

Bulletin 5

Wednesday October 21st

2026 Spring Nationals – Day 5

The Teams Begin

Today saw the start of the TBIB Open Teams. There is also a Women's and Seniors' category within the main event for the highest placed eligible finishers. The top qualifiers were the **KAPLAN Team** (Elliott Kaplan – Nigel Rosendorff – Peter Buchen – Bernard Waters). Second in the qualifying were the **HOFFMAN Team** (Julia Hoffman – Christopher Quail – Pam Crichton – Peter Grant). The third best qualifying team was the **WATKINS Team** (Heath Watkins – Nick Jacob – Zachary Yan – Lysandra Zheng – Leon Meier).

There was also a one day **Wednesday Matchpoint Pairs** which was won by **Kamalesh Gupta & Michael Machado**! In second place were **Glen Chick & Ian Jamieson**.



Wednesday Swiss Pairs Winners Kamalesh Gupta & Michael Machado. With second place Ian Jamieson & Glen Chick

There was an Under 300 MP division, and the winners were **Merle Payne & Cia Benecke**. The second place under 300 MPs were **Andy Sunter & Anna Siganto**.



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The TBIB Open Teams Qualifying Swiss

The Top 8 Qualifying Teams go into the **No-Loss** Section of the Knockouts. The rest of the results are on the next few pages.

TBIB Open Teams Qualifying

<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	Kaplan	102.12
2	Hoffman	97.29
3	Watkins	92.66
4	Wamped	91.65
5	Kozakos	83.10
6	Gidley-Baird	82.15
7	Yoshka	81.72
8	Ozenir	81.03

As the top qualifiers, **KAPLAN** chose **GIDLEY-BAIRD** as their next opponents.

The **HOFFMAN** Team chose **OZENIR**.

The recently crowned Mixed Teams Champions **WATKINS** have made a few changes to their lineup, and chose to play **YOSHKA**.

The remaining match is **WAMPED** versus **KOZAKOS**.

Good luck to all of these teams.

They now play a 28-Board Knockout match, with the winners remaining in the **No Loss** division, while the losers drop down into the **One-Loss Section**.

The undefeated team at the end of Friday morning get the afternoon off and move straight into the Semi Final.

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The TBIB Open Teams Qualifying Swiss

The teams ranked from 9th – 32nd have all qualified for the **One Loss** Knockout section. The draw is approximately 9th vs 32nd, 10th vs 31st, but with a few small tweaks to avoid rematches where possible. They play 28-board matches with the winners staying in the **One Loss** and the losers joining the Swiss.

TBIB Open Teams Qualifying

<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Total</i>
9	Brahma	80.57
10	Ewart	79.99
11	Geddes	79.02
12	Sebesfi	77.80
13	Zhu	77.12
14	Dawson	76.33
15	Matheson	75.58
16	Ginsberg	73.93
17	Lu	72.37
18	Cox	71.93
19	Dalley	71.74
20	Beauchy	70.83
21	Johannsson	70.54
22	Young	69.88
23	Tislevoll	68.81
24	Tutty	68.33
25	Pitt	67.45
26	Cameron	66.97
27	Askew	64.95
28	Weaver	64.48
29	Bloom	64.38
30	Fahrer	63.52
31	McMahon	63.38
32	Stern	62.87



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The TBIB Open Teams Qualifying Swiss

The teams who qualified in 33rd – 42nd place are now in the Swiss. They play 14-Board matches. As teams in the **One Loss** section lose their matches, they will drop into the Swiss.

Where possible, teams won't be drawn to play teams that they have played already.

TBIB Open Teams Qualifying

<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Total</i>
33	<i>Steffensen</i>	<i>60.37</i>
34	<i>Bugeia</i>	<i>59.26</i>
35	<i>Palfreyman</i>	<i>58.10</i>
36	<i>Prescott</i>	<i>55.74</i>
37	<i>Mayo</i>	<i>54.39</i>
38	<i>Dey</i>	<i>52.59</i>
39	<i>Ushallnotpass</i>	<i>52.54</i>
40	<i>Filmer-Ramsay</i>	<i>49.64</i>
41	<i>Beeby</i>	<i>48.70</i>
42	<i>Hocking</i>	<i>34.18</i>

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Law Of Total Tricks Anomaly

Will Jenner-O'Shea

This hand came up in the Teams Qualifying, match 3:

Board 19 ♠ 75

Dealer S ♥ JT865432

Vul E-W ♦ J4

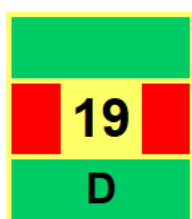
♣ 2

♠ QT82

♥ Q

♦ AQ753

♣ T76



♠ AKJ643

♥ A

♦ K2

♣ J843

♠ 9

♥ K97

♦ T986

♣ AKQ95

At our table, we probably had a common start to the auction.

W	N	E	S
--	--	--	1♣
1♦	4♥	4♠	??

Should South bid 5♥?

Should West bid 5♠ over that?

Should North bid 6♥ as a sacrifice?

Should anyone bid higher than that?

The Law of Total Tricks is a guideline that says that the length of North-South's best trump fit, plus the length of East-West's best trump fit adds up to the number of tricks available to each team.

For example, when North-South have a nine-card Spade fit, and East-West have an eight-card Heart fit, there are 17 'tricks' available combined. Depending on finesses and honour location, North-South might only be able to win 7 tricks, but that means that cards sit well for East-West who might make 10 tricks. $10 + 7 = 17$ tricks.

On this deal, North-South have an 11-card fit. East West have a 10-card fit.

This suggests that a lot of tricks should be available.

In reality, Hearts can only make 9 tricks, losing two Diamonds and two Aces.

East-West can only make 9 tricks, losing three rounds of Clubs (with North discarding Diamonds). North can ruff a Diamond.

21 combined trumps, but only 18 tricks!

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1NT Squeeze

Will Jenner-O'Shea

Jimmy Wallis reported this interesting play situation that occurred in Match 6 of the Teams qualifying.

Board 19
Dealer S
Vul E-W

♠ 982	♠ AKQ3	♠ T654
♥ A86	♥ J7	♥ KT42
♦ KJ2	♦ T984	♦ AQ5
♣ J743	♣ K52	♣ Q8

♠ J7		♠ J7
♥ Q953		♥ KT42
♦ 763		♦ AQ5
♣ AT96		♣ Q8

Jimmy

W	N	E	S
--	--	--	P
P	1♦	X	1♥
1NT	//		

Jimmy was West and declared 1NT. North led the Ace of Spades. North then found the great play of a low Spade to South's Jack! South led a Club to North's Ace so that North could finish playing their Spade winners. North led a Club to South's King, and the Defenders had taken six tricks.

Board 19
Dealer S
Vul E-W

♠	♠
♥ J7	♥ KT42
♦ T984	♦ AQ5
♣ 5	♣

♠		♠
♥ A8		♥ KT42
♦ KJ2		♦ AQ5
♣ J7		♣

♠		♠
♥ Q95		♥ KT42
♦ 76		♦ AQ5
♣ T9		♣

South led a Diamond back, and then three rounds of Diamonds squeezed South out of their Club and Heart guards! Making 7 tricks! Jimmy pointed out that squeezes in 1NT rarely happen. So does a squeeze happening from running a three-card suit.

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Another Huge Fit Hand

Will Jenner-O'Shea

This was a hugely distributional hand that was dealt in Match 6 of the Teams.

Board 23

Dealer S

Vul Both

♠ 2

♥ T942

♦ A7543

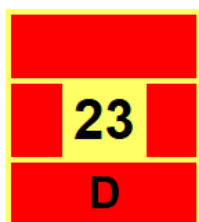
♣ KT9

♠ AKJT873

♥ 6

♦ QJT6

♣ 5



♠ 9654

♥ A

♦ K982

♣ Q864

♠ Q

♥ KQJ8753

♦ -

♣ AJ732

In the Open Teams Qualifying, not a single pair played below the five-level.

Six pairs played in 5♥, five pairs played in 5♠. The rest were split between 6♥ and 6♠.

Of the 42 tables who played this hand, 22 ended up Doubled (across both directions).

North-South can make 11 tricks in Heart on best play and defence (Spade lead, before it gets discarded on the Ace of Diamonds). They need to finesse the Club the correct way to win 11 tricks, but if West has long Spades, they are likely to be shorter in Clubs.

East-West have two Aces to lose, and South can ruff a Diamond if they are led before trumps have been drawn.

There were two 18 IMP and two 17 IMP swings on this board.

In one match 6♥ X made for +1660 and teammates defeated 6♥ X for another +200.

On the topic of the Law of Total tricks from earlier in the Bulletin, North-South have 11 Hearts. East-West have 11 Spades.

There are 22 combined trumps. North-South make 11 tricks in Hearts, East-West make 10 tricks in Spades. There are 21 combined tricks.

The Law of Total Tricks often falls apart with wild hands, but this one was pretty accurate.

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Wednesday Matchpoint Pairs

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Place		Total
1	Kamalesh GUPTA – Michael MACHADO	130.53
2	Glen CHICK – Ian JAMIESON	117.41
3	Sachiko CATHCART – Annegrete KOLDING	112.97
4	Kimberley ZHAO – Alan CRANSBERG	111.48
5	Lucy D'AMBROSIO – Tammy HUBBARD	109.76
6	Rhonda KHONG – Paul SMITH	109.40
7	Freddie ZULFIQAR – Barry DALSTO	108.46
8	John RUSSELL – Michael HOGAN	107.28
9	Tony WHITE – Bill BOULTON	107.13
10	Garry VINER – Jay NOVAK	106.70
11	Linda NORMAN – John RIVERS	105.88
12	Stephen DENNIS – Peter CLOKE	100.56
13	Hamid SADIGH – Siamak PARSANEJAD	100.42
14	Merle PAYNE – Cia BENECKE	98.56
15	Mukesh PAREKH – Paul STEBBING	97.76
16	Neil WILLIAMS – Elizabeth NEIL	96.16
17	Samantha COATES – Andrew COATES	95.99
18	Andy SUNTER – Anna SIGANTO	95.89
19	Ramarathin KRISHNAMACHARI – Alexander MENDONCA	95.78
20	David PAUL – Anne-Marie KELLY	92.37
21	Richard THODE – MaryAnne LOVERIDGE	92.14
22	Rosa PANG – Denis KRISTANDA	91.33
23	Nicolette BARTOLI – Sue COHEN	90.95
24	Anthony SMUTS – Heather OLSEN	90.75
25	Sue HAPEK – Lesley BRADSHAW	90.09
26	John CUMMINGS – David MARSHALL	89.92
27	Rob HOLGATE – Peter FITZMAURICE	88.31
28	Gordon TRAVERS – Holly LI-JOHNSTON	82.40
29	Alex GLIKIN – Philip KRINGAS	81.94

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Wednesday Matchpoint Pairs



Cia Benecke and Merle Payne (3rd from left) were the winners of the Under 300 MP event. Anna Siganto (2nd from left) and Andy Sunter (right) were the Runners-Up.



Gordon Travers, Elizabeth Neil, Holly Li-Johnston, and Neil Williams playing in the Wednesday Pairs

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Neater Handwriting Saves Matchpoints

Will Jenner-O'Shea

Deana Wilson reported a kerfuffle that she and her partner had in the last round of the Mixed Pairs.

South opened the bidding with 2♦, which was systemically a Multi-Two, showing a Weak Two in either Major.

North looked at the bidding pad, and thought it said 3♦, so she jumped to 5♦.

"But it even looked like it had a tail. It looked like a THREE".

Not a good score, with 4♥ easily making up to 12 tricks.

Board 19

Dealer S

Vul E-W

♠ AQ53

♥ KQ43

♦ AKT3

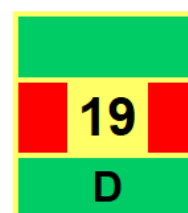
♣ T

♠ 7

♥ J87

♦ 985

♣ A86543



♠ KJT984

♥ -

♦ J62

♣ KJ72

♠ 62

♥ AT9652

♦ Q74

♣ Q9

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Useful Conventions With Will – Two Over One

Within Two-Over-One, there are a few bidding sequences where there are choices to be made.

Here is one choice, and my suggested way of playing.

(Opener) (Responder)

1♥ 2♦ (4+♦, Game Forcing)
2NT

There are two ways to play this if Opener has a minimum hand.

Some people play that 2NT shows any 11 – 14 point balanced hand, regardless of stoppers.

Other people play that 2NT shows a hand that actually wants to be the Declarer in No-Trumps (usually stoppers in both unbid suits).

This is what I recommend.

This means that Opener might sometimes have to rebid their five-card Major. There is another hand type that might also rebid their five-card Major (to do with Reverses, in a later Bulletin).

If you do play this style, then the auction

(Opener) (Responder)

1♥ 2♦
2♥

Can be only a five-card suit and is often called a “waiting bid” or a “generic bid”. It has nothing to say, but it sharpens the definition of the other bids that Opener makes.

(Opener) (Responder)

1♥ 2♦
2NT = A willingness to play NT
3♦ = A proper raise, not fudging
3♣ = A Reverse (perhaps, see later)

A few people play that their 2♥ rebid promises six+ cards, but then they compromise their 2NT or 3♦ rebids. It's a choice.

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Useful Conventions With Will – Two Over One

Example 7

♠ QJT98
♥ T32
♦ J532
♣ 2

♠ 76 ♠ K4
♥ AKQJ9 ♥ 87
♦ T87 ♦ A964
♣ K87 ♣ AQJT4

♠ A532
♥ 654
♦ KQ
♣ 9653

W	N	E	S
1♥	P	2♣	P
2♥*	P	2NT	P
3♣*	P	3NT	P
P	P		

- *2♥: May only be a five-card suit.
*2NT: Game Forcing still
*3♣: Delayed support, usually 3 cards.

With two weak Spades and three weak Diamonds, West doesn't want to declare No-Trumps.
If they bid 2♥ "waiting", they can see what partner wants to do.

Since 2♣ was Game Forcing, so is 2NT. And that allows West to show that they have some Club support, but not great Club support (since they didn't raise last time).

East has stoppers in both unbid suits, and bids 3NT.

You don't use the Non-Serious 3NT bid after a minor suit fit is found. This is an offer to play in 3NT.

The Play (3NT by East):

East has a fragile Spade holding, but since East is the Declarer, a Spade lead will still mean that there is one stopper.

Declarer has 11 top tricks once she gets the lead, and should not risk losing the lead.

If West was Declarer, then North could lead the ♠Q and defeat 3NT immediately.

3NT East makes 11 or 12 tricks.
3NT West makes 8 tricks.

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Convenor's Corner

Mini Monday Graduates Hit the Wednesday Matchpoint Pairs

One of the real joys today was seeing **two of our Mini Monday players** step confidently into the **Wednesday Matchpoint Pairs**. They only joined us this week, with just a hint of a masterpoint between them, but they decided to take the plunge into a bigger field – and not just any field, a competitive one.

And you know what? If they'd entered Restricted, they would have finished second. Instead, they chose the big pool... and still held their own beautifully coming 17/29

They're members of Randwick, new to bridge but absolutely passionate about it. They spent a good while chatting with Paul Lavings and browsing his wares – the full congress experience. And in a fun twist of fate, Samantha and I actually went to university together!

Seeing them here today felt like a big win for Mini Monday.



Samantha Coates, uni friend of convenor Shannon Queree, with Andrew Coates.

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More Convenor's Corner

TBIB \$50 Bridge Credit
Lucky Door Winner
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Marjorie Askew

Open Team MP Winners
Lucy D'Ambrosio



Holly Li-Johnston & Gordon Travers were second in Monday's Under 300 Pairs. They left before the announcement and only found out when they walked past the trophy table!

The Open Team Field Has 576,459.21 MP Between Them!!!

Pauline Gumby and Warren Lazer are number 1 and number 2 Masterpoint holders and have 30,000+ between them. Bruce Neill is the 9th highest Masterpoint earner of all time. Their team, WAMPED, has 48,211 Masterpoints.

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ABF Webmaster – Pauline Gumby



Pauline Gumby

Pauline Gumby is a fantastic player. She has more Masterpoints than anyone else in Australia. Every couple of years, the ABF need to invent a new Masterpoint category since she keeps beating records. She was the first Emerald Grand Master, and is the first and only Diamond Grand Master.

She is also behind the scenes of the ABF website. She keeps the site sleek and clean and up-to-date.

She also designed the results pages on which the Spring Nationals scores are being posted.



TBIB Open Teams

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Swiss Swiss Nationals Swiss Teams Results Round 7

[Click on number to view the match result](#)
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Place	Team	Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	B/Fwd	Score	Total
1	15	KAPLAN	6	0	1	109	83.91	18.21	102.12
2	17	HOFFMAN	6	0	1	85	84.17	13.12	97.29
3	6	WATKINS	6	0	1	68	74.79	17.87	92.66
4	4	WAMPED	6	0	1	63	84.77	6.88	91.65
5	5	KOZAKOS	5	0	2	36	66.87	16.23	83.10
6	39	GIDLEY-BAIRD	4	0	3	37	72.59	9.56	82.15
7	1	YOSHKA	5	0	2	30	67.04	14.68	81.72
8	13	OZENIR	4	0	3	47	70.59	10.44	81.03

The site is easy to use, and you can find results and hands by clicking on a variety of links.

You can find your Team's history, and clicking on the round number shows you the scores from that match.

You can click on a Board number to see what everyone else did on the same Board.

There is so much information available and it is easy to access. Having played bridge in a few countries around the world, I firmly believe that this is the best scoring display in the world!

If you haven't found the

replay and analyse

link yet, it loads the hand into an external tool that lets you select the contract and click through to see the best Double Dummy play.

Thanks Pauline!

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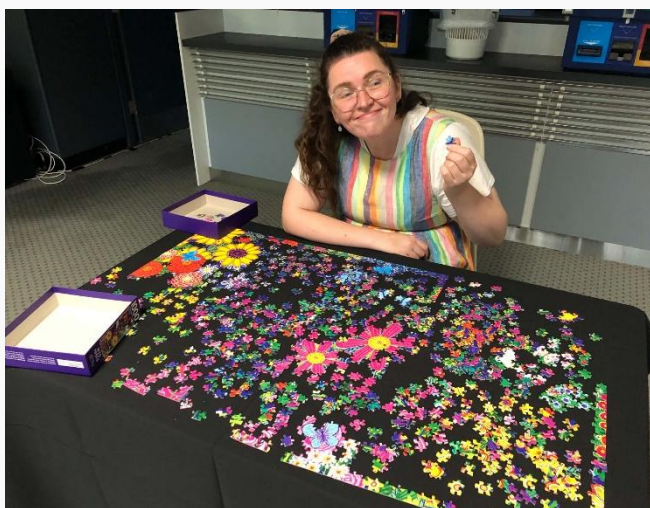
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Alison Dawson won the Trivia on Tuesday and now owns Bridge Socks!



Shannon went out to dinner with some of the directors who were all eating their noodles with chopsticks... When in Rome



Ella Jacob likes jigsaw puzzles, and has provided some great IT support



Jess Brake has provided some photos for the Bulletin

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You have **214** points · 5th ·  King
286 to Ace

1	Alex M		1240
2	Priya S		1015
3	Tom H		640
4	Jenny W		512
5	Sam K (you)		214
6	Marco D		131
7	Helen F		96
8	Liz P		58
9	Andrew G		27
10	Noor A		12

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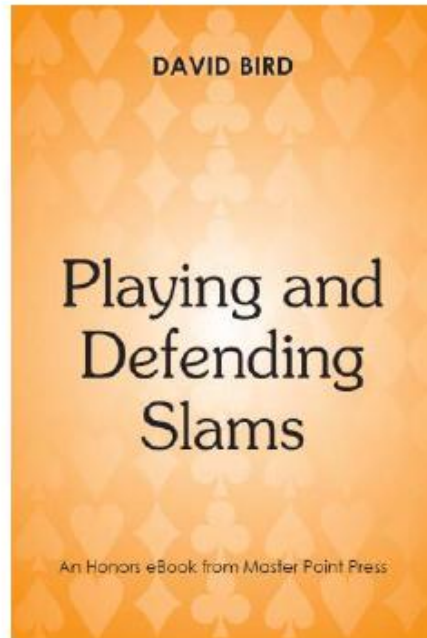
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TEAMS EVENTS

TBIB OPENTEAMS

STEPBRIDGE UNDER LIFE MASTER TEAMS

STEPBRIDGE UNDER GRAND MASTER TEAMS

Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th April

(attendance at both days compulsory)

8 x 14 board matches

TBIB OPENTEAMS Final

Friday 30th April

PAIRS EVENTS

DAVID LUSK ROOKIE PAIRS (Under 35 MPs)

Friday 30th April (only)

6 x 8 board matches

ONE DAY RESTRICTED BUTLER SWISS PAIRS

Novice (Under 100 MPs), Under Life Master, Under Grand Master

Friday 30th April (only)

6 x 8 board matches

AUSTRALIAN BLUE RIBBON OPEN PAIRS

Friday 30th April (Qualifying), Saturday 1st May (Semi Final) and

Sunday 2nd May (Final)

BLUE RIBBON UNDER LIFE MASTER PAIRS

BLUE RIBBON UNDER GRAND MASTER PAIRS

Saturday 1st May (Qualifying) and Sunday 2nd May (Final)

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