

BULLETIN 2

Sunday 11th January, 2015

Session Times

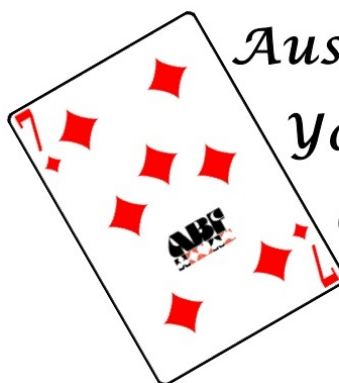
Sunday

Pairs Final/Consolation S1	10:00am
<i>Lunch (Not included)</i>	<i>1:20pm</i>
Group Photo	2:10pm
Pairs Final/Consolation S2	2:15pm
Pairs Prize Giving	5:50pm
DINNER	6:30pm
Crazy Pairs	7:30pm

Session Times

Monday

Teams Match 1	11:00am
<i>Lunch (Not included)</i>	<i>12:30pm</i>
Teams 2, 3	1:30pm
DINNER	6:30pm
Teams 4, 5	7:30pm



Australian Youth Bridge Championships

**Group Photo at
2:10pm**

Welcome to Day Two of the Championships which begins with the Final and the Consolation of the Pairs. Congratulations to **Nick Jacob** and **James Coutts** – Winners of the Pairs Qualifying – and **Max Henbest** and **Shane Harrison** who qualified second.

Pairs Qualifying Scores

Rank	Name	Total
1	James Coutts – Nick Jacob	662.3
2	Max Henbest – Shane Harrison	627.3
3	Nabil Edgtton – Daniel Braun	617.3
4	Ella Pattison – Renee Cooper	615.6
5	Liam Milne – Adam Edgtton	582.9
6	Stephen Williams – Jamie Thompson	555.0
7	Ellena Moskovsky – Rhys Cooper	554.9
8	Peter Bolling – Tim Munro	546.1
9	Sam Coutts – David Skipper	535.9
10	Nico Ranson – Chris Rhodes	521.6
11	Francesca McGrath – Matthew Smith	516.3
12	Jessica Brake – Tomer Libman	508.3
13	Andi Boughey – Glenn Coutts	507.4
14	Daryl Whitfield – Max Mullamphy	490.6
15	Pedro Saavedra – Kate Does	473.0
16	Jack Tarlinton – Angus Gray	431.9
17	Zachary Neulinger – Andrew Spooner	431.1
18	Michael Gearing – Richard McAuliffe	426.4
19	David Gue – Victoria Thompson	419.9
20	Liam Robertson – Aiden Robertson	382.0
21	Finn Rennie – Matt Kirkland	321.0
22	John Yoon – Orla Harris	297.9

Highlighted Pairs – Top 10 pairs qualify for the **Pairs Final**

The remainder will play in the Pairs Consolation

There is some carry-forward from the Qualifying to the Pairs Final only. This carry-forward number can be calculated by the following formula:

$$C = (M * fp * ft) / (2 * qp * qt)$$

– rounded to the nearest 0.1 MPs, where:

C = The pair's carryover score to the final in matchpoints

M = The pairs' total MP score in the qualifying

fp = The number of pairs in the final

ft = The value of a top in matchpoints in the final

qp = The number of pairs in the qualifying

qt = The value of a top in matchpoints in the qualifying

If you don't agree with the above or have a better suggestion, please contact Griff.

CRAZY PAIRS TOURNAMENT TONIGHT AT 7:30pm

CONTEST!

*Brought to you by Andy Hung and the
Australian Youth Bridge Bulletin*

Throughout youth week, you will play many bridge hands. You might play badly on some, but very awesomely on others! And we are interested in those awesome hands. Submit the hand (along with the auction and play, names of partner/opponents optional) to Andy, before the start of the last round (R18) of the Youth Butler (afternoon of 17th January 2014). Winners will be declared in the following categories:

Categories and Prizes	
Coollest hand of the week	\$20 Wish Gift Card*
Best beer carded hand of the week	\$20 Wish Gift Card* + Trophy!

*Wish Gift Card (**important**) participating stores: **Dan Murphy's, BWS, Cellarmasters**, Woolworths, Big W, Dick Smith, Caltex-Woolworths, Thomas Dux, and Masters Home Improvement.

Contest Rules:

1. Multiple entries accepted.
2. Entries close before the last round (R18) of the Youth Butler is started, with winners announced during the prize giving ceremony (after last round of Youth Butler).
3. For beer card declarer related hands it cannot be in a diamond contract, nor a No-Trump contract where the diamond suit is the main source of tricks i.e. 8+ diamond card fit. Anything goes for a defensive beer card.



The Inaugural Best Beer Card Trophy

SUPER SMASH BROS. TOURNEY held on Tuesday 5:00pm

◀◀ Classic Rewind ▶▶
2014

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:

Jack Tarlinton

Dlr: S ♠ 762
Vul: EW ♥ 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!

YOUTH AWARDS for 2014

Last night, Dave Thompson and Phil Gue awarded the 2014 Youth Awards:

The Andrew Reiner Trophy: **Ellena Moskovsky and Lauren Travis**

This award is granted to the best performed pair in international competition taking account of performance in the events themselves, commitment to preparation and contribution to team success. Ellena and Lauren anchored the Australian Under-25 Girls team at the World Championships in Istanbul qualifying for the Quarter-Finals which Australia lost narrowly to the eventual winners, France.



(Lauren Travis absent)

The Hills–Hurley Trophy: **Jamie Thompson and Stephen Williams**

This trophy, donated by Richard Hills and Steve Hurley, is to encourage talented young bridge players in forming long-standing partnerships and reward successful pairs which have developed a well-organised partnership to harness their full potential.



Jamie & Stephen start playing together in 2013 and achieved selection to the Australian Under-25 team at last year's Youth Week to contest both the Asia Cup and the World Championships. At the Asia Cup in Jin Hua, China they won the Youth Pairs. Domestically, they enjoyed strong performances in both the ANOT and the VCC. As a "long distance" partnership, Jamie and Stephen practice extensively on BBO, particularly in the lead-up to major events and are looking forward to continued success in 2015.

The Helman–Klinger Masterpoint Award: **Adam Edgtton**

This award, worth \$200 annually and supplemented with a further \$100 from the Friends of Youth Bridge Fund, is awarded to the Australian Youth Player who earns the most masterpoints in the calendar year in question.

This year Adam won with 173.29 masterpoints which included winning the National Open Teams and in doing so becoming the first youth player to achieve that feat.



The Helman–Klinger Achievement Award: **Adam Edgtton**

This award, worth \$400 annually and supplemented with a further \$200 from the Friends of Youth Bridge Fund, is presented each year to the Australian Youth Bridge Player whose ability, achievements, sportsmanship, attitude, contribution and commitment during the calendar year are most deserving.

Adam has been attending Youth Week for the past 13 years and has enjoyed consistent success representing Australia on multiple occasions. He has a positive impact on all his team mates in all events that he has played, especially on younger players for whom he is a great role model both at and away from the table. 2014 saw Adam representing Australia at the World Youth Championships in Istanbul and the Commonwealth Nations Open Championships in Glasgow.



Both Helman-Klinger Awards exist due to the generosity of the late Rabbi Leonard Helman, an American lawyer, prominent bridge enthusiast and philanthropist, who made a substantial donation to establish the prizes to honour Ron and Suzie Klinger's outstanding contribution to bridge in Australia.

Little Shipper is Mad

by Liam Milne

I witnessed Little Shipper creating a cute little position that I have only seen in textbooks but not in real life. This was from Board 4 of the qualifying session 2:

Dir: West
Vul: All

(Me)

♠ AJ

♥ 764

♦ K8643

♣ 742

♠ KQ62

♥ T82

♦ AQ6

♣ J95



♠ 985

♥ AKQ3

♦ T97

♣ Q86

♠ T743

♥ J95

♦ J2

♣ AKT3

(Little Shipper)

West	Liam	E	Little Shipper
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	All Pass

I led the ♦4 against West's 2NT and it went ♦10-♦J-♦Q. Declarer now played a heart to dummy to play a spade to the king and my ace.

At this point, both Little Shipper and I knew that (or he knows that I know that) Little Shipper has the ♣AK. Declarer is marked with ♦AQ from my point of view, and Little Shipper knew it was either ♦AQ or ♦KQ. When declarer played a spade to his king, the play only made sense if declarer had at least ♠KQ. With lots of points accounted for, the ♣AK is likely with South.

I therefore switched to the ♣7 to Shipper's ♣K and he returned a diamond ducked by declarer to my king.

I could now play another diamond setting up my suit by I had no entries back to my hand. I was also afraid that declarer might have the ♠10 and if I return a diamond establishing the suit, declarer might be afraid of taking a spade finesse and cash the ♠Q to drop my ♠J.

I therefore continued with a heart and this trick went ♥7-♥K-♥J(!!!)-♥8. Declarer currently has three tricks along with a spade, two hearts (we see they're 3-3), and a diamond to come for seven tricks, and a club can now be established by forcing out the ♣A.

Due to the ♥J falling however, declarer got taken in. Believing that hearts are 4-2 (wouldn't you?), declarer now played a heart to his ten followed by a club to dummy's queen hoping I had the ♣A. That was not to be so declarer was then stranded in his hand, not able to return to dummy to cash the ♥A.

That was mad.

Interview with Angus Gray & Jack Tarlinton



Q: Name (and Nickname):

In the process of changing my name.

Q: How long have you been playing bridge?

2½ years.

Q: Favourite card in the deck, and why?

♣4 because it has some funky text on it.

Q: Any memorable bridge moments?

I fell asleep one time.

Q: We do not condone this, but how many Ellena's do you think you can beat up?

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Q: What do you do?

I just finished school and will be travelling soon. Though I do intend to study software engineering.

Q: Yoda vs. Magneto?

*Vicky butts in: "pre-empire yoda or post-empire?"



Q: Name (and Nickname):

Wackerjack

Q: How long have you been playing bridge?

4 years

Q: Favourite card in the deck, and why?

♥9, because every time it shows up in my hand in Texas Holdem, I always win.

Q: Any memorable bridge moments?

I once made a vul 4♦XX with an overtrick and I said to my partner "we should've been in game".

Q: We do not condone this, but how many Ellena's do you think you can beat up?

Thinks All at once, or one at a time? (All at once). Hmm, ok, I think 10. 3 to grab each of my arm to hold me down, and 4 to hit in the vulnerable spots.

Q: What do you do?

I helluva odd (music) jobs, ranging from teaching, production, transcription, copyrighting, etc.

Q: Yoda vs. Magneto?

Vicky continues: "Magneto would just lose because he'd think Yoda's too cute and so he will be affected by his emotions." Ok, Yoda.

Lead Directing to the next level

By Ellena Moskovsky

I encountered a very interesting problem on Board 20 from the second session of the Pairs Qualifying. I held ♠108742 ♥A4 ♦AQ3 ♣763 at all vulnerable and the auction was Pass-Pass to me. With such lousy spades, I decided to open this hand 1♦ - I *really* wanted a diamond lead. This was the full deal:

Dlr: W	♠ 965	
Vul: All	♥ K987	
	♦ JT9	
	♣ Q42	
Rhys Cooper		Me
♠ Q3		♠ T8742
♥ J63		♥ A4
♦ K642		♦ AQ3
♣ KJT8		♣ 763
	♠ AKJ	
	♥ QT52	
	♦ 875	
	♣ A95	

The auction continued with a double by South and Rhys now redoubled, which I alerted as it systemically shows 4+♥'s (like a natural 1♥ bid). My problem now transposed into another problem.

Assuming Rhys did have a normal hand with 4+♥'s, I now had to find a rebid as I didn't have the suitable hand to pass out the redouble. If I rebid 1♠, that would promise an unbalanced hand (thus highly likely promising 5+♦'s) so I decided to rebid 1NT.

The interesting problem was now handballed over to Rhys. Trying not to use the Unauthorised Information from my alert, Rhys was a bit confused as to the meaning of the 1NT rebid on the basis that I had bid that 'knowing' that the XX was for blood (showing 10-11 points).

Not wanting to think any further, Rhys now bid 2♣ which was a puppet to 2♦ which I duly bid and was left there. Great.

South led the ♠K followed by a diamond switch. I won in hand and played back a spade to South's ace and another diamond was returned won with my ace.

I next ruffed a spade to which I was quite satisfied to see when the suit broke 3-3. I now cashed dummy's ♦K and was quite happy to see that suit break 3-3 also.

I now returned back to my hand with the ♥A, cashed two spades and played a club to the king. Making 8 for +90.

Dummy Reversal

By Andy Hung

There is a nice double dummy problem from Board 19 of the second session Pairs Qualifying (though finding it single dummy is not too far-fetched).

Dlr: W	♠ QT7	
Vul: All	♥ KQ6	
	♦ K832	
	♣ J53	
	♠ K32	♠ AJ8654
	♥ A872	♥ -
	♦ T6	♦ A754
	♣ A842	♣ T96
	♠ 9	
	♥ JT9543	
	♦ QJ9	
	♣ KQ7	

Double dummy says 5♣ can be made by EW on **any** lead. Have a go at it – the solution will be posted tomorrow.

◀◀ 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)



"I've got no idea what Zac is saying aye, but I could so go for a chicken right now"



Playing Area



Katniss and Nico



Angus, Liam, Aiden, and Jack



Matt, Michael, Francesca, and Richard



How you doin?



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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