

# Bulletin 8

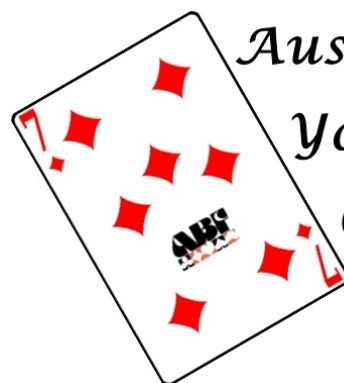
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January

## Session Times

Junior Selection Playoff  
Side Events @ Rex

## Today

9am-6:30pm  
9:45am-6pm



## Australian Youth Bridge Championships

Final Bulletin 2026



## Farewell

It's with a touch of sadness that I have to announce we have officially reached the end of youth week. If you are staying on to play more bridge, we now transition to playing at the Rex as part of the Summer Festival of Bridge. I hope you've all had lots of fun and created some long-lasting friendships. It's been so pleasing to see several players from different states playing together. I hope you've all had a lot of fun and enjoy reminiscing over when you see photos in the remainder of this bulletin. We also hope you've learnt something more about bridge, although that's not necessary. And if you ever have any questions, there are plenty of people keen to chat bridge.



Here are the final results of Phase 1 (Butler) of the Australian Junior Selection:

### Stage 1 (Butler) Results

Rank	Pair	Imps	VPs	W-D-L
1	<b>PADDY TAYLOR / BERTIE MORGAN</b>	137.25	225.46	13-2-3
2	ADRIAN LE / FLETCHER DAVEY	152.75	224.21	11-1-6
3	DIYA SHAH / DEV SHAH	128.75	222.13	12-0-6
4	HEATH WATKINS / KATE MACDONALD	48.75	196.53	11-0-7
5	TAYDON GOLD / JADE WILKINSON	32.00	193.43	11-1-6
6	REMCO SPENCER / ZAC ROSS	-27.75	172.40	8-0-10
7	DAVID ZHENG / NOAH KLUGMAN	-88.50	151.50	5-2-11
8	ADA SUN / ALEX WU	-95.00	149.82	7-1-10
9	SAMUEL GOSS / ALEX GOSS	-90.25	148.71	5-2-11
10	JESSICA HE / BYRON FRENCH	-198.00	116.81	2-1-15

The first ranking pair auto-qualify to the Australian Junior Team. Pairs 2 through 5 continue to the next stage. Stage 2A (the playoff phase) concluded on Saturday. These were the results:

### Stage 2A Results

Rank	Pair	Imps	VPs	W-D-L
1	<b>HEATH WATKINS / KATE MACDONALD</b>	40	41.44	3-0-0
2	ADRIAN LE / FLETCHER DAVEY	-3	32.26	1-1-1
3	DIYA SHAH / DEV SHAH	-14	27.80	0-2-1
4	TAYDON GOLD / JADE WILKINSON	-23	23.50	0-1-2

The top ranked pair in the playoff qualify to the Australian Junior Team. Pairs 2 and 3 continue to the next stage. Stage 2B concluded on Sunday. These were the results:

### Stage 2B Results

Rank	Pair	Imps	VPs	W-D-L
1	<b>ADRIAN LE / FLETCHER DAVEY</b>	29	38.74	1-1-1
2	DIYA SHAH / DEV SHAH	-29	24.26	1-1-1

Congratulations to **Paddy Taylor** (Qld) – **Bertie Morgan** (SA), **Heath Watkins** (Viv) – **Kate Macdonald** (Qld) and **Adrian Le** (NSW) – **Fletcher Davey** (SA), who qualify to the Australian Junior Team!

## Youth Players to invade Canberra Bridge Club!

All Youth Bridge players are invited to INVADE Canberra Bridge Club's Wednesday night session.

FREE BRIDGE entry

FREE PIZZA!



Where: Canberra Bridge Club, 5-7 Duff Place, Deakin

When: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026. Turn up at 7pm, session starts at 7:15.

RSVP: Suz 0474 946 029. Please let us know if you have dietary requirements or require transportation. All can be arranged.

We want to see as many youth players there as possible!!!



## Bridge Winners



Youth Teams winners: Remco Spencer, Zac Ross (convenor), Paddy Taylor, Bertie Morgan



Youth Teams runners up: George Bartley, Kate Macdonald, Heath Watkins, Leon Meier



Winners of the Butler – Bertie Morgan – Paddy Taylor



Trans-Tasman winners: Team New Zealand



State Scramble winners: Elijah Guest, Ollie Brayshaw (convenor Jeremy Reid). Not present: Hamish Newman, Samuel Mccallum White

### Open event results (AKA showing up the oldies):

Congratulations to Leon Meier – Jessie Pelenato, winning the Fixed Income one day Swiss Pairs. And Marcus Dudley – Tamati Greig, winning the U500 Swiss Pairs.



Australian Junior Team



Paddy Taylor – Bertie Morgan. Kate Macdonald – Heath Watkins. Adrian Le – Fletcher Davey.

Bulletin Award Winners



Remco Spencer (left) wins \$120 for best played hand.  
Zac Ross (right) wins \$240 for being the journalist of the article.

Anthony Mills wins \$120 for the best played beer card hand.

These prizes generously donated by Paul Brayshaw (pictured) who ran this competition.  
Both winning articles can be found in the previous bulletin (Bulletin 7).



## Crazy Pairs Ruling

One funny hand that occurred during the crazy pairs confusingly changed the order of rotation: South -> North -> East -> West. One player tried to capitalise on this when their partner made an insufficient bid and it was now their turn... they wanted to accept their partner's call!

Fortunately, our director was there with the ruling – the next opponent (not player) in rotation has the right of accepting. And when they didn't, the bid had to be made sufficient.

### One Final Hand (by Leigh Matheson)

With the final days of youth week transitioning to The Summer festival of bridge, youth players got to play with adult players in the adult events.

Aadhi Hariharan played with Jeremy Fraser-Hoskin in the Fixed Income Pairs. Not only is Jeremy a recent ex-youth player from New Zealand, he also won the event last year. Playing a complicated system in a pickup partnership, they were doing pretty well... until one fateful board they played against Sebastian Redin and Natalie Newman...

Dlr: North	<i>Jeremy</i>		
E/W Vul	♠ AQ64		
	♥ AQJ9		
	♦ 8		
<i>Seb Redin</i>	♣ AK94	<i>Natalie</i>	
♠ 7		♠ K853	
♥ KT		♥ 7653	
♦ AKQJ95		♦ T43	
♣ JT65		♣ 83	
	<i>Aadhi</i>		
	♠ JT92		
	♥ 842		
	♦ 762		
	♣ Q72		

South	West	North	East
—	—	1C*	Pass
1D	Pass	1H	Pass
2H	2NT	Dble	All Pass

North's 1C opening showed 16+ points, any shape and South made a negative response. West decided to walk the dog and kept quiet for now. After North/South found a fit, West now backed in with a ridiculous-looking 2NT. North doubled (wouldn't you?) and East sensibly passed, leaving partner to get themselves out of their own mess. Only Seb was happy to play in this "mess".

The defence started with CA, CQ and CK, establishing a 7<sup>th</sup> trick for declarer. After North exited with a diamond, Seb ran all his winners reaching this end position (with North to discard):

Dlr: North	<i>Jeremy</i>		
E/W Vul	♠ AQ		
	♥ AQ		
	♦ —		
<i>Seb Redin</i>	♣ —	<i>Natalie</i>	
♠ 7		♠ K85	
♥ KT		♥ —	
♦ —		♦ —	
♣ —		♣ —	
	<i>Aadhi</i>		
	♠ JT		
	♥ 8		
	♦ —		
	♣ —		

It doesn't even matter what North discards. Seb led a spade next and Jeremy was forced to give him the ninth trick with one of the Major suit Kings.

2NTX making 8 tricks was worth +690 and 13 Imps against the datum.

### Puzzle Corner

Answers to last bulletin's puzzles:

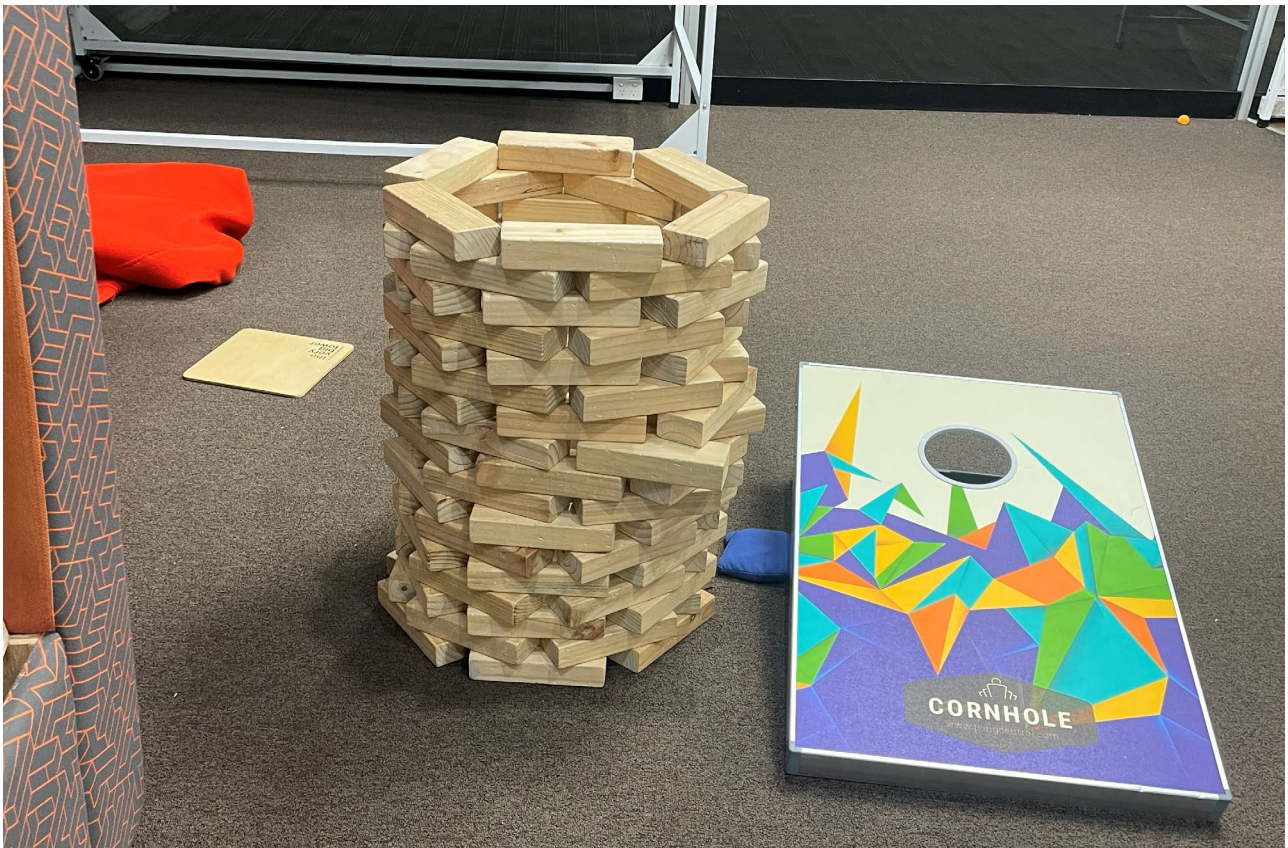
- Reverse bid
- Pass
- Roman keycard
- Beer card



# **“Welcome to youth week”**







# Life-size Jenga





# Shoulder Rides





# Water Fights





# Activities at CAC





# Laughter at the Rex





# Fun at the Park







**See you next year!**  
**(there will be noodles)**

♠ 86532

♥ 843

♦ 876

♣ 85

Eight-high suit



Eight-high soup