

# BULLETIN 2

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2014

## Session Times Today

<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>9:15am</b>
Pairs Final/Consolation S1	10:30am
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>1:15pm</b>
Pairs Final/Consolation S2	2:00pm
Pairs Prize Giving	5:40pm
<b>DINNER</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
Goulash (Teams) Tournament	7:40pm

## Session Times Tomorrow

<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
Teams 1, 2, 3	10:00am
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
Teams 4, 5, 6	2:00pm
Archery and/or B-Ball/V-Ball	5:15pm
<b>DINNER</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
Teams 7, 8, 9	8:00pm



# Australian Youth Bridge Championships

<b>Extra Food!</b>	<b>Time</b>
Daily Morning Tea	~10:30am
Daily Afternoon Tea	~3:30pm
Daily Supper	~8:30pm

CONGRATS to **VICKI BOUTON – MATTHEW BROWN** and **LIAM MILNE – JAMES COUTTS**, Winners of the N/S and E/W Pairs Qualifying, respectively – all from NZ!!



Vicki Bouton and Matthew Brown

There is some carry-forward from the Qualifying to the Final only. This carry-forward number can be calculated by the formula written in the Regulations. Basically, Griff is the man.



Liam Milne and James Coutts

## Pairs Qualifying Scores

#	Names (NORTH-SOUTH)	Total	#	Names (EAST-WEST)	Total
<b>1</b>	Vicki Bouton - Matthew Brown	131.41	<b>1</b>	Liam Milne - James Coutts	117.95
<b>2</b>	Ellena Moskovsky - Lauren Travis	129.33	<b>2</b>	Laura Ginnan - Sebastian Yuen	114.26
<b>3</b>	Justin Howard - Adam Edgton	116.67	<b>3</b>	Renee Cooper - Paul Gosney	112.98
<b>4</b>	Rhys Cooper - Ella Pattison	116.03	<b>4</b>	Glenn Coutts - Nick Jacob	110.42
<b>5</b>	Leigh Matheson - Erin Tewes	112.82	<b>5</b>	Jamie Thompson - Stephen Williams	110.26
<b>6</b>	Alan Stoneham - Stephen Guo	111.86	<b>6</b>	Max Henbest - Anthony Edwards	110.10
<b>7</b>	Andi Boughey - Matthew Smith (NZ)	108.65	<b>7</b>	Peter Hollands - Edward Burrowes	109.94
<b>8</b>	Shane Harrison - Sam Schulz	107.21	<b>8</b>	Dominic Evans - Grace Evans	107.69
<b>9</b>	Richard Mcauliffe - John Newman	106.89	<b>9</b>	Jessica Brake - Michael Gearing	107.53
<b>10</b>	Caitlin Holman - Rachel Price	90.38	<b>10</b>	Feitong Chen - Sam Coutts	102.56
<b>11</b>	David Skipper - James Ferguson	89.90	<b>11</b>	Jen McGowan - Gray Renwick	92.31
<b>12</b>	Jessie De Garis - George Evans	82.69	<b>12</b>	Nico Ranson - Chris Rhodes	88.62
<b>13</b>	Ailsa Peacock - Matt Smith (WA)	77.08	<b>13</b>	Peter Bolling - Andrew Spooner	85.10
<b>14</b>	Angus Gray - Jack Tarlinton	75.48	<b>14</b>	Francesca McGrath - Tim Munro	84.29
<b>15</b>	Timothy Pilien - Patrick Chen	71.96	<b>15</b>	Dan Hunt - Gabrielle McGrath	74.04
<b>16</b>	Guykit Lang - Borkuan Song	71.63	<b>16</b>	Victoria Thompson - David Gue	71.96

Highlighted Pairs – Top 5 pairs from each section of the Qualifying play in the **Pairs Final**

Highlighted Pairs – Next 5 pairs from each section of the Qualifying play in the **Pairs Plate**

Highlighted Pairs – Next 6 pairs from each section of the Qualifying play in the **Pairs Consolation**



## High Five

by Leigh Matheson

Three years ago I set a challenge to my teammates that whoever can make the lowest finesse would win a prize (a bar of chocolate). This turned out to be a bad idea because we were all thinking about finessing rather than playing good bridge.

Back to 2012. During the final of the pairs consolation, I managed to score the lowest possible finesse without a showout

(Cathy)

♠ KT2  
♥ AK75  
♦ KT3  
♣ AT2

(Andrew)

♠ QJ6  
♥ J8642  
♦ AQ4  
♣ J6



(Tim)

♠ A9754  
♥ QT93  
♦ 2  
♣ 543

♠ 83  
♥ --  
♦ J98765  
♣ KQ987

(Leigh)

Andrew	Cathy	Tim	Leigh
--	--	--	2NT*
P	3NT	All Pass	

\*2NT : Weak 5/5+ minors.

Against 3NT, Andrew led the ♥4. After winning the ♥K in dummy and playing the ♣T to the ♣K, I led the ♦5. The trick went 5 – 4 – 3 – 2!

### High Five!

Another Diamond was led and West took the ♦A and switched to the ♠Q, enabling the defence to score three tricks. However I was still able to win the ♣A, cash the ♦K and the rest of dummy's winners before crossing to the ♣Q.

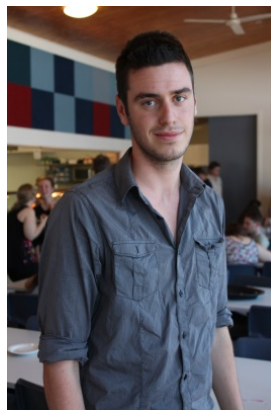
So I scored a high five, a beer card and an overtrick.

Typically with finessing in this situation you want to lead a high card to conceal information about who has the lower cards in the suit (e.g. when East couldn't beat the ♦5, West knew that East had no more diamonds). However on this deal it is correct to lead a low diamond.

Why?

If I had led the ♦J, West would have known that his partner couldn't beat this card. He would have won the ♦A and then since there is only one more entry back to hand the diamonds would be dead

## Interview with Nico Ranson & Chris Rhodes



**Q: Name (and Nickname):**  
Nico Ranson (Nico).

**Q: How long have you been playing bridge?**  
6 months of serious bridge, with 12 unfortunate months of grandma.

**Q: Favourite card in the deck, and why?**  
♣2 – Because once I was in a 7NT contract that was doomed to fail, but I somehow won the very last trick with the ♣2.

**Q: Any memorable bridge auctions?**  
A one we (Chris and I) just had. Crispy opened 2NT, I bid 3♦ transfer, partner bid 3♥, I bid 5♦ and we played there. We were in a 3-1 fit when 7♥ was cold.

**Q: Favourite Starcraft 2 Unit**  
I don't play StarCraft 0.0

**Q: What do you do?**  
Jobless hobo/student

**Q: Lipton or Nestea?**  
What's that mean?



**Q: Name (and Nickname):**  
Chris Rhodes (Crispy).

**Q: How long have you been playing bridge?**  
I played 10 years of 500, then 6 months of bridge.

**Q: Favourite card in the deck, and why?**  
♦A – Aces are nice

**Q: Any memorable bridge auctions?**  
What was that auction? Something like I asked for aces, partner told me one, I then signed off, but then partner raised to slam as he had two!

**Q: Favourite Starcraft 2 Unit**  
I don't play StarCraft 0.0

**Q: What do you do?**  
Advanced Science/Doll-budger

**Q: Lipton or Nestea?**  
What?

### Suit Combination Quiz (For Ed).

How do you play this suit for five winners?

♠ AQ864 (Dummy)

♠ J9532 (Your hand)

## Smirnov's Superstition

By Andy Hung



Smirny claims that every time he plays a board *out of order* (so if he plays Board 1, then 2, then 4 skipping Board 3), it ALWAYS brings him bad luck (hint hint people). Witness this deal. The boards to be played on Smirny's

next round were Boards 1, 2, 3, but instead of starting at 1, Board 3 was placed on the table:

Dir: S  
Vul: EW

**Jack Tarlinton**  
♠ 762  
♥ A103  
♦ -  
♣ AKQ7654

**Dave Thompson**  
♠ KJ8  
♥ 4  
♦ AQ109865  
♣ 109

**Smirny**  
♠ AQ103  
♥ KQ9762  
♦ J7  
♣ J

♠ 954  
♥ J85  
♦ K432  
♣ 832

**Angus Gray**

Angus opened (psyched) a strong 1NT opening as South and Dave overcalled 2♦. Jack jumped to 3NT and Smirny, believing partner must be the one to have his bid, confidently Doubled the contract. This was swiftly passed around to Jack, who also believed his partner was the one who had his bid, Redoubled!

Angus had absolutely no doubt about trust in his partner and passed the Redouble – and right he was! Dave Thompson, not unreasonably led a Diamond which ran around to Angus' ♦K and proceeded to claim nine tricks; one Heart, one Diamond, and seven Clubs!! 3NTXX= was -800.

Note that on a Spade lead the defence would take the first seven tricks for +1000!

## Technique and Tips

By Leigh Matheson

The first day of the pairs qualifying produced several almost-squeeze hands. Here's one that Erin played.

**Leigh Matheson**

Dir: E  
Vul: Nil

♠ 763  
♥ A632  
♦ KQJ10  
♣ QJ

♠ 92  
♥ KQ97  
♦ A764  
♣ 1085

♠ QJ84  
♥ J85  
♦ 8  
♣ K9764

♠ AK105  
♥ 104  
♦ 9532  
♣ A32

**Erin Tewes**

	Leigh		Erin	
	W	N	E	S
	-	-	Pass	1NT <sup>1</sup>
	Pass	2♣ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	2♦ <sup>3</sup>
	Pass	2♥ <sup>4</sup>	Pass	2♠ <sup>4</sup>
	Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
	Pass	Pass	Pass	

1NT<sup>1</sup> = 9-12

2♣<sup>2</sup> = Puppet Stayman (any invitational hand)

2♦<sup>3</sup> = Forced Bid

2♥<sup>4</sup>/2♠<sup>4</sup> = Natural

Contract: 3NT/S Lead: ♣8

At trick 1 East played the ♣K and Erin ducked the trick. The Club return was won in dummy and Erin successfully finessed the ♠10. Now 9 tricks are in the bag and Erin set about trying to make one more. She played on Diamonds. West won the second round with the ♦A and switched to the ♥K. When Erin allowed this to hold, West continued with the ♥Q, which went to the ♥A.

Now Erin crossed to hand with a Spade, cashed the ♣A and played the rest of the Diamonds reaching this position: (*Continued on page 6*)

## ◀◀ Classic Rewind ▶▶ 2011

### Pebble Quotes (2011 only):

"Normally you can eat the flowers, but you couldn't eat these flowers"

"I used to go out with a Latvian girl called 'Leah'. Only it was spelt L-I-J-A. I kept calling her Ly-Ja, then she dumped me. I kept getting threatened, but I didn't think she was serious."

After Pebble opens 1♠ and puts down dummy in 3NT with ♠ 87642:

"I have a stopper. Eventually."

Alas, he didn't. Laura Tough led the Spades and won five Spade tricks.

After the auction:

1♠     2♦  
2♥     2NT  
PASS

"We play 2-over-1 Game Force. Just not this time."

Made exactly 8 tricks.

After putting down Dummy with no intermediate cards higher than the 8 and only a few scattered honours:

"All I have is these X's. I am the X-man."



Pebble (Alex Lockwood)



Adam (always) thinking, "I could go for a chicken...or two"



Playing Area



Nico Ranson, Grace Evans, Matt Smith (NZ), Dom Evans



Edward Burrowes and Nick Jacobs



Finn Rennie, Aiden Robertson, Liam Robertson, and Matthew Kirkland



Griff passing on his torch



## ARCHERY

There will be 4 sessions of archery this week – 2 sessions on Monday, and 2 sessions on Wednesday. Each session will be 45-minutes long, and can only intake 18 people per session. People who are leaving after play on Tuesday will take precedence on the Monday sessions. **Please write your name down on the white board to indicate which session you will like to play in.**

While each group goes to the Archery Range, there will be basketball and/or volleyball competition held on the side.

(Technique and Tips continued from page 4)

Dlr: E  
Vul: Nil

♠ 7  
♥ 6  
♦ 10  
♣ -

♠ -                      ♠ QJ  
♥ 97                    ♥ J  
♦ 7                      ♦ -  
♣ -                      ♣ -

♠ K5  
♥ -  
♦ 9  
♣ -

*Erin Tewes*

On the last Diamond, East, thinking Declarer might have the 9, discarded a Spade. So Erin scored the last two Spades in hand to make her overtrick.

How should East have known better?

When the ♠9 (a critical card) drops from your partner in the above situation you can be fairly sure it will be their last Spade. But there was a much easier way to know.

**Bridge Tip #1:** Actively listen to the auction.

Declarer bid Spades and therefore had to have started with four of them. When information like this becomes available it's no good to store it away for a rainy day, thinking you can deal with it later. You must process it immediately. Start thinking about what kind of hand shape Declarer might have. Sometimes this information will lead you to make a play you weren't previously considering. Other times you will have a decision to make late in the hand. But if you have already been thinking about it from the start, you will have no problems getting it right.

Tune in tomorrow for more tips!

**Suit Combinations Answers**

♦ K962                      (Dummy)

♦ AJ53                      (Your hand)

**ANSWER: Lead low from dummy to your Jack.**

For this suit combination, the idea is to finesse the Queen. The intuitive play might be to cash Dummy's ♦K and lead towards your ♦J, however, a slight improvement on this is to lead towards your ♦J on the first round.

If you cash the ♦K on the first round and a singleton Queen drops, you must still lose a Diamond trick regardless (as your intermediates are not strong enough). By leading towards the ♦J on the first round, you can pick up East's singleton Queen by winning with the Ace (of course), cash the ♦J, and take the marked finesse of the ♦10 against West.

If the ♦J loses to a singleton Queen with West, you will lose an extra undertrick – however, the goal here was to play for *four* winners.


♠ AQ864                      (Dummy)

♠ J9532                      (Your hand)

**ANSWER: Lead the Jack from hand.**

The percentage play is to finesse the King, but leading small to Dummy's Queen will lose against ♠K107 with West (as West will have ♠K10 over your ♠J9). Leading the ♠J can pick up the ♠K any time it is with West, even if it's a singleton.

**Paul Lavings** once again has donated the bridge book prizes for Youth Week. To show your appreciation of Paul's generosity buy your bridge books from Paul Lavings Bridge Books & Supplies.



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