

Bulletin 6

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FINAL PLACINGS

OPEN

1st	SA 2	690.5 VPs
2nd	NSW	580.4
3rd	SA	563.3
4th	VICTORIA	563.3
5th	ACT	457.2
6th	TASMANIA	420.4
7th	QUEENSLAND	343.2
8th	WA	290.8

WOMEN'S

1st	SA 2	579.7 VPs
2nd	WA	568.5
3rd	VICTORIA	565.7
4th	ACT	552.5
5th	SA 1	519.5
6th	NSW	485.8
7th	QUEENSLAND	407.8
8th	TASMANIA	231.1

SENIORS'

1st	SA	678.4
2nd	QUEENSLAND	593.3
3rd	NSW	564.8
4th	VICTORIA	553.3
5th	ACT	513.0
6th	WA	397.0
7th	TASMANIA	371.5
8th	NT	240.1

YOUTH

1st	WA	708.5 VPs (Rd 14)
2nd	VICTORIA	691.7 (Rd 14)
3rd	SA	545.2
4th	ACT	499.1
5th	NSW	351.0
6th	QUEENSLAND	265.5

THE LAST TWO ROUNDS

In the Open, SA 2 had qualified with two matches remaining so were focused on building carry-forward (10% of the difference in qualifying totals). The other finalist would be determined in the last match, with 2nd placed NSW meeting SA 2, and Victoria and SA 1 hoping for big wins (and SA 2 to have a win). NSW were on 514.8, Victoria 498.2 and SA 1 on 495.8. (Of course, SA 1 could not also qualify.) As it happened, NSW defeated SA 2, and the others finished equal 3rd, with the tie broken on IMPs.

In the Women's there were at least five teams still bottle-necked for the top two places, making for an exciting last two matches. With a match remaining, ACT led on 510.5, SA 2 were 481.7, Victoria 469.7, SA 1 were 469.5 and WA 468.5. Even NSW was mathematical if all results went their way. However SA 2 beat up ACT and WA won big, just pipping the Victorians.

SA had led throughout in the Seniors but, at the same time, they had never managed to get a really decent break from the rest of the field. They were finally locked in with one match to go, and the battle was for 2nd place, with Queensland in prime position. In due course, after some close last-round matches, QUEENSLAND took the other final spot.

The Youth Teams finalists were already decided by the end of Round 14, so the top two teams started their final while the other four teams played their scheduled matches. WESTERN AUSTRALIA and VICTORIA should have a very interesting final, with the Victorians bringing a wealth of experience to the match against the WA team which includes a Forcing Pass pair who have dominated the datums.



INTERSTATE TEAMS FINALS (20 of 60 boards)

OPEN

SA 2: Phil Markey (capt), Justin Williams, Joe Haffer, Howard Melbourne, Mike Doecke, George Smolanko, V

NSW: Peter Gill (NPC), Andrew Peake, Orlando Wu, Bob Sebesfi, Andrew Markovics, Brad Coles, Stephen Hurley

TEAM	C/F	1-10	11-20	Total
SA 2	11	29	25	65
NSW		45	25	70

WOMEN

SA 2: Sue Lusk (NPC), Leonie Clarke, Felicity Smyth, Rosemary Grund, Anne Harris, Angela Norris, Carmel Kain

V

WA: Allison Stralow (NPC), Leone Fuller, Val Biltoft, Lauren Shiels, Annabel Booth, Heather Williams, Sue Pynt

TEAM	C/F	1-10	11-20	Total
SA 2	1	20	8	29
WA		33	23	56

SENIORS

SA: John Zollo (capt), Roger Januszke, Attilio De Luca, Kevin Lange, Ann Clarke, Chris Lorimer

V

QUEENSLAND: David McLeish (NPC), Ian Afflick, Paul Collins, Tony Jackman, Tony Hutton, Richard Wallis, Therese Tully

TEAM	C/F	1-10	11-20	Total
SA	9	25	16	50
QLD		15	8	23

YOUTH

WA: Ron Cooper (NPC), Michael Bausor, Rhys Cooper, Renee Cooper, Kirsty Fuller, Chris Cullen, Tom Peacock

V

VICTORIA: Grant Kilvington (NPC), Peter Hollands, Justin Howard, Jamie Thompson, Ellena Moskovsky, Ella Pattison, Peter Bolling

TEAM	C/F	1-10	11-20	Total
WA	2	35	29	66
VIC		41	10	51

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

OPEN TEAMS

ROUND 2, MATCH 6

TASMANIA	-25	SA 2	25
VICTORIA	6	NSW	-6
WA	-43	ACT	43
SA 1	66	QUEENSLAND	-66

ROUND 2, MATCH 7

SA 2	-36	NSW	36
TASMANIA	-31	VICTORIA	31
QUEENSLAND	9	ACT	-9
SA 1	62	WA	-62

WOMEN'S TEAMS

ROUND 1, MATCH 1

WA	-2	ACT	2
SA 2	-5	QUEENSLAND	5
VICTORIA	-8	SA 1	8
NSW	88	TASMANIA	-88

ROUND 1, MATCH 2

QUEENSLAND	-30	WA	30
ACT	-28	SA 2	28
NSW	-26	VICTORIA	26
SA 1	-20	TASMANIA	20

SENIORS' TEAMS

ROUND 2, MATCH 6

SA	-2	VICTORIA	2
NSW	7	QUEENSLAND	-7
TASMANIA	11	WA	-11
ACT	16	NT	-16

ROUND 2, MATCH 7

QUEENSLAND	-3	SA	3
VICTORIA	16	NSW	-16
WA	14	ACT	-14
NT	-5	TASMANIA	5

YOUTH

ROUND 3, MATCH 3

VICTORIA	61	NSW	-61
QUEENSLAND	2	ACT	-2
SA	-11	WA	11

ROUND 3, MATCH 4

ACT	-75	WA	75
QUEENSLAND	-49	VICTORIA	49
NSW	8	SA	-8

ROUND 3, MATCH 5

NSW	-1	QUEENSLAND	1
SA	-22	ACT	22

SIDE EVENTS RESULTS

WARM UP SWISS PAIRS

- 1st Andrew Hill—David Shilling
- 2nd David Munro—David Schokman
- 3rd Zachary Neulinger—Andrew Spooner

SABF SWISS TEAMS

- 1st CHENEY: Phil Cheney, David Black, Andrew Hill, David Shilling
- 2nd RICHMAN: Andrew and Sandra Richman, Susan Emerson, Judy Hocking
- 3rd TRUSCOTT: Nick and Maggie Truscott, Carole and John Foreman

SABF FLIGHTED PAIRS

- A GRADE Andrew and Sandra Richman
- B GRADE Ray and Rita Jone
- C GRADE Patrick Kennedy—Geoffrey Norris

GRADED PAIRS

- A GRADE Andrew and Sandra Richman
- B GRADE Gamini Amerasinghe—Junlin Peng
- C GRADE Rosie Osman—Susan Sheridan

SABF MIXED-UP TEAMS

- 1st MUNRO: David and Janet Munro, Wendy Boxall and Di Marler
- 2nd COUZNER: Darryl Couzner and Sue Ormsby, Xue Kui Ji and Michael Ward
- 3rd CORNISH: Rosemary Cornish and Lucy Barua, Ruth Chapman and Norma Newton

SABF MATCHPOINT PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1st Andrew and Sandra Richman
- 2nd Gamini Amerasinghe—Junlin Peng
- 3rd Joel Gue—John Sturgul

JOKE OF THE DAY

What happens when Woolworths burns down?
It turns into Coles.



ANC BUTLER PRIZES

OPEN BUTLER

- 1st place: \$500 (from the ABF)
PLUS free entry into 2014 Butler (Qualifying)
- 2nd place: \$200
- 3rd place: \$100

Highest placed SA pair not receiving a prize:
2 x \$50 restaurant vouchers (LA TOMBOLA)

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Highest placed SA pair not receiving a prize:
2 x \$50 restaurant vouchers (ZOE'S)

SENIOR BUTLER

- 1st place: \$500 (from the ABF)
PLUS free entry into 2014 Butler
- 2nd place: \$200
- 3rd place: \$100

Highest placed SA pair not receiving a prize:
2 x \$50 restaurant vouchers (CAFÉ MONDIALI)

RESTRICTED BUTLER

- 1st place: \$300
- 2nd place: \$200
- 3rd place: \$100

Highest placed SA pair not receiving a prize:
2 x \$50 restaurant vouchers (CAFÉ MONDIALI)

ANC SWISS PAIRS

- 1st place: \$300
- 2nd place: \$200
- 3rd place: \$100

Highest placed SA pair not receiving a prize:
2 x \$50 restaurant vouchers (CAFÉ MONDIALI)

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

A USEFUL BID FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES

In Round 11, Board 20, Arjuna de Livera appreciated his partner's helpful double. He held:

♠ K7653
♥ 9
♦ 108762
♣ A6

The auction had progressed:

WEST	SOUTH	EAST	NORTH
Pass	Pass	2C	Pass
2D	Pass	2NT	Pass
3C (puppet) X		3S	Pass
4S	Pass	Pass	X

Arjuna really appreciated Elizabeth Havas's double of the 3C bid. It really simplified his opening lead and subsequent defence. Here's the full hand:

	♠ Void	
	♥ 108753	
	♦ Q94	
	♣ KQ1052	
♠ Q92		♠ AJ1084
♥ J642		♥ AKQ
♦ J5		♦ AK3
♣ 9743		♣ J8
	♠ K7653	
	♥ 9	
	♦ 108762	
	♣ A6	

Arjuna was now able to lead his CA, then another club to partner's CK. Declarer ruffed the CQ with the S8 and Arjuna discarded his heart. Now declarer cashed the DA and DK, taking a diamond ruff in dummy and Arjuna had control of the hand. The SQ was finessed to South's SK and a spade returned. Arjuna had one more trump than declarer and could ruff hearts then tap declarer with his long diamonds. The results was a chunky 3 off, and an 800 penalty.

In the same match, they also bid to the slam on Board 10, written up in yesterday's Bulletin. The hands were:

NORTH	SOUTH
♠ J93	♠ A
♥ QJ7	♥ A1052
♦ K10842	♦ A7
♣ KJ	♣ AQ10765

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		Pass	1C
1S	2D	2S	3H
Pass	3S	Pass	4C
Pass	4H	Pass	4NT
Pass	5D	Pass	6C

4NT was RKCB on hearts. Once Elizabeth showed zero key cards for hearts (no HK), Arjuna worked out that she must have the CK for her auction instead, so took that inference to bid the right slam.

I must say, though, that East's timid raise to 2S, rather than the 3S raises we saw yesterday, gave the partnership so much more space to investigate the hand/slam.

A SMOOTH DUCK

Jeff Fust's duck on the following hand struck gold:

	♠ AQ7	
	♥ 10863	
	♦ 1064	
	♣ 983	
♠ K952		♠ J1084
♥ AQ		♥ 54
♦ AKQ73		♦ 85
♣ KJ		♣ 107542
	♠ 63	
	♥ KJ972	
	♦ J92	
	♣ AQ6	

West was playing in 4S on the lead of H3, which went to the HK and HA. Declarer continued with the DA, DK and a diamond, ruffed in dummy with SJ. Now he led the S10 and finessed. Jeff (North) ducked smoothly and declarer took the bait by finessing again. Jeff was now able to cash the two trumps, clearing dummy's trumps/entries and exit with another heart to West.

Poor West was left stranded in hand, going one down when he had to lose two club tricks.

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imagine. change.

WHO HAS THE ACE OF HEARTS?

One of the most interesting hands of the tournament arose in Round 13, Board 4. Imagine you (West) are playing in 4NT as 5 declarers did, on the lead of the S7.

♠ J94	♠ A53
♥ KQJ86	♥ 53
♦ Q43	♦ AKJ
♣ K9	♣ AQ1075

If the clubs break you have 9 winners, so you have to decide how to play the spades and who has the HA. North's S7 could be from KQ107, KQ87, K1087 or Q1087 (plus smaller cards). It is certainly plausible that North may have led a spade honour if holding the KQ10x, so perhaps you should give more weight to the other holdings.

So, if North holds the HA, you need to fly the SA at trick 1, in order to block the suit. On the other hand, if you think that South has the HA then you have to duck at trick 1 to sever communications.

So, who solved this dilemma correctly?

In the Youth, Jessie De Garis and George Evans made 4NT (West) with an overtrick. So declarer won the SA at trick 1.

In the Seniors, George Bilski and Martin Bloom made their 11 tricks in 3NT by West. Presumably the same play was made at trick 1 at this table.

The other declarers in 4NT by West all failed, as did the lone declarer in the rare contract of 5NT.

The full hand:

	♠ Q10872	
	♥ A72	
	♦ 107	
	♣ 642	
♠ J94		♠ A53
♥ KQJ86		♥ 53
♦ Q43		♦ AKJ
♣ K9		♣ AQ1075
	♠ K6	
	♥ 1094	
	♦ 98652	
	♣ J83	

Elizabeth Havas (ACT Seniors), who brought this hand to my attention, pointed out that if her West opponent had bid to 6NT she would never have led a spade and the contract would have made! One hapless declarer miscounted his tricks and went down in 3NT (perhaps he did not want to rely on the club suit breaking).

In the ACT Open match, one table played in 6NT and North did lead a spade to South's SK, but then North-South cashed their HA for 1 down. At the other table, West played in 4NT on the spade lead and declarer misguessed by ducking the spade at trick 1. Needing an extra trick, he then played on hearts, going 2 light quickly.

The results were varied:

OPEN

3NT W	x 1	=
3NT E	x 1	=
3NT E	x 2	+3
6NT E	x 1	=
6NT W	x 1	-1
4NT W	x 1	-2
6C E	x 1	-1

WOMEN

3NT E	x 1	=
3NT E	x 2	+3
3NT W	x 3	=
6NT W	x 2	=1

SENIORS

3NT E	x 1	+3
3NT W	x 1	+2
3NT W	x 1	-1
4NT W	x 1	-2
5NT W	x 1	-2
5C E	x 1	+1
4H W	x 1	+2
6NT W	x 1	-1

YOUTH

3NT E	x 1	+3
4NT W	x 1	-2
4NT W	x 1	+1
6H W	x 1	=
6NT W	x 1	-1



How some NPCs pass their time

THE LAST WORD

From Croco-dill

So what has been learnt from 65 years, apart from feeling sorry for all those people who have missed the game of a lifetime and the miserable thought that I have not 65 years' experience but 1 year 65 times?

Perhaps our game has similarities to golf in that bridge has a declarer working as an individual, but the real power of bridge and its greatest advantage is 'sharing' the defence.

Certainly, the best golfers play the 'now' and not the 'past'. Missed putts are forgotten in the concentration of 'now'. The best bridge players are always using the 'now' in two ways:

- To put a poor or good result in the past
- To modify their planned play of a hand

The great advantage of golf is, to quote Sir Humphrey Appleby' that they can only use the 'perpendicular pronoun'.

Sadly, in bridge we can be lured into:

- My partner...
 - Didn't lead a spade
 - Did lead a spade
 - Led the wrong spade

It took me 60 years to realise that partners are aware that they did or didn't or chose a confusing card... and I try to follow golf's example.

My goals are:

- To master my human inclination towards stupidity and change as much as possible of "I/we should have" into "We did"
- To be positive and control human skill of recrimination and gloating

But my ultimate goal (and my great regret) is to be NICE to all bridge players, as reparation for all those times when I ignored my own idiotic brain snaps to point out the stupidity of even the most subtle errors made by my partners.

Good positive luck to the finalists and I hope to see you all again.

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AND THE VERY LAST WORD

The prolific Croco-dill has one last offering before he returns to his swamp:

Dear Crow-eaters, A terrific job
A very pleasant and happy mob
Unbelievable results you got,
Was it voodoo
To break the hoodoo
Cos I've never seen an urn drip not!

And to the Organisers:

Lovely venue, marvellous desk minders, great caddies and understanding directors, still calm and able to maintain even decorum even when it was discovered that I claimed, only having 3 trumps left yet—unfortunately—everyone else had 6 cards. Unlike the Hideous Hog I didn't eat them, they had just slipped under my chair.

Your friend, Croc



Ed Burrowes and James Ferguson (NSW Youth)
aka "The Bridge Boys"

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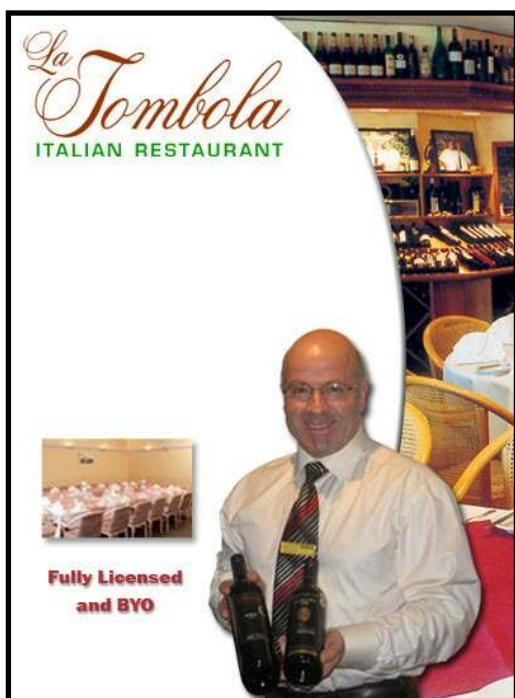
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(Greek restaurant)

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HAND FROM THE PAST

Just to prove that oldies were once youngies, back in 1985 before Rhys or Michael was even born, Sue Lusk and I played Forcing Pass (the Polish version, Regres) in the Venice Cup.

The following hand led to a very interesting auction:

	NORTH	
	♠ 97	
	♥ J	
	♦ Q4	
	♣ KQ987432	
WEST		EAST
♠ AKQ865		♠ J10
♥ A2		♥ 1098754
♦ K105		♦ AJ873
♣ A10		♣ void
	SOUTH	
	♠ 432	
	♥ KQ63	
	♦ 962	
	♣ J65	

Nil vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lusk		Travis	
			Pass
Pass	4C	4H	Pass
4NT	5C	Pass (*)	Pass
5NT	Pass	6H	Pass
6S	Pass	Pass	7C
Pass (*)	Pass	DBL	All Pass

Sue Lusk had to Pass with her monster, because Pass showed any hand with 13+ HCP. North tried to disrupt things with her pre-emptive 4C bid but, with a 6-5, it seemed important to make a natural bid of 4H. Now Sue took over: 4NT was Blackwood, and after interference the Pass was "DOPI" where Pass showed 1 ace. 5NT was the Grand Slam Force, asking about the quality of the heart suit. 6H denied the HA, HK or HQ, so Sue now signed off in 6S.

Now, when South decided to save with 7C, Sue was able to 'try again'. Having bid to 6S, her Pass was forcing, showing interest in 7S if East held a suitable hand.

It was up to me to work out what Sue was looking for. Since Sue had to have good spades, she knew I held nothing in hearts and the opponents were bidding clubs, she must need me to have good diamonds. She already knew I held the DA, so in all likelihood Sue wanted me to bid the grand slam with the DK or DQ. With the DJ, the grand slam would hinge on a finesse at best, so I had to double.

7CX went down 6 tricks, but back in 1985 that was only worth 1100 (against our 980). The change in doubled undertricks was implemented in about 1987.

I've always enjoyed this hand because partner made a Grand Slam Force in one suit, then a Forcing Pass inviting grand slam in another suit!

The hand itself led to some very interesting results, given that 7D, 7S or 7NT were cold if declarer could find the DQ. Certainly I recall one match where one team made the grand slam and the other table played in 7NT, failing by 8 tricks when they misplayed the diamonds early.

Forcing Pass was a lot of fun to play, with our zaniest result being when the opponents overcalled my opening Forcing Pass with a 4C bid. Systemically this showed hearts, so after my Sue's double, my RHO corrected (unwisely) to hearts. I merely held something like AKQJ10xxx in hearts, so 4HX netted a massive penalty. Our defence was imperfect but we took the contract 7 or 8 off. The other table bid to 7H which always had to fail. (Although 6H should fail, most people made the contract.)

I've been impressed with the degree of work the various Youth pairs have put into creating defences to Forcing Pass bids, but you'll have to convince me that the system should be allowed in Youth events!

JAMES THREDGOLD

 JEWELLER