

# AUSSIE YOUTH BRIDGE BULLETIN

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## ONE GOLD AND TWO SILVERS



Congratulations to the Australian U25 Team, of Ellena Moskovsky, Peter Hollands, Justin Howard, Lauren Travis, Maxim Henbest, Nathan Howard, Grant Kilvington (APBF npc), Ishmael Del'Monte (3<sup>rd</sup> World Youth Congress npc), and Alexander Smirnov (coach).

Lauren Travis has written an article about the events, located on page 4.

## ABF PRE-ALERTS!

For 2013			
DATES	EVENT	WHERE	
SEP 28 - 5	28 <sup>th</sup> NZ National Congress	Hamilton, NZ	
OCT 12 - 13	U30s' Youth Congress	Adelaide	
OCT 23 - 31	2013 Spring Nationals	Sydney	
DEC 6 - 8	Australian Youth Triathlon	Melbourne	
For 2014			
JAN 11* - 19*	Australian Youth Champs	Canberra	
<b>*Dates TBC</b>			

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# CHECKBACK (Results)

## 3<sup>RD</sup> WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS

03 AUG – 11 AUG, 2013 (Atlanta, USA)

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

Pairs Final	Place	Pair			
	4 <sup>TH</sup>	Ellena Moskovsky – Lauren Travis			
	5 <sup>TH</sup>	Justin Howard – Peter Hollands			

Pairs Consolation	Place	Pair			
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	Maxim Henbest – Nathan Howard			

Swiss Teams Grand Final	Australia	S1	S2	S3	Total IMPs
		42	24	35	101
	War of Roses (USA)	46	69	15	130

BAM (Board a Match)	Place	Points	Team		
	1 <sup>ST</sup>	108	Turkiye		
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	106	Australia		
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	103	California Aces		

## 19<sup>TH</sup> ASIA PACIFIC BRIDGE FEDERATION

### YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS (APBF's)

19 AUG – 25 AUG, 2013 (Wuhan, China)

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

Pairs Final	Place	Pair			
	5 <sup>TH</sup>	Justin Howard – Peter Hollands			

Pairs Consolation	Place	Pair			
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	Ellena Moskovsky – Lauren Travis			

Teams	Place	VPs	Team		
	1 <sup>ST</sup>	210.76	AUSTRALIA		
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	204.20	CHINA		
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	201.51	SINGAPORE		
	4 <sup>TH</sup>	185.46	CHINA HONG KONG		
	5 <sup>TH</sup>	175.99	CHINESE TAIPEI		

# 41<sup>ST</sup> WORLD BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

16 SEP – 29 SEP, 2013 (Bali, Indonesia)

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

Transnational Open Teams	Place	Team
	66 <sup>TH</sup>	<u>Australian Youth Team</u> : Justin Howard, Shane Harrison, Max Henbest, Ellena Moskovsky, Stephen Williams, Jamie Thompson

## MEANWHILE AROUND THE GLOBE...



### 41<sup>ST</sup> WORLD BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bali, Indonesia 16 – 29 Sep 2013. For tournament website, [click here](#)

#### BERMUDA BOWL (Open Teams)

1<sup>ST</sup>



ITALY

Noberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Lorenzo Lauria, Agustin Madala, Antonio Sementa, Alfredo Versace

2<sup>ND</sup>



MONACO

Pierre Zimmermann, Fulvio Fantoni, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Franck Multon, Claudio Nunes

3<sup>RD</sup>



POLAND

Cezary Balicki, Krzysztof Buras, Krzysztof Jassem, Marcin Mazukiewicz, Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Adam Zmudzinski

#### VENICE CUP (Womens Teams)

1<sup>ST</sup>



USA2

Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Jill Levin, Jill Meyers, Janice Seamon-Molson, Jenny Wolpert, Migry Zur-Campanile

2<sup>ND</sup>



ENGLAND

Sally Brock, Fiona Brown, Heather Dhondy, Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith, Susan Stockdale

3<sup>RD</sup>



NETHERLANDS

Carla Arnolds, Marion Michielsen, Jet Pasman, Anneke Simons, Meike Wortel, Wietske van Zwol

#### D'ORSI TROPHY (Seniors Teams)

1<sup>ST</sup>



GERMANY

Michael Elinescu, Ulrich Kratz, Reiner Marsal, Bernhard Strater, Ulrich Wenning, Entschow Wladow

2<sup>ND</sup>



USA2

Roger Bates, Garey Hayden, Marc Jacobus, Carolyn Lynch, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold

3<sup>RD</sup>



POLAND

Julian Klukowski, Apolinary Kowalski, Krzysztof Lasocki, Victor Markowicz, Jacek Romanski, Jerzy Russyan

Photos of the medalists can be found [here](#).

## 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](#).

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

## TWO SILVERS AND A GOLD

BY LAUREN TRAVIS, ADELAIDE



At the beginning of August, the Australian U25 team set off from Melbourne for four weeks of bridge overseas. The team, consisting of Peter Hollands - Justin Howard, Max Henbest - Nathan Howard, and Ellena Moskovsky - Lauren Travis, would contest the 3rd World Youth Open Bridge Championships in Atlanta, USA, and the 19<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Youth Championships in Wuhan, China. Although the team was missing some strong players from previous years, we had high hopes going into both tournaments.

Qualifying Pairs, Brd 3 South/E-W	♠ A K J 7 6 ♥ K 8 3 ♦ A K T ♣ 6 4									
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	S									
	♠ T 8 5 ♥ A 7 5 4 ♦ 3 ♣ J T 9 7 5 ♠ 9 2 ♥ T 2 ♦ 8 6 5 4 ♣ A K 8 3 2									

	Moskovsky		Travis
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	3♣
Dbl	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
3♦	Dbl	3♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Rdbl = Grrrrr Grrrrr!      3♣ = Grrrrrr!  
 2 x Dbl's = Grr Grrr Grrr!

I decided to have a little fun during the qualifying rounds of the World Youth Pairs. On board 3 of the first session, I opened 3♣ on the South cards. When West decided to make a takeout double, Ellena had an easy redouble, and the opponents were in trouble. 3♣xx came back around to West, who couldn't know that this was their best spot (although he has to lead a heart to take the contract off). He bid 3♦, which was doubled, and they ended up in 3♥x. When we got +500 from that, it was good for a top board and a write-up in the next day's bulletin.

Qualifying Pairs, Brd 25 North/E-W	♠ Q 5 ♥ 9 8 5 ♦ Q 8 5 ♣ A Q 6 3 2									
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	S									
	♠ K 7 4 2 ♥ A K J 4 2 ♦ A 7 3 ♣ 9 ♠ A J T 9 6 ♥ T ♦ K J T 2 ♣ K 8 5									

	Travis	Ozgun	Moskovsky	Uslupehliyan
W	N	E	S	
-	Pass	1♥	1♠	
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥	
Dbl	2♠	Pass	3♣	
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♠	
All Pass				

In session 3 of the pairs qualifying, our Turkish opponent, Sarper Uslupehliyan, played this hand very nicely to make 4♠. I led the ♥6, which Ellena won. She tried to cash another heart, which was ruffed by declarer. He crossed to dummy with a club and ran the ♠Q. When Ellena didn't cover, Uslupehliyan deduced that she had ♠K x x x. He played on diamonds, with Ellena winning the third round. She returned another heart, ruffed by South, who now played ♣K. This was the position:

Qualifying (Ozgur)  
 B25 ♠5  
 N/E-W ♥-  
 ♦-  
 (Travis) ♣A632 (Moskovsky)  
 ♠8 ♠K74  
 ♥Q ♥J4  
 ♦- ♦-  
 ♣JT7 ♣-  
 ♠AJ  
 ♥-  
 ♦K  
 ♣K8  
 (Uslupehlivan)

If Ellena ruffs, she's endplayed - if she returns a spade, Uslupehlivan finesses, draws her trump, and his hand is high; if she returns a heart, he pitches a club, ruffs in dummy, and leads ♣A, trump coupling her. If she pitches, he leads another club to the A, and her fate is the same. Well done Sarper!

Moskovsky-Travis and Hollands-Howard qualified for the pairs final, while Henbest-Howard played in the consolation and came 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In session 4 of the final, I picked up ♠A104♥A108752♦6♣J83. Imagine my surprise when my LHO opened 2♥ at all vul, partner made a takeout double, and everyone passed:

Ellena led ♣A followed by a diamond switch, won in dummy. A small spade was led and I won ace. I led another club to Ellena's queen and she led a diamond for me to ruff. A third club followed, ruffed by declarer, who played a small heart, won by Ellena's queen. She played ♦Q and another diamond, which I ruffed, and exited a spade, ruffed by North who only had trumps left. When he led ♥K and I ducked, he was endplayed and had to go -1100.

Qualifying  
 B25 ♠J  
 N/E-W ♥KJ9643  
 ♦J742  
 (Travis) ♣62 (Moskovsky)  
 ♠AT4 ♠Q52  
 ♥AT8752 ♥Q  
 ♦6 ♦QT9853  
 ♣J83 ♣AKQ  
 ♠K98763  
 ♥-  
 ♦AK  
 ♣T9754

After the 60 boards of Finals, the results were:

1	Massimiliano Di Franco - Gabriele Zanasi (Italy)	57.81%
2	Erkmen Aydogdu - Akin Koçlar (Turkey)	57.48%
3	Alex Prairie - Sylvia Shi (USA)	57.32%
4	<b>Ellena Moskovsky - Lauren Travis (Australia)</b>	<b>53.61%</b>
5	<b>Peter Hollands - Justin Howard (Australia)</b>	<b>53.08%</b>



Youth Pairs Winners: Zanasi and Di Franco

We moved on to the Swiss/Knockout Teams:

Swiss Teams  
 B29 ♠J64  
 N/All ♥KJ54  
 ♦J3  
 (Travis) ♣J532 (Moskovsky)  
 ♠92 ♠AQ53  
 ♥T97 ♥8632  
 ♦A87654 ♦K2  
 ♣Q7 ♣AKT  
 ♠KT87  
 ♥AQ  
 ♦QT9  
 ♣9864

Although we play a 15-17 1NT opening, Ellena and I have the agreement that we don't open 1NT on 17 counts with 4 cards in both majors, so that we miss fewer 4M contracts.

On this hand from round 3 of the Swiss Teams, she took the idea a little further, and opened 1♣ on her 16 count.

I bid 2♦, a weak jump shift, and Ellena quickly bid 3NT ('bid game, make game, winimps'), hoping I had ♦AQxxxx or slightly worse diamonds with an outside entry. We were lucky on this hand that the opponents had to defend very accurately to untangle their heart winners, and when they failed to do that, 3NT made with an overtrick for an 11 IMP gain when the other table stopped in a far more sensible 3♦ contract.

We weren't faring very well in the Swiss, placed 7<sup>th</sup> with one round to go and only the top 4 teams qualifying. Luckily for us, the last round was a Danish format, meaning that 1<sup>st</sup> plays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> plays 4<sup>th</sup>, etc. This was pretty much the only way we could qualify, since we needed three teams above us to get knocked out. Sure enough, the three top matches all had huge results, and we snuck into the knockouts by 0.48 VPs. In the semi-final, we would be playing Turkiye (Erkmen Aydogdu - Akin Koçlar, Altuğ Göbekli - Berk Gökçe, Muhammet Ozgur - Sarper Uslupehlivan).

Our teammates had a great start in the morning, building a 36 IMP lead, just enough that we could lose it all and then win on the final board. This hand, from the last set of the semi-final, was one of our losses:

Swiss Teams	(Moskovsky)	
B2	♠A4	
E/N-S	♥KJ	
	♦AKQ73	
(Ozgur)	♣J532	(Uslupehlivan)
♠97		♠JT853
♥T8642		♥Q93
♦JT2		♦84
♣KQ8		♣764
	♠KQ62	
	♥A75	
	♦965	
	♣AT9	
	(Travis)	

Ozgur	Moskovsky	Uslupehlivan	Travis	
W	N	E	S	
-	-	2♦ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	<sup>1</sup> 2♦=0-5, 5+M <sup>2</sup> 2♥=Pass/Correct
2♥ <sup>2</sup>	Dbl	2♠	3NT	
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥	
Pass	5NT	Pass	6NT	
All Pass				

Over 3NT, Ellena was heading to slam. She showed her diamond suit and then bid 5NT, pick-a-slam (her favourite bid). Since East had shown 5+♠ and Ellena had made a takeout double of 2♥, I was concerned that we might suffer a spade ruff in 6♦ (indeed, it is cold off, but only on a club lead), so I bid 6NT.

Ozgur led ♠9, which I won in dummy and played a club to the ten and king, and West returned another spade. My options were the club finesse, heart finesse, or a squeeze. My knowledge of squeeze play leaves a lot to be desired, and I went for the heart finesse over the club finesse, figuring if the club was onside then the heart was too (unlikely for East to have a maximum), and if the club was offside the heart hook might still work.

Unfortunately, the contract is cold on a double squeeze, and the other table stopped in 3NT, so we lost 13 IMPs. Turkiye continued to storm for the next few boards, recovering more than their entire deficit.

We gained a few IMPs on Board 9, when we played in 3NT making, and at the other table Turkiye stopped in 3♠:

Swiss Teams	(Moskovsky)	
B2	♠AQJT86	
E/N-S	♥87	
	♦J7	
(Ozgur)	♣T93	(Uslupehlivan)
♠K74		♠9532
♥QJT9		♥K52
♦6432		♦98
♣76		♣AQ84
	♠-	
	♥A643	
	♦AKQT5	
	♣KJ52	
	(Travis)	

Ozgur	Moskovsky	Uslupehlivan	Travis	
W	N	E	S	
-	2♠ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	3♦	<sup>1</sup> 2♠=8-11 6♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT	
All Pass				

West led ♥Q, ducked, and the defence continued with two more rounds of hearts, with me winning the third round. I played a diamond to the J, and then led ♣10 from dummy. East flew with the ace and returned a diamond.

I cashed all of my diamond winners, pitching spades from dummy as West pitched a club, so this was the four-card ending:

Swiss Teams	(Moskovsky)		
B2	♠AQ		
E/N-S	♥-		
	♦-		
(Ozgur)	♣93	(Uslupehlivan)	
♠K74	N	♠9	
♥T	W	♥-	
♦-	E	♦-	
♣-	S	♣Q84	
		♠-	
		♥6	
		♦-	
		♣KJ5	
		(Travis)	

I exited with the ♥6 to West, pitching dummy's ♠Q, and he had to lead a spade giving me an entry to dummy's ♠A to take the club finesse.

If West had kept a club and came down to two spades in the four-card ending, I can instead cash the ♣K and exit with the heart discarding dummy's remaining club. West will still be forced to lead a spade into dummy's ♠AQ, and the successful spade finesse would mean nine tricks.



In the end, the outcome of the match came down to the final board:

Closed Room

Hollands	Gökçe	Howard	Göbekli
W	N	E	S
Pass	1♥	1♠	1NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Open Room

Ozgur	Moskovsky	Uslupehlivan	Travis
W	N	E	S
Pass	1♥	1♠	1NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Swiss Teams	(Moskovsky)		
B16	♠J		
W/E-W	♥AKT965		
	♦4		
(Ozgur)	♣AKT65	(Uslupehlivan)	
♠75	N	♠QT8432	
♥32	W	♥QJ4	
♦T9865	E	♦AKQJ	
♣J943	S	♣-	
		♠AK96	
		♥87	
		♦732	
		♣Q872	
		(Travis)	

Both tables arrived in 6♣. In the Closed Room, Justin Howard led the ♦A, followed by ♦K. Since Gökçe had two entries to dummy (♠A and ♣Q), he could pick up trumps for no losers. However at trick 3, when he cashed ♣A and Justin showed out, he played the ♣2 from dummy which resulted in the trump suit being blocked!

How? Well, declarer now cashed two top hearts, ruffed a heart with ♣Q and led a club from dummy as Peter played the ♣J with declarer winning the king. Here is the position at that stage:

Swiss Teams	(Gökçe)		
B2	♠J		
E/N-S	♥T96		
	♦-		
(Hollands)	♣T6	(Howard)	
♠7	N	♠QT843	
♥-	W	♥-	
♦986	E	♦Q	
♣94	S	♣-	
		♠AK96	
		♥-	
		♦7	
		♣8	
		(Göbekli)	

Declarer was now stuck in his hand. He could cross over to dummy with a spade to lead a club off dummy, but Peter can counter this by *ducking* dummy's ♣8 and declarer would be stranded in dummy – thus declarer had no chance but to give Peter a trump trick. Had declarer kept the ♣2 from earlier, he could have *finessed* Peter's ♣9 and win with his ♣6, draw the last trump with the ♣10 and claim the remainder.

So 6♣ went down one, meaning if Ellena and I scored +420 in 5♣, the match would be drawn, or if we played in 4♥ making +450 or +480, Australia would win.

However, with the contract being the same in 6♣, it all came down to the play:

Swiss Teams	(Moskovsky)		
B16	♠ J		
W/E-W	♥ AKT965		
	♦ 4		
(Ozgur)	♣ AKT65	(Uslupehlivan)	
♠ 75		♠ QT8432	
♥ 32		♥ QJ4	
♦ T9865		♦ AKQJ	
♣ J943		♣ -	
	♠ AK96		
	♥ 87		
	♦ 732		
	♣ Q872		
	(Travis)		

Sarper Uslupehlivan also led ♦A, but because Ellena had made a cuebid in diamonds, he knew a second round wouldn't cash. Therefore, he switched to the ♠8 (3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>), the killing defence, as he prematurely removed one of dummy's vital entries and the only way Ellena could legitimately make her contract now was to take a deep finesse either by playing a club to her ♣5, or running dummy's ♣8.

Not expecting clubs to be 4-0, Ellena led a low club from dummy and surprisingly Ozgur followed with the ♣9!

This may or may not have been a mis-play. The main reason for Ozgur's play of the ♣9 was that he was hoping Ellena had started off with ♣AKTx. The ♣9, a 'mandatory' falsecard, would give Ellena a losing option

as to which way to finesse a potential ♣J9xx. This of course would be a disaster if Ellena had ♣AKxx and East had a singleton ♣10.

Ozgur thus played Ellena for either a 2=6=1=4 or 1=7=1=4 shape, which were entirely reasonable given the auction. However, the former shape was impossible given the ♠8 switch as East was therefore marked with six spades giving Ellena a maximum of one spade. Thus, Ellena had to have either 1=7=1=4 or 1=6=1=5. A priori a 7411 shape is less likely than a 6511.

However, if Ellena had 1=7=1=4 that would give East a 6=2=4=1 shape, and if Ellena had 1=6=1=5, East would have a 6=3=4=0 shape. Comparing 6241 and 6340, no doubt the former is much more likely, so does that mean Ellena was more likely to have 1=7=1=4? (Co-Ed: Yes. But that doesn't factor in known specific high cards, nor the risk of crashing partner's ♣10.)

There was certainly something odd about East's spade switch. Regardless of what distribution East has, why didn't he continue diamonds at trick 2 to force off declarer, 'knowing' that his partner had club length?

All of this information seems confusing, but unfortunately for West, he decided to play declarer for four clubs and this 'falsecard' allowed Ellena to pick up the club suit and make her contract, meaning 14 IMPs went to Australia and we won the match by 4.



Swiss Team Winners: War of the Roses (USA)

We then played against an American team, War of the Roses (Marius Agica - Adam Kaplan, Kevin Dwyer - Owen Lien, Adam Grossack - Zach Grossack) in the Final, and unfortunately lost by 29 IMPs to collect a silver medal. The best performance ever by an Australian youth team - and we were really glad not to come in 4<sup>th</sup> place again!

In the bronze medal match, Turkiye beat Japan by 59 IMPs.

For the following 2 days, we played in the Board-A-Match final. BAM is great fun to play: you can bid more aggressively and double the opponents more than at IMPs, since the scoring is based on which team won the board, rather than the margin between the scores. Our result on this hand was funny:



Marius Agica (USA) and Ellena Moskovsky (AUS)

Swiss Teams	♠A53	
B33	♥J9875	
N/Nil	♦62	
(Travis)	♣KJ6	(Moskovsky)
♠KT92		♠J76
♥A64		♥KQ32
♦QJT4		♦3
♣T9		♣AQ542
	♠Q84	
	♥T	
	♦AK9875	
	♣873	

Travis		Moskovsky		
W	N	E	S	
-	Pass	1♣	1♦	1Rdbl = 3♠'s
1♠	Dbl	Rdbl <sup>1</sup>	2♦	
Dbl	All Pass			

I led ♣10, covered by the J and Q. Ellena switched to ♠J, ducked to the A. Declarer led a heart from dummy, Ellena winning the Q and leading another spade to my 9, and I cashed the third round of spades. I then exited with my ♣9. If declarer covered this, she could promote her ♣8 into a winner, but she ducked. We won 2♠, 1♥, 2♦ and 3♣ to take 2♦x3 down for +500.

When we scored up, we won the board as our teammates had gone -300... in 4♦x!  
We played another exciting hand against Californian Aces in round 16:

Our auction and my line in 7NT don't need to be repeated, but 7NT is cold on a progressive squeeze: after the likely spade lead from West, South can win and cash 5 rounds of clubs. West has to find two pitches - if he pitches two hearts then South cashes ♥AJ and West is squeezed in spades and diamonds.

If he pitches any diamonds, then South cashes three diamond tricks and West is squeezed in spades and hearts. A good example of a progressive squeeze. Must be nice.



Chinese Youngster Player – Studying the Opponent's Card

7NT was bid at three tables but went off each time; two tables made 6NT with an overtrick.

Turkiye won the BAM final by one board from Australia, with Californian Aces coming third, three points behind us.

Swiss Teams	(Moskovsky)	
B2	♠AQ9832	
E/N-S	♥Q	
	♦JT83	
	♣76	
♠T765		♠J
♥K84		♥T96532
♦Q64		♦975
♣J82		♣943
	♠K4	
	♥AJ7	
	♦AK2	
	♣AKQT5	
	(Travis)	



Australia, USA, and Turkey U25 Swiss Teams

### Joan Gerard Girls Sportsmanship Award 2013

**Recipient:** ELLENA MOSKOVSKY, AUSTRALIA



Following a proposal made by Alvin Levy, the Management Committee approved the revival of the Youth Awards in 2013 at a meeting held in Milan

during March of that year. Following the sad death of Joan Gerard, who had been a long-time supporter of the WBF Youth Programs worldwide, it was agreed that the awards should be named in her memory. The Joan Gerard Youth Awards will aim at rewarding aptitude, fair play, good sportsmanship and a friendly international spirit, rejecting any discrimination.

Ellena Moskovsky, for being a kind and friendly opponent whoever she meets, was awarded the 2013 Joan Gerard Girls Sportsmanship Award. You can read about the IBPA Junior Awards on page 12.

After Atlanta, we had a few days off before we headed to Wuhan, China, for the APBF Youth Championship, which started with the APBF Youth Pairs. Juzz and Pete qualified for the Finals, while Max & Nat and Ellena & I played in the consolation Swiss pairs. Here were the results:

	Final	%
1	Lam Cheng Yen - Thomas Chuah	61.4
2	Junji Ono (OH NO!) - Takahiro Honda	56.8
3	Hao Po-Hsiang - Chou Che-Min	56.7
4	Gu Sijia - Miao Benjie	55.2
5	<b>Pete Hollands - Justin Howard</b>	<b>54.3</b>

	Consolation	%
1	Tseng Tsz Chuen - Wan Tsz Tin	61.1
2	Yip Lik Yau - Lee Lam	59.2
3	<b>Ellena Moskovsky - Lauren Travis</b>	<b>58.0</b>

The APBF Youth Teams was a double round robin of U25 teams, a change from the last few years where the U25 and U20 fields have been mixed for a single round robin then separated for the rest. Our team had a bit of fun with redoubles. Here is one from Round 5 of RR2:

Swiss Teams		
B6	♠T93	
E/E-W	♥AQ853	
	♦75	
(Travis)	♣T84	(Moskovsky)
♠AQ85	N	♠K42
♥KT7	W	♥96
♦KT9	E	♦AQJ863
♣J62	S	♣93
		♠J75
		♥J42
		♦42
		♣AKQ75

Moskovsky		Travis		
W	N	E	S	
-	-	3♦	Pass	1Rdbl=Doubt
3NT Rdbl <sup>1</sup>	Pass All Pass	Pass	Dbl	

I was headed for -1600 on a club lead and an eventual heart switch, but luckily North led ♥A, his partner following with the 2. Playing low encourage signals, North must have thought his partner was encouraging a heart continuation rather than giving suit preference for clubs, so he continued hearts, giving me 11 tricks and +1800.

Two rounds later, it was Pete's turn to use his blue card:

Howard		Hollands	
W	N	E	S
-	-	1♥	1NT
Pass	2NT <sup>1</sup>	Dbl	Rdbl <sup>2</sup>
All Pass			

<sup>1</sup>2NT=Weak with clubs or GF with diamonds.  
<sup>2</sup>Rdbl=Suggestion to play

With his extremely good 1NT overcall and 5 card support for his partner's suit, Pete's redouble was pretty automatic.

Unlike my 3NTXX, this contract was cold, and when West led a spade, Pete made with an overtrick for +880.

Swiss Teams		(Howard)
B6	♠T2	
E/E-W	♥94	
	♦973	
	♣KJ8632	
♠Q8654	N	♠A973
♥86	W	♥KQT72
♦T8642	E	♦QJ5
♣7	S	♣A
		♠KJ
		♥AJ53
		♦AK
		♣QT954
		(Hollands)

This board against Hong Kong was flat in our match but no other tables in our field managed to reach the superior grand slam:



## 2013 IBPA (JUNIOR) AWARDS

### Parnis England Junior Sportsmanship Award

**Recipients:** JUSTIN HOWARD, AUSTRALIA &  
EMIL BUUS THOMSEN and FREDERIK SKOVLY, DENMARK



Justin Howard



Frederik Skovly and Emil Buus Thomsen

The Sportsmanship Award is granted occasionally for acts of sportsmanship by bridge players that define how we all should act. This year, the award honoured Margaret Parnis England, specifically targeted at junior players. The executive felt that there had been two deserving winners.

The Parnis England Sportsmanship Award is presented to Justin Howard of Australia for outstanding acts of sportsmanship at the World Open Youth Championships in Atlanta.

Firstly, in the semi-final of the World Open Youth Team Championship, he allowed an opponent to retract a card inadvertently dropped, even though it cost him the contract and jeopardised the match. His team won that match on the last board.

Secondly, in the final, he allowed his opponents to field a player who had not previously played in the event due to continued success in the Spingold. “We want to play against your best,” was Justin’s comment. Unfortunately, Justin’s team lost that match. The behaviour of Justin Howard is laudatory and shows that there is excellent sportsmanship in the Junior game as well as the Open game.

The Parnis England Sportsmanship Award is also presented to Emil Buus Thomsen and Frederik Skovly of the Danish under-20 team. An opponent, Mario Dix of Malta, had bid a suit in which he had a void, preventing them from bidding a slam in that suit. At the end of the game they simply said “good psyche”.

## BRIDGE STAR IN THE MAKING

Christina Lund-Madsen, DENMARK

*Source: p1 Bulletin 12 of the 41<sup>st</sup> World Bridge Team Championships*



By the end of the most prestigious event of these championships, the Nusa Dua Bali Pairs, a crowd gathered around one of the tables, all taking photos of the mysterious player. I went to see if Obama had arrived early to try his luck at the bridge table. Sitting on one side of the screen was Anders, eight years old (and a half), playing with his father, Boye Brogeland, and in this moment declaring a no-trump contract against an Indonesian Senior pair.

Anders won the first three tricks but the defense took the following seven. As the 11<sup>th</sup> card was played, Anders confidently showed his cards, claiming the last three tricks.

After the picture taking and autograph writing was over (Boye Brogeland spelled his name two times to an Indonesian lady, eventually realising she was not asking for the former World Champion’s name, rather his son’s), Anders climbed up on a chair. While hugging his son, Boye explained to Anders that, had he not taken the first heart but played low, he would have gotten eleven tricks in his contract instead of six.

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## Richard Freeman Junior Deal of the Year

**Winner:** CHEN YUECHEN, CHINA

**Journalist:** FU TSIANG, CHINA  
from IBPA Bulletin 583.9



### A TEXTBOOK DEFENCE, IN A REAL MATCH

#### Fu Tsiang, Beijing

Suzhou, a city famous for its 2500 year history and its gardens, is only 100 kilometres from Shanghai. The 2013 China National Youth Bridge Championships started in this beautiful city on April 28. Thirty-seven teams competed in four categories: Under-20/25/30 for men and Under-25 for women. U-25 was the largest group; there were 14 teams from different provinces, universities or clubs. A single round robin determined all rankings. Beijing and Shanghai were the favoured teams to take the championship. This deal appeared when they met.

B13	♠AT5		
N/All	♥JT94		
	♦J4		
(Yuechen)	♣J752	(Jiahao)	
♠J9632		N	♠84
♥A63		W	♥Q87
♦76		E	♦T8532
♣T63		S	♣Q94
	♠KQ7		
	♥K52		
	♦AKQ9		
	♣AK8		

	Chen Yuechen	Cao Jiahao		
	W	N	E	S
	-	Pass	Pass	2♣ <sup>1</sup>
	Pass	2♦ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	2♥ <sup>3</sup>
	Pass	2♠ <sup>4</sup>	Pass	2NT <sup>5</sup>
	Pass	3♣ <sup>6</sup>	Pass	3♦ <sup>7</sup>
	Pass	4NT <sup>8</sup>	Pass	6NT
	Pass	Pass	Pass	

- 12♣ = Strong
- 22♦ = Waiting
- 32♥ = ♥'s or bal
- 42♠ = Forced
- 52NT = 24-26NT
- 63♣ = Stayman
- 73♦ = No major
- 84NT = Quant.

West led the three of clubs, two from dummy, nine from East and the ace from declarer. At the second trick, declarer entered dummy with the diamond jack and ran

the heart jack to West's ace. West exited with his remaining diamond. Declarer then played the club king, and when the queen did not drop, continued with the seven of spades.

West stopped to count declarer's points and tricks. Besides the king of hearts, the ace, king, queen of diamonds and the ace, king of clubs, he should have the king of spades. If his (minimum) remaining two points were the queen of clubs, he'd have 12 tricks by repeating the heart finesse. With both black queens, he'd also have 12 tricks. However, if declarer instead held the spade queen and no club queen, he needed three heart tricks with the aid of the finesse and a 3-3 break to ensure his slam.

This line became possible on the actual friendly layout. The only problem for this plan was a lack of entries to the dummy. Declarer needed two more entries to the dummy, one to finesse the heart queen again and the other to enjoy the fourth heart after the 3-3 break. Declarer denied a four-card major, so that spade seven should be the only low spade card in his hand. West was concerned that declarer would risk finessing dummy's spade ten to create an extra entry. Thus West decided to make the entry-killing second-hand-high play of the spade jack, destroying the potential channel to dummy. There was then no way home for the slam.

This is a typical textbook quiz! It was wonderful to find it at the table and for Chen to make the play. Congratulations to the smart young player: Chen Yuechen, from Beijing, who found such a splendid defence. He is only 25 years old. In the end, the Anhui team won the Championship, with Beijing second and Shanghai third.

**Shortlist:**

Shivan Shah-Alex Roberts, England (Michael Byrne, 573.2)

Danuta Kazmucha, Poland (Brian Senior, 573.3)

Adam Kaplan, USA (Philip Alder, 573.3)

Jovana Marinkovic, Serbia (Christer Andersson, 574.4)

Wouter Van Den Hove, Belgium, Harald Eide, Norway & Jakub Wojcieszek, Poland (Patrick Jourdain, 583.2-3)



## BALI – AUSSIE YOUTH AT TRANSNATIONAL OPEN TEAMS

BY STEPHEN WILLIAMS, MAXIM HENBEST, AND JUSTIN HOWARD, YOUTH TEAM

How much further is it? Are we even walking in the right direction? I'm overheating. I think I see ... oh that's a bank. Let's just get a taxi.

\$2.50 later and we find the Convention Centre the day before we start play. We walk into the playing area and get instant chills from either the excitement, or the overpowered air conditioner sweeping the room.

You guys ready? The only possible answer to that question was no. Are we playing on one team or separated into two teams? If we're separating into two teams, who is going to be our fourth pair? Will Juzz even make it in to the country by tomorrow after his passport mix-up?

These issues all suddenly become very real and we promptly find our captain Ishmael and organise a team meeting for that afternoon.

From the meeting we decide to play as a 6-man team, with one pair sitting out for each of the 3 days of qualifying. This meant we could give Juzz the first day off in case any more bad luck finds him on his journey in.

The morning of the event catches us, and – surprisingly – we're all ready to go.

We faced a Balinese team in the first round and managed to win by 44-12 IMPs, converted to 18.15 VPs on the new VP scale. In the second round, we played against an Australian team. Here is an interesting hand from that match, reported by Max Henbest.

First to act at favourable vulnerability you hold: ♠T 9 6 2 ♥Q J 2 ♦A 9 ♣A 9 6 3

You open 1NT showing 10-12 balanced, and partner raises you to 2NT, natural and invitational. Your bid?

With only 11 points and no five-card suit, pass is probably right. However, you do have lots of intermediates and they can make a big difference when everyone has balanced hands.

You elect to bid 3NT.



## BRIDGE STAR IN THE MAKING

*Continued from page 12*

Anders attended one of his father's bridge classes one year ago without having played bridge before, but he has played other card games and, according to his father, knows how to take tricks. This summer, he attended a junior camp in Norway, playing 69 boards a day, then switching to other card games.

In his first international event, he finished at 48.24 %, beating a number of better-known players, who we have promised Daily Bulletin super star Brian Senior not to mention.

With about five rounds to go, the father and son were at more than 60%. In one round, they played this year's Spingold champions Jacek Kalita – Michal Nowosadzki. To put it in Kalita's words: "They are killing us. Boye's son beat us!"

Not an exact description, since he accidentally let through 7♥ on the first board, however on the second board the Polish Stars doubled 4♠, perhaps after some somewhat shaky bidding, only to see Brogeland senior confidently land the contract.

Interview with Anders Brogeland (8)

*How is your dad playing?*

Bra ("good" in Norwegian)

*Is he yelling at you while playing?*

(Eager nodding, his father using the classic phrase "I am just trying to teach you something")

*Is your mother yelling at you?*

(Tonje Brogeland of the Norwegian women's team, slightly more edgy than her mild natured husband)

(Heavy nodding, his father eagerly supporting his son's "Yes, mommy surely yells more than I do")

*Do you want to be a bridge player?*

With a big smile, Anders nodded.

R2 B19	♠AK3									
S/E-W	♥875									
	♦K64									
	♣KJ54									
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W		E								
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♦5										
	♠T962									
	♥QJ2									
	♦A9									
	♣A963									

	Moskovsky		Henbest		
	W	N	E	S	
	-	-	-	1NT <sup>1</sup>	11NT= 10-12 bal
	Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT	
	Pass	Pass	Pass		

LHO leads the ♦5 (4<sup>th</sup>s).  
Plan your play.

Jamie's natural (flexing) pose at Table 1



A quick trick count comes to 6 tricks (2 spades, 2 diamonds and 2 clubs), with potential tricks in spades, hearts, and clubs.

You decide to duck the first round of diamonds (♦5, 4, T, 9) as it doesn't seem like it will cost and will most likely disconnect the suit. RHO returns the ♦8 and the trick follows as ♦8, A, 2, 6.

You now have 2 choices:

1. Play towards your ♥Q J x twice, playing for 1 heart, 2 diamonds, 2 spades and 4 clubs.
2. Play ace, king, and another spade (playing for spades 3-3 or any doubleton honour), aiming for 3 spades, 2 diamonds, and 4 clubs.



The second line is much better since if diamonds are 5-3 with heart honours split between both opponents, RHO can rise on the first round of hearts and knock out your last diamond stopper leaving you with no chance.

You choose to play a spade to the ace (♠2, 7, A, 8), followed by a heart to the queen (♥5, 3, Q, K). LHO plays back a diamond to your king, with RHO pitching the ♠4, what should you discard?

Here is the position with South yet to make a discard:

R2 B19	♠K3									
S/E-W	♥87									
	♦-									
	♣KJ54									
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N										
W		E								
	S									
	♠T96									
	♥J2									
	♦-									
	♣A963									

1) Your original plan was to take 1 heart, 2 diamonds, 2 spades and 4 clubs - hence you can pitch a spade.

2) However, with diamonds now entryless you can try to duck a spade to east and play for 3 spades, 1 heart, 2 diamonds and now only 3 clubs - hence you can pitch a club.

However, you carelessly pitch a spade.

All you can do now is play a heart to the jack and hope clubs behave - clubs don't behave but you get out for one down.

Here is the full deal:



B6	♠AK3		
E/E-W	♥875		
	♦K64		
	♣KJ54		
♠Q75		N	♠J84
♥K94		W	♥AT63
♦QJ7532		E	♦T8
♣T		S	♣Q872
	♠T962		
	♥QJ2		
	♦A9		
	♣A963		

Could you have made if you pitched a club instead of a spade?

The position would have been, with the lead in North's hand and needing six more tricks:



Double dummy yes, but in reality no.

At the other table they duplicated your result for a flat board.

We won 28-6 IMPs (16.39 VPs) for that match and we subsequently found ourselves in 2<sup>nd</sup> place as we moved up to play at Table 1 for Round 3! We managed to win that match by 19-3 IMPs (15.05 VPs) putting us up to first place, but unfortunately it didn't last very long.

R2 B19	♠K3		
S/E-W	♥87		
	♦-		
	♣KJ54		
♠Q75		N	♠J
♥94		W	♥AT6
♦QJ73		E	♦-
♣T		S	♣Q872
	♠T96		
	♥J2		
	♦-		
	♣A963		

41st World Bridge Championships										R4		Transnational Teams		
Team	#	Tot	Last	Place	Opp	Tot	#	Team	#	Tot	Last	Place	Opp	Tot
88 GREEN	96	12.95	0.00	048 EW-C48 NS	88 YELLOW	13.01	95	CHENNAI ACES	97	12.78	5.72	049 NS-C49 EW	SINGARAJ	11.67
88 RED	89	24.72	5.72	035 NS-C35 EW	REYNOLDS	24.27	70	CHILE	76	23.18	4.48	038 EW-C38 NS	WUTIAN	23.25
88 YELLOW	95	13.01	12.00	048 NS-C48 EW	88 GREEN	12.95	96	CHINA JIEGAO	11	42.89	12.83	06 NS-C6 EW	PERTAMIN	42.72
AIRLANGGA UNIVE	99	10.92	8.16					CHINA HYX	17	41.39	18.44	09 NS-C9 EW	SARC VW	41.36
ANZAC	49	29.87	8.86	025 NS-C25 EW	DUTCH WO	29.36	50	CHINA JUAN	80	21.65	4.03	040 EW-C40 NS	HUGHES	21.76
ASINDO INDONESIA	33	35.29	15.52	016 EW-C16 NS	WHITE HO	35.61	31	CHINA PINGAN	56	27.82	18.00	028 EW-C28 NS	SURPRISE	28.39
ASINDO MAKASSAR	19	40.24	4.95	010 NS-C10 EW	SHREE CE	37.68	20	CHINESE TAIPEI	40	33.88	15.52	020 EW-C20 NS	GAMALIEN	34.00
ASINDO YOUTH	84	19.84	8.50	042 EW-C42 NS	INDIALI	20.03	83	CLARK	72	24.11	15.75	036 EW-C36 NS	JAPAN	24.21
AUSTRALIA YOUTH	1	49.59	15.05	01 NS-C1 EW	SYDNEY	49.22	2	CONSUS RED POLAND	67	24.85	8.86	034 NS-C34 EW	DORSI	24.74
BADUNG BRIDGE CLUB	66	24.92	14.00	033 EW-C33 NS	DELFT BR	24.96	64	DELFT BREW	64	24.96	0.24	033 NS-C33 EW	BADUNG B	24.92
BAHRAIN	81	21.31	14.28	041 NS-C41 EW	KING	20.64	82	DEUTSCHLAND	14	41.71	20.00	07 EW-C7 NS	BEIJING	42.62
BANGALORE ACES	89	16.25	11.85	045 NS-C45 EW	PERTHAU	16.03	90	DJARUM BRIDGE CLUB	3	49.15	15.39	02 NS-C2 EW	YEH MIX	47.82
BBO	26	36.25	4.03	013 EW-C13 NS	SINGAPOR	36.58	25	DOLPHIN TNI-AL	46	31.54	4.25	023 EW-C23 NS	MAGIC EY	32.25
BEIJING SHARESUN	13	42.62	18.15	07 NS-C7 EW	DEUTSCHL	41.71	14	DORSI	88	24.74	5.72	034 EW-C34 NS	CONSUS R	24.85
BEIJING TRINERGY	5	46.53	14.80	03 NS-C3 EW	P D TIME	44.40	6	DSM	35	35.03	13.14	018 NS-C18 EW	OZZIES	34.49
BERGER	77	23.14	0.00	039 NS-C39 EW	IT GENTE	22.87	78	DUTCH WORLD YOUTH	50	23.36	17.51	025 EW-C25 NS	ANZAC	29.87
BODA SENIORS	46	31.64	3.82	022 EW-C22 NS	TEXAN AC	32.98	43	ELEKTRIK P3B JB	91	15.35	7.49	046 NS-C46 EW	JAWA TIM	15.06
BRIDGE24PL	24	36.59	13.72	012 EW-C12 NS	HEMANT J	36.97	22	EPJ JUNIOR	21	36.99	15.52	011 NS-C11 EW	POLISH S	36.59
CANALIENS	39	34.00	15.97	020 NS-C20 EW	CHINESE	33.88	40	FINIKIOTIS	65	24.95	4.95	032 EW-C32 NS	KELKAR	25.45
CAPUCHO	52	29.07	12.51	026 EW-C26 NS	MACHALE	29.18	51	FLEISHER	15	41.64	18.84	08 NS-C8 EW	SCHWARTZ	41.46



Nusa Dua Beach Hotel and Spa



Justin Howard has a hand to report from Round 9.

You have: ♠K J 9 3 ♥A K T 6 3 ♦A ♣A 9 8 in third seat favourable vulnerability, and partner opens the bidding with 1♣. You respond 1♥ and partner bids 1NT showing a weak-NT. You bid 2♦ Game-Forcing Checkback and partner bids 2♥, which you raise to 3♥ to set trumps.

Partner cuebids with 3♠, you then bid 4♣, partner bids 4♦ and you ask for Key-Cards with 4NT. Partner bids 5♣ showing 1, you bid 5♦ asking for the queen of trumps, and partner bids 6♣ showing the ♥Q and the ♣K. Your bid? The auction thus far:

Harrison		Howard	
W	N	E	S
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦ <sup>1</sup>	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	4♣ <sup>2</sup>	Pass
4♦ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	5♦ <sup>4</sup>	Pass
6♣ <sup>5</sup>	Pass	?	

- <sup>1</sup>2♦ = Art, GF
- <sup>2</sup>Cue-bids
- <sup>3</sup>5♣ = 1
- <sup>4</sup>5♦ = ♥Q Ask
- <sup>5</sup>6♣ = ♥Q+♣K

EAST

♠K J 9 3 ♥A K T 6 3 ♦A ♣A 9 8

Do you bid 6♥, or are you all in with 7♥?

This was the eighth board (of ten) of the match and I had a feeling that we were down about 15-20 IMPs. Given that partner has only shown up with ♠A ♥Q ♦K ♣K, he

still had room for a few additional cards that may make a grand slam a worthy shot. For example the ♠Q, or maybe just a doubleton spade so two spades can be ruffed, or if partner has a fifth club then you can set up partner's club suit by ruffing one out (one of our clubs goes on partner's ♦K), etc.

With these factors in mind, I sent all the chips onto the table. I bought the contract and LHO led the ♥J. Here is what I was looking at (hands rotated for convenience):

R9 B28    ♠A84  
N/E-W    ♥Q82  
          ♦KT5  
          ♣KT43

	N	
♥J	W	E
		S

♠KJ93  
♥AKT63  
♦A  
♣A98

I drew three rounds of trumps as my LHO discarded a spade on the third round. This was an intriguing discard so I decided to play another round of trumps. LHO discarded a club (another interesting discard), I pitched a spade from the dummy and RHO discarded another diamond.

I then cashed the ♦A, and played the last round of trumps, on which LHO pitched yet another spade. At this point I claimed as my LHO was leaving me without a guess in spades and so therefore he had to have all of the important cards (he was a Polish player, so I was not worried about him making some terrible discard after thinking for 5 minutes). Here was the point where I claimed:

If my LHO didn't have both QJs in both minors, he would have had an easier time discarding. There was now no need to keep the other small spade in the dummy as LHO would never pitch down to a void in spades (since he would have discarded in a minor suit instead of voiding himself in spades).

The play (or the claim rather) was just a matter of unblocking dummy's ♠A, and with both opponents following, the spade suit is now set up.

Here is the full deal, with hands still rotated for convenience:

R2 B19    ♠A  
N/E-W    ♥ -  
          ♦KT  
          ♣KT43

	N	
	W	E
		S

♠KJ93  
♥ -  
♦ -  
♣A98

R9 B28	♠A84			
N/E-W	♥Q82			
	♦KT5			
	♣KT43			
♠QT72		N		♠65
♥J5		W	E	♥974
♦QJ2				♦987643
♣QJ76				♣52
		S		
	♠KJ93			
	♥AKT63			
	♦A			
	♣A98			

As you can see, West held every single key card and thus must concede when you draw all five rounds of trumps. The moral is, never give up! The play would also be interesting in 6♥. You can probably test the clubs to see if an opponent has ♣H-x, and if not, try to discard a club on the ♦K and ruff a club to see if they break 3-3.



Failing that, you can then fall

back onto the spade suit.

Oh. The event is over? After playing 100 boards each over the course of 3 days the end of the last match feels a little premature.

The experience was incredible and we were at times blown away by the ability of the players we came across. We eventually came to terms with the end (finishing in 66<sup>th</sup> place out of 99), and spent our last days pruned up in a pool looking back on what was a highly enjoyable, but quick event. Here are some photos, with more in the Kibitzer's Corner.



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

## FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER [DECLARER PLAY]

S/N-S      ♠ Q 9  
              ♥ K J 9 5 4 2  
              ♦ A T 9  
              ♣ 9 3

♠6



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

South to make 6♦ (IMPs)  
 RHO has bid 2♠ and LHO raised to 4♠.  
 Opening lead is ♠6

*Solution on Page 25*



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The ABF Youth Website is moving! 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 ☺

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<b>PAIRS</b>	Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2013	10:00 AM to 12:30 PM 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM
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<b>FEES</b>	Full Weekend	\$30
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	Per Day	\$15
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Player 1		
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### A LITTLE HUMOUR FROM EDDIE

BY PAUL LAVINGS, SYDNEY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

S/N-S	♠AKJ		
	♥Q93		
	♦98743		
	♣K9		
♠Q765		N	♠98432
♥2		W	♥K8765
♦-		E	♦AT
♣QJ876532		S	♣T
	♠T		
	♥AJT4		
	♦KQJ652		
	♣A4		
	(Linhart)		

				Linhart	
W	N	E	S		
-	-	-	1♦	1Huddle	
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥		
4NT (!)	5♦	5♠	6♦		
6♠	Pass	Pass	7♦		
? <sup>1</sup>		Dbl (!)			

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

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

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

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

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

Now for an Aussie story, featuring Leon Kline and Jean Allen, a famous Sydney partnership from the 1970s. Playing at the NSWBA, Leon open 1♣ and Jean held ♠AK4 ♥AK6 ♦AK32 ♣AK4.

Leon and Jean played Roman Club, a system popular at the time, where 1♣ was invariably 12-16 balanced. 12 + 28 = 40, so Jean bid 7NT. Easy, till Leon tabled his dummy:

♠875 ♥873 ♦9876 ♣752

Jean was furious, not so much that Leon had psyched, but that it was she who had been fooled. Diamonds broke 4-1, but Jean played her heart out and somehow made nine tricks, the only person in the room to do so. I don't know what the point was in making the extra trick, but Jean proved it.

But think for second. Would partner really open the bidding with four sets of Q-J? Would you really open this hand: ♠QJ8 ♥QJ7 ♦QJ76 ♣QJ4

Recently I was having a red with Chris Sundstrom. He told a story that one night at the Association he set up this hand with 28 points opposite a flat Yarborough, and Jean and Leon bid to 7NT ...

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## SUIT COMBINATION

THIS ISSUE	FOR NEXT ISSUE
<p><i>(Assume unlimited entries)</i></p> <p><b>K Q J 9 5 4 2</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p><b>Target:</b> <b>6 tricks</b></p> </div> <p><b>6 3</b></p>	<p><i>(Assume unlimited entries)</i></p> <p><b>A K T 9 8</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p><b>Target:</b> <b>4 tricks</b></p> </div> <p><b>6 3</b></p> <p><b>A Q 9 8 7 6 3</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p><b>Target:</b> <b>6 tricks</b></p> </div> <p><b>5 2</b></p>
<p>(Apologies, this suit was meant to be for six tricks, not four tricks.)</p> <p>Start by playing low to dummy's king. If both opponents follow, then continue with the queen.</p> <p>If RHO shows out on the first round, cross back to hand and lead another small card intending to finesse with dummy's nine.</p> <p>If the suit breaks 0-4, then there is nothing you can do to avoid two losers.</p>	

<p><b>K Q 5 3</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p><b>Target:</b> <b>3 tricks</b></p> </div> <p><b>J 9 2</b></p>	<p>Play low from hand towards dummy's king. Assuming this wins, lead low from dummy to your jack.</p> <p>An alternative line would be to start as previous but instead of playing low to your jack, you finesse with the nine. We'll call this Line B and the first Line A.</p>
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Line A wins whenever the suit breaks 3-3 (35.5%) or if LHO has T-x (6.46%). Line B wins when RHO has ATxx, ATxx, Txxx (21%), and various 3-3 breaks (17.77%). Looks fairly close, but Line A scrapes through by 3%!

Any other layouts not mentioned come out equal for both lines (i.e. both wins or both loses).



The Balinese had a Jamie statue prepared. Standard.

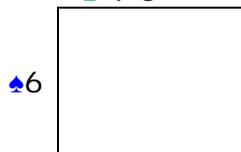
### FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER

#### [DECLARER PLAY] SOLUTION

(Problem on page 19)

S/N-S

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



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

South to make 6♦ (IMPs)  
Opening lead is ♠6

With one unavoidable heart loser, you must try to set up the clubs in your hand. However, before playing on clubs you should lead a heart towards dummy while you still can.

Win the spade lead in hand and play a low heart towards dummy and guess to play the jack or the king. Guessing the hearts correctly is not a necessity, but it may give you an extra chance later.

Win the opponent's return and draw one round of trumps with dummy's ♦9, and play the ♣A, ♣K, and a club ruff. If clubs break 3-3, you are home.

If clubs are 4-2, cross back to your hand via a spade (or heart) ruff, and ruff another club with dummy's last trump.

In the unlikely event that an opponent shows out on the second club and could not ruff, hopefully your heart winner can take care of your fifth club!



## FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER – BEEFING UP BRIDGE CONVENTIONS

### (1NT) – HOW TO SHOW BOTH MAJORS ?

Assuming you play a defence against an opponent's 1NT in which either a 2♣ or 2♦ bid shows both majors, which one should you use for that hand type, or does it make any difference?

One of the most common defence against 1NT is Cappelletti (AKA 'Hamilton' or 'Pottage'), whereby Dbl=Penalties, 2♣=Any single suiter, 2♦=Both Majors, 2M=5M 4+m. Reversing the meaning of 2♣ and 2♦ is much better, whereby 2♣ shows both majors and 2♦ shows a single suited major – this defence is also known as 'Multi Landy'. Here are the reasons why having 2♣ as both majors is an improvement: *(Note: If you and your partner employ some other defence such as DONT, or AS(T)PRO, then you do not need to worry about this article.)*

Bidding 2♣ to show both majors allows partner to bid 2♦ with equal length in the majors (as well as 2-3 in the majors) without needing to guess which major suit to bid. It also allows partner to 'stall' with a 2♦ asking bid and following it up with another bid to show invitational values. For example, (1NT) – 2♣ – 2♦ – 2♥ – 2♠ could be an invitational hand with exactly three spades, and (1NT) – 2♣ – 2♦ – 2♥/2♠ – 3♥/3♠ can be used to show an invitational hand, and thus (1NT) – 2♣ – 3M can then be used to show an offensive raise.

Additionally, the 2♣-bidder can bid something new over the '2♦=Asking' whenever he has a strong(er) hand. For instance, (1NT) – 2♣ – 2♦ – ... The 2♣ bidder can now use 2NT=5/5 majors, 3♣=Club fragment, 3♦=Diamond fragment, 3♥=4♠6♥, 3♠=6♠4♥ -- all of these bids should be invitational hands.

If 2♣ is doubled, you can play pass as a 'suggestion to play in clubs', 2♦ as 'suggestion to play in diamonds', and Rdbl as 'partner, please bid your longest major'. This allows you to escape in 2♣ or 2♦ when the opponents are on the hunt. The advantages above can go a long way because even after a strong 1NT opening, having a game in a major is not unheard of, and having the maximum amount of bidding space allows you to explore that possibility.

*But if you use 2♣ to show both majors, what about the 2♦ bid to show any single suited hand (or alternatively, a single suited major)?*

This is a small loss yes, but it doesn't cost often. The reason is because when you hold a single suited minor, the opponents are likely to have a major suit fit, so whatever you do, you will be outgunned anyway.

Oh, and one last thing. Don't forget to use (1NT) – 4♣ as Super Both Majors with strong hands with 6/5 shape or better, just in case partner tries to 'get clever' by passing your 2♣ both majors with 1-1 in the majors and a long club suit!



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	After school bridge club @ QCBC, held on Monday afternoons (during school term from 4:30pm-6pm) For More INFO: <a href="http://www.qldbridge.com/">http://www.qldbridge.com/</a>	

	EVENT (NSW)	DATES
	After school bridge club @ NSWBA, held on Friday afternoons (during school term from 4pm-5:30pm) Email: <a href="mailto:fraserrew@gmail.com">fraserrew@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 Thursdays 1-2pm 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
	Australian Youth Bridge Triathlon 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
	SA U30s' Youth Congress 12-13 October 2013 Contact: <a href="http://www.sabridgefederation.com.au/">http://www.sabridgefederation.com.au/</a>	

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