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3rd Place Finish for the AUS U25



Well done to the Australian U25 team (consisting of Stephen Williams, Jamie Thompson, Max Henbest, Shane Harrison, Ella Pattison, Renee Cooper, and Nye Griffiths [npc]) in finishing 3rd in the 20th APBF Youth Team Championships, held in Bangkok, Thailand. For more

results and info, go to pages 3 and 6.

ANOT Win for Max Henbest!



Congrats to Max Henbest for winning the 2015 ANOT with Simon Hinge, Mike Doecke, and William Jenner-O'Shea, defeating the Milne team (Liam Milne, Nye Griffiths, Sartaj Hans, and Maurits Van Der Vlugt) 118 to 105 IMPs!

2015 ANC YOUTH TEAMS

11 JUL – 17 JUL, 2015 (Fremantle, WA)

For more info, click [here](#)

WA	Renee Cooper, Matthew Smith, Francesca McGrath, Ailsa Peacock, Kate Dores, Rhys Cooper
NSW	Junkai Zhou, You Hu, Dominic Bell, Tomer Libman, Charles McMahon, John McMahon
QLD	Jessica Brake, Michael Gearing, Andrew Gosney, Chris Larter, Josh Davis, Angus Gray, Paul Brake (NPC)
SA	Shane Harrison, Lauren Travis, Sam Schulz, Jarrad Dunbar, Jack Markey, James Lawry
VIC	Jamie Thompson (anchor man 🇺🇸), Liam and Aiden Robertson, Finn Rennie, Matthew Kirkland, Patrick Clifford, Connor Hosking, Ivy Anderson
ACT	Stephen Williams, Daryl Whitfield, Zac Neulinger, Max Mullamphy, Cameron Wilson, Andrew Spooner, Christy Geromboux (NPC)

PRE-ALERTS!

For 2015			
DATES	EVENT	WHERE	
<u>JUN</u> <u>JUN</u> 4 - 8	VCC	Melbourne	
<u>JUL</u> <u>JUL</u> 11 - 23	ANC	Perth	
<u>SEP</u> <u>OCT</u> 26 - 3	2015 NZ National Congress	Hamilton, NZ	
<u>OCT</u> <u>OCT</u> 21 - 29	SNOT	Sydney	
2015 World Tournaments			
<u>AUG</u> <u>AUG</u> 20 - 29	2015 World Open Youth Congress	Opatija, Croatia	
<u>SEP</u> <u>OCT</u> 26 - 10	2015 World Open Team Championships	Chennai, India	

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CHECKBACK (Results)

20th APBF YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

1 APR – 7 APR, 2015 (Bangkok, Thailand)

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

Youth Teams (After 2 Round Robins)	Place	Team
	1 ST	CHINA
	2 ND	SINGAPORE
	3 RD	AUSTRALIA

Youth Pairs (Finals, 24 Pairs)	Place	Pair
	2 ND	Matthew Brown – Victoria Bouton (NZ)
	9 TH	Dominic Evans – Rebecca Wood (NZ)
	10 TH	Glenn Coutts – Andi Boughey (NZ)
	12 TH	Ella Pattison – Renee Cooper

Youth Pairs (Consolation, 45 Pairs)	Place	Pair
	3 RD	Max Henbest – Shane Harrison
	10 TH	Stephen Williams – Jamie Thompson

2015 ANOT

30 APR – 4 MAY, 2015 (Adelaide)

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

Open Teams	Place	Team
	1 ST	Mike Doecke, William Jenner-O’Shea, Simon Hinge, Max Henbest
	2 ND	Nye Griffiths, Liam Milne, Sartaj Hans, Maurits Van Der Vlugt

Open Pairs	Place	Pair
	2 ND	Renee Cooper – Ron Cooper
	3 RD	Peter Hollands – Justin Williams

MEANWHILE AROUND THE GLOBE...



2015 WHITEHOUSE JUNIORS WINNERS

Amsterdam, Netherlands 29 March – 3 April, For tournament website, click [here](#)

1ST



Sweden

Ida Gronkvist – Mikael Rimstedt,
Johan Safsten – Ola Rimstedt

2ND



Poland

Rafal Marks – Slawek Nijako,
Max Chodacki – Kamil Nowak



Left: Swedish Team

2015 APBF YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 20th Asia Pacific Bridge Federation (APBF) Youth Team Championships was held on April 1 to 7 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Australian Youth Team, consisting of Jamie Thompson, Stephen Williams, Renee Cooper, Ella Pattison, Max Henbest, Shane Harrison, and Nye Griffiths (NPC) fought vigorously even to the very last round to come **third** out of ten teams. Here are the results after two round robins were completed:

J-2RR		After Round										C/O	Adj	Total VP	Rank
Team		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9					
K5	China	12.80	12.80	20.00	6.72	18.44	18.44	13.97	20.00	4.44	118.12		245.73	1	
K9	Singapore	10.61	7.45	15.74	13.28	16.88	17.45	13.52	19.34	12.29	115.99		242.55	2	
K1	Australia	17.72	13.52	10.91	12.29	2.55	16.26	4.26	0.66	15.56	120.46	1.05	215.24	3	
K7	China Hong Kong	11.48	12.55	0.00	12.55	0.00	20.00	15.74	16.26	7.71	115.86		212.15	4	
K10	Japan	9.39	15.74	16.09	14.39	1.56	3.74	16.58	3.74	19.25	101.78		202.26	5	
K8	New Zealand	16.73	7.45	19.25	18.09	17.45	1.56	6.48	4.81	0.75	91.58		184.15	6	
K6	Chinese Taipei	8.52	7.20	3.91	7.71	12.55	2.55	20.00	15.19	20.00	85.41		183.04	7	
K4	Indonesia	7.20	12.55	9.09	1.91	20.00	17.85	3.42	15.92	0.00	81.88		169.82	8	
K3	Thailand	3.27	6.48	4.26	5.61	7.45	0.00	6.03	4.08	14.39	49.74		101.31	9	
K2	Philippines	2.28	4.26	0.75	7.45	3.12	2.15	0.00	0.00	5.61	19.18	1.80	46.60	10	



Gold | CHINA

Liu Shuo, Liu Sili, Chen Yanfeng, Tang Zhi, Tao Yong and Xia Xinyu

Wang Jianxin (Captain), Ji Jun (Coach) and Yuan Yujie (Manager)

Silver | SINGAPORE

Peter Haw, Khor Shi-Jie, Joesph Kang, Toh Zhen Huai, Zhou Ming Yang and Zhu Xin Chen

Kelvin Ong (Captain) and Ang Shen Ting (Coach)



Bronze | Australia

Stephen Williams, Jamie Thompson, Shane Harrison, Max Henbest, Ella Pattison and Renee Cooper

Nye Griffiths (Captain)

Well done!

AUSTRALIAN U25 TEAM FOR THE 2015 APBF YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

(From the APBF Championships, Bulletin 5)

Meet the Australia Juniors

Nye Griffiths

Here comes a team presentation sent in by the Captain from the land "downunder"!



From left to right: Renee, Max, Stephen, Nye (the NPC), Ella, Jamie and Shane.

Renee Cooper:

Renee is in her first year of university after taking an enlightening and bridge-filled gap year. Don't let the sweet smiles fool you, she's as tough as yesterday's T-Bone steak and makes a mean batch of pancakes.

Ella Pattinson:

Ella's talents extend well beyond the bridge world and into the musical one. I bet you've never met anyone who can sing two notes simultaneously or produce such miraculous melodies from their nose.

Shane Harrison:

Shane is a student from Adelaide and holds the title of The Team Vegan. You'll either find him at the squash courts or in the corner picking out the prawns from his fried rice.

Max Henbest:

Max is a student living in Melbourne and is the optimist of the team. Away from the bridge table you'll find him appreciating a good coffee or listing redeeming features of a bad one.

Stephen Williams:

Stephen is a student living in Canberra. Away from the bridge table he holds title to being undefeated in Limbo competitions and can Hula Hoop for 2 hours straight.

Jamie Thompson:

Jamie is in his first year of university and living in Melbourne. He is the youngest member of the team, but the one you most would want to bring to a trivia night or have handy if you forget the lyrics to a song.

BRIDGE WITH THE BRUCES: GIRL EDITION

BY LAUREN TRAVIS, ADELAIDE

Occasionally the Bruces mix it up and play Thursday nights with other partners. I was the (un?)lucky beneficiary of their decision, getting to partner Juz in a Swiss Pairs event.

Match 1

Seeded 6th, we drew average club players for the first match. Luckily we nabbed a 44 IMP win, which would be the highlight of our first few weeks as we lost the next five in a row – shameful. The first offering from this match was pretty hilarious:

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

Sitting East, I could've opened 2♥ to show at least 4/4 in the majors. Knowing the Bruces' style, though, I was worried my hand was a bit too good for a spec, but it still didn't seem good enough to open 1♥. I passed, figuring I'll Michaels later...

	Juz		LT	
	W	N	E	S
	-	-	Pass	1♣
	Pass	1♦	2♣*	Pass
	Pass	2NT	3♥	Pass
	4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

I was ecstatic when it came back to me and I could bid 2♣!... until partner passed, thinking it was natural, since I can't possibly have both majors as a passed hand. Oops. Luckily North was there for me with 2NT (why?) and I could bid 3♥, then Juz had an easy raise to 4♥. The play was pretty simple, although I got a quizzical look when I claimed 11 and my mate realised I had a club void. All the Bruces were eager to hang s*** on me for being a huge girl; apparently I should've opened 2♥ and then rebid 3♥ when it comes back to me, showing a 6-5. Is this bridge?

A few boards later, our opponents served up another gem:

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

Juz opened 2♦, showing 4+♦ and 4+♠. I alerted, North didn't ask for an explanation before doubling, I passed, and South bid 3♦. I guess North thought Juz's 2♦ was a multi and her mate had bid diamonds naturally, because she enthusiastically raised to 5♦, and I was happy to wield the axe. South knew exactly what was going on and ran to 5♥, which met the same fate.

	Juz		LT	
	W	N	E	S
	2♦*	X	Pass	3♦
	Pass	5♦	X	5♥
	Pass	Pass	X	All Pass

Juz led the ♣7, which declarer won in hand before playing a heart to the K then ♥J, Q, A. She then continued to draw trumps, so I won, drew her last trump, and switched to ♠T, to the J and Q. Juz led ♦J, ducked. Unfortunately, he hadn't noticed dummy's spade pips, so he decided to cash the ♠A before switching back to diamonds. That let declarer make one spade, two hearts, and two club tricks for 1700 to us, which should have been 2000, and which we accidentally scored as 1400. We gained 16 IMPs when it should've been 19... pretty unusual to let the opponents score 600 more than they should've got, for only a 3 IMP difference!

Matches 2-6: Forgettable

Match 7

After gradually working our way down the field, we found ourselves at table 18. We were hoping for a win but who knows what damage we could do to ourselves (much like our favourite footy team - #weareportadelaide). Early on, we bid 6♥ and went off when 6♠ was an easy make, so we needed some good boards. The oppo had our back here:

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

	LT		Juz	
	W	N	E	S
	-	-	-	1♠
	Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
	Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
	Pass			

Since Bruces aren't allowed to pass with two stingers or five spades, Juz had to open 1♠. Pretty normal auction to 3NT thereafter. West led the ♦6 to the 7, T and A. Juz played the ♥J, Q, K, and decided to work on spades. He led the jack, with East playing the queen,

which held. She now decided her best course of action was to return the ♠4. Juz flew with the ace and played another spade, then looked incredibly pissed off. East switched to the ♣4, and her partner won the king and cashed the ace. Now worried that her partner had heaps of club tricks to cash out, East 'unblocked' her ♣Q, so Juz was able to win the third round of clubs (which it took him a second to realise). With hearts breaking 3-3, 3NT rolled home for a cheeky 7 IMP gain.

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

On this one, Juz ended up playing the standard 4♠. He received the ♦4 lead, which he won with the jack, then played ♠J, which held, and a spade to the 8. He then played ♥J to West's ♥A, and West returned a heart to the king. Juz took another spade hook and played a heart to West's queen, who now led a heart for her partner to ruff.

Unfortunately, East declined to ruff, pitching her last diamond. Juz now played ♦T to the Q and K, with East pitching a club, then ♣A and ♣Q, pitching his last diamond. Now East was trump couped for an overtrick... having refused to ruff twice. Never mind that he was cold for 6 on a legitimate trump coup; this line was much funnier.

Match 8

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

After a small win in match 7, we drew some nice opponents at Table 16, and this hand came up (left).

	LT		Juz	
	W	N	E	S
	-	Pass	Pass	1♦
	1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
	2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

I led a normal ♦2 to Juz's A, then he returned the 8... declarer stuck in the T so I won my J and switched to ♠J, collecting two diamond and two spade tricks for one off. Dummy immediately apologised for overbidding.

Our final board was a nice one:

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

	LT		Juz
W	N	E	S
-	-	1♥	1NT
2♥	X	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Who knows what Juz and I play over NT interference, so doubling then bidding 3♣ seemed like my least risky option. He was pretty happy that I had clubs, so he bid 3NT. West led ♥6 to her partner's queen and Juz's ace.

He cashed ♣A before crossing to dummy with the ♣K and playing ♦Q. After East covered and he won the ace, he played a diamond to the nine before cashing the rest of his club and diamond tricks... making 11. Not only were we the only NS pair to bid the cold game, the datum was for EW, so we got a full 12 IMPs. Ship it!

Stay tuned - Bruce vs Bruce showdown coming up next week!

Playing Bridge at Bateman's Bay by Leigh Matheson

Try this declarer play problem from the Bateman's Bay Swiss Teams:

Nil Vul ♠ 1053
 Dealer ♥ 62
 South ♦ AKQ32
 ♣ K97

Lead: ♥A



♠ KJ862
 ♥ 9754
 ♦ J7
 ♣ A5

South	West	North	East
Pass	1♥	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	All Pass

West leads the ♥A and the ♥K, East following with the ♥Q on the second round. West continues with the ♥J.

Let's say you ruff the third round of hearts with the ♠10. East discards a club.

How do you plan the play?

BATEMANS BAY 2015 & CANBERRA'S MIXED TEAMS: DOUBLED GRANDS, 1400s, AND A NICK-JACOBISM

BY JOHN NEWMAN, SYDNEY

Canberra's Mixed Teams featured rockcrushers that self-destructed on most of their owners. Most NS's played in game going off one or two, at Nick Jacob's table it was different:

Dlr: E	♠ AK 8				♠ J
Vul: NS	♥ Q 4 3				♥ AKT 6 5
	♦ AK 3 2				♦ T 9 6
	♣ AK 3				♣ Q 9 7 5
♠ QT 6 5 4		N			
♥ -		W		E	
♦ QJ 8 7 4					
♣ 8 4 2			S		
	♠ 9 7 3 2				
	♥ J 9 8 7 2				
	♦ 5				
	♣ JT 6				

As dealer sitting East, I opened what was theoretically a weak 2♥. South passed, and Nick Jacob (West), with a void in hearts and a couple of queens, found the obvious 4♥ raise. Enter a fuming bridge pro sitting North, holding the self-destructing rockcrusher. North doubled Nick's 4♥, and this ran around to South, who after much deliberation decided not to penalise with ♥J9872, and bid 4♠. Nick "gave that a snup" (he doubled it). Try to guess Nick's lead to 4♠X from the West hand.....

The ♣2 – "I wanted a club back, eventually". Declarer deduced that the two was from an honour, and tried finessing, so I won the queen in East. I cashed ♥A-K, nearly falling off my chair as Nick pitched two clubs. After I gave Nick a club ruff, declarer got in and cashed a couple of trumps and diamonds, but Nick soon drew trumps and claimed the rest, ending on the beer card (♦7) for +1400. I excused myself and ran outside to collapse on the floor laughing. Such are the antics of the IMP fiend Nick Jacob. I later realised that they can get 1400 if I play 4♥X.

This next monstrous South hand brought misery to many of its owners - NS can't legitimately make a game. In fact, East can make 6♥/3NT with a combined 15 points(!) because South is always endplayed. Foreseeing all of this, when East opened a multi 2♦, Lauren Travis casually passed with the South hand:

Dlr: E	♠ 6 3 2				♠ -
Vul: EW	♥ K				♥ QT 9 8 6 5 4
	♦ JT 9 8 4 3 2				♦ 7 6 5
	♣ 9 3				♣ Q 6 2
♠ QT 9 8 5 4		N			
♥ J 7 3 2		W		E	
♦ A					
♣ AT			S		
	♠ AKJ 7				
	♥ A				
	♦ KQ				
	♣ KJ 8 7 5 4				

		Liam Milne		Lauren Travis	
W	N	E	S	W	N
-	-	2♦ ¹	Pass ²	-	-
2NT ³	3♦ ⁴	3♥	4♣	2NT ³	3♦ ⁴
4♥	Pass	Pass	5♦	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass		Pass	Pass

¹Weak 2♥ or 2♠, or some strong options

²Nothing to see here

³Strong enquiry

⁴Cheeky Mr. Milne

End contract is 5♦ by North, ♥6 lead.

Liam Milne won the heart lead in dummy and played a diamond, West winning his singleton ace. I sympathise with West, who didn't find the winning switch away from the ♠Q into dummy's ♠AKJ7. West had one last opportunity to give partner a spade ruff at trick four when in with the ♣A, but it was not to be – Liam set up the clubs and made his contract losing only ♣A and ♦A. East launched a preposterous verbal attack on West ("The ♥6 was clear suit preference!"), while Lauren sat thinking "Goddamn Milne, he's so cheeky, he gets away with murder."

And now onto the yearly Batemans Bay weekend, where youth players partner experts and hang about in a beach house to play games in between games. Mitch Dowling got a +1400 in the teams after East opened a weak 2♥ and North (Kieran Crowe-Mai), doubled for takeout, Mitch passing with the South cards:

Board: 10	♠J652
Dealer: E	♥A
Vul: All	♦A
	♣AK97632
	♠9843
	♥8
	♦J943
	♣QJ54
	♠AKT7
	♥QJ654
	♦K87
	♣T
	16
	4 HCP 7
	13

After Mitch's ♠A lead and a club switch, NS got a satisfying cross-ruff/over-ruff happening. Mitch eventually drew East's trumps, scoring the ♠K too. Brutal.

Lakshmi loved this last hand, where her partner Warren Lazer (West), uncharacteristically forgot their keycard responses. Expecting Lakshmi to hold three keycards, Warren bid 7♦ off two aces. South doubled and North led the ♠A:

Board: 32	♠AJ75
Dealer: W	♥J72
Vul: EW	♦J65
	♣984
	♠KQ93
	♥K9
	♦AK98
	♣KJT
	♠T8642
	♥AQ83
	♦43
	♣32

Luckily Lakshmi had a void in spades up her sleeve, allowing Warren to make the grand slam! Lakshmi said it was: "A moment of serendipity after an amusing auction... we both lied about things. We felt immensely guilty for our opponents at this point...". Dubious slams are the best kind.

Big thanks to Max Mullamphy and Daryl Whitfield for organising, to Peter Gill and Kieran Crowe-Mai for their generosity, to FOYB, NSWBA & BFACT for funding and most of all to the experts and up-and-comers for joining in.

Playing Bridge at Batemans Bay

The 2015 Bateman's Bay Congress had participation from a "youth" group of 20 people. This included players who had just learnt bridge a couple of years/months/weeks/days before the event and some rather more experienced players to partner with them.

Back to the problem hand...

I continued with three top diamonds, discarding a heart and cashed the ♣A and ♠K. Then I ducked a trump to West's ♠Q and claimed soon after.

The full deal:

♠ 1053		♠ 974
♥ 62		♥ Q8
♦ AKQ32		♦ 1054
♣ K97		♣ J10862
♠ AQ		♠ KJ862
♥ AKJ103		♥ 9754
♦ 986		♦ J7
♣ Q43		♣ A5

The same contract was reached at the other table after a similar auction. And the play started exactly the same, with West leading three top hearts. But this time when the third round of hearts was ruffed with the ♠10, Erin Tewes discarded a diamond instead of a club. Now declarer had no way of getting rid of the heart loser and the contract went one down.



John, Matt, Leigh, and Lakshmi

FREE ROBOTS For JUNIORS!

BBO's generous offer of FREE leasing of GIB Robots on BBO is still available!

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.

Peter Hollands Live Bridge Stream

Live bridge streaming sessions
(All sessions will run most weeks)

AEDT Time (Melbourne)

Monday 2.00 - 4.00 PM

Monday 4.00 - 5.00 PM (Supervised)

Tuesday 3.00 - 6.00 PM

Thursday 11.00 AM -12.00 PM

(Lesson on a selected topic)

To watch these **free** live sessions:

<http://www.twitch.tv/slynk>
or www.bridgestream.weebly.com

Anyone can watch. If you wish to chat to Pete and ask questions, you will need to register for a twitch account.

For more info, see next page.

FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER [DECLARER PLAY]

S/All ♠ J 7
 ♥ 8 4
 ♦ A K J 6 3
 ♣ 7 4 3 2

♠ A

♠ 9 5
 ♥ A K J 10 5 3
 ♦ Q 5
 ♣ K Q J

South to make 4♥ (IMPs)

West leads the ♠A followed by ♠K.
 ♣10 is played to East's ♣A and another club comes back as West follows with the ♣5.

Solution on Page 13

2015 ANC



The annual Australian National Championships will be held from 11th to 23rd July in Fremantle.

Congrats to the players who have made it to their state team. Good luck to all. For more information, click [here](#) for the tournament website.



The ABF Youth Website is moving (this time for sure)! 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 ☺

Inside the Expert's Mind

14/04/15



Young Victorian expert Pete Hollands is playing bridge and explaining his thought process as he goes live on the internet every week (except when he's away at national or international tournament).

Watch for **FREE** on [Twitch](#)

The twitch address is www.twitch.tv/peterhollands

If you have a Twitch account (free to set up) you can even chat with Pete or ask him questions mid-play. If you have any questions come up about why you do something or if there was something he didn't cover you can get the answer straight away.

Session times (all free – AEST (Melbourne) time)

- Monday 2pm - 4pm
- Monday 4pm - 5pm (beginners)
- Monday 8pm – 10 pm
- Tuesday 3pm - 4pm (advanced)
- Tuesday 4pm - 6pm
- Thursday 11am - 12pm (lesson on a selected topic)
- Thursday 1pm – 3pm (beginners)
- Saturday 11am -1pm (occasional)

If any youth players would like to have a game with Pete during his stream, he is *more than happy* to do so - just message him!!

Pete's web site, [Bridge Vid](#), has more content such as weekly newsletter, teaching notes, past online commentated play sessions, past featured lessons and extra lessons such as “Where are the cards?”

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SUIT COMBINATIONS

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<p><i>(Assume unlimited entries)</i></p> <p>A Q 10 3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>Target: 4 tricks</p> </div> <p>K 6 5 2</p> <p>There's no problem if the suit breaks 3-2, so what about the 4-1 breaks? If East has J-x-x-x, then we can't pick up the suit for four tricks, but we certainly can if West is the one with J-x-x-x.</p> <p>We can play this suit in any order as long as we cash two top honours (but not both A and Q) to reveal the 4-1 break. The most efficient way however is to first cash the ace (or queen), then small to the king. That way, we are in the South's hand when the 4-1 break is revealed, and we won't need to waste an entry to get to South's hand to take the marked finesse.</p>	<p><i>(Assume unlimited entries)</i></p> <p>K 9 6 3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>Target: 4 tricks</p> </div> <p>A Q 7 4</p> <p>A 10 3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>Target: 5 tricks</p> </div> <p>K Q 8 7 2</p>

A K 5 4

Target:
5 tricks

Q 9 8 7 2

If you have unlimited entries, the safety play in this suit is to cash the queen first. 2-2 and 3-1 breaks don't matter, but cashing the queen first will allow you to pick up J-10-6-3 with West. If East has J-10-6-3, then there's nothing you can do to pick up the suit for five tricks.

FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER
[DECLARER PLAY] SOLUTION
 (Problem on page 10)

S/All

♠ J 7
 ♥ 8 4
 ♦ A K J 6 3
 ♣ 7 4 3 2

♠ A

♠ 9 5
 ♥ A K J 10 5 3
 ♦ Q 5
 ♣ K Q J

South to make 4♥ (IMPs)
 West leads the ♠A followed by ♠K. ♣10 is played to East's ♣A and another club comes back as West follows with the ♣5.

With three tricks lost, this hand comes down to how the trumps are played. There are two options:
 (a) Cash the ♥A, cross to dummy with a diamond and take a heart finesse.

(b) Cross to dummy with a diamond and take a heart finesse. Assuming that it wins, head over to dummy with another diamond (overtaking ♦Q with dummy's top diamond) to take another heart finesse.

All else being equal, this is a straight probability choice. Assuming the ♥Q is onside, if trumps break 3-2, then both lines work. As for the 4-1 breaks, (a) only picks up singleton ♥Q with West, but line (b) picks up four possible heart singletons with West (as two finesse are taken).

Therefore, go for line (b).



FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER - BEEFING UP BRIDGE CONVENTIONS

YOUR TRANSFER IS DOUBLED - WHAT NOW?

In the last issue, we looked at how you can take advantage of the situation if your opponents double your 2♣ Stayman bid over a 1NT opening. You can also apply it in a similar fashion if you had bid 2♦ or 2♥ transfer.

Again, there are lots of variations in this spot, but here's a simple and practical one that doesn't require much memory strain:

1NT ?	Pass	2♦	X
XX	Strong suggestion to play in 2♦XX (i.e. you have a good 5-card diamond holding)		
2♥	Accepting the transfer means you have 3+♥ support		
Pass	Shows doubleton heart (no heart support)		

After opener passes to deny heart support:

1NT Pass*	Pass Pass	2♦ ?	X
	XX	Re-transfer	
	2♥	"I want to play!"	
	Others	Generally does not exist, as you would start with a re-transfer XX	

It is useful to be able to distinguish between two and three-card support, as that alleviates some stress off responder when he holds a hand that is close to inviting. For example, if responder has ♠Q74 ♥Q10743 ♦4 ♣K983, he can simply try to sign off in 2♥ when opener denies three-card support, but raise to 3♥ or 4♥ if opener shows three-card support.

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	For More INFO: http://www.qldbridge.com/	

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

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

	EVENT (VIC)	DATES
	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
	Youth workshop on 3rd Sunday of every month at SABA	21 st June, 15 th August
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	Contact: http://www.bawa.asn.au/	

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