

VICTORIA TRIUMPHS IN TWO CATEGORIES

A hearty congratulations to all participants in the Interstate competition—played with great bonhomie and friendship.

Victoria can be especially proud of its Open and Youth team.

Victoria wins Youth Interstate



Max Henbest, Pascale Gardiner and Michael Whibley

The Youth Team was locked into the Final long before the end of the triple round robin, and they defeated ACT by 196—89 IMPs.

Victoria wins Open Interstate

The Open Team took on ACT, who had dominated both round robins. The ACT lost their carry forward in the first stanza of 10 boards, and it was a downhill battle from there, with one particularly nasty stanza posting a 2-82 IMP scoreline in favour of Victoria. The final results was 196 –89 IMPs.

New South Wales wins Women's Interstate

The Women's Interstate was a closer affair. Going into the last match of the double round robin, it looked like the finalists would be Queensland and

SATURDAY'S TIMETABLE

10:00am

Open & Women's Butler Stage I

2:00pm

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10:00am

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New South Wales Women's Team

New South Wales, but Western Australia trounced Queensland in that round to move into finalist position with New South Wales. In the final, New South Wales took an early lead, and the final scoreline was 186—143 IMPs.

South Australia wins Open Interstate

Going into the last match of the double round robin, South Australia played New South Wales, and the result was a 7 IMP win to South Australia. These two teams were then to battle it out in the final. South Australia took a healthy lead, which New South Wales made inroads into, but in the end South Australia prevailed by 150—136 IMPs, the closest of the finals.

FINAL RESULTS 2011 INTERSTATE COMPETITION

Teams Final Open

Team	C/F	Set 1	Total	Set 2	Total	Set 3	Total	Set 4	Total	Set 5	Total	Set 6	Total
ACT	12	12	24	5	29	2	31	40	71	18	89	Conceded	
VIC		41	41	13	54	81	135	20	155	41	196		

Team members

ACT Mark Abraham - Griff Ware - Hashmat Ali - Richard Hills - Richard Brightling - David Hoffman

VIC Jamie Ebery - Leigh Gold - Bill Jacobs - Ben Thompson - Simon Hinge - Peter Hollands

Teams Final Women's

Team	C/F	Set 1	Total	Set 2	Total	Set 3	Total	Set 4	Total	Set 5	Total	Set 6	Total
NSW	1	45	46	20	66	21	87	38	125	34	159	27	186
WA		9	9	27	36	33	69	34	103	10	113	30	143

Team members

NSW Helen Lowry - Berenice Folkard - Lorna Ichilcik - Lynn Kalmin - Judy Mott - Giselle Mundell

WA Lauren Shiels - Annabel Booth - Leone Fuller - Val Biltoft - Joan Touyz - Viv Wood

Teams Final Seniors'

Team	C/F	Set 1	Total	Set 2	Total	Set 3	Total	Set 4	Total	Set 5	Total	Set 6	Total
SA	5	34	39	42	81	9	90	30	120	10	130	20	150
NSW		23	23	30	53	18	71	40	111	22	133	3	136

Team members

SA John Zollo - Roger Januszke - David Parrott - Russel Harms - David Lusk - Peter Chan

NSW Nicky Strasser - George Bilski - Paul Lavings - Marlene Watts - Bob Richman - Andrew Reiner

Teams Final Youth

Team	C/F	Set 1	Total	Set 2	Total	Set 3	Total	Set 4	Total
VIC	29	36	65	28	93	38	131	45	176
ACT		15	15	22	37	45	82	1	83

Team members

VIC Liam Milne - Michael Whibley - Justin Howard - Max Henbest - Jamie Thompson - Pascale Gardiner

ACT James Higgins - Sebastian Yuen - Stephen Williams - Laura Ginnan - John Yoon - Qiao Zhou

BOB STILES—A PROFILE

Bob Stiles was one of our sponsors for the congress events this week. He also provided the pens that were given out to players.

Bob is an energetic bridge player who has been a member of Moonee Valley Bridge Club for more than five years. Bob started with Jenny Date's classes at Ascot Vale, before the club moved to its current premises in Moonee Valley. He now plays at both Moonee Valley and the VBA.

Bob has a very colourful background, being the eldest of nine children. He himself has six children.

Bob runs the Metro Sewing Centre in Melbourne, which employees 23 people in his six shops, and he been in this business for 13 years. Metro Sewing Centre is the biggest sewing machine dealer in Australasia. Bob was the sewing machine buyer at Myer Grace Bros. from 1987 to 1997.

Bob is also a very good tennis player, and has played for more than 40 years. He was the Treasurer of the South Camberwell Tennis club for five years, and he only recently stopped playing there to concentrate on his business. Bob still plays tennis twice a week.

An couple of interesting facts about Bob is that Robert Hoddle, the founding Surveyor General of Melbourne, is his great grandfather, and Bob is also a 53-year member of the Melbourne Cricket club. The ANC committee very much appreciate Bob's support for our congress.



Jamie Ebery & Peter Hollands, members of the victorious Open Team

2011 VICTORY DINNER

As I prepare this bulletin, no doubt the dine and dance is still raging at the Powerhouse Function Centre.

The venue looked festive, with large candelabras at each table, superb pre-dinner finger food, and an attentive staff catering to the players' whims.

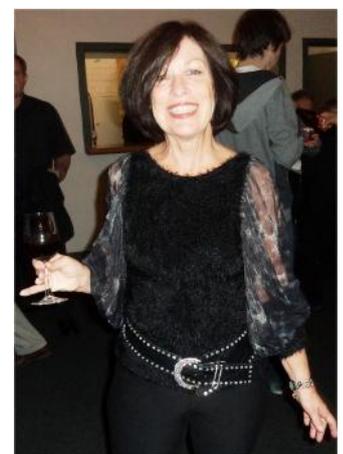
A good band, good food and great company added up to a memorable occasion.

Each captain introduced their team, and when Ben Thompson had finished introducing his victorious Open Team, he paid homage to Dr Ian McCance, non-playing captain of the team. Ian couldn't be there for the occasion, but Ben thanked him for his contribution to Victorian bridge over seven decades!

Ian's parents, Dorothy and Norman, won the first Interstate in 1933, and the family name is synonymous with bridge in Victoria.



David Hoffman & Richard Brightling, runners up in the Open, but winners of the Steve Hurley Trophy



Paula McLeish, enjoying the occasion as usual

STANZA OF THE DAY

SA v NSW						NSW v SA						SA	NSW
N: Januszke			E: Richman			N: Lavings			E: Chan			IMPs	IMPs
S: Zollo			W: Reiner			S: Watts			W: Lusk				
Bd #	Cont	Dec	Lead	NS +	EW +	Bd #	Cont	Dec	Lead	NS +	EW +		
1	3 ♣	N	♣7		100	1	3NT	S	♦J	400			11
2	5 ♥	N	♦7		100	2	4 ♥	N	♠7	650			13
3	4 ♠ X	N	♥10		500	3	5 ♥	W	♠K		650	4	
4	3NT	W	♣7		600	4	3NT	W	♦3		600	---	---
5	3NT	S	♦7		100	5	3NT	S	♦7		100	---	---
6	3NT	E	♠6		600	6	4 ♣	E	♠6		130		10
7	4 ♠	E	♠4	100		7	3 ♠	E	♣J		140	6	
8	4 ♥	E	♠K	100		8	4 ♠ X	S	♥4		800	14	
9	3 ♠	E	♦A		140	9	4 ♠	E	♣A	100			6
10	1NT	E	♠2	100		10	3 ♥	E	♣A		140	6	
												30	40
												90	71
												120	111

For Boards 31-40 of the Final, I sat behind Bob Richman, playing with Andrew Reiner for the New South Wales Seniors'. His screenmate was Roger Januszke, while on the other side of the screen was John Zollo. Zollo and Januszke are longtime South Australian players. The stanza started with Board 6:

Board 6, East deals, EW vul

	♠ A 10 7 3		
	♥ Q J 6 2		
	♦ K 10 6		
	♣ 8 6		
♠ 2		♠ K Q 4	
♥ K 10 9 4		♥ A 8 7	
♦ 9 8 5 4 2		♦ J	
♣ J 10 7		♣ A Q 9 4 3 2	
	♠ J 9 8 6 5		
	♥ 5 3		
	♦ A Q 7 3		
	♣ K 5		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Reiner	Januszke	Richman	Zollo
		1♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

I was surprised, to say the least, when Richman opened 1♦. Maybe they've switched to Precision with a short diamond, I thought, but why didn't Richman open 1♣, then?

Zollo led a spade, Januszke won ♠A and continued a spade, taken by Richman with ♠K. He crossed to ♥K and ran ♣J. Nobody smelled a rat; Zollo was waiting for Richman's diamonds to be developed—he won ♣K and played a third spade, whereupon Richman claimed nine tricks.

Yes, this was the Seniors, and Richman thought he had opened 1♣!

Richman played the next four boards—some with more success than others. Holding ♠AKJ82, ♥Q1085, ♦87, ♣A5 he opened 1♠ in fourth seat only to hear the auction proceed:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Reiner	Januszke	Richman	Zollo
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♦
2♠	Dbf	Pass	3♦
3♠	Pass	?	

Richman went on to 4s, and Reiner put down a disappointing ♠Q976, ♥63, ♦K9, ♣109762. -100 and 6 IMPs to South Australia

Board 8, West deals, nil vul

	♠ 53		
	♥ QJ1063		
	♦ 852		
	♣ Q87		
♠ QJ8		♠ 1042	
♥ 4		♥ AK98752	
♦ Q10973		♦ AKJ	
♣ K932		♣ —	
	♠ AK976		
	♥ —		
	♦ 64		
	♣ AJ10654		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Reiner	Januszke	Richman	Zollo
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
INT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

4♥ was two down on the ugly trump break. In the other room, East opened 4♥ in third seat, which jockeyed Watts, South, into 4♠. She didn't run to her longer suit when this was doubled (5♣ would have been one down), and the results was four down, -800, and 14 IMPs to South Australia.

Richman was more cautious on the next hand:

Board 9, North deals, EW vul

	♠ KQ4		
	♥ 96		
	♦ 983		
	♣ J8653		
♠ 975		♠ A10862	
♥ Q42		♥ AKJ75	
♦ K42		♦ 7	
♣ KQ107		♣ 94	
	♠ J3		
	♥ 1083		
	♦ AQJ1065		
	♣ A2		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Reiner	Januszke	Richman	Zollo
2♣	Pass	1♠	2♦
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
	All Pass		

With trumps breaking and no surprises, this was easy. I respect Reiner's judgment in not advancing to game, despite his maximum and 'help' in hearts. It was Richman—Reiner's turn to gain 6 IMPs for staying out of the spade game on this occasion!

On the next deal, opening INT with a five-card major was not a success:

Board 10, East deals, all vul

	♠ K953		
	♥ 2		
	♦ K1062		
	♣ J987		
♠ AJ		♠ 874	
♥ J1053		♥ AQ764	
♦ 874		♦ AJ	
♣ 6432		♣ KQ10	
	♠ Q1062		
	♥ K98		
	♦ Q953		
	♣ A5		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Reiner	Januszke	Richman	Zollo
		INT	All Pass

The West hand was not the dummy Richman was hoping for on a spade opening lead. He won ♠A at trick one and ran ♥J. South won ♥K and the defence cashed out its spades ending in the North hand, as Richman discarded two low clubs from the table and ♣10 from hand. Januszke switched accurately to a low diamond, so Richman was one down, with nine tricks available in hearts, 6 IMPs to South Australia.

Things actually started getting better for Richman—Reiner once Richman stopped declaring.

On Board 1, Januszke was in an inferior 3c, in a 4-3 fit, with the clubs breaking 5-1. An accurate defence shot this a trick for 11 IMPs, when 3NT made in the other room.

13 more IMPs for New South Wales on Board 2, thanks to a thoughtful defence by Andrew Reiner:



New South Wales Seniors' Team, runners up

Board 2, East deals, NS vul

MAX IT

♠ 8	♥ A K Q J 9 7 3	♦ 5	♣ K Q 6 4
♠ Q J 6	♥ 8 4	♦ A J 9 3 2	♣ J 10 2
♠ 10 7 5 2	♥ 5 2	♦ Q 10 7	♣ A 9 8 7
♠ A K 9 4 3	♥ 10 6	♦ K 8 6 4	♣ 5 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Reiner	Januszke	Richman	Zollo
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	5♣
		All Pass	

Januszke thought he would probably be safe at the five-level (maybe he would have been if South had had an opening hand). Richman led ♦7, and Januszke flew ♦K, trying to tempt Reiner to continue diamonds. But Reiner thought for a good two minutes before making the winning switch to a trump. With no club ruff available, the contract was one down for 13 IMPs to New South Wales, in a set where New South Wales clawed back 10 IMPs and had South Australia worried.

Many thanks to Tim Blizard, sponsor of the Max IT Open and Restricted Swiss Pairs, held on Thursday.

In a photo-finish, Sathi Moses—Robert Prince were the lucky recipients of the flash drives supplied as prizes by Max IT. Alfred Branicki –George Pick were second, with Julie Rose—Hedy Cohen third.



The helpful Powerhouse café staff, always on hand to make great coffee

MAX I T Open and Restricted Swiss Pairs: Result For Round 6

Rank	Pair	Name	BForward	Round result	Total	Masterpts
1	13	Alfred BRANICKI & George PICK	93.0	19.0	112.0	1.08
2	8	Sathi MOSES & Robert PRINCE	93.0	19.0	112.0	1.35
3	18	Julie ROSE & Hedy COHEN	93.0	16.0	109.0	1.35
4	7	Geoff WHITING & Sally MURRAY-WHITE	96.0	11.0	107.0	1.08
5	24	Frances ENGELMAN & Matti SHUB	86.0	19.0	105.0	0.95
6	19	Herman LOUIE & Christine LOUIE	88.0	14.0	102.0	0.81
7	4	Meredith LAMBERT & Lorraine PARKER	80.0	21.0	101.0	1.08
8	17	Michael CHRAPOT & Vivienne GOLDBERG	86.0	11.0	97.0	1.08
9	16	Ian WEBB & Adrienne MCGREGOR	85.0	11.0	96.0	1.08
10	2	Jean HALL & Franci HALMOS	71.0	24.0	95.0	0.55
11	1	Alister MURRAY & Helen STEWART	70.0	24.0	94.0	0.81
12	3	David FLYNN & Jill PERCIL	74.0	16.0	90.0	1.22
13	12	Susie HAWKINS & Marilyn OHLSON	74.0	14.0	88.0	0.54
14	5	Paulina BAKER & Lilli ALLGOOD	67.0	19.0	86.0	0.81
14	20	Richard GRENSIDE & Sue GRENSIDE	77.0	9.0	86.0	0.95
16	11	Dubravka ZEC & Barbara HANSEN	68.0	17.0	85.0	0.95
17	14	Christina MACQUARRIE & Steven WHITE	69.0	11.0	80.0	0.54
18	23	Carmy KARLINER & Charna GREENE	71.0	6.0	77.0	0.54
19	9	Mary BERTUNA & Clive HOPE	69.0	6.0	75.0	0.54
20	21	Margaret DELANEY & Ian WRIGHT	62.0	13.0	75.0	0.54
21	22	Sue SMALL & Flossie AIZEN	57.0	17.0	74.0	0.68
22	6	John ADAMS & Andrew SLUTZKIN	59.0	13.0	72.0	0.27
23	10	Jenny HOMER & Sandra COOMES	54.0	15.0	69.0	0.55
24	15	Gwenda MEALYEA & Cecile SENIOR	48.0	15.0	63.0	0.14



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40th CANBERRA Summer Festival OF BRIDGE



18th to 29st January 2012

We're turning 40! Our 40th birthday should be one of the best Summer Festivals yet! We always listen to our players and here are some of the changes to be implemented in January 2012.

- South West Pacific Teams becomes a 4 day event – 12 x 20-board matches
- National Swiss Pairs all in the one playing area – the Ballroom at Rydges
- **New** Restricted Swiss Pairs
- The Blue Ribbon Match-point Pairs **Returns In a 3-Stage Format**
- National Open Teams now all 64-board matches
- Celebrity lectures during both weeks teams' events.

Let's look at the changes in more detail

- **South West Pacific Teams**
This event has been reduced to 4 days leaving three days for the Blue Ribbon Pairs, the Mixed Teams, the Flighted Swiss Pairs and the National Open Teams (the teams finals) to all finish on Sunday.
- **National Open Swiss Pairs**
In 2011 this event was expanded to 2 days. This was enthusiastically accepted by the players but the event was split between two playing areas. In 2012 all players will be in the one playing area – the Ballroom on the 1st floor at Rydges Lakeside.
- **NEW Restricted Swiss Pairs**
Many of the restricted players wanted to play in the Swiss Pairs but as it was an open field many found it intimidating. In 2012 a Restricted Swiss Pairs will be contested at the same time as the Open Swiss Pairs. Players in this event must have less than 500 MPs.
- **Blue Ribbon Pairs**
The Summer Festival of Bridge has not had a great match-point pairs event since the heyday of Blue Ribbon Pairs. It was a hugely popular event and will return in 2012 with a new improved format – 3 Stages – Qualifying, Semi-Finals & Finals.
There will be a separate entry for the qualifying stage and the Semi-Final/Final Stage. If you only wish to play one day you can enter the qualifying and not continue into the weekend.
- **The National Open Teams**
This event (the finals of the South West Pacific Teams) will be 8 teams with no night play, and all matches will be 64 boards. The Final will finish on Sunday.
- **Celebrity Lectures**
Players during the teams events in both weeks of the Summer Festival will have the opportunity to attend lectures delivered by some of Australia's great players and teachers. Details will be available on the ABF website closer to the event.

For full details visit www.summerfestivalofbridge.com

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