

# AUSSIE YOUTH BRIDGE BULLETIN

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA WINS vs. QLD in Youth ANC



South Australia



Queensland

Congratulations to (L to R) Jack Markey, Sam Schulz, Shane Harrison, Lauren Travis, Jarrad Dunbar, James Lawry, Adel Abdelhamid (NPC) who won 93.9 to 53 IMPs in the Youth ANC Finals against QLD: (L to R) Bruce Neill (ABF President), Joshua Davis, Angus Gray, Paul Brake (NPC), Chris Larter, Andrew Gosney, Jessica Brake, and Michael Gearing. You can read about it on p4.

## Another ANC Butler Win for Juzz!



Congratulations to Justin Howard and Tony Nunn, who **dominated** in the 2015 ANC Butler Pairs. The pair won the Stage 1 of the Open Butler Pairs by about 11 VPs (they did not lose a single match), and won the Stage 2 by a whopping 39 VPs, with Terry Brown and Ron Klinger claiming second, and Ron and Rhys Cooper who came third. Well done!!

Michael Gearing (QLD Youth) and Tim Munro (WA ex-youth) should also be congratulated – despite a disappointing finish in the Stage 2 of the Open Butler, they did manage to qualify for the second stage. Tim Munro currently has 130 masterpoints and Michael Gearing has 101 – in fact, Michael is currently at the top of the list for the Most Improved Players for 2015!

**THESE ARE CLICKABLE LINKS!**

Good luck to the AUS 25 team (Justin Williams (NPC), Renee Cooper, Shane Harrison, Max Henbest, Ella Pattison, Jamie Thompson, and Stephen Williams) as well as the AUS U15 team (Justin Howard (NPC), Laura Ginnan (coach) Patrick Clifford, Conor Hosking, Finn Rennie, and Aiden and Liam Robertson) in Opatija! Follow them [here](#).

## ABF PRE-ALERTS!

For 2015			
DATES	EVENT	WHERE	
<u>SEP</u> 26 - <u>OCT</u> 3	<a href="#">2015 NZ National Congress</a>	Hamilton, NZ	
<u>OCT</u> 21 - <u>OCT</u> 29	<a href="#">SNOT</a>	Sydney	
<u>DEC</u> 5 - <u>DEC</u> 6	2015 Youth Triathlon (TBC)	Sydney (TBC)	
<u>JAN</u> 9 - <u>JAN</u> 15	2016 Australian Youth Week	Canberra (More info soon)	
2015 World Tournaments			
<u>AUG</u> 20 - <u>AUG</u> 29	<a href="#">2015 World Open Youth Congress</a>	Opatija, Croatia	
<u>SEP</u> 26 - <u>OCT</u> 10	<a href="#">2015 World Open Team Championships</a>	Chennai, India	

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# CHECKBACK (Results)

## 2015 ANC YOUTH TEAMS

12 JUL – 17 JUL, 2015 (Fremantle, WA)

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

Place	State	VPs	Team Members
1 <sup>ST</sup>	SA	93 IMPs (Finals)	Shane Harrison, Lauren Travis (C), Sam Schulz, Jarrad Dunbar, Jack Markey, James Lawry
2 <sup>ND</sup>	QLD	53 IMPs (Finals)	Jessica Brake, Michael Gearing, Andrew Gosney, Chris Larter, Josh Davis, Angus Gray
3 <sup>RD</sup>	WA	641.6	Rhys Cooper, Renee Cooper, Francesca McGrath, Kate Dores, Ailsa Peacock, Matt Smith
4 <sup>TH</sup>	NSW	480.9	Junkai Zhou, You Hu, Dominic Bell, Tomer Libman, Charles McMahon, John McMahon
5 <sup>TH</sup>	ACT	441.3	Stephen Williams, Cameron Wilson, Andrew Spooner, Zac Neulinger, Max Mullamphy, Daryl Whitfield
6 <sup>TH</sup>	VIC	174.1	Jamie Thompson, Liam Robertson, Patrick Clifford, Aiden Robertson, Finn Rennie, Conor Hosking, Ivy Anderson

Open Butler Pairs	Place	Pair
	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Justin Howard – Tony Nunn

  

Restricted Butler Pairs	Place	Pair
	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Tomer Libman – Lavy Libman

  

ANC Swiss Pairs	Place	Pair
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	Renee Cooper – Johnno Newman

## MEANWHILE AROUND THE GLOBE...

### 7<sup>TH</sup> EUROPEAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

27 JUN – 11 JUL, 2015 (Tromso, Norway) Championship Website [here](#).

Place	Team
1 <sup>ST</sup>	TEAM ORANGE WHITE
2 <sup>ND</sup>	BLUND
=3 <sup>RD</sup>	NORALIA (Justin Howard, Kieran Dyke, Jon Sveindal, Arild Rasmussen) KHYUPPENEN

  

Place	Pair
1 <sup>ST</sup>	Thomas Bessis (France) – Frederic Volcker (France)

## MEANWHILE AROUND THE GLOBE...

### 25<sup>TH</sup> EUROPEAN YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

18 JUL – 25 JUL, 2015 (Tromso, Norway) Championship Website [here](#).

	Place	VPs	Team
<b>U25 Teams</b>  (Top 6 teams qualify for the 2016 World U25 Team Champs)	1 <sup>ST</sup>	241.80	POLAND
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	241.54	SWEDEN
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	229.41	NORWAY
	4 <sup>TH</sup>	210.64	ENGLAND
	5 <sup>TH</sup>	209.15	NETHERLANDS
	6 <sup>TH</sup>	204.31	FRANCE

	Place	VPs	Team
<b>U21 Teams</b>  (Top 6 teams qualify for the 2016 World U20 Team Champs)	1 <sup>ST</sup>	218.22	NETHERLANDS
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	205.23	SWEDEN
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	189.18	ISRAEL
	4 <sup>TH</sup>	171.98	ITALY
	5 <sup>TH</sup>	169.71	GERMANY
	6 <sup>TH</sup>	169.32	LATVIA

	Place	VPs	Team
<b>U25 Girls Teams</b>  (Top 5 teams qualify for the 2016 World U25 Girls Team Champs)	1 <sup>ST</sup>	272.19	FRANCE
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	256.21	POLAND
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	223.56	ITALY
	4 <sup>TH</sup>	195.60	NETHERLANDS
	5 <sup>TH</sup>	180.37	NORWAY
	6 <sup>TH</sup>	70.07	HUNGARY

	Place	VPs	Team
<b>U15 Teams</b>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	153.05	POLAND
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	148.92	FRANCE
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	148.48	SWEDEN
	4 <sup>TH</sup>	144.41	ENGLAND
	5 <sup>TH</sup>	142.75	NETHERLANDS
	6 <sup>TH</sup>	134.78	ISRAEL


[European Bridge League Youtube Channel](#)



## TEAM SA ALL THE WAY

BY LAUREN TRAVIS, ADELAIDE

A good time is always had at the ANC, particularly when it's in Perth. Last Perth ANC, in 2007, was very enjoyable (although I was there as a caddy rather than a player), and this one didn't disappoint either. The SA youth team hadn't made an ANC final since 2007. The six of us were hoping that with an entirely different team, we could finally break the drought this year.

We were lucky to be able to line up four ANC veterans, with Sam Schulz and Jarrad Dunbar (aka Chuck Norris) pairing up for the first time, and Shane Harrison and me playing together again. (It could be noted that the last time the four of us were in a state team together, we came last.) Our other pair were newcomers to the bridge scene, Jack Markey and James Lawry. Like a truly poor youth player, I failed to explain important concepts including the beer card to the new boys, only mentioning it to James after he'd failed to make two in one set, and to Jack so I could cash two in.

We started our tournament against ACT, with Shane in fine form on this hand:

Dlr: S  
Vul: NS

♠ K 4  
♥ A Q J  
♦ A 8 4  
♣ K Q 9 7 6

♠ A J 9 8 2	N	♠ Q T 7 3
♥ 6 5 3	W	♥ K 7 4
♦ K J 2	E	♦ 7 6 5
♣ 8 5	S	♣ A J 3

♠ 6 5  
♥ T 9 8 2  
♦ Q T 9 3  
♣ T 4 2

	Lauren	Shane		
	W	N	E	S
	-	-	-	Pass
	Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣ (!)
	Pass	3♦	Pass	Pass
	Pass			

After I upgraded my 19-count to a 2NT opening, Shane decided to junk Stayman in the hopes of finding a better place. Luckily for him, I didn't bid 3♠... although he said he would've bid 3NT over that.

I ended up going one down in 3♦, an okay result as the opponents can take 2NT two down. In practice, we lost 5 IMPs as my Canberran counterpart played in 1♣.

The following board, I held the world's biggest hand, ♠AJT9 ♥AKQJT73 ♦-- ♣J5.

I opened 1♥ and got pretty excited when Shane responded 1♠! I sat there for a while, wishing I could ask for keycards except for in diamonds; if only there was a way I could do that. In the end, I settled for a 4♦ splinter, Shane keycarded, I showed two, and we played in 6♠. As I put down dummy, I suddenly remembered that exclusion keycard is a thing. So we missed the cold grand. Oops.

The full hand (right):

Dlr: W  
Vul: EW

♠ A J T 9  
♥ A K Q J T 7 3  
♦ -  
♣ J 5

♠ 7 6 5 3	N	♠ 2
♥ 8 5 2	W	♥ 6 4
♦ J T	E	♦ A K 9 8 4 3
♣ K 7 4 3	S	♣ Q 9 8 6

♠ K Q 8 4  
♥ 9  
♦ Q 7 6 5 2  
♣ A T 2

By Monday night, we were in first place, Chuck Norris (Jarrad Dunbar) was dominating the datums, and we were feeling pretty good. Unfortunately, Shane woke up from a nap and told us he had to go to hospital, where he was diagnosed with appendicitis. I was going to play the remainder of the ANC with Jack and James. If Guns was Anchorman, does that make me Anchor...girl?

Tuesday morning, I lined up with Chuck Norris against WA so Schulz could get some much-needed rest, having been at the hospital most of the night. Partway through the match, he suggested that we should never play together again. Jarrad, you've got yourself a deal. A couple of slam specials from this set:

Dlr: N  
Vul: NS

♠	K
♥	K 8 5
♦	A 9 6 5 3
♣	Q T 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠	A 9 4 3 2	♠	Q J 8 5
♥	7 4 3	♥	T 9
♦	Q 8	♦	J T 7
♣	9 3 2	♣	J 8 7 5

♠	T 7 6
♥	A Q J 6 2
♦	K 4 2
♣	A K

	Lauren Travis		Chuck Norris
W	N	E	S
-	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

This auction was interesting for a pair who'd never played together before - what were trumps?

It seemed clear to me that we'd agreed clubs, as Jarrad bid 4♣ over my 3♥ bid. He was sure that hearts were set and his 4♣ was a cue. When he keycarded I was under a bit of pressure but decided to trust my gut and only show one... then he bid 5♥. Should I raise? It would've been right, as 6♥ was cold and we lost 13 IMPs on the hand. After discussing it, we agreed that he had set clubs, as he could've bid 4NT directly over 3♥ to keycard.

After our failure on that board, Jarrad produced a beautiful auction later in the set:

Dlr: E  
Vul: NS

♠	A T 9 2
♥	-
♦	Q T 9 8 7
♣	J 9 5 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠	6
♥	A K J
♦	K J 6
♣	A K 8 7 4 3

	Lauren Travis		Chuck Norris
W	N	E	S
-	-	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Jarrad demonstrated here a) the danger of opening without planning your rebid, and b) that he is Chuck Norris.

Over 1♠ he could've bid 3NT showing a hand too good to rebid 3♣, but not knowing that, he opted for 2NT. Now I had a problem, since I didn't know what any of my bids would mean. Eventually I opted for 3NT, over which Jarrad basically forced to slam. Luckily for him I had an incredibly good hand, and he made 6♣.

Jack and I played together in our RR2 match against ACT. To avoid any confusion, he and I had agreed that we only played takeout doubles after one suit had been bid, which worked to our advantage here:

Dlr: E  
Vul: NS

♠	A Q J 4 3
♥	Q J T 9 8
♦	8
♣	7 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠	T 8 2
♥	-
♦	9 4 3
♣	A K Q T 9 8 5

	Lauren Travis		Jack Markey
W	N	E	S
-	-	1♦	2♣
3♦	X	5♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

I had no idea what it would mean if I doubled 2♣ - they'd only bid one suit, so it should be takeout, but two suits had been bid, so he might think it was penalty. I bid 3♦ and hoped for the best, which occurred when he jumped to 5♦ and only went one off.

We kept the opponents out of their cold 4♥ and, more importantly, avoided 4♥, where the trumps break 5-0 and other pairs were doubled and made several undertricks.

Wednesday night, Chuck Norris and partner were dominating the datums, so Chuck went out for a meal at Outback Jacks to celebrate. Being a growing boy, he decided to give the steak challenge a go: 1kg steak, 500g wedges and 500g veggies to eat in under half an hour. Obviously he finished it in 18 minutes while pretending he'd be sick. In the 5-minute period that followed in which he had to keep his food down, he asked for a dessert menu, ordered apple pie with extra ice cream, and demolished that as well.



In the final round against Queensland, it became apparent Jack didn't know that 8-card suits should be trumps:

Dlr: S	♠ A T 8 7 6 2	
Vul: All	♥ 7 4	
	♦ K 3	
	♣ 7 6 4	
♠ J 9	N	♠ 5
♥ K	W	♥ J T 9 8 6 5 3 2
♦ A J T 7 4	E	♦ 9 5
♣ A Q J 9 2	S	♣ K 5
	♠ K Q 4 3	
	♥ A Q	
	♦ Q 8 6 2	
	♣ T 8 3	

Lauren Travis	Jessica Brake	Jack Markey	Michael Gearing
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	1♦
2♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Upon seeing dummy I gently suggested that he's allowed to bid 4♥ on that kind of hand. Amazingly, out of the 6 tables in the youth field, none played in hearts: Three Wests made 9 tricks in 2♣, one went down 2 in 2NT, one went down 3 in 5♣, and a North played in 4♠X.

At the end of 3 round robins, we had qualified first and would play Queensland in the final. Interestingly, last time SA won a youth ANC they also faced Queensland. After three days off, Shane was back and ready to play 30 of the 40 boards. In the second session, Dunbar created some action:

Dlr: S	♠ Q 8 3	
Vul: EW	♥ 8 3 2	
	♦ K Q 3	
	♣ A 9 8 3	
♠ J 9 7 6	N	♠ A K 5 4
♥ T 5 4	W	♥ 9 7 6
♦ A 5 4	E	♦ J 7 2
♣ K 5 4	S	♣ Q T 6
	♠ T 2	
	♥ A K Q J	
	♦ T 9 8 6	
	♣ J 7 2	

At my table, Michael Gearing opened 1♦ as South, Jessica Brake bid 2NT, and Michael passed. Dunbar had different ideas:

	Schulz		Dunbar	
	W	N	E	S
	-	-	-	1♦
	Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
	Pass	Pass	Pass	

According to Dunbar's story, he pointed at 2NT and drew a big question mark on the paper when Schulz's bid came through. Not sure if it was an invite or a big hand, he bid 3NT.

A low spade lead from East gave Schulz an extra trick, but he played a heart to dummy, diamond to the king, heart back to dummy, and another diamond. West won the ace and led a spade to partner, so Schulz made 1 spade, 4 hearts, 3 diamonds and 1 club for 9 tricks. However, the defence could have beaten it: after flying ace of diamonds, West could play another heart, cutting Schulz off from dummy before he could unblock his ♦Q. If the ♦J had been doubleton, he'd still be cold on this defence, as he could cash dummy's fourth heart, pitching his last diamond.

On the first board of the last set, Shane created some havoc:

Dlr: S  
Vul: Nil

♠	A 7
♥	A 8 6 2
♦	T
♣	A K 9 6 5 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠	K Q J 5 4 3
♥	K
♦	7
♣	J T 8 4 3

♠ 8  
♥ J T 7 4  
♦ A K 8 6 5 4 3  
♣ 7

Gearing	Lauren	Jess	Shane
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	1♦
Pass	2♣	3♠	4♦
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

After Shane opened 1♦ on his 8-count, I game forced with 2♣. He could pass Jess' 3♠ bid, but elected to bid 4♦. I made a forcing pass of 4♠, planning to rip a X to show a slam try. When he bid 5♦ I didn't really know what to do so I passed (thankfully).

I felt pretty sick as he tumbled two off. Would passing out 4♠ be a better action by Shane? It seems like his only option to avoid a minus score on this hand, since he would've been playing in 5♦ even if he doubled.

We had vastly different auctions on board 18 of the final set:

Dlr: E  
Vul: NS

♠	A K T 4 3
♥	8 6 5
♦	J T 9 8
♣	2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠	-
♥	T 4 2
♦	K Q 7 5 3 2
♣	K J 8 4

♠ 9 6 5 2  
♥ Q J 9 7  
♦ 4  
♣ A Q 9 7

♠ Q J 8 7  
♥ A K 3  
♦ A 6  
♣ T 6 5 3

Gearing	Lauren	Jess	Shane
W	N	E	S
-	-	3♦	X
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Dunbar	Larter	Schulz	Gosney
W	N	E	S
-	-	1♦	X
XX	2♠	3♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Schulz and Dunbar overstated their strength a little, although 3♣ should be a weakish hand, since they're in a forcing auction. At our table, I had an automatic 4♠ bid over (3♦) X, and made the cold game.

After a close match all day, we won the final set by a large margin, and ended up winning by 40.9 IMPs. Thanks to Queensland for being awesome opponents in the final. Despite some unfortunate events, we had a great week. Massive thanks to Adel Abdelhamid for being the best team manager and looking out for us, especially Shane, all week. And a shout out to Jamie and the Vic kiddies, it was awesome to see some young blood!



**ANC Youth Team Winners (South Australia):** Jack Markey, Sam Schulz, Shane Harrison, Lauren Travis (captain), Jarrad Dunbar, James Lawry, and Adel Abdelhamid (team manager).

## 2014 AUCKLAND MC TEAMS

BY MIKE WARE, AUCKLAND (NZ)

Howdy again from NZ. I have another declarer play problem for you!

How do you play the following slam hand?

♠ J
♥ 9 8 7 6
♦ A T 9 6
♣ A Q 9 7
<b>6♥/S, ♦7</b>
♠ A 4 3
♥ A K J T 3
♦ Q 4 3
♣ K T

W	N	E	S
-	-	-	1♥
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3♠ was a splinter, 4♣/4♦ were 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> round cuebids

The lead is ♦7 (4ths from length). Have a think before reading on.

This is a pretty good slam – just needs hearts for no loser or no diamond loser.

No opposition bidding suggests playing the hearts from the top (i.e. if there were opposition bidding, one might've been tempted to bid with shortness in hearts), but what is the best chance to play the diamonds for no losers?

We could finesse for the ♦K now. West is good player and he could easily be leading away from the king. The downside for playing a low diamond from dummy is that if the lead is a singleton, our slam could be going down instantly on a diamond return succumbing to a ruff. Still, with no opposition bidding, with them holding nine spades between them at favourable vulnerability, a 1-5 diamond split seems unlikely.

Alternately we could just play clubs from the top, hoping for the jack to drop in three rounds. Missing seven clubs, that's a bit less than 50%. Hmm. It's a pretty close choice. Your decision?

Decided what to do?

Right, now, how would you play 6♥ on the ♦8 lead instead? Is it any different?

I think it is. I think the diamond finesse is now a lot less likely to work since the ♦8 cannot be from 4ths (Tip: Try not to make your 'normal' lead against a slam, or even a grand slam, as to paint a false picture for declarer – assuming it won't affect your partner, of course!). The ♦8 is also very unlikely to be from a third, that is, from Kx8 – it's interesting how much of a difference a single pip can make!

At Susan Humphries' table, her opposition declarer finessed the diamond at trick one and went one down when ♥Qxx was offside for +100, while at the other table they lead ♦8 and Denis Humphries rose ace and made +1430 for 17 IMPs (he drew two trumps and played on clubs as he could now discard two diamond losers when the ♣J fell).

So congratulations to Susan Humphries who led ♦7 from 87 doubleton! When asked why she led it, she replied "I didn't want it to look like I had a doubleton". A great lead for the right reason – very well done.

The full hand (diagram on the right):

Dlr: S	♠ J
Vul: NS	♥ 9 8 7 6
	♦ A T 9 6
	♣ A Q 9 7
♠ Q 8 7 5 2	
♥ Q 5 2	
♦ 8 7	
♣ J 4 3	
	♠ K T 9 6
	♥ 4
	♦ K J 5 2
	♣ 8 6 5 2
	♠ A 4 3
	♥ A K J T 3
	♦ Q 4 3
	♣ K T

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### FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER [DECLARER PLAY]

S/All      ♠ Q 8 4 2  
              ♡ 9 6 4 2  
              ♦ A Q 6  
              ♣ 8 2

♣ J



♠ J 5 3  
♡ A K Q 10 3  
♦ 5 2  
♣ A K Q

South to make 4♥ (IMPs)

West leads the ♣J. Trumps are 3-1.

*Solution on Page 11*

## Need Accommo for 2016 Gold Coast Congress?

The Gold Coast Congress, with the Friends of Youth Bridge, would like to help youth players that are interested in playing in the 2016 Gold Coast Congress. Likely, 2 units will be made available for youth players. More info soon. Any enquiries to Therese Tully at [gttully@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gttully@bigpond.net.au)



The ABF Youth Website is moving (this time for sure)! The new relocated website will be [www.youthbridge.com.au](http://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](mailto:griff.bridge@me.com) an email if you have any suggestions or want to help test the forum. Stay tuned ☺



# KIBITZER'S CORNER



Sorry, no high quality photos this time. But feel free to click [here](#).





## SUIT COMBINATIONS

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<p><i>(Assume unlimited entries)</i></p> <p><b>K 9 6 3</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p>Target: 4 tricks</p> </div> <p><b>A Q 7 4</b></p> <p>There's no problem if the suit breaks 3-2, so what about the 4-1 breaks? If either opposition has J-10-x-x, then we can't pick up the suit for four tricks, but we certainly can if East has a singleton jack or ten.</p> <p>We should start by cashing the ace followed by the queen. If East shows up with a singleton jack or ten, then you can take the marked finesse against West's J-x-x-x or 10-x-x-x.</p> <p>Technically, you can also pick up the suit if West has a singleton jack or ten by playing small to the king and take two finesses against East. But this is not recommended since West might've played an honour from J-10 or J-10-x!</p>	<p><i>(Assume unlimited entries)</i></p> <p><b>K 9 6 3</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p>Target: 4 tricks</p> </div> <p><b>A Q 4</b></p> <p><b>A 10 3</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p>Target: 4 tricks</p> </div> <p><b>K Q 4 2</b></p>
<p><b>A 10 3</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p>Target: 5 tricks</p> </div> <p><b>K Q 8 7 2</b></p> <p>There's nothing special about this suit. The best way to take five tricks is to cash your honours from the top in any order! Well, if you would like to save a trick, cash the K first to guard against a 5-0 break with West. That way, you can take the marked finesse with dummy's 10, but you will still have one deep loser in the end.</p> <p>Double dummy, you can of course pick up J-x-x-x in either opponent's hand but you would have to be absolutely sure (maybe a clue from the auction?), because you will be risking a loser if the suit happened to be 3-2 all along and your finesse lost.</p>	

### FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER [DECLARER PLAY] SOLUTION (Problem on page 9)

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

South to make 4♥ (IMPs)  
West leads the ♣J. Trumps are 3-1.

You have nine top tricks, with a chance of finding the ♦K outside, or playing for the spades to come in for one winner. For the spades to come in for one winner, you can play for either opponent to have honour-doubleton. For example, if you are going to play West for ♠A-x or ♠K-x, lead a spade *through* him. If he plays the honour, then you will have no problem, but if he plays low, play the queen. Later, you will lead a spade from dummy towards your ♠J5 and *duck* it if East plays low.

However, while that requires you finding an opponent with honour-doubleton (or with both ♠AK), there is a 100% line assuming trumps are not 4-0.

Win the lead, draw trumps, and play off the clubs to discard a diamond! Next, play a diamond to the **ace**, then the **queen** of diamonds. Whichever opponent wins will have to break spades for you (or give you a ruff and sluff).



## FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER - BEEFING UP BRIDGE CONVENTIONS

### EXTENSION TO YOUR STRONG 2♣ - KOKISH RELAY (Convention)

If you don't play the Kokish Relay yet, it is a very useful add-on tool for your strong 2♣ opening at little cost. Here is the gist of it:

2♣ ?	Pass	2♦*	Pass	*Assuming 2♦ = Waiting
2♥ 2NT Other	Kokish Relay, multi meaning. A puppet to 2♠ so opener can clarify 22-23 balanced (Assuming a 2NT opening shows 20-21 balanced) As per normal			

After 2♣-2♦-2♥-2♠ (2♠ is forced):

2♣ 2♥ ?	Pass Pass	2♦* 2♠	Pass Pass	*Assuming 2♦ = Waiting
2NT	(24)25+ balanced			
3♣	5+♥ 4+♣			
3♦	5+♥ 4+♦			
3♥	6+♥ (single suited hand)			
3♠	5+♥ 4♠			

The advantage here is that opener is able to show a 25+ balanced hand. Rebidding 2♥ shows either a big balanced hand, or a strong hand with natural hearts. As the 2♥ bid is a puppet to 2♠, responder is forced to bid 2♠ so opener can clarify his true intentions.

If you want to get complicated, one slight improvement is to play *Transfer Kokish Relay*. That is, after 2♣-2♦-2♥-2♠, 3♣+ bids are transfers. So 3♣ would show 5+♥ 4+♦, 3♦ shows 6+♥'s, 3♥ shows 5+♥ 4♠, and 3♠ shows 5+♥ 4+♣.

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	EVENT (QLD)	DATES
	For More INFO: <a href="http://www.qldbridge.com/">http://www.qldbridge.com/</a>	

	EVENT (NSW)	DATES
	After school bridge club @ NSWBA is on a break. Email: <a href="mailto:johnno.newman@gmail.com">johnno.newman@gmail.com</a> Web: <a href="http://www.nswba.com.au/">http://www.nswba.com.au/</a>	

	EVENT (ACT)	DATES
	ANU Bridge Club regular meetings at ANU Bar	Mondays 4pm-6pm during term
Email: <a href="mailto:youth@bfact.com.au">youth@bfact.com.au</a> Web: <a href="http://www.bfact.com.au/">http://www.bfact.com.au/</a>		

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

	EVENT (SA)	DATES
	Youth workshop on 3rd Sunday of every month at SABA	16 <sup>th</sup> August, 20 <sup>th</sup> September at 1pm
Email: <a href="mailto:laurenct@gmail.com">laurenct@gmail.com</a> Web: <a href="http://www.sabridgefederation.com.au/">http://www.sabridgefederation.com.au/</a>		

	EVENT (WA)	DATES
	Contact: <a href="http://www.bawa.asn.au/">http://www.bawa.asn.au/</a>	

	EVENT (NT)	DATES
	Contact: <a href="http://www.ntba.com.au/">http://www.ntba.com.au/</a>	

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