

# 2024 Summer Festival of Bridge, January 9-21

Last day of Under 750-500 Swiss Teams

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## Mixed Matchpoint Pairs

Qualifying Friday 19, Saturday 20 January

Final Sunday 21 January

Entries close Wednesday 17 January at 7pm

Eligibility for the NOT quarter final and semi finalists to drop into the Mixed Matchpoint Pairs

## Apologies (again . . .)

To both Michael Cartmell for misreporting his declarer play and James Coutts for suggesting that his task as defender was made easier by Cartmell's play:



James Coutts

To be eligible the players must have a paid entry in the Mixed Matchpoint Pairs

A losing quarterfinalist can drop into Day 2 of the Mixed Matchpoint Pairs with the partner they entered the Mixed Matchpoint Pairs even if that player was not in the NOT.

A losing semi finalist can only drop in as a pair that played at least two sets in the NOT semi final.

A club to the ace and a club towards dummy saw Coutts, East rise queen. Now it was imperative for him to switch to a low heart, which he understandably did not find.

Having handed out an undeserved brickbat, I was impressed to see James and Liam play what looks to be Full Lebensohl on the following deal:

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

The contract was 3NT by North. Cartmell could see eight tricks after a spade lead ducked to the queen and a diamond to the 10.

<b>BD: 11</b>	♠ KJT75 ♥ Q ♦ 87 ♣ T9742	<b>Dir: S</b> <b>Vul: None</b>
♠ 932 ♥ 987 ♦ AQT3 ♣ AKQ		♠ AQ86 ♥ JT65 ♦ KJ4 ♣ J6
	♠ 4 ♥ AK432 ♦ 9652 ♣ 853	

Nick Fahrer, South opened 2♥, Liam Milne doubled, Cartmell passed and James Coutts, East bid 2NT, alerted.

Liam bid 3♣ as instructed and James completed the description of his hand with 3NT, which ended the auction.

3NT showed game values with four spades and a stopper in hearts.

On a heart lead to North's singleton queen and a club shift, Coutts played on hearts to establish 10 easy tricks.

There are still players who struggle with hands like the East one: they picture West with four spades and a shortage in hearts, so leap to the "obvious" game, 4♠, and are soon sorry.

### International visitor – Adrian Leitch

by Will Jenner O'Shea

Adrian Leitch is visiting Australia from Canada to play in the Summer Festival of Bridge.

He learnt bridge during the pandemic, and plays online as well as occasionally face-to-face with his aunt.

After discovering he was eligible, he played for four days in the Youth Pairs and Teams Championship held across the road. He then played the Chris Diment Pairs, the Fixed Income Pairs, then the 500/750 Swiss Pairs, and is now playing in the Under 750 Teams.

He is planning to play the Two Day Swiss Pairs as well for an incredible total of 14 days straight and over 800 hands – probably the most bridge of anyone present this week, except perhaps Ella Jacob. Remarkably, he has also played each event with a different partner.

Adrian was a viewer of Vanessa Brown (V8mama) via the internet while she was streaming bridge on Twitch. Adrian has



Liam Milne

interacted with people from all around the world but hadn't actually met any Australian bridge players until he arrived here the day before Youth Week started.

After hearing about the Summer Festival, he took advantage of Canberra's International airport and flew straight from Vancouver to Canberra with a short stopover in Fiji.

So far, he has seen kangaroos, eaten vegemite and lamingtons, and will get some time to do some more sight-seeing after the bridge is finally over.

### Super Youth Bridge

by Leigh Matheson

How old is the youngest person you've ever played bridge with? Until recently my answer, like yours I imagine, was a two-digit number.

Introducing Ashley Matheson, a six-year-old from Sydney who learned bridge two weeks ago and usually can't stop talking at the table.

"Make me dummy. Make me dummy. Please, please, please make me dummy!"



Adrian

Here's a fun hand where that operation failed, and curiously the story is best told from dummy's point of view.

Ashley opened the bidding 1♠ (4+ cards) and became declarer in 2♠. You put down this dummy:

♠ 9763  
♥ J84  
♦ 103  
♣ AJ98

The defence start with two rounds of diamonds, ♦Q to the ace and another diamond to Ashley's king. This is where the fun begins.

Without any apparent pause for thought, Ashley leads ♠4 from hand. I do my best to keep a poker face, but I can't imagine a hand where this is the right play. Can you?

It gets worse when the next player shows out of trumps. At this point everyone is giggling. Then Ashley calls for a low card from dummy. The giggling now turns to all out laughter. But curiously no one is laughing more than Ashley and he even starts saying "Ha ha, you can't beat me."

Sure enough, the other defender follows suit with ♠2 and Ashley wins the trick with ♠4!

I reach across the table and give him a high five (with four fingers). Having counted at trick 1 that all his spades were good right down to the four-spot, Ashley now sees that trumps are already drawn, so he works on the side suits.

Ashley cashes ♥A and then leads ♦5. Dummy now has these cards left:

♠ 976  
♥ J8  
♦ —  
♣ AJ98

Ashley: "Small."

Me: "Small what?"

Ashley: "Small."

Me: "Which suit?"

Ashley: "Smallest."

Me: "My smallest what?"

Ashley: "The six. The six is your smallest card."

More laughter ensues. Having discarded a trump and won the trick with it, Ashley realises this is good for him. He ruffs back to hand and deliberately (this time) ruffs his last diamond loser in dummy, making 12 tricks.

This was the full deal:

North deals, all vulnerable

♠ 9763	♠ 2
♥ J84	♥ Q1097
♦ 103	♦ A964
♣ AJ98	♣ KQ54
♠ —	♠ AKQJ10854
♥ K6532	♥ A
♦ QJ7	♦ K852
♣ 107632	♣ —

Lead: ♦Q

I would like to say a big thank you to Laura Ginnan who convened (and for the most part also directed) the 2024 Youth Week. In addition to the massive workload that comes with this role, Laura also introduced a kiddy table workshop day, which had four players all aged 6-7 years old.

### Cooper Power

I watched Renee Cooper – Ben Thompson take on Simon Hinge – Jane Lennon in match 4.

Board 9 was interesting. It features that old chestnut "should I open 1NT with a five-card major? Teachers are increasingly tolerant of such behaviour, often with good reason:





BD: 9	♠ AQ983	Dir: N
	♥ K85	Vul: EW
	♦ T7	
	♣ AK3	
♠ JT652		♠
♥ J62		♥ Q7
♦ J92		♦ AK8543
♣ 87		♣ QJ642
	♠ K74	
	♥ AT943	
	♦ Q6	
	♣ T95	

FREQUENCIES FOR BOARD 9			
Contract	Result	Score	Freq.
5♦X by EW	-3	800	1
5♦X by EW	-2	500	2
5♦X by EW	-2	500	2
3NT by NS	+1	430	1
4♥ by NS	=	420	13
4♠ by NS	=	420	4
4♥ by NS	=	420	6
4♦X by EW	-1	200	1
3♥ by NS	+1	170	1
3♠ by NS	=	140	2
4♦ by EW	-1	100	2
5♥ by NS	-1	-50	1
4♥ by NS	-1	-50	18
4♥ by NS	-1	-50	2
4♠ by NS	-1	-50	11
3NT by NS	-2	-100	1
4♠ by NS	-2	-100	9
5♠ X by NS	-3	-500	1

Renee opened 1NT, and heard LHO, Jane Lennon bid 2NT (normally minors). Ben Thompson bid 3♣, showing hearts (a standard treatment in this scenario.)

Renee bid 3♥ to show a heart fit and Ben gave a choice of game with 3NT. Renee cuebid 4♣ and Ben signed off in 4♥.

Jane, East cashed ♦A,K noting Simon Hinge's count cards. Endplayed, she exited ♣Q, won by Renee. She played heart to the ace and a heart to the eight and Jane's queen. Jane had to either give a ruff and sluff or lead a club, eliminating the loser there.

The play was over in a flash, automatic for a player of Renee's talent and experience.

You will see from the Frequency chart that not as many pairs as I expected played 4♠. I predicted the auction would start with a 1♠ bid, a 2NT overcall and spade support by South, leading to 4♠, too difficult to handle with the 5-0 break.



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Jane Lennon and Ben Thompson



BD: 1      ♠ 8542      Dir: N  
                  ♥ AJT5      Vul: None  
                  ♦ T85  
                  ♣ K5

♠ JT		♠ A76
♥ KQ872		♥ 9
♦ 93		♦ AKQJ74
♣ QJ32		♣ AT7

	♠ KQ93	
	♥ 643	
	♦ 62	
	♣ 9864	

West	North	East	South
	pass	1♦ <sup>1</sup>	pass
1♥ <sup>2</sup>	pass	1NT <sup>3</sup>	pass
2♣ <sup>4</sup>	pass	2♥ <sup>5</sup>	pass
3NT	all pass		

1. Natural, unbalanced or balanced 18-19
2. 3+
3. Balanced 18-19
4. Heart length enquiry
5. 2 hearts

At last, an artificial auction I actually know (as I play it too!) Only a little white lie! It's the sort of hand difficult to bid with a normal system. Jump to 2NT over a 1♥ response to 1♦? Rebid 3NT after a 1♥ response, showing a good hand with no fit for hearts?

## Hardy creatures



In one of the cooler parts of the room, coats and hoodies are a must! Hamish McCracken, Robert Fruewirth, Jamie Thompson and Deanna Wilson



I was so thrilled to see that Shayne and Sonya Palfreyman from the Gold Coast won the 500/750 Swiss Pairs on Saturday.

They are very photogenic!

Shayne was one of my first students at my first bridge club, the Grand Slam In Brisbane back in the 1990's. He and Sonya met later, married and now have a family at the Gold Coast.

They have been working with me, and are putting so much effort into their bridge (which is now paying off). They are a dedicated pair and I know will do very well.

I'm so proud of them!

*Joan Butts*



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Women's playoffs runners up; Susan Humphries, Viv Wood, Sue Lusk, Paula McLeish, Pele Rankin and Jessica Brake

### South-West Pacific Teams

#### Results after 6 of 12 matches

Place	Team	Imps	VPs	WDL	Next Opp.
1	HANS (1)	163	88.98	4-2-0	4
2	LAZER (4)	167	88.91	5-0-1	1
3	HUTTON (17)	123	86.17	5-1-0	3
4	B THOMPSON (3)	118	82.19	4-1-1	17
5	TISLEVOLL (10)	108	78.76	3-1-2	8
6	ASHTON (8)	101	78.55	4-1-1	10
7	GENC (27)	89	77.64	5-0-1	9
8	HAVAS (9)	89	77.08	4-1-1	27
9	QUAIL (24)	84	76.71	4-1-1	26
10	COX (26)	88	75.91	4-1-1	24
11	STUART (20)	81	75.83	4-1-1	21
12	KAPLAN (21)	101	75.16	4-0-2	20
13	TRAVIS (7)	115	74.07	3-0-3	40
14	MCGRATH (40)	78	73.27	3-1-2	7
15	FRYDA (32)	90	73.02	3-2-1	2
16	J THOMPSON (2)	75	72.93	3-1-2	32
17	STERN (16)	59	72.58	4-1-1	12
18	GROSVENOR (12)	79	72.17	3-1-2	16
19	DALLEY (6)	75	71.62	3-1-2	11
20	MINSK (11)	45	71.34	5-0-1	6

22	MORGAN-KING (22)	44	70.15	4-1-1	14
22=	HOFFMAN (19)	28	70.15	4-0-2	58
24	STEFFENSEN (58)	49	68.43	3-1-2	19
25	PACKER (18)	57	68.34	3-0-3	25
26	WATTS (25)	50	68.06	3-0-3	18
27	BUGEIA (61)	79	67.63	3-0-3	34
28	DOWLING (34)	29	66.67	4-0-2	61
29	WURTH (41)	33	66.61	3-1-2	49
30	DRESSLER (49)	59	65.15	3-0-3	41
31	VAN VUCHT (38)	27	65.09	4-0-2	42
32	ZELLER (42)	36	64.95	2-0-4	38
33	FRASER-HOSKIN (30)	28	64.89	3-0-3	59
34	FAIRLAMB (59)	26	64.43	2-2-2	30
35	BRAHMA (33)	30	63.97	2-2-2	60
36	DUTTON (29)	20	63.65	2-1-3	63
37	GOSS (63)	16	62.82	3-1-2	29
38	BOLT (60)	11	62.68	3-1-2	33
39	LICHTNECKER (47)	43	62.25	2-1-3	13
40	KOZAKOS (13)	13	61.35	1-3-2	47
41	NASH (31)	-11	59.30	3-1-2	5
42	WESTON (5)	-22	58.83	3-0-3	31
43	CAMP (43)	-23	58.57	4-0-2	15
44	SYLVESTER (15)	-17	56.76	3-0-3	43
45	MUNDELL (23)	-24	55.45	3-0-3	45
46	LOVRECZ (45)	-54	54.92	3-0-3	23
47	NEUMANN (28)	-31	54.83	3-0-3	65
48	TANT (65)	-36	54.63	3-0-3	28
49	KUMAR (44)	-62	54.56	2-1-3	67
50	STRUIK (67)	-40	54.35	3-0-3	44
51	ABRAMS (53)	-38	54.24	3-0-3	70
52	BEAN (70)	-31	54.22	2-1-3	53
53	ZULFIQAR (57)	-24	53.87	2-1-3	48
54	PRINCE (48)	-35	53.80	3-0-3	57
55	HACKETT (55)	-37	52.09	2-1-3	52
56	MCILRATH (52)	-37	51.81	2-0-4	55
57	CHETTLE (62)	-43	51.33	2-0-4	35
58	MOSES (35)	-49	50.77	2-0-4	62
59	WEAVER (50)	-41	50.27	1-2-3	74
60	HUTCHINS (74)	-56	49.98	2-0-4	50
61	HOWES (51)	-58	49.56	2-1-3	66
62	LEACH (66)	-51	49.16	2-0-4	51
63	GOOREVICH (37)	-63	48.12	2-0-4	69
64	WANIGARATNE (69)	-81	48.03	2-0-4	37
65	PETERS (76)	-69	47.34	2-1-3	36
66	SMITH (36)	-80	44.96	1-0-5	76
67	FANOS (54)	-90	44.67	2-0-4	39
68	COOK (68)	-91	43.39	2-0-4	71
69	KLUGMAN (39)	-97	42.03	1-0-5	54
70	GLOVER (71)	-119	40.58	1-2-3	68
71	CARTER (64)	-95	40.22	1-0-5	73
72	MACDONALD (73)	-102	39.83	1-0-5	64
73	PORRIDGE (72)	-100	39.03	0-2-4	77
74	GRANT (77)	-139	38.95	2-0-4	72
75	YOFFA (75)	-141	35.36	2-0-4	56
76	HOUSE (78)	-174	34.69	2-0-4	46
77	KAHLER (46)	-175	25.88	0-0-6	78
78	CALLANDER (56)	-222	22.22	1-0-5	75



## Results after 6 of 9 matches

Place	Cat	Team	Imps	VPs	WDL	Next Opp.
1	B	<b>CARTER (12)</b>	133	84.53	5-0-1	4
2		<b>PALFREYMAN (4)</b>	107	79.41	4-1-1	12
3		<b>WILLS (2)</b>	105	78.80	4-0-2	16
4	B	<b>BROWN (16)</b>	124	78.34	4-0-2	2
5		<b>PANDYA (15)</b>	77	73.77	4-0-2	8
6		<b>BRAKE (8)</b>	40	70.53	4-1-1	15
7		<b>BUSTANY (7)</b>	39	66.59	3-0-3	1
8		<b>WILLIAMS (1)</b>	29	65.03	2-2-2	7
9		<b>NELAN (9)</b>	14	63.63	2-2-2	3
10		<b>WALTERS (18)</b>	21	63.53	3-0-3	13
11		<b>SWAINE (3)</b>	18	62.27	2-1-3	9
12		<b>TING (10)</b>	46	62.13	3-1-2	5
13		<b>PAREKH (13)</b>	-5	58.82	2-2-2	18
14		<b>WILLCOCKS (5)</b>	-35	54.30	3-0-3	10
15	B	<b>TEAKLE (19)</b>	-42	51.99	1-2-3	11
16		<b>DRAKE (11)</b>	-39	49.88	2-1-3	19
17	B	<b>BANHAM (17)</b>	-81	48.01	2-1-3	6
18		<b>CARIOLA (6)</b>	-62	46.59	1-1-4	17
19		<b>MCMURRAY (14)</b>	-106	45.91	3-0-3	22
20	B	<b>MCKAY (21)</b>	-94	41.95	1-1-4	20
21		<b>KLOREN (20)</b>	-156	37.15	1-0-5	21
22		<b>HOUSE (22)</b>	-133	36.39	1-1-4	14



Apologies to Andy Braithwate, 2nd from right whose name was left out of the winners of the Senior Playoffs

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