

AUSSIE YOUTH BRIDGE BULLETIN

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VICTORIA CLAIMS VICTORY vs. Western Australia: Youth ANC



Victoria



Western Australia

Congratulations to (L to R) Peter Hollands, Ellena Moskovsky, Jamie (Guns) Thompson, Justin Howard, Peter Bolling, Grant Kilvington (npc), Ella Pattison, who won a convincing victory in the Finals (234–141 IMPs) against WA: (L to R) Thomas Peacock, Ailsa Peacock, Michael Bausor, Ron Cooper (npc), Rhys Cooper, Kirstyn Fuller, and Renee Cooper. You can read about it on p5.

ABF PRE-ALERTS!

For 2013			
DATES	EVENT	WHERE	
<u>AUG</u> 3 - <u>AUG</u> 11	<u>3rd World Youth Open Championships</u>	Atlanta (USA)	
<u>AUG</u> 19 - <u>AUG</u> 25	2013 Youth APBF	Wuhan, China	
<u>SEP</u> 16 - <u>SEP</u> 29	<u>41st World Bridge Championships</u>	Bali, Indonesia	
<u>OCT</u> 12 - <u>OCT</u> 13	U30s' Youth Congress	Adelaide	
<u>DEC</u> 6 - <u>DEC</u> 8	Australian Youth Triathlon	Melbourne	



VIC YOUTH TAKING IT OUT IN THE ANC BUTLER

Peter Hollands and Justin Howard have cashed it all in, winning the ANC Open Butler Pairs (best pairs event in Australia) after winning the ANC Youth Teams. Max Henbest



(bottom-left) came in 3rd (with Dave Wiltshire). These three boys are a part of the 2013 Australian Youth Team, competing in the upcoming tournaments in Atlanta USA, Wuhan China, and Bali Indonesia in the next two months.

Justin Howard has written an article on page 5 [here](#).

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THESE ARE SHORTCUT HYPERLINKS!

Email suggestions or articles to youthbridge.au@gmail.com

CHECKBACK (Results)

2013 VICTOR CHAMPION CUP (VCC)

06 JUN – 10 JUN, 2013 (Melbourne, Australia)

For more details, please visit the ABF VCC results website [here](#).

Open Teams	Place	Team
	2 ND (of 66)	Sartaj Hans, Michael Whibley, Justin Howard, Peter Hollands

2013 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

06 JUL – 18 JUL, 2013 (Adelaide, Australia)

For more details, please visit the ABF ANC website [here](#).

Youth Teams	Place	Team
	1 ST	VIC: Ella Pattison, Jamie Thompson, Peter Bolling, Ellena Moskovsky, Peter Hollands, Justin Howard
	2 ND	WA: Rhys Cooper, Michael Bausor, Tom Peacock, Renee Cooper, Kirstyn Fuller, Chris Cullen
	3 RD	SA: Samuel Schulz, David Gue, Shane Harrison, Jarrad Dunbar, Jessie De Garis, George Evans
	4 TH	ACT: Stephen Willams, Zachary Neulinger, Andrew Spooner, John Yoon, Daryl Whitfield, Zaiga Thomann
	5 TH	NSW: Ed Burrowes, James Ferguson, Stephen Guo, Alan Stoneham, Natasha Jacobs, Tomer Libman
	6 TH	QLD: Angus Gray, Russell Skennerton, Chris Larter, Jessica Brake, Anastasia Mulcahy, Andrew Gosney

Open Butler Pairs	Place	Pair
	1 ST	Justin Howard – Peter Hollands
	3 RD	Maxim Henbest – Dave Wiltshire

MEANWHILE AROUND THE GLOBE...



6TH EUROPEAN OPEN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ostend, Belgium 15 – 29 June 2013. For tournament website, click [here](#)

OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1ST** Piotr Gawrys, Krzysztof Jassem, Pawel Jassem, Marcin Mazurkiewicz, Piotr Tuszynski, Jakub Wojcieszek
- 2ND** Mario D'Avossa, Benito Garozzo, Riccardo Intonti, Massimo Lanzarotti, Andrea Manno, Romain Zaleski
- 3RD** Alon Birman, Ilan Herbst, Ophir Herbst, Dror Padon, Alexander Smirnov, Josef Piekarek

MEANWHILE AROUND THE GLOBE...



24TH EUROPEAN YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wroclaw, Poland 11 – 20 July 2013, *For tournament website, click [here](#)*

JUNIORS U25 TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

- | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| 1ST | 
FRANCE | Julien Bernard, Fabrice Charignon, Thibault Coudert, Alexandre Kilani, Clement Laloubeyre, Cedric Lorenzini |
| 2ND | 
POLAND | Maciej Bielawski, Pawel Jassem, Michal Klukowski, Slawomir Niajko, Piotr Tuczynski, Jakub Wojcieszek |
| 3RD | 
ISRAEL | Lotan Fisher, Gal Gerstner, Itamar Ginossar, Moshe Meyouhas, Dror Padon, Adam Reiter |

YOUNGSTERS U20 TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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|-----------------------|--|--|
| 1ST | 
SWEDEN | Mikael Gronkvist, Mikael Rimstedt, Ola Rimstedt, Johan Safsten, Adam Stokka |
| 2ND | 
ISRAEL | Ezion Amir, Adi Asulin, Hila Levy, Oren Toledano, Lior Urman, Ami Zamir |
| 3RD | 
NETHERLANDS | Pim Coppens, Bob Donkersloot, Tom van Overbeeke, Tobias Polak, Michel Schols, Ricardo Westerbeek |

GIRLS U25 TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

- | | | |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| 1ST | 
FRANCE | Jessie Carbonneaux, Anais Leleu, Jenifer Mourgues, Anne Rouanet-labe, Anne-Laure Tartarin, Aurelie Thizy |
| 2ND | 
NETHERLANDS | Natalia Banas, Doris van Delft, Lotte Leufkens, Judith Nab, Emma de Ruiter, Magdalena Ticha |
| 3RD | 
ITALY | Giorgia Botta, Caterina Burgio, Federica Butto, Margherita Chavarria, Margherita Costa, Michela Salvato |

24TH EUROPEAN YOUTH BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS – WROCLAW, POLAND 2013 (VIDEO)



Video made by Politechnika Wroclawska. The video consists of interviews of European youth players as well as tournament directors about the game.

Clicking [here](#) or the picture on the left will redirect you to YouTube.

SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Australian youth players born on or after 1 January 1988 intending to play in the New Zealand National Congress (28 September to 5 October 2013) are asked to make themselves known to David Thompson (dave@amontay.com) with a view of forming a team to play a 72-board match against the New Zealand Youth Team at the end of the congress at the same time as the New Zealand Teams Final.

Similar to the ABF, NZ Bridge offers a 50% discount on entry fees to all youth players for the congress events together with complimentary entry to the victory dinner.

A modest per diem, still to be determined, will be offered in respect of the two day period over which the match will be played.

Further details about the New Zealand National Congress are available from <http://www.nzbridgecongress.co.nz>.

Dave Thompson, National Youth Coordinator.

BETTY'S STORY



Betty, aged 81, teaches bridge to young indigenous people in prison.

What if learning to play bridge could change your life?

You can find more information about it [here](#).

You can also keep updated via Facebook by friending [People Who Play Bridge](#)

You can also view the ABF article [here](#).



THE SECRET TO BEING A BBO VUGRAPH OPERATOR

Brent Manley reports: *“If you have ever seen a Bridge Base Online VuGraph operator at work, you may have wondered how they keep up with the bidding and the play – especially the play. Now imagine being the BBO VuGraph operator for two tables – at the same time!”*

My secret? Starcraft 2 macro. To read Brent's article, click [here](#).

THE AUSSIE (YOUTH) NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY JUSTIN HOWARD, MELBOURNE

The 2013 Australian National Championships (ANC) is one of the longest events on the calendar for many players. The event goes for 13 days, and on most of those days 60 hands of bridge are played. The event is split up into two different events, the first event being the Interstate Championships, where each state plays off against each other with 14 rounds of 20 board matches followed by a 60 board final. The second event is the longest pairs event in the Australian calendar, with 120 boards to qualify the top 20 pairs to a round robin of 12 board matches (228 board final). It is truly a gruelling event.

There are four separate categories for the Interstate Championships – Open, Womens, Seniors and Youth. Here is a quick recap of how all the events finished up:

OPEN FINAL	South Australia 2 defeated New South Wales	187 – 131 IMPs
<i>(South Australia was allowed a second team as Northern Territory did not field a team and they wanted an even number for the movement)</i>		
WOMEN'S FINAL	Western Australia defeated South Australia 2	175 – 105 IMPs
SENIORS' FINAL	Queensland defeated South Australia	106 – 94 IMPs
YOUTH FINAL	Victoria defeated Western Australia	234 – 141 IMPs

Congratulations to all teams!

The division that I will be focusing on is the youth. The youth field at this year's championships was a very different field to previous years, with 16 first time competitors in the event. The youth has a very different approach to most of the other fields, with the main focus being making sure that every player has a really good week and enjoys themselves. The Victorians got up to their usual antics with a nightly party being held at their house where anybody was welcome. This is maybe not the best way to ensure you are in the best playing condition for the next day but it does mean that everyone has somewhere to go and everyone is always welcome and can meet and socialise with all the players.

The interstate event had 5 days of qualifying, by the end of which the standings were:

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Imps	VPS	Placing
WA	7	-31	72	10	39	53	49	-20	18	13	20	57	11	75	0	373	743.5	1
VIC	58	81	-72	17	12	141	12	64	-18	9	-23	97	61	49	0	488	726.7	2
SA	81	31	40	-18	-12	-18	-46	-48	65	-9	23	56	-11	-8	-22	104	545.2	3
ACT	-7	-81	90	18	-16	-53	-12	48	17	36	-4	-97	-2	-75	22	-116	499.1	4
NSW	-58	-11	-40	-10	16	18	-2	-64	-17	-13	4	-57	-61	8	-1	-288	351	5
QLD	-81	11	-90	-17	-39	-141	8	20	-65	-36	-20	-56	2	-49	1	-552	265.5	6

Congrats to Rhys Cooper and Michael Bausor for topping the datums in the Qualifying.

WA	Michael Bausor, Renee Cooper, Rhys Cooper, Kirstyn Fuller, Ailsa Peacock, Thomas Peacock
VIC	Peter Holling, Peter Hollands, Justin Howard, Ellena Moskovsky, Ella Pattison, Jamie Thompson
SA	Jessie De Garis, Jarrad Dunbar, George Evans, David Gue, Shane Harrison, Samuel Schulz
ACT	Zachary Neulinger, Andrew Spooner, Zaiga Thomann, Daryl Whitfield, Stephen Williams, John Yoon
NSW	Edward Burrowes, James Ferguson, Stephen Guo, Natasha Jacobs, Tomer Libman, Alan Stoneham
QLD	Jessica Brake, Andrew Gosney, Angus Gray, Chris Larter, Anastasia Mulcahy, Russel Skennerton



This left the finals to be contested by Western Australia and Victoria. Representing Western Australia were Rhys Cooper, Renee Cooper, Michael Bausor, Kirstyn Fuller, Thomas Peacock and Alisa Peacock.

Representing Victoria were Peter Hollands, Peter Bolling, Ellena Moskovsky, Ella Pattison, Justin Howard and Jamie Thompson.



This was set to be a very good contest. With Western Australia beating Victoria both times during the qualifying, and with the voodoo of the team who won the round robin not losing the final since 2001, the pressure was on the Western Australian Team. The finals started off with a rather swingy night of bridge where there were five slam swings in just 20 boards. Here is the one of the five, on which Victoria gained.

Youth Finals Set 1, Brd 7 South/All	♠ 3 2 ♥ A 8 5 4 3 ♦ 5 4 2 ♣ K T 3	♠ J 8 7 5 ♥ K Q T 9 6 ♦ - - - ♣ 7 5 4 2									
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W		E									
	S										
	♠ A 9 4 ♥ 2 ♦ A K Q J 9 8 7 ♣ A 8										

	Justin		Peter	
	W	N	E	S
	-	-	-	1♦
	Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT
	Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
	Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
	Pass	5♣	Pass	5♠
	Pass	6♦	All Pass	

- 1♥ = Natural
- 3♣ = Asking
- 4♦ = Sets diamonds
- 5♣ = Cuebid
- 6♦ = Nothing Extra
- 1♦ = Natural or 18-19 Bal
- 2NT = 6+♦ 18+
- 3NT = Singleton heart
- 4♠ = Cuebid
- 5♠ = Grand Ask

+1370. One round of trumps drawn, and when they were 3-0 a spade was ducked and then a spade was trumped and 12 tricks claimed. This left the score at the end of the first 20 boards at 65 to WA and 52 to VIC.



The match opened up a little bit in the third segment of the final, with VIC winning the set by 47, and then from there it was clear sailing for the Victorians, who claimed the match by 93 IMPs in the end. It was a seriously enjoyable first week and at the end of the match it was nice to have a fair few of the Western Australians back to enjoy a drink before the victory dinner.

The ANC Youth Championships is one of the best events on the calendar for a youth player and it was good to see so many new faces and hopefully that will continue.

The second week of the event was the "serious bridge": the Australian Open Butler. With one of the strongest fields there has been at a national for a fair while, it was bound to be a tough event! The field had such depth that there were many top pairs who missed out on the finals.



The finals of the butler is one of the hardest events to play in, mainly due to the fact that you are playing pairs (so no matches off) and 228 boards straight. The hands during the butler were amazingly interesting with many opportunities for card play to influence the outcome of the hand and system to allow you to bid every close slam and game.



One of the most interesting boards to play was in Round 7 of the Qualifying Butler:

Qualifying Butler R7, Brd 9 North/E-W	♠ J T 8 5 ♥ A J 6 2 ♦ K T ♣ K 9 5									
♠ K Q 9 ♥ Q T 7 ♦ A Q 7 2 ♣ Q J 3	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> ♠ A ♥ 9 8 5 4 3 ♦ 8 7 6 ♣ T 8 4 2		N		W		E		S	
	N									
W		E								
	S									
	♠ 7 6 4 3 2 ♥ K ♦ J 5 4 3 ♣ A 7 6									

North was playing in 2♠ on the ♥9 lead (obviously seeing all hands you know that you could just play on diamonds and then trump your losers, but not seeing all the hands you must consider all options).

The ♥9 was taken by the king and a spade was played with West doing well and not splitting their honours or even thinking about it. This was won by East's ace and a club was switched.

Declarer took this with the Ace and played another trump hoping for the 2-2 split. West won this and continued with the ♠Q and then the ♣Q. This was won by North and there were a few very interesting things starting to happen.

North (me) decided that it was best to take the ♥A throwing away the losing club. Now there were a few options: I could trump a heart back to dummy hoping for a short queen, or I could trump a club and make sure I win a diamond trick later. I elected to trump a club back to dummy and play a diamond toward the ♦KT West ducked and I played the king. I now exited with the ♦T and west was end played in a very unusual situation.



The end holding was:

Qualifying Butler R7, Brd 9 North/E-W	♠ T ♥ J 6 ♦ - - - ♣ - - -									
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W		E								
	S									
	♠ 7 ♥ - - - ♦ J 5 ♣ - - -									

No matter which suit West played, they had to set up one of the red suits. If West had decided that they wanted to go up with the ace of diamonds earlier, they would have just forced me into dropping the queen in the end.

However, this line would have worked no matter the number of cards West had in the red suits.

Maxim Henbest had a nice hand to report:

Butler Finals R17, Brd 10 East/All	♠ Q 9 ♥ Q T 5 3 ♦ A K 6 ♣ A Q 4 2									
♠ K 8 6 4 ♥ 8 7 6 ♦ 9 7 4 ♣ 7 5 3	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>N</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td></td> <td>E</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>S</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		N		W		E		S	
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W		E								
	S									
	♠ T 3 2 ♥ 9 4 ♦ Q 5 2 ♣ K T 9 8 6									
	♠ A J 7 5 ♥ A K J 2 ♦ J T 8 3 ♣ J									

Rhys	Dave	Ron	Max
W	N	E	S
-	-	1♥ ¹	Dbl ²
Pass ³	Pass ⁴	2♣	Dbl ⁵
Pass	3♣ ⁶	Pass	3♥
Pass	4NT ⁷	Pass	5♦ ⁸
Pass	5NT ⁹	Pass	6♥ ¹⁰
All Pass			

1♥¹ = Fert 0-7 any shape Dbl² = 3+H 15+
 Pass³ = 3+H Pass⁴ = Grrrr
 Dbl⁵ = Takeout 3♣⁶ = Art, Any GF
 4NT⁷ = RKCB 5♦⁸ = 0 or 3 key cards
 5NT⁹ = King Ask 6♥¹⁰ = No minor kings



West led the ♣3 and I rose ace. I then played the ♠Q which ran to West's king. West then returned the ♦4 and I rose ace, cashed the ♦K, ♠A, ♠J pitching dummy's last diamond, and ruffed a diamond high. I crossed to my ♥A, ruffed my last spade high in dummy, drew trumps and claimed 12 tricks.

The final placings in the butler were:

PAIR	C-FWD	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	IMPs	VPS	Placing
Peter Hollands & Justin Howard	42.5	-14	-7	15	34	29	21	-4	35	31	199	384.5	1st
Ashley Bach & Michael Whibley	41.5	2	20	5	-13	10	20	13	1	35	199	381.5	2nd
Maxim Henbest & David Wiltshire	40.3	-7	7	-2	-4	-5	-9	56	1	14	163	366.25	3rd
Wayne Burrows & Pam Livingston	41.5	13	7	1	-16	-10	-15	11	15	4	66	344.5	4th
Richard Jedi & Bruce Neill	39.0	7	-28	-31	17	24	-20	6	-10	-4	62	341	5th
Ron Klinger & Matthew Mullamphy	49.5	-6	-18	31	4	-10	-25	13	-35	15	19	340.5	6th
Pauline Gumby & Warren Lazer	45.0	-13	-20	-3	25	10	18	-6	-18	39	29	337	7th
Stephen Burgess & Brad Coles	39.5	14	28	-28	13	11	-25	0	18	8	36	335.5	8th
Avinash Kanetkar & Matthew Thomson	44.3	24	-12	-1	-34	-18	17	-13	10	-8	18	334.25	9th
Elizabeth Adams & David Beauchamp	43.8	0	-7	26	-5	-11	23	8	-1	-31	1	332.75	10th
Ron & Rhys Cooper	41.5	-24	54	27	5	-29	25	-56	17	-3	12	326.5	11th
Sophie Ashton & Michael Wilkinson	39.8	0	12	28	-15	18	-21	23	-1	-39	-21	318.75	12th
Michael Courtney & Ross Harper	39.5	-13	-15	-5	15	14	9	9	6	-2	-14	317.5	13th
Marjorie Askew & William Powell	39.3	-24	18	-10	16	5	-3	-9	1	0	-26	317.25	14th
Judy Hocking & Kevin Lange	40.8	8	19	2	15	10	15	-13	-6	3	-41	313.75	15th

Jane Dawson & Peter Gill	42.3	-2	15	10	10	-11	25	-8	-17	-14	-96	299.25	16th
Peter Colmer & Andrew Eddie	39.8	6	-19	3	-10	-24	3	4	24	-35	-85	297.75	17th
Pim Birss & Dave Munro	40.3	24	12	-26	-17	-14	-18	-23	-15	-15	-112	292.25	18th
Michael Prescott & Marlene Watts	42.0	-8	-12	-27	-25	11	-17	-11	-24	2	-155	283	19th
Keith Barrie & Tim O'Loughlin	44.0	13	-54	-15	-15	-10	-23 ?	0	-1	0	-254	258	20th

This was a massive result for Victoria with 5 of the top 6 players from Victoria and 4 of those being under 30. The 6th player was David Wiltshire who is one of the top open players in the country (born in South Australia but he now resides in New South Wales).



Congratulations to all who did well, especially Maxim Henbest (21 years old), who played sensationally and finished 3rd. The next trip for the Juniors is immediate: we are off to represent Australia in America and China.



YOUTHERY AFOOT – AT THE VCC

By JOHN NEWMAN, SYDNEY

There was a very interesting board in the 2nd match of the Victor Champion Cup. How do you make 5♣ as West on a non-diamond lead?

♠ A T	N	♠ K 8 5 3 2
♥ A T	W E	♥ 8 7 4 2
♦ A T		♦ Q 4
♣ K Q J T 7 6 2	S	♣ 4 3

I was only in 4♣ with a diamond lead, so 11 tricks were easy (and vaguely irritating), but Nathan Howard was in 5♣ and found a great line with a more difficult lead.

This is what Nathan did: He won the lead in hand (if I remember correctly, the lead was ♠Q), knocked out the ace of clubs (which South had), won South's heart return, drew trumps then rectified the count by giving up a heart trick. Here was the full deal:

Board 15	♠ Q J 9 7 6	♠ K 8 5 3 2
S/N-S	♥ Q 9 5 3	♥ 8 7 4 2
(Nathan)	♦ J 9 5	♦ Q 4
	♣ 9	♣ 4 3
♠ A T	N	♠ K 8 5 3 2
♥ A T	W E	♥ 8 7 4 2
♦ A T		♦ Q 4
♣ K Q J T 7 6 2	S	♣ 4 3
	♠ 4	
	♥ K J 6	
	♦ K 8 7 6 3 2	
	♣ A 8 5	

North, afraid of leading spades into Nathan's diamond tenace or giving him an unnecessary entry to dummy's spade king, returned a heart.

Nathan played all of his trumps, squeezing North in spades and diamonds.

Here was the four card ending before the last trump was played:

Board 15	♠ Q J	♠ K 8
S/N-S	♥ - - -	♥ - - -
(Nathan)	♦ J 9	♦ Q 4
	♣ - - -	♣ - - -
♠ T	N	♠ K 8
♥ - - -	W E	♥ - - -
♦ A T		♦ Q 4
♣ 2	S	♣ - - -
	♠ - - -	
	♥ - - -	
	♦ K 8 7 6	
	♣ - - -	

On the last trump, North had to guard the spades and therefore had to discard a diamond, as Nathan discarded a spade from dummy.

Now he crossed to dummy with the king of spades, and lead dummy's queen of diamonds, finessing South's king whilst pinning North's jack.

How did he refrain from doing an involuntary happy dance?

One of life's mysteries. I looked at the hand record a bit longer, and wondered how you would deal with a ♠Q lead, then a second spade lead by North when he gets in with a heart. Griff tells me that the way to handle that scenario is to avoid rectifying the count, and instead play off all the trumps.

On the lead of the last trump, North has to keep two spades and two diamonds, so he is forced to throw away all his hearts. When North pitches his last heart, dummy can abandon spades, and come down to two diamonds, a heart and ♠K.

Now declarer can cross to ♠K, strip-squeezing South who is forced to come down to two diamonds and one heart. South can now be throw-in with dummy's remaining heart, forced to give a free finesse in diamonds. (Co-Ed: you can also keep the spade instead of the heart, and throw North in with the spade. But the "compound-guard-strip squeeze"(?) is sexier.)

A day or two later in a VCC match at favourable vulnerability, Ella opened 1♣ passed to me. I had 5-5 in the majors and thought Ella would like to know about them, despite having only a two count!

I responded 1♠, doubled by LHO; his partner bid 1NT, then LHO bid 3NT, passed out. LHO was supremely proud of the dummy he laid out. (Full deal below.)

Board 18	♠ A K 6		
E/N-S	♥ A K Q T 9		
(Me)	♦ Q 6 4		
	♣ A J		
♠ J T 9 5 4		N	(Ella)
♥ J 8 7 6 2		W	♠ 8
♦ 7 2		E	♥ 5 4
♣ 5		S	♦ K T 5 3
	♠ Q 7 3 2		♣ Q T 8 7 4 3
	♥ 3		
	♦ A J 9 8		
	♣ K 9 6 2		

It wasn't until a few tricks in that dummy and declarer (and me) realised that Ella had been younging. Nice work.

(Eds: Note that we all love to psyche now and then. However, frequent psyching quickly becomes a partnership agreement, which must be completely disclosed to the opponents. If your partnership may be able to predict a psyche, whether you make use of the prediction or not, then it counts as an agreement and might make your system Yellow or Brown Sticker. So, everything in moderation.)

Board 24 of the 8th match was possibly the most ridiculous hand I've ever picked up: ♠A ♥A 9 x x ♦A K Q ♣A K Q J 8. We had a very simple auction. In this instance, it was good to have the big hand as dummy (so everybody could admire it):

Board 24	♠ J T 9		
W/Nil	♥ T 7 4		
(Me)	♦ 9 8 3		
	♣ 7 6 5 2		
♠ A		N	(Ella)
♥ A 9 5 2		W	♠ K 6 4 3
♦ A K Q		E	♥ 6 3
♣ A K Q J 8		S	♦ T 7 6 5 2
	♠ Q 8 7 5 2		♣ T 3
	♥ K Q J 8		
	♦ J 4		
	♣ 9 4		

This was our auction:

	Me		Ella	
	W	N	E	S
	2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
	3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
	4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
	5NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
	7♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

- 2♣ = Big hand, 2♦ = Bad hand
- 3♣ = Natural 3♦ = Natural
- 4NT = RKCB 5♣ = 0 key cards
- 6♦ = 1 king

Ella played well and defended thoughtfully, but I think it's safe to say we didn't threaten the Poobahs this year (cough). Lots of fun.

PROFILES OF THE 2013 AUSTRALIAN U25 TEAMS

We are delighted to present to you player-profiles for the 2013 Australian U25 teams playing in upcoming events:

The 3rd World Youth Open Bridge Championships (Atlanta, USA) August 3rd to 11th ([Click here for tournament website](#))

TEAM:	Justin Howard	–	Peter Hollands
	Max Henbest	–	Nathan Howard
	Ellena Moskovsky	–	Lauren Travis
NPC:	Ishmael Del'Monte		

The 2013 APBF Youth Team Championships (Wuhan, China) August 19th to 25th

([Click here for tournament website](#))

TEAM:	As above
NPC:	Grant Kilvington

The Open Transnationals at the 41st World Bridge Championships (Bali, Indonesia) September 24th to 29th

([Click here for tournament website](#))

TEAM:	Justin Howard	–	Shane Harrison
	Max Henbest	–	Ellena Moskovsky
	Jamie Thompson	–	Stephen Williams
NPC:	Ishmael Del'Monte		

CURRENT RESULTS as at 08/08/2013:

3RD WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS

Current Result as at 8TH AUG 2013

For more details, please visit the tournament website [here](#).

Junior Pairs	Place	Pair
	4 TH	Ellena Moskovsky and Lauren Travis
5 TH	Justin Howard and Peter Hollands	

Junior Consolation Pairs	Place	Pair
	2 ND	Nathan Howard and Maxim Henbest

Junior Teams (Qualification)	Place	Team
	1 ST	 WAR OF ROSES
	2 ND	 TURKIYE
	3 RD	 JAPAN
4 TH	 AUSTRALIA	

Semi-Finals: War Of Roses (USA) v Japan

Australia v Turkey



CAPTAINS



- Q: Name (and Nickname):**
Ishmael Del'Monte (Ish).
- Q: How long have you been playing bridge?**
24 years.
- Q: Favourite card in the deck, and why?**
Dame de pec
- Q: Any memorable bridge auctions?**
See photo below. I was only called for a director's ruling at my club after the third 2♠ bid!

- Q: Favourite Starcraft 2 Unit**
Wtf?
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming Youth Congress/APBF/Bali Transnationals.**
I look up results from the previous World Championships. For the Open Team, I go through opponent's system cards, but the youth do not have to post system cards online.
- Q: Lipton or Nestea?**
Lipton; isn't it Nestlé?



- Q: Name (and Nickname):**
Grant Kilvington (Kilvo).
- Q: How long have you been playing bridge?**
Since 1968.
- Q: Favourite card in the deck, and why?**
Don't have one. Well, the ace of spades is always good.
- Q: Any memorable bridge auctions?**
Peter Hollands was on my right and opened 2♠ (weak two in spades), and I had a very good hand with hearts so

I started with a double. Justin Howard, on my left, raised to 3♠, which was passed round to me and I bid 4♥. This was passed round to Mr Pete Hollands who now bid 4♠ and I doubled to show that I really had a hand. This was passed out and ... the contract made! Pete had an 8 card spade suit that ****. It was painful yes, but I thoroughly enjoyed it!

- Q: Favourite Starcraft 2 Unit**
Favourite what? (*looks confused*) That's foreign language.
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming APBFs.**
The Youth Training Weekend was good wasn't it? I'm a slackarse mole though, I have yet to get my passport and visa.
- Q: Lipton or Nestea?**
Is that Lipton tea bags?





PLAYERS



- Q: Name (and Nickname):**
Justin Howard (Juzz).
- Q: How long have you been playing bridge?**
18 years.
- Q: Favourite card in the deck, and why?**
Incredulous look ... The beer card.
- Q: Any memorable bridge auctions?**
In the GNOT: I open 1♥, LHO overcalls 1♠, partner passes and RHO raises to 2♠. Wanting to sign-off in 3♥, I now bid 3♦ which was Suicide Gerber (where pass shows 2 aces and the next step shows 0 aces),

knowing partner won't have a good hand. She duly bid 3♥ to show no aces and this was passed out!

- Q: Favourite Starcraft 2 Unit**
The Void Ray ... definitely. Well, maybe the Stalker too, they brew.
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming Youth Tournaments.**
I drank and drank.
- Q: Lipton or Nestea?**
Lipton. *(Co-Ed: obviously this is what Juzz "drank and drank" *stern look*)*



- Q: Name (and Nickname):**
Peter Hollands (The Pete Hollands).
- Q: How long have you been playing bridge?**
10 years.
- Q: Favourite card in the deck, and why?**
The jack of diamonds.
- Q: Any memorable bridge auctions?**
No.
- Q: Favourite Starcraft 2 Unit**
Hmm. The drone, because it's a worker and it works.

- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming Youth Tournaments.**
Drink lots, play lots, got engaged and got Juzz to re-move back in with me. No, the last two are not related, I think.
- Q: Lipton or Nestea?**
Thinks Probably Lipton.



- Q: Name (and Nickname):**
Maxim Henbest (Fatty).
- Q: How long have you been playing bridge?**
6 years.
- Q: Favourite card in the deck, and why?**
♣7, because that is normally the squeeze card from the book "The Encyclopaedia of Bridge", so it always makes me happy when I execute a squeeze with that card.
- Q: Any memorable bridge auctions?**
Too many to recount.

- Q: Favourite Starcraft 2 Unit**
Laughs Really a question? Dark Templar, that's always a good laugh.
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming Youth Tournaments.**
Nathan and I managed to come 6th in a walk-in recently.
- Q: Lipton or Nestea?**
Lipton.





PLAYERS



Q: Name (and Nickname):
Nathan Howard (Nat).

Q: How long have you been playing bridge?
I learnt when I was 9, but I have been playing seriously for 9 years.

Q: Favourite card in the deck, and why?
I'm a fairly typical youth player and my favourite card is the 7 of diamonds (the beer card). Mainly because it's not big enough to make it easy to win on the last trick but big enough to not make it impossible. The free drink is also extra incentive to win it.

Q: Any memorable bridge auctions?
My most memorable moment off the top of my head was a 7♠ contract I played against Daryl and Andy in the 2013 Canberra Youth Week. Andy opened the bidding with a 1NT bid (which from my hand looked quite likely to be a psyche) ☺. So, as the bidding developed, I bid to 7♠ (half as a "stick it to you" for psyching ☺ and half because I was fairly confident I was going to make it). For the sake of saving bulletin space, you can read about it in the AYC bulletin article on page 4 [here](#).

Q: Favourite Starcraft 2 Unit
Without a doubt, my favourite unit is the Siege Tank.

Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming Youth Congress/APBF.
I'm basically just trying to relax and not get too excited or nervous over this event. Also doing bidding practise with Max to work out system problems is always helpful.

Q: Lipton or Nestea?
I don't actually use either product, so neither.



Q: Name (and Nickname):
Ellena Moskovsky (El or Giggs).

Q: How long have you been playing bridge?
5 years: way too long.

Q: Favourite card in the deck, and why?
Don't have one.

Q: Any memorable bridge auctions?
Playing with Andrew Morcombe in the APBF at Gold Coast in '08, I had a random balanced 12 count with ♥QJ10x. I opened 1♣ with William Jenner-O'Shea on my left and Mike Doeke on my right. Will overcalled 3♥ and Morcombe bid 4♥.

Because I was a noob as I had been playing for 6 months, I thought this was a 'Michaels Cuebid' showing 5+♠ 5+m. Mike doubled to show heart tolerance and I bid 4♠. Morcombe then bid 5♦ and because I thought I had a good hand, I bid 6♠. Morcombe removed this to 7♦(!) and this was swiftly doubled. Mike must have been the unluckiest person in the world as he decided to lead the ♥A, which turned out to be the only lead to allow the grand slam to make. Morcombe ruffed, drew trumps, took a heart ruffing finesse and claimed.

Q: Favourite Starcraft 2 Unit
I don't know any, I should start playing some Starcraft.

Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming Youth Congress/APBF/Bali Transnationals.
Silence ... Played the ANC Butler Pairs.

Q: Lipton or Nestea?
!/? C'mon mate, get your head in the game!





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- Q: Name (and Nickname):**
Lauren Travis (LT).
- Q: How long have you been playing bridge?**
I learnt in '05, but didn't really play until '08.
- Q: Favourite card in the deck, and why?**
I don't have a favourite card, but I hate the ♣K. I don't know why, it just looks so ugly.
- Q: Any memorable bridge auctions?**
I was playing with my mum at the 2008 ANC Gold Coast, and my LHO opened 3NT showing a broken minor. Mum bid 4♣ which at the time, for some reason, I thought was not natural (*Ed: 5+5+ majors is a good treatment ☺*), and with 2=3 in the majors I bid 4♥. When it turned out that I

was playing in a 4-2 fit I told mum she was a retard and I went bonkers. This was against NSW ladies and for some reason this story was spread throughout Sydney so everyone knew about it.

- Q: Favourite Starcraft 2 Unit**
No. (Liam laughing hysterically in the background).
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming Youth Congress/APBF.**
I collected silver medals from the ANC. (Liam still laughing hysterically in the background).
- Q: Lipton or Nestea?**
Rolls eyes It's obvious, right?

FOR BALI



- Q: Name (and Nickname):**
Shane Harrison (Harro).
- Q: How long have you been playing bridge?**
8 years.
- Q: Favourite card in the deck, and why?**
Umm ... what? What does that even mean?!
- Q: Any memorable bridge auctions?**
Playing with Mr Pete Hollands in Croatia, Pete opened 1♣ and my RHO doubled. I redoubled and this was passed around back to the doubler who ran to 1♦. I doubled this for penalties and there the contract rested. We had to defend perfectly, basically double dummy, just to take the contract the one off. We were cold for 6♣.

- Q: Favourite Starcraft 2 Unit**
Shakes head and blinks eyes in confusion
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming Bali Transnationals.**
Went to Melbourne for the training weekend.
- Q: Lipton or Nestea?**
Nestea.





PLAYERS



- Q: Name (and Nickname):**
Guns (Guns). [Jamie Thompson]
- Q: How long have you been playing bridge?**
Like 3½ years.
- Q: Favourite card in the deck, and why?**
The ♣8, it's the moose card.
- Q: Any memorable bridge auctions?**
1♠-2♠-3♠-4♠.

- Q: Favourite Starcraft 2 Unit**
Favourite what?
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming Bali Transnationals.**
Watched Adventure Time (and polished my guns).
- Q: Lipton or Nestea?**
Lipton.



- Q: Name (and Nickname):**
Stephen Williams (Guava).
- Q: How long have you been playing bridge?**
Many moons.
- Q: Favourite card in the deck, and why?**
♥Q, because she stole 'dem hearts.
- Q: Any memorable bridge auctions?**
5NT opening, asking for number of kings. My friend, knowing that a 4NT bid is usually asking for aces, once picked up a hand with *all four* aces, so not knowing what to do decided to open 5NT thinking that it was asking for kings.

- Q: Favourite Starcraft 2 Unit**
9 to E4.
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming Bali Transnationals.**
Gave the ol' one-two.
- Q: Lipton or Nestea?**
Nestea, for sure. Lipton's rank.

There will be ongoing Vugraph of some of the matches and they will be broadcasted on [BBO](#).

There will be a Youth Triathlon this year! See page 21 for more information!



FREE ROBOTS For JUNIORS!



BBO is generously offering FREE leasing of GIB Robots for junior players on BBO from now till the end of 2013!

If you are an Australian youth player, and under 26 years of age (or 26 that year), simply send in your name, date of birth, and your BBO I.D. to Dave Thompson at dave@amontay.com and he should process that for you in no time. For any other junior players outside of Australia, simply send in an email to diana@bridgebase.com or rain@bridgebase.com with the same details along with some proof of your "juniorhood" such as a link to your junior masterpoints earned, or it could just be a photo of you with other juniors! (But do not send in photocopies of IDs.)

If you know someone who is a junior, or someone you know who knows a junior, or ... just spread the word!

For those who already have GIB, the robot's system notes can be found [here](#).

FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER [DECLARER PLAY]

S/Nil ♠ Q 10 9
 ♥ J 9 8 7
 ♦ A 7 4 3
 ♣ Q 2

♦ K



♠ A 7 5
 ♥ A K Q 10 3
 ♦ 2
 ♣ A K 9 3

South to make 6♥ (IMPs)
 Opening lead is ♦K

Solution on Page 25



Do you have a bidding problem? Then ask our expert, Andy Hung at [What Should I Bid?](#)

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The ABF Youth Website is moving! The new relocated website will be www.youthbridge.com.au and we will also be creating a bridge forum to discuss anything from bridge problems to international events. This is currently under construction - send griff.bridge@me.com an email if you have any suggestions or want to help test the forum. Stay tuned ☺

2013 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN UNDER 30S' YOUTH CONGRESS



PAIRS	Saturday, 12 th October 2013	10:00 AM to 12:30 PM 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM
TEAMS	Sunday, 13 th October 2013	10:00 AM to 12:30 PM 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM
FEES	Full Weekend	\$30
	<i>Student Concession</i>	\$10
	Per Day	\$15
	<i>Student Concession</i>	\$5

NOMINATION FORM

PAIRS	NAME	ABF No:
Player 1		
Player 2		

TEAMS	NAME	ABF No:
Player 1		
Player 2		
Player 3		
Player 4		

Completed forms may be returned via email to bluedwarf@live.com.au or given/sent to Tony or David Lusk. For more information, contact **TONY LUSK** on 0415 510 731 or **SABA** on (08) 8373 3995.

An electronic copy of the entry form can be downloaded [here](#).



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Eddy claiming "bridge"



ANC Youth Teams Announcements at Victory Dinner



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THE OUTER FRINGES

By PAUL LAVINGS, SYDNEY

Another year, another Butler. Before this one, I was musing over how negative doubles are changing. I recall many years ago, it went 1♣ - (1♠) - ? and I bid 1NT on ♠KQ10x ♥Jxxx ♦Qxx ♣Jx.

When my hand went down as dummy my partner leapt out of his seat and told me in no uncertain terms that I MUST always double the 1♠ overcall when I have 4+ hearts.

ALWAYS, NO EXCEPTIONS.

The years since have convinced me of this. At both IMPs and matchpoints, your side needs to know the measure of your heart fit, first and foremost.

I asked Ishmael, when I saw some youth players doubling the 1♠ overcall with only three hearts. Yes, it was OK occasionally, I was assured. Mmm. I checked with two strong US players. They weren't so young, but they both said they had never heard of this. Thank Heavens, I thought, it is only a local idiosyncrasy. The world was still a sane place.

Stage One, match one, board one shook me to the core. The bidding went (1♦) - 1♠ - (1NT).

The 1NT bidder was undoubtedly the youngest player in the field, so here was a chance to confirm that the youth of today weren't completely off the tracks. The hand that bid 1NT went down as dummy with 5♦ ♠J62 ♥AJ102 ♦K52 ♣954.

Not only had the young woman ignored her four hearts by bidding 1NT instead of doubling, but she also had no spade stopper. Now I do admit that when stuck for a bid I've treated 10xxx as a stopper (but not 1098x; when the 8 and 9 are there it is clearly a trap), but never Jxx.

I looked at her partner, the young man about to declare a hopeless 5♦, and he had not a care in the world. He clearly had no qualms. He would also have bid 1NT!

Don't confuse this with another 1NT situation, where a stopper is not required.

This deal was from Round 14:

You open 1♣ on ♠963 ♥10 ♦AQ92 ♣AQ1092, and the bidding proceeds:

1♣ - (1♠) - Dbl - (Pass) - ?

I see players twist their hand mercilessly here, in order not to rebid 1NT without a stopper in the opponent's suit. What would you bid without the overcall, for example:

1♣ - (Pass) - 1♥ - (Pass) - ?

My 2♣ rebid shows at least a six-card suit, so a 1NT rebid is the only choice. And it's a pretty good idea as well. I always rebid 1NT without a six card suit (and sometimes with), and raise partner's major with three card support plus a singleton.

This way, if I bid 1♦-1♠-2♣ I have either at least a 5-5 shape, or 16+ HCP. To bid 1♦-1♠-2♣ on 12 lifeless HCP leaves you poorly placed. You end up in contracts like 3♣, 3♦, and even worse, 2NT. I'd rather take my chances with a 1NT rebid.

Recently I was asked what I would bid with ♠54 ♥104 ♦AK1087 ♣AJ85, after the bidding of:

1♦ - (Pass) - 1♥ - (Pass) - ?

1NT is clear-cut. It is the lower bid of two choices, and may well be right. There is much concern that partner may also have two little spades. Despite the shock-horror expressed at this prospect, I love to play 1NT when opponents have around half the pack and a 5-4 or 6-3 major suit fit. And 1NT is often cold.

In a later match, there was another negative double no-no:

Senior's Butler R13, Brd 4 West/All	♠ Q 8 6 5 2 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ K ♣ K Q T 9		♠ T 7 ♥ 9 6 ♦ A Q T 5 4 2 ♣ A J 8						
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W	N	E	S
Pass	1♠	2♦	Dbl
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

The double of 2♦ really has to be the other two suits. What if the bidding were:

W	N	E	S
Pass	1♠	2♦	Dbl
4♦	?		

What should North bid holding ♠A6532 ♥2 ♦A4 ♣AKQ65? How can North not bid 5♣? And how would you feel when you bid 5♣ and dummy had five hearts and two clubs?

On the actual hand dummy was pretty suitable in 3♥, with three trumps and a singleton in the opponent's suit. But after the diamond lead, and trump switch, the hand drifted two down for -200.

I reckon that with that South's hand you either bid 2♥, or you bite the bullet and pass. There is no in-between. And here pass is an easy choice. You have four of the opponent's suit, and length in the opponent's suit is a major deterrent to entering the bidding. And nothing will ever, ever change that.

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SUIT COMBINATION

THIS ISSUE	FOR NEXT ISSUE
<p><i>(Assume unlimited entries)</i></p> <p>Q J 9 8 7 5</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p>Target: 4 tricks</p> </div> <p>4 2</p>	<p><i>(Assume unlimited entries)</i></p> <p>K Q J 9 5 4 2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p>Target: 4 tricks</p> </div> <p>6 3</p> <p>K Q 5 3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p>Target: 3 tricks</p> </div> <p>J 9 2</p>
<p>There are 3 possible lines:</p> <p>(A) Low to the 9</p> <p>(B) Low to Q, then low to J</p> <p>(C) Low to Q, then low to 9</p> <p>Line A loses when RHO has stiff 10; 10x (2 cases); H10 (2 cases), where H=honour; H10x (4 cases).</p> <p>Total = 9 cases.</p> <p>Line B loses when RHO has stiff x (3 cases); K; A; AK.</p> <p>Total = 6 cases.</p> <p>Line C loses when RHO has stiff x (3 cases); K; A; K10; A10.</p> <p>Total = 7 cases.</p>	

Other cases either win straight up (i.e. if LHO has AK stiff then all lines win, if LHO has Ax then line B and C win as LHO will pop ace on the second round, etc.) or else always lose.

Therefore, Line B is the winner since it loses in the fewest number of cases.

<p>A 7</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p>Target: 0 losers</p> </div> <p>Q 6 3</p>	<p>The theoretical play for no losers in this suit is to hope for a singleton king in either opponent's hand. This is quite unlikely to happen so it is probably best to go for a swindle play and run the queen! If your LHO has the king but not the jack (and/or ten), then he may be afraid that you have Q-J-10-x and not cover because dummy only has a doubleton (so the king will be high after two rounds of the suit).</p>
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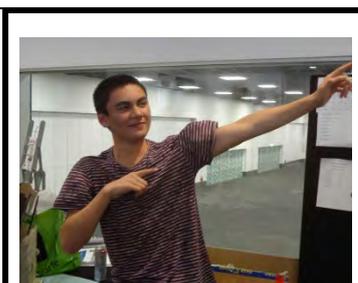


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FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER

[DECLARER PLAY] SOLUTION

(Problem on page 19)

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

South to make 6♥ (IMPs)
Opening lead is ♦K

The contract is cold if trumps are 2-2, since you can discard a spade from dummy on the third club and all you lose is a spade. So let's assume trumps are 3-1.

One possible line is to win, play three rounds of clubs discarding a spade, give up a spade and plan to ruff a spade and a club before trumps are drawn.

Another possibility is to draw the trumps, and hope that one spade honour is with RHO by running the ♠10 then the ♠Q.

An even better line is to utilise the dummy reversal! Win, ruff a diamond high, small trump to dummy's 7, ruff the second diamond high, ♥10 to dummy's jack, ruff the third diamond high, cross to dummy with a club, draw trumps and claim. 1♠+4♥+1♦+3♣ruffs+3♣=12 tricks.



FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER - BEEFING UP BRIDGE CONVENTIONS

INVERTED MINORS CONTINUATION

Do you ever feel like you and your partner are just mingling around after an inverted minor auction of 1minor-2minor? Bidding stoppers may be the simplest / most practical approach, but if you want to get the most out of Inverted Minors, you and your partner will have to invest in some form of gadgetry such as the example below.

When an auction starts off with 1minor-2minor where a minor suit fit has been found (and a major suit fit has been denied or is unlikely), the partnership's priority should be to find out which game the deal should be played in (assuming game values are present) as both 3NT and 5m are in the picture. The way to distinguish this is through the knowledge of the balanced/unbalanced nature of both hands. Knowing a shortage in partner's hand can pay big dividends in knowing whether to stay out of 3NT or not.

For example, if opener has ♠4 ♥AQ3 ♦Q875 ♣KT983 and responder has ♠Q73 ♥K87 ♦K2 ♣AJ752, then you definitely do not want to stop in 3NT. If you were bidding stoppers, the auction might go 1♣-2♣-2♦-3NT. Maybe you might choose to overbid opener's hand with a 3♠ rebid, but sometimes you might get too high if responder has only a 10 count. Thus, when you have an unbalanced hand, it can also be beneficial to distinguish the range. Here is an example for the 1♣-2♣ auction:

1♣	2♣	10+, (4)5+♣	
2♦	Any minimum (roughly 11-14)		
	2♥	Any GF (Probably denies a shortage)	
		2♠	No Shortage
		2NT	Diamond (Low) Shortage
		3♣	Heart (Middle) Shortage
		3♦	Spade (High) Shortage
	2♠	GF, Diamond (Low) Shortage	
	2NT	Natural NF, Invitational	
	3♣	Natural NF, Invitational	
		3♦	GF, Heart (Middle) Shortage
	3♥	GF, Spade (High) Shortage	
2♥	15+, GF, No shortage		
2♠	15+, Diamond (Low) Shortage		
2NT	15+, Heart (Middle) Shortage		
3♣	15+, Spade (High) Shortage		
3♦+	Whatever you want. Voids? 6-5?		

This structure can be used similarly for diamonds.

Can you see any resemblance in the above structure? If you look back at Issue 2 about "Improving Jacoby 2NT", the idea of the continuations is basically the same.

The backbone of this structure is to identify the weaknesses when a shortage exists in either hand. When both hands are balanced (i.e. with no shortages), you usually don't need to worry about stoppers because the hand rates to play in 3NT anyway when both hands are balanced.



STATE ASSOCIATIONS - UPDATES

	EVENT (QLD)	DATES
	After school bridge club @ QCBC, held on Monday afternoons (during school term from 4:30pm-6pm) For More INFO: http://www.qldbridge.com/	

	EVENT (NSW)	DATES
	After school bridge club @ NSWBA, held on Friday afternoons (during school term from 4pm-5:30pm) Email: fraserrew@gmail.com Web: http://www.nswba.com.au/	

	EVENT (ACT)	DATES
	ANU Bridge Club regular meetings Thursdays 1-2pm during term Email: youth@bfact.com.au Web: http://www.bfact.com.au/	

	EVENT (VIC)	DATES
	Australian Youth Bridge Triathlon After school bridge club @ Waverly Bridge Club, held on Tuesday afternoons (during school term from 4:30pm-6:30pm) Contact: http://www.vba.asn.au/vbaHome.php	

	EVENT (SA)	DATES
	SA U30s' Youth Congress 12-13 October 2013 Contact: http://www.sabridgefederation.com.au/	

	EVENT (WA)	DATES
	... Contact: http://www.bawa.asn.au/	

	EVENT (NT)	DATES
	... Contact: http://www.ntba.com.au/	

	EVENT (TAS)	DATES
	... Contact: http://www.tasbridge.com.au/	

