

BULLETIN 1

Saturday 11th January, 2014

<u>Session Times</u>	<u>Today</u>
Pairs Qualifying Session 1	1:30pm
Youth Awards Ceremony	6:00pm
DINNER	6:10pm
Pairs Qualifying Session 2	7:30pm
Speedball	10:35pm

<u>Session Times</u>	<u>Tomorrow</u>
BREAKFAST	9:15am
Pairs Final/Consolation S1	10:30am
LUNCH	1:15pm
Pairs Final/Consolation S2	2:00pm
Pairs Prize Giving	5:40pm
DINNER	6:30pm
Goulash (Teams) Tournament	7:40pm



Australian Youth Bridge Championships

<u>Extra Food!</u>	<u>Time</u>
Daily Morning Tea	~10:30am
Daily Afternoon Tea	~3:30pm
Daily Supper	~8:30pm

G'day Everyone!

Welcome to the Australian Youth Bridge Week for 2014. In particular, welcome to our new players and the MASSIVE group from New Zealand. Good luck and have an awesome time!

This year features a new venue, the Warrambui Conference Centre. Facilities provided in this venue include basketball, beach volleyball, and an archery range! We also have a new record high of about 78(!) participants (17 of whom are from New Zealand with 9 kiddies from Melbourne!).

Yes, it is also to my regret to say that Griff has stepped down as convenor of the Youth Week. He has still been helping out tremendously in the background and he will try his best to visit us later in the week!

The main aim of Youth Week is to bring younger bridge players together so that they can meet, play against each other, learn and have fun. There will be a Speedball Pairs, Crazy Pairs, and a Goulash Tournament played during the week, along with the AUS Youth Pairs/Teams, events that have been contested since 1969.

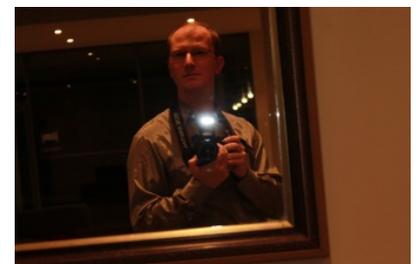
Towards the end of the week, we will also hold the selection event for the 2014 Australian Junior (U25) Team who will represent Australia at the Junior APBF Championships in Jinhua, China, as well as the World Junior Teams Championships in Istanbul, Turkey.

Some of the changes for this year:

- ◆ No Griff.
- ◆ New VP scale. Thanks to the WBF.
- ◆ No Griff.
- ◆ Extra meals provided – Morning Tea, Afternoon Tea, and Supper!
- ◆ An archery session (or two)!
- ◆ No Griff.
- ◆ Cliff Wake will be played as B-A-M! (Board a Match)
- ◆ Jessie De Garis, George Evans, Tomer Libman, Angus Gray, Jessica Brake, Michael Gearing, David Gue, Alan Stoneham, Stephen Guo, Timothy Pilien, Patrick Chen, Ailsa Peacock, Daniel Hunt, Francesca and Gabrielle McGrath, Matthew Smith x 2 (WA and NZ), Tim Munro, Caitlin Holman, Rachel Price, Dominic Bell, Anthony Edwards (from the UK), Feitong Chen, Guykit Lang, Dominic and Grace Evans, Jen McGowan, Gray Renwick, James Coutts, Ivy, Oliver and Ned Anderson, Matthew Kirkland, Simon Smart, Heath Watkins. Welcome!
- ◆ No Griff.
- ◆ Lounge Room at Accommodation Block 3 is the room for staying up late.
- ◆ Lounge Room at Accommodation Block 2 is the room for Super Smash Bros 64 Knockouts.



Griff, in the distant background...



GLHF, Andy
(Good luck, have fun)

CONTEST!

Brought to you by Andy Hung and the Australian Youth Bridge Bulletin

Throughout youth week, you will play many bridge hands. You might play badly on some, but very awesomely on others! And we are interested in those awesome hands. Submit the hand (along with the auction and play, names of partner/opponents optional) to Andy, before the start of the last round (R18) of the Youth Butler (afternoon of 17th January 2014). Winners will be declared in the following categories:

Categories and Prizes	
Best declared hand of the week	\$20 Wish Gift Card*
Best beer carded hand of the week	\$20 Wish Gift Card*

*Wish Gift Card (**important**) participating stores: **Dan Murphy's, BWS, Cellarmasters, Woolworths, Big W, Dick Smith, Caltex-Woolworths, Thomas Dux, and Masters Home Improvement.**

Contest Rules:

- Multiple entries accepted.
- Entries close before the last round (R18) of the Youth Butler is started, with winners announced during the prize giving ceremony (after last round of Youth Butler).
- For beer card declarer related hands it cannot be in a diamond contract, nor a No-Trump contract where the diamond suit is the main source of tricks i.e. 8+ diamond card fit. Anything goes for a defensive beer card.

Suit Combination Quiz (For Ed).

How do you play this suit for five winners?

- ♣ AQ7642 (Dummy)
- ♣ 83 (Your hand)

Classic Rewind 2013

Finn's Coke Challenge

By Andy Hung

Here is a hand from the Consolation Butler where Finn Rennie played 2♠.

Dlr: N	Andy Hung ♠ AJ83	
Vul: EW	♥ 76	
	♦ AQ742	
	♣ K6	
	David Skipper ♠ K1074	Liam Robertson ♠ --
	♥ J109532	♥ AK84
	♦ J6	♦ 53
	♣ Q	♣ AJ108543
	♠ Q9652	
	♥ Q	
	♦ K1098	
	♣ 972	
	Finn Rennie	

David led the ♣Q to the King and Ace, and Liam continued with the ♣J as David discarded a Diamond. Liam now cashed the ♥A and switched to a low Diamond to the 8, J and Q. Finn then played the ♠J from dummy which held the trick. Realising he needed to play a Spade towards dummy, Finn now returned back to hand via a small Diamond to his 9 as David discarded a Heart. Finn led a low Spade to the ♠10 and K and this was now the position, having lost 3 tricks so far:

Dlr: N	Andy Hung ♠ 83	
Vul: EW	♥ 7	
	♦ A74	
	♣ --	
	David Skipper ♠ K7	Liam Robertson ♠ --
	♥ J1095	♥ K84
	♦ --	♦ --
	♣ --	♣ 1085
	♠ Q96	
	♥ --	
	♦ K10	
	♣ 9	
	Finn Rennie	

Finn now played the ♦4 to his ♦10 which saw David ruff with the ♠7.

At this point I said to Finn, "You up for a challenge, Finn?", he replied with a yes, and I proceeded to tell him to try and win the last trick with dummy's ♦7. He asked me why, and I told him, "Well, given that you're a little young I can offer you a free can of coke if you win the last trick with the ♦7". At this point he sat up promptly and muttered, "This is easy."

David now returned a Heart to see Finn ruff the trick with the ♠6, and he now exited with the ♠9 to David's King. This was now the three card ending:

Dir: N	Andy Hung	♠ 8	
Vul: EW		♥ --	
		♦ A7	
		♣ --	
	David Skipper		Liam Robertson
	♠ --	♠ --	
	♥ 1095	♥ 84	
	♦ --	♦ --	
	♣ --	♣ 10	
		♠ Q	
		♥ --	
		♦ K	
		♣ 9	
	Finn Rennie		

With no other suits to play, David played a Heart and Finn proudly called for the ♠8 and immediately overruffed with his own ♠Q. This allowed him to play the ♦K to overtake with the Ace, and with a smile on his face, he triumphantly called for the ♦7.

A beer coke well earned, and an entry towards the best beer coke-carded hand of the Youth Week. Well played Finny!



Finn enjoying his prize, courtesy of Andy

Suit Combination Quiz (For Ed).

How do you play this suit for 1 winner.

♥ Q743

♥ J652

Interview with Jen McGowan & Gray Renwick



Q: Name (and Nickname):
Jen McGowan (Jenguin).

Q: How long have you been playing bridge?
About 10 years.

Q: Favourite card in the deck, and why?
♠Q

Q: Any memorable bridge auctions?

1♠-6♠

Q: Favourite Starcraft 2 Unit

**Laughs* I don't play that, is that on the record? I played a campaign, the guy with the rocket*

Q: What do you do?

I'm training to be a conservation ranger.

Q: Lipton or Nestea?

Lipton PEACH!



Q: Name (and Nickname):
Gray Renwick (G-Ray).

Q: How long have you been playing bridge?
Too long.

Q: Favourite card in the deck, and why?
♦7 - The Beer Card

Q: Any memorable bridge auctions?

Being passed out in 2♣ (twice), once when the auction went 1NT-2♣, and the second being 2♣-Pass!

Q: Favourite Starcraft 2 Unit

No...not the reaper. Probably just the marine. Stim to win.

Q: What do you do?

Attempt to play bridge?
Keyboard warrior.

Q: Lipton or Nestea?

What !? Isn't Nestea a StarCraft player?

PAUL LAVINGS BRIDGE BOOKS



Paul Lavings is a frequent supporter of the Australian Youth Bridge scene and he generously donates bridge books as prizes for the Australian Youth Bridge Week. He has represented Australia in our Open Team many times, including his recent success in the winning team at the 2012 and 2013 Australian Open Team Playoffs, and the 2012 Autumn National Open Teams in Adelaide. He also owns a bridge book and supplies company, so make sure to visit his website at www.bridgegear.com and contact him if you are in any need of a bridge book or CD. (P.S. Paul offers a good price on bridge books for youth players so be sure to check his website out!)

A Little Humour from Eddie

by Paul Lavings, Sydney

There is a lot of humour at the bridge table, especially if you can laugh at yourself. A customer ordered my last copy of a second hand book "The Best of Eddie Kantar", and I started browsing through some of his stories. Eddie is a truly funny guy, and his zaniness attracts weird and wonderful situations. And of course he is a great story-teller.

Everyone knows how your options are limited after a 2NT opening, 20-22 balanced. Among the many methods devised is one where the response of 3NT is a transfer to 4♣, providing multiple extra meanings depending on responder's next bid. But is this not dangerous, considering the hundreds of times one has made an auto 3NT response to 2NT?

If you've ever read "Keycard Blackwood – The Untold Story" (Eddie invented Keycard back in the early 70's) you will know that memory strain is not a consideration in Eddie's approach.

So Eddie has agreed to play this 3NT transfer with Marshall Miles, and they are at day 8 of the US Nationals, and things are not going well. In fact they are taking a battering. For the first time in the event one of them has a 2NT opening.

Eddie is responder holding: ♠Q4 ♥76 ♦AJ107632 ♣54

Eddie thinks that slam is unlikely (Dealmaster Pro says slam is 51% opposite the constraints of 20-22 HCP and 2-4 cards in each suit), and decides the best score will be 3NT, so he bids 3NT. On the other side of the table Marshall, in an ethically-charged situation, has made a point of not looking at his partner, or observing the speed of the 3NT bid.

However, according to the rules, Marshall must alert the 3NT bid, which he does. Eddie gives absolutely nothing away during the alert and explanation. Lo and behold, Marshall declares, "It is supposed to show clubs, but I don't believe it. Pass!"

Eddie could almost jump across the table and kiss Marshall, for figuring out Eddie had forgotten his beloved convention. What a player!

As the play unfolds Eddie realises that 6♦ or 6NT is an easy make. Remember this is day eight and nerves are frazzled. "Marshall", beseeches Eddie "the least you can do is honour my transfer bids. What do you think - I don't know what I am doing?"

The hero of Eddie's next story is "Big" Jim Linhart (6'10"). Jim was South, in a side game at a US nationals:

S/N-S

♠AKJ
♥Q93
♦98743
♣K9

♠Q765
♥2
♦-
♣QJ876532

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠98432
♥K8765
♦AT
♣T

♠T
♥AJT4
♦KQJ652
♣A4
(Linhart)

				Jim
W	N	E	S	
-	-	-	1♦	
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥	¹ Huddle
4NT (!)	5♦	5♠	6♦	
6♣	Pass	Pass	7♦	
?!		Dbl (!)		

East was getting a little nervous when West started to huddle over 7♦. Not only did East double out of turn, but he placed his ace of diamonds on the table. The director ruled that West was barred from the bidding and ♦A was a penalty card, to be played at the first legal opportunity.

Big Jim couldn't see himself making 7♦ with ♦A staring him in the face, so he bid 7NT. A spade was led and in the excitement, declarer finessed. The ♥9 held the next trick, then ♥Q, and declarer finessed hearts again, and cashed the fourth heart. But East still followed suit.

Jim crossed to ♣K, and cashed the spades, but still East followed suit. Big Jim was getting desperate, his last chance was ♣A. He banged it down. East wanted to discard a heart, but Big Jim wrapped his arms around him and after a tug-of-war dislodged ♦A from his clutches. With that card out of action, Linhart picked up steam and made his 7NT contract.

One last Eddie story, again from a side-game at a US Nationals. Mrs Bea Petterson hears her RHO open 7♦, and she is gazing at ♠AKQ1032 ♥- ♦- ♣AKJ8542.

Bea bids 7♠, ending the auction. Dummy comes down with a singleton spade, a doubleton club, and assorted red garbage. Bea ruffs the lead, draws trumps successfully when jack doubleton appears, and claims the balance when ♣Q drops doubleton. Bea turns to her RHO and says, "May I please see what a 7♦ opening looks like?" "I opened 1♦", was the icy reply.

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The 2013 Australian U25 Team: Peter Hollands, Max Henbest, Justin Howard, Nathan Howard, Lauren Travis, Ellena Moskovsky



2013 Australian Youth Week



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All of our meals are in the Dining Room. Snacks of Morning Tea/Afternoon Tea/Supper will be put on the tables roughly around 10:30/12:30/15:30, respectively. Milk and cereal will be available up until play time.

<i>Main Events Schedule</i>	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
SAT 11th		Pairs QF1 (1:30pm)	Awards (6:00pm) Pairs QF2 (7:10pm) Speedball (10:35pm)
SUN 12th	Pairs Final (10:30am)	Pairs Final(1:30pm)	Goulash (9:30pm)
MON 13th	Teams (10:00am)	Teams (2:00pm) Archery (5:15pm)	Teams (7:30pm)
TUES 14th	Teams (10:00am)	Teams (2:00pm) Cliff Wake (5:15pm)	Butler Stage I and Side Butler (7:30pm) Crazy Pairs (10:30pm)
WED 15th	Butler Stage I and Side Butler (10:15am)	Butler Stage I and Side Butler(1:45pm) Archery (4:45pm)	Butler Stage I and Side tournament (7:00pm)
THURS 16th	Butler Stage I Side Butler(10:45am)	Butler Stage I Side Butler (2:15pm)	Butler Stage I Side Teams (7:00pm) Side Event(10:10pm)
FRI 17th	Butler Stage I and Side Teams (10:15am)	Butler Stage I and Side Teams (1:45pm)	BBQ! (6:00pm)
SAT 18th	Butler IIA (Times TBA) Test Match v NZ	Butler IIA (Times TBA) Test Match v NZ	Butler IIA (Times TBA) Test Match v NZ
SUN 19th	Butler IIB (Times TBA) Test Match v NZ	Butler IIB (Times TBA) Test Match v NZ	Butler IIB (Times TBA)

A note to all Under-25 Team Selection Butler participants. This year we are using the same format as last year whereby 1st place in Stage I of the Butler is selected for the Australian team and then 2nd through 5th continue to play on Saturday and Sunday to select a further two pairs. **However**, there will also be a test match against a New Zealand Team, held concurrently with Stage II of the Butler, on the Saturday and Sunday after Youth Week ends. The Australian team for the test match will be the pairs who place 1st and 6th (7th) in the Butler. Please be aware that all pairs who place 1st through 6th must be prepared to play on the final weekend.

Suit Combinations Answers

♣ AQ7642 (Dummy)

♣ 83 (Your hand)

ANSWER: Lead low from dummy! Then finesse with the Queen on the second round.

The idea here is to try and put pressure on your RHO. You must always lose one trick with this combination (even if the finesse works), so you might as well try to lose that trick immediately by leading a low one *from* dummy. If East has ♣Kx, he may err by rising with the King and we would lose one trick instead of two (which we would

have had if we took a first round finesse. Sometimes East might be nervous and even rise with the King with ♣Kxx!

♥ Q743

♥ J652

ANSWER: Duck one round completely.

If the suit breaks 3-2, then it doesn't matter what you do. If the suit breaks 4-1, to guard against a singleton honour, you should duck the first round completely. On the second round, remember to lead towards an honour (doesn't matter which).