	22	34.89	2-0-1	14
28	BARTLEY (14)	25	34.83	1-1-1	74
29	TISLEVOLL (10)	21	34.39	1-1-1	43
30	CAMP (43)	15	33.30	2-0-1	10
31	TANT (65)	10	33.13	2-0-1	42
32	ZELLER (42)	17	32.62	1-0-2	65
33	VAN VUCHT (38)	8	31.97	2-0-1	15
34	SYLVESTER (15)	3	31.50	2-0-1	38
35	ABRAMS (53)	-5	31.43	2-0-1	29
36	DUTTON (29)	9	31.18	1-0-2	53
37	STERN (16)	9	31.17	1-1-1	58
38	HAVAS (9)	10	31.04	1-1-1	34
39	STEFFENSEN (58)	6	30.53	1-1-1	16
40	DOWLING (34)	0	30.51	2-0-1	9
41	BEAN (70)	-1	29.99	1-1-1	63
42	GOSS (63)	-1	29.20	1-1-1	70
43	STUART (20)	-9	28.96	1-1-1	75
44	YOFFA (75)	-13	28.83	2-0-1	20
45	FRASER-HOSKIN (30)	-5	28.53	1-0-2	33
46	BRAHMA (33)	-10	28.13	1-1-1	30
47	MCILRATH (52)	-8	27.98	1-0-2	41
48	WURTH (41)	-15	27.94	1-1-1	52
49	MACDONALD (73)	-12	27.02	1-0-2	61
50	BUGEIA (61)	-14	26.89	1-0-2	73
51	LEACH (66)	-23	24.89	1-0-2	44
52	KUMAR (44)	-21	24.87	0-1-2	66
53	LOVRECZ (45)	-23	24.71	1-0-2	71
54	GLOVER (71)	-42	24.31	1-1-1	45
55	NASH (31)	-34	24.26	1-1-1	55
56	HACKETT (55)	-29	23.59	1-0-2	31
57	ZULFIQAR (57)	-30	23.24	1-0-2	51
58	HOWES (51)	-34	23.23	1-0-2	57
59	NEUMANN (28)	-39	22.49	1-0-2	48
60	PRINCE (48)	-40	22.15	1-0-2	28
61	FANOS (54)	-45	21.96	1-0-2	49
62	DRESSLER (49)	-45	21.81	1-0-2	54
63	GOOREVICH (37)	-49	21.38	1-0-2	76
64	PETERS (76)	-44	21.29	1-0-2	37
65	KLUGMAN (39)	-40	20.99	0-0-3	68
66	COOK (68)	-60	20.13	1-0-2	39
67	STRUIK (67)	-58	19.15	1-0-2	72
68	PORRIDGE (72)	-55	18.73	0-1-2	67
69	SMITH (36)	-48	18.63	0-0-3	64
70	CARTER (64)	-49	18.40	0-0-3	36
71	HOUSE (78)	-90	17.18	1-0-2	47
72	LICHTNECKER (47)	-62	17.00	0-1-2	78
73	CHETTLE (62)	-64	16.65	0-0-3	77
74	GRANT (77)	-96	16.61	1-0-2	62
75	MOSES (35)	-101	11.01	0-0-3	46
76	KAHLER (46)	-110	10.07	0-0-3	35
77	WEAVER (50)	-107	9.72	0-0-3	56
78	CALLANDER (56)	-125	7.42	0-0-3	50

Under 750/300 Swiss Teams

Results after 3 of 9 matches

Place	Cat	Team	Imps	VPs	WDL	Next Opp.
1		PANDYA (15)	75	44.36	3-0-0	9
2		NELAN (9)	60	42.93	2-1-0	15
3		WILLIAMS (1)	65	42.52	2-0-1	12
4	B	CARTER (12)	78	42.35	2-0-1	1
5		BRAKE (8)	59	42.13	2-1-0	16
6	B	BROWN (16)	81	40.94	2-0-1	8
7		DRAKE (11)	64	40.16	2-1-0	2
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12		PALFREYMAN (4)	-3	29.18	1-1-1	19
13		BUSTANY (7)	-3	28.84	1-0-2	17
14		TING (10)	-18	27.62	2-0-1	18
15	B	BANHAM (17)	-22	27.28	1-1-1	7
16		WALTERS (18)	-17	25.88	1-0-2	10
17		PAREKH (13)	-22	24.99	1-0-2	20
18		KLOREN (20)	-41	23.13	1-0-2	13
19		MCMURRAY (14)	-109	14.97	1-0-2	6
20		CARIOLA (6)	-81	13.51	0-0-3	14
21	B	MCKAY (21)	-87	12.52	0-0-3	5
22		WILLCOCKS (5)	-107	8.99	0-0-3	21



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