

Bulletin 4

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LEADERBOARD AFTER 9 MATCHES

OPEN

1st	SA 2	427.8 VPs
2nd	NSW	375.7
3rd	VICTORIA	346.6
4th	SA 1	334.1
5th	TASMANIA	316.1
6th	ACT	286.9
7th	QUEENSLAND	214.3
8th	WA	212.3

WOMEN'S

1st	WA	410.3
2nd	VICTORIA	364.7
3rd	SA 1	362.0
4th	ACT	348.8
5th	QUEENSLAND	341.3
6th	SA 2	331.2
7th	NSW	207.8
8th	TASMANIA	149.5

SENIORS'

1st	SA	487.9
2nd	QUEENSLAND	404.0
3rd	VICTORIA	340.4
4th	NSW	322.7
5th	ACT	296.0
6th	WA	253.4
7th	TASMANIA	235.8
8th	NT	178.8

YOUTH

1st	VICTORIA	433.8
2nd	WA	427.5
3rd	SA	329.7
4th	ACT	312.0
5th	NSW	205.8
6th	QUEENSLAND	170.6

LEADERBOARD AFTER ROUND ROBIN 1

OPEN

1st	SA 2	364.1 VPs
2nd	SA 1	319.1
3rd	NSW	287.7
4th	TASMANIA	232.1
5th	VICTORIA	231.5
6th	ACT	191.9
7th	QUEENSLAND	185.3
8th	WA	142.1

WOMEN'S

1st	WA	342.2 VPs
2nd	QUEENSLAND	282.7
3rd	ACT	276.8
4th	VICTORIA	267.3
5th	SA 2	266.2
6th	SA 1	244.5
7th	NSW	145.8
8th	TASMANIA	130.4

SENIORS'

1st	SA	387.7 VPs
2nd	QUEENSLAND	277.3
3rd	VICTORIA	267.0
4th	NSW	246.5
5th	WA	245.5
6th	ACT	229.2
7th	TASMANIA	173.0
8th	NT	132.8

SIDE EVENT RESULTS

GRADED PAIRS

1st	Andrew and Sandra Richman
2nd	Gordon Fallon—Rex Whitford
3rd	Darryl Couzner—Xue Kui Ji



TODAY'S MATCHES

OPEN TEAMS

ROUND 2, MATCH 3

9.30am

TABLE 1	QUEENSLAND	v	SA 2
TABLE 2	WA	v	NSW
TABLE 3	ACT	v	VIC
TABLE 4	TASMANIA	v	SA 1

ROUND 2, MATCH 4

1.00pm

TABLE 1	SA 2	v	ACT
TABLE 2	QUEENSLAND	v	NSW
TABLE 3	WA	v	TASMANIA
TABLE 4	SA 1	v	VICTORIA

ROUND 2, MATCH 4

4.00pm

TABLE 1	VICTORIA	v	SA 2
TABLE 2	NSW	v	TASMANIA
TABLE 3	QUEENSLAND	v	WA
TABLE 4	ACT	v	SA 1

WOMEN'S TEAMS

ROUND 1, MATCH 3

9.30am

TABLE 5	WA	v	NSW
TABLE 6	QUEENSLAND	v	SA 1
TABLE 7	SA 2	v	VICTORIA
TABLE 8	TASMANIA	v	ACT

ROUND 1, MATCH 4

1.00pm

TABLE 5	VICTORIA	v	WA
TABLE 6	NSW	v	QUEENSLAND
TABLE 7	ACT	v	SA 1
TABLE 8	SA 2	v	TASMANIA

ROUND 1, MATCH 5

4.00pm

TABLE 5	SA 2	v	WA
TABLE 6	QUEENSLAND	v	ACT
TABLE 7	SA 1	v	NSW
TABLE 8	TASMANIA	v	VICTORIA

SENIORS' TEAMS

ROUND 2, MATCH 3

9.30am

TABLE 9	ACT	v	SA
TABLE 10	QUEENSLAND	v	TASMANIA
TABLE 11	WA	v	NSW
TABLE 12	VICTORIA	v	NT

ROUND 2, MATCH 4

1.00pm

TABLE 9	SA	v	WA
TABLE 10	QUEENSLAND	v	ACT
TABLE 11	TASMANIA	v	VICTORIA
TABLE 12	NSW	v	NT

ROUND 2, MATCH 5

4.00pm

TABLE 9	SA	v	NSW
TABLE 10	VICTORIA	v	QUEENSLAND
TABLE 11	ACT	v	TASMANIA
TABLE 12	NT	v	WA

YOUTH TEAMS

ROUND 2, MATCH 5

9.30am

TABLE 13	QUEENSLAND	v	SA
TABLE 14	NSW	v	VICTORIA
TABLE 15	WA	v	ACT

JOKE OF THE DAY

Japanese scientists have invented a camera with a shutter speed so fast that it can capture a picture of a woman with her mouth shut.

Neil Ewart was telling this joke when a woman happened past... he is delighting in asking people who that woman might be. So far he claims to have a 100% success rate. Everyone guesses:
Barbara Travis (me!!)



Got an interesting hand or story?
Email it to the editor at:
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Or come and tell Barb the details.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

OPEN TEAMS

ROUND 1, MATCH 7

NSW	7	VICTORIA	- 7
WA	- 5	SA 1	5
SA 2	36	TASMANIA	-36
QUEENSLAND	- 3	ACT	3

ROUND 2, MATCH 1

NSW	-13	ACT	13
TASMANIA	26	QUEENSLAND	-26
VICTORIA	31	WA	-31
SA 1	-24	SA 2	24

ROUND 2, MATCH 2

SA 2	-33	WA	33
ACT	12	TASMANIA	-12
VICTORIA	15	QUEENSLAND	-15
NSW	40	SA 1	-40

WOMEN'S TEAMS

ROUND 1, MATCH 7

SA 1	- 9	VICTORIA	9
ACT	21	TASMANIA	-21
WA	- 1	SA 2	1
QUEENSLAND	-29	NSW	29

ROUND 2, MATCH 1

VICTORIA	44	QUEENSLAND	-44
ACT	- 2	NSW	2
SA 1	15	SA 2	-15
TASMANIA	-39	WA	39

ROUND 2, MATCH 2

WA	-58	SA 1	58
VICTORIA	- 4	ACT	4
NSW	-10	SA 2	10
TASMANIA	-20	QUEENSLAND	20

SENIORS' TEAMS

ROUND 1, MATCH 7

SA	32	QUEENSLAND	-32
TASMANIA	- 7	NSW	7
NT	-37	VICTORIA	37
ACT	- 6	WA	6

ROUND 2, MATCH 1

WA	-47	QUEENSLAND	47
VICTORIA	-27	ACT	27
NSW	-24	TASMANIA	24
NT	1	SA	- 1

ROUND 2, MATCH 2

TASMANIA	-42	SA	42
WA	-34	VICTORIA	34
NSW	32	ACT	-32
QUEENSLAND	25	NT	-25

YOUTH TEAMS

ROUND 2, MATCH 2

ACT	-12	VICTORIA	12
WA	61	SA	-61
NSW	-11	QUEENSLAND	11

ROUND 2, MATCH 3

VICTORIA	64	NSW	-64
SA	-48	ACT	48
QUEENSLAND	20	WA	-20

ROUND 2, MATCH 4

VICTORIA	-18	WA	18
QUEENSLAND	-65	SA	65
NSW	-17	ACT	17

STICKS AND STONES

We all know the ditty, "Sticks and stones might break my bones" but I doubt bridge players think it applies to them. NOTHING keeps bridge players from their bridge events.

Welcome back to Michael Chrapot, who injured his leg falling down stairs then broke his wrists falling over (because he thought his leg was OK) but is back, after a day's stint in hospital, ready to help his Victorian team.

Allison Stralow is NPC of WA Women's Team but has been constantly present despite badly injuring her ankle

AT THE TABLE

One opponent was being incredibly slow. Her partner had taken such a long time to make the final bid that, as dummy, instead of placing her hand on the table she placed the PASS card on the table... She thought they'd started the next hand!

The next time, they hadn't even started the bidding but this time she put her hand down as dummy! Thankfully only one card was exposed.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Croco-dill (NT) has been a busy fellow offering me contributions to the Bulletin. I'm hoping more of you will help me out. It is YOUR Bulletin, not mine.

He reports: "My first school was Enfield High, and me, the Bodgie, the Priest and the Kadina Kid formed a little lunch play group and looked at joined the Currie Street enclave. The Bodgie ordered me to organise a bridge system. Goren was about 1,000 pages too long and "A Collection of Logic" was too esoteric but I had read a bit of Harrison-Gray's "Losing Trick Count" and that was just about our size. Goren's 1NT, strong natural twos and LTC was short, sharp and shiny. So, with our hair brushed and on our best behaviour, we sauntered off to Currie Street.

Memories are terrific but that first night was daunting and the 'saunters were elegant, rough diamond and real diamond' or so it seemed.

Dr and Mrs Gilbert were tall and straight, Keith the chemist (alchemist?) loomed like a Mount Rushmore head with a Victorian beard, and Mrs Cheek had more rings than GW Cox.

By 8.30pm the heat was awful and when you stooped to move, the top half disappeared into the smog pouring from the Black Russian Sobranies and Gitanes, Gauloise bleue, cork-tipped Craven As and our favourite Rothmans filter.

When we reached a table near the window, I had the temerity to open it. The disapproving silence was deafening and the Beard, with absolute finality, closed the window and ended our honeymoon period. We struggled back a couple of times but the gloss had gone."

[Strange how many bridge players come from Enfield High School. We still have in Adelaide: Jeff Travis, Rex Whitford, Ken Hocking, Judy Hocking. Arjuna de Livera is now in ACT.]

Croc's memories got me remembering my first bridge session, having learnt at home around the age of 7.

We were on holidays in the Blue Mountains in May 1973 and Peter and John discovered there was a bridge club. Off they went, returning victorious. This game was easy! By the long weekend in June, Peter was dragging Dad to Lindfield Bridge Club and I persuaded Mum to come along with me. We both sat North-South, with the boys winning and the girls second. What could be easier? 40 years later the addiction is just as strong.

None of us Gills were deterred, regardless of what the other players did or said. Some tried to match-make us. "There's a nice young boy about your age here tonight." "Yes, that's my brother." or "You'll be tired at school tomorrow." "That's no problem, I have a double Phys Ed lesson first thing," to my PE teacher.

When you are young you are invincible. I remember psyching a 1NT overcall against women who played for Australia and scoring a massive matchpoint top. Back then, the penalty not vulnerable was 100, 300, 500, 700, 900, 1100, so 6 off doubled was a mere 1100 against a vulnerable slam. More recently, I've been recalling the absolute joy of executing my first squeeze, a double squeeze to make 6NT, against Bobby Richman. "Was that a fluke or did you know what you were doing?" was asked of me, but only in admiring tones.

Sue Lusk (SA) is sitting next to me, so I've just asked her for her first bridge memories...

"When I was about 8, during the summer holidays down at the Gold Coast, my uncle was newly arrived back from England and was teaching Mum and Dad to play bridge. Bruce or I sat down as the fourth.

The lessons went something like, "Sue, it's your turn to bid now". "What do I do then?" "Well, you can do A, B or C." So I learnt to make bidding decisions very early on.

Between ages 8 and 16, I barely played apart from a few rubber games at home.

The first time I went to a bridge club was a Sunday afternoon and I was finally able to attend the QCBC. (Until then, Uncle Don had told me I wasn't good enough to play duplicate bridge but he had returned to England.) So much for being 'not good enough', we scored 66%!

The first time I played with anyone apart from family members, it was a half-day at school so I turned up to the bridge club in school uniform and got a game with Ellie Spiro. I was so nervous my hands were shaking but we won anyway. We won a pack of round cards, which I still have."

One player just said, "I learnt at home; I've never had a lesson." The automatic response was, "That's obvious." Thank goodness she just laughed. Now she's added that if bridge ability was a sexually transmitted disease she'd be top class because she's slept with so many good players.

David Hoffman (ACT) tells me that in his second year of university his parents made a terrible mistake and went overseas for four months. So he went to College and played bridge 2-3 times a week, where the big decision was, at 4am, should we go to bed or play through to breakfast.

Margaret Bourke (ACT) learnt because her brother decided to take bridge lessons. He rang her up, told her he needed a partner and she was 'IT'. And that was it.

It seems appropriate to mention why the youngsters in the NSW Youth Team learnt to play bridge. Those who attend Sydney Boys' High School were instructed that the school was banning all card games because cards were evil. Naturally, several of those boys decided to investigate card games and gradually progressed to bridge.

Allison Stralow (WA) tells me that she was living in Cobar (a mining town in NSW) and one of her husband's colleagues played bridge but she had no one else to play with, so she taught six Cobar 'residents' to play so that she could have a game of bridge herself. Allison's husband nominated her to learn because she had a card-playing background, and has lived to regret that moment.

At the 2013 Summer Festival of Bridge in Canberra, having not seen her since 1979, Allison suddenly spotted her in the crowd of players!

Leigh Gold (VIC) jumped from making up the four for his Granny, to playing in a Congress without ever playing a duplicate session first. And WON!!

Michael Wilkinson (NSW) has a truly scary story about his first competition bridge.. He was playing his first duplicate, the 1995 Schools Bridge Championship, when the director announced they would have to curtail the session because he'd stuffed up the movement. Michael promptly told him how to fix it up!! The director waved him away, and then 15 minutes later returned to ask exactly what Michael's (correct) solution was.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Several side events are being held in conjunction with the main events. These are open to all bridge players.

THURSDAY 11TH JULY

SABF MATCHPOINT PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP (2 sessions)

SATURDAY 13TH and SUNDAY 14TH JULY

RESTRICTED BUTLER PAIRS (9 x 12 board matches)

Restricted to those below Life Master at 1st January 2013

MONDAY 15TH TO THURSDAY 18TH JULY

ANC SWISS PAIRS (12 x 12 board matches)

ROUND 8, BOARD 16—A NATTY DEFENCE

♠ Q652
♥ 108632
♦ K75
♣ 3

♠ 8
♥ A74
♦ QJ1043
♣ A1097

♠ J94
♥ QJ
♦ A82
♣ QJ654

♠ AK1073
♥ K95
♦ 96
♣ K82

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	1C	1S
2D	4S	Pass	Pass
5C	All Pass		

Howard Melbourne led the SA then SK, dummy ruffing. The DQ was finessed, winning. Now the best line is to lead a small club from dummy, but declarer erred by leading CA and another club to South's CK. He exited neatly with another spade, dummy trumping, but now declarer was trapped in dummy.

If he led diamonds, Howard would get his ruff, and if he led hearts from the HA, South's HK would score.

These are the opportunities that we often let through.

TASMANIA v QUEENSLAND OPEN (ROUND 8)

North: Hugh Grosvenor
 South: Ann Paton
 East: Kamal
 West: Nathan Van Jole

Board 6 presented Hugh the chance to make a classic lead. He held:

♠ AQJ32
 ♥ K4
 ♦ 865
 ♣ A73

and had heard his RHO open 2NT (strong), ending in 3NT. He led the SA, to check what dummy held. Once he saw dummy held from spades (9754) he continued with a small spade, finding declarer's doubleton King to ensure the defeat of 3NT. Hugh was the only defender in the Open field to defeat 3NT.

Hugh and Ann are playing Bobby Richman's transfer opening system, so some auctions are particularly interesting:

Board 13

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1D (hearts)	X	1H (spades)
2D	Pass	2NT	X
3D	X	All Pass	

Now let's see the whole hand:

♠ 9	
♥ J1074	
♦ AQ5	
♣ Q10764	
♠ Q4	♠ AK63
♥ 932	♥ K86
♦ KJ108762	♦ 943
♣ 5	♣ A93
	♠ J108752
	♥ AQ5
	♦ void
	♣ KJ82

Hugh led his singleton spade, won with SA in dummy. A diamond was led, with Hugh being shocked when partner showed out (presumably because she had doubled 2NT) but winning. He switched to the HJ which held. Another heart went to the HK and HA. Ann gave Hugh a spade ruff, then they cashed another heart. The next diamond trick meant 2 down.

Nathan thought there were about 60 points in the deck—something we often felt when Bobby was at the table!

A SQU-EASY SLAM

Round 7, Board 3 provides us with a nice 6H contract on a squeeze, only bid by those who like to bid a lot, perhaps?

	♠ 1072
	♥ 95
	♦ A8532
	♣ 1082
♠ 6	♠ AKJ43
♥ AJ1076432	♥ K8
♦ K	♦ J76
♣ J96	♣ A75
	♠ Q985
	♥ Q
	♦ A1094
	♣ KQ43

At one table, South opened a rather revolting 1D. This led West to bid 4H and, when North then raised to 5D, East had little hesitation bidding 6H at the Vulnerability (EW vul).

North cashed the DA and switched to a club. Now it was easy for declarer to cash all his hearts and execute his squeeze—South was marked with all the outstanding honour cards anyway.

Only 3 pairs bid this slam, 1 in the Open and 2 in the Youth (one failing the squeeze play test—perhaps with South proving that silence can be golden).

SLAM HAPPY

Board 19 of Round 7 was also a slam hand but how to bid it? North held:

♠ 8
 ♥ 7
 ♦ A5
 ♣ J108765432

Partner opens 1S and RHO overcalls with 3H. In one Youth match, North now bid 4C ("You don't pick up a 9-card suit in a Youth event and not bid it.") He replied 5D (1 ace) to his partner's 4NT but partner's next bid of 6NT was not going to be a success. LHO doubled, so they ended in 7CX, 1 down. [LHO held CKQ, and partner singleton CA.]

Partner's hand was:

♠ A97652
 ♥ AK
 ♦ QJ63
 ♣ A

Cathryn Herden and Anita Curtis (NSW Women) bid:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1S	3H	5C	Pass
5H	Pass	6C	All Pass

ANOTHER AMUSING AUCTION

By David Hoffman

Playing this year's VCC, you pick up (vulnerable against not):

- ♠ Ax
- ♥ AJ9xxx
- ♦ Void
- ♣ AKQxx

Now for the bidding:

SOUTH	YOU	NORTH	EAST
Pass	2C	2H (1)	2S
4C	X (2)	Pass	4D
5C	X (3)	Pass	Pass
5H	X (4)	6C	Pass
6D	X (5)	All Pass	

- (1) No alert from South
- (2) I think I can beat this
- (3) I think I can beat this
- (4) Not with confidence

Now for the play. You lead a CA and dummy tracks with:

- ♠ KQx
- ♥ Void
- ♦ Axxxx
- ♣ J10xxx

Declarer ruffs, leads a spade which you take, and lead CK. Declarer ruffs, and confidently takes two spade tricks while you try to work out what 6DX making will cost. Fortunately partner comes to the rescue with two trump tricks.

North thought he was playing TOXIC over 2C but, in fact, 2H was natural. South held:

- ♠ xxx
- ♥ Q109xx
- ♦ xxxxx
- ♣ Void

[David thought this hand bore some similarities to the auction in Bulletin 1—where I managed 1 redouble and 4 doubles.]

If you are familiar with SABA, consider my friend, a new bridge player and newly-arrived from New York. She came to kibitz the ANOT a few years ago and the air conditioning was put on. There was the loud BANG as the tubes inflate. She instantly hit the floor (as you do in New York when explosions happen). I fell off my seat laughing.

LOCAL RESTAURANTS

The following restaurants are supporting our event by offering discounts to bridge players:

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QUOTABLE QUOTES

We're not out of it yet, and we are lying 8th.
(This about the Interstate Teams, with 8 teams.)

After making a foul contract,
declarer said to her partner,
"You owe me a drink for that one... and a valium!"

"I've done two dreadful things."
Team-mate: "Only two—good."

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES

At my Novice session on Tuesday, I removed a board saying that it didn't belong in the set, given that they had to bid to 7S. One of the players (with 6 months experience) said:

"Do you mean to say there is something you haven't taught us?"

I took a deep breath and replied, "Something?" to much laughter. I suspect the expression on my face gave me away.