

BULLETIN 4

Tuesday 13th January, 2015

Session Times

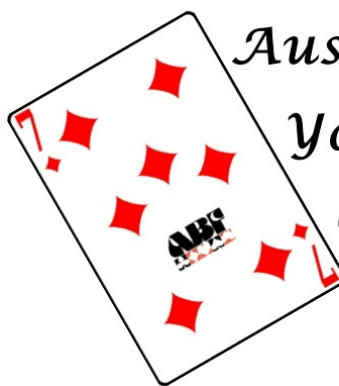
Today

Teams 6, 7	10:00am
<i>Lunch (Not included)</i>	<i>1:00pm</i>
Teams 8, 9	2:00pm
Super Smash Bros. Tourney	5:00pm
DINNER	6:30pm
Cliff Wake Board-a-Match	7:30pm
Butler 1, 2 and Goulash!!	8:10pm

Session Times

Tomorrow

Butler 3, 4 and Side Event	10:00am
<i>Lunch (Not included)</i>	<i>12:30pm</i>
Butler 5, 6, 7 and Side Event	1:30pm
Super Smash Bros. Tourney	5:00pm
DINNER	6:30pm
Butler 8, 9 and Side Event	7:30pm



Australian Youth Bridge Championships



We are now in Day 4, and we are part way through the Teams Championship. The current leaders of the teams are the **Coutts** Team (James Coutts, Nick Jacob, Liam Milne, Paul Gosney) ahead of the **Boughey** Team (Andi Boughey, Glenn Coutts, Ellena Moskovsky, and Rhys Cooper).

The Teams tourney finishes this afternoon and is immediately followed by the Super Smash Bros Tournament at 5pm. After dinner, we will have our annual Cliff Wake Challenge, with the winner of the Youth Teams facing off 4 experts which include Terry Brown and Avi Kanetkar from Sydney, Alex Smirnov from Germany, and a fourth player. Please come and join us at 7:30pm and watch the thrilling 4-board (BAM) playoff match.

Following the Cliff Wake we shall begin the first two rounds of Butler for the contending pairs and **Goulash** for the rest of the participants! Good luck!

The History of Cliff Wake

Cliff Wake was first seen at the last Tumut congress ever held, which was long enough ago that Griff Ware had sent in a badly scrawled physical entry form. Cliff has attended two weddings and now has a trophy dedicated in his honour.

The Cliff Wake Playoff was first envisaged during the 2008 Youth Teams, in which there was a tie between the leading teams at the end of the event and the regulations called for a four board playoff. This was extremely exciting and it became clear that we ought to have a tied event every year!

The inaugural Cliff Wake Playoff occurred in 2011. The results thus far:

- 2011: Cliff Wake (*Arjuna De Livera, Ian Robinson, Alex Smirnov, Paul Gosney*)
Youth Team Champs (*Liam Milne, Michael Whibley, Max Henbest, Justin Howard*)
13-12 IMPs to the **Youth Team Champs**.
- 2012: Cliff Wake (*Nathan van Jole, Justin Williams, Lauren Travis, Ellena Moskovsky*)
Youth Team Champs (*Liam Milne, Adam Edgtton, Nabil Edgtton, Andy Hung*)
16-15 IMPs to the **Cliff Wake Team**.
- 2013: Cliff Wake (*Alex Smirnov, Andy Hung, Paul Gosney, Griff Ware*)
Youth Team Champs (*Lauren Travis, Ellena Moskovsky, Peter Hollands, Juzz*)
17-4 IMPs to the **Youth Team Champs**.
- 2014: Cliff Wake (*Liam Milne, James Coutts, Alex Smirnov, Griff Ware*)
Youth Team Champs (*Shane Harrison, Sam Schulz, Rhys Cooper, Ella Pattison*)
2.5-1.5 BAM to the **Cliff Wake Team**.

We will again continue with the Board-a-Match scoring for the Cliff Wake Challenge.

Teams Scores (After Round 5)						
Place	Team Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	Total VPs
1	COUTTS – James Coutts - Nick Jacob Liam Milne - Paul Gosney	5	0	0	213	113
2	BOUGHEY – Andi Boughey - Glenn Coutts Ellena Moskovsky - Rhys Cooper	5	0	0	177	111
3	EDGTTON – Nabil Edgtton - Daniel Braun Jamie Thompson - Stephen Williams	5	0	0	163	107
4	HENBEST – Max Henbest - Shane Harrison - Jess Brake - Tomer Libman	2	0	3	107	86
5	PATTISON – Ella Pattison - Renee Cooper Francesca McGrath - Matt Smith	2	0	3	76	81
6	SAAVEDRA – Pedro Saavedra - Kate Dores, Peter Bolling - Tim Munro - Darryl Whitfield	2	0	3	-64	55
7	RANSON – Nico Ranson - Chris Rhodes David Gue - Vicky Thompson r	1	0	4	-85	54
8	RENWICK – Gray Renwick - Orla Harris Sam Coutts - David Skipper	2	0	3	-105	51
9	NEULINGER – Zach Neulinger - Andrew Spooner, Michael Gearing - Angus Gray	1	0	4	-96	49
10	RENNIE – Finn Rennie - Matthew Kirkland Liam Robertson - Aiden Robertson	0	0	5	Happy Kids	0

Non-Eligible Butler Players

There will be a few different side events held alongside the Australian U25 Butler Pairs Trials. Tonight, a Goulash Tournament will be held, along with a likely BAM Teams and a Consolation Butler Pairs to follow on Wednesday through to Friday. The starting and finishing times of the BAM and Consolation Butler will (should?) be coincident with the Butler, with everyone playing the same boards.

QUIET

Please be considerate of others when going to your room after midnight.

Also, please clean up the common room after using the area. Put rubbish in bins and clean up any spillages.

DINING HALL

Please have footwear when eating in the dining hall – it is an occupational health and safety requirement so please do not walk there with bare feet. Also, please have your lanyards/room keys (or vouchers if you have them) so the chef knows you are staying here.

SUPER SMASH BROS. TOURNEY held today at 5:00pm after the conclusion of the Teams.
Sign ups on the wall

Goulash Tourney on Thursday night after play at 8:50pm

Speedball Teams on Wednesday night after play at 8:50pm

Silly Finn...

By Matt Kirkland

In the third round of the Youth Teams, I was playing against Nick Jacob who has been playing bridge for about 10 years, and his partner was Paul Goslo.



Matthew Kirkland

When Board 27 arrived, I took my hand out of the board and sorted my hand. To my surprise I was dealt ♠- ♥AKT97643 ♦A7 ♣Q87 and it wasn't even Goulash!

To my excitement, my partner Finn opened the bidding with 1♠. Nick overcalled 2♦ and I bid 2♥ thinking I was probably showing five hearts, but what I didn't know was that I was only showing four hearts. Over my 2♥, Finn now jumps to 4♠!!

I cracked up and couldn't stop laughing, and Kate who was kibitzing next to me wondered why I was laughing so hard. So I showed her my hand, she also started laughing, and then said "Alright Finn, you better have a good hand", so I passed the 4♠ bid. This was the full deal:

Dlr: S	Nick Jacob	♠ A7	
Vul: NS		♥ 52	
		♦ KQJ832	
		♣ J94	
	Finn Rennie	♠ K965432	Me
		♥ QJ	♠ -
		♦ T9	♥ AKT97643
		♣ AK	♦ A7
			♣ Q87
		♠ QJT8	
		♥ 8	
		♦ 654	
		♣ T6532	
	Paul Goslo		

Nick led a diamond and before I placed my hand down as dummy, Finn now said, "it would be funny if he [me] has no spades."

I then put down my hand and the whole table cracked up with laughter! The whole room stopped and looked at us, wondering what was so funny. Finn then says, "I got this", so I gave him a challenge. I said "if you make this board, I will give you a can of Coke!"

He had no trouble accepting the challenge. He played out the hand and fortunately goes down by two tricks. Upon seeing Finn's hand however, I then realised that he had two hearts (which would've made my hearts much stronger); the jack and the queen!!! *sigh*

A Nice End Position

By David Skipper

I encountered a nice end position on Board 8 of the fourth round of the Youth Teams.

Dlr: W	♠ A964	
Vul: Nil	♥ 532	
	♦ KJ73	
	♣ 86	
	♠ QT8	Me
	♥ AKT4	♠ J532
	♦ T2	♥ 98
	♣ A954	♦ A86
		♣ KQJ3
	♠ K7	
	♥ QJ76	
	♦ Q954	
	♣ T72	

I was in 3NT by East and South got off to an unfortunate start with the ♥Q lead. With eight top tricks available (with the help of the heart finesse), I won in dummy and went about establishing my ninth trick in spades.

I led the ♠Q off dummy and North now erred by rising with ♠A to switch to a low diamond. I held up my ace until the third round (discarding a club from dummy) and cashed four rounds of clubs. This was the position with the fourth club to be played:

Dlr: W	♠ 964	
Vul: Nil	♥ 5	
	♦ J	
	♣ -	
	♠ T8	Me
	♥ KT4	♠ J53
	♦ -	♥ 9
	♣ -	♦ -
		♣ J
	♠ K	
	♥ J76	
	♦ 9	
	♣ -	

South was now squeezed in three suits. A spade discard would be obviously bad, and a diamond discard (a defensive winner) allows me to continue with a spade. A heart discard on the other hand is equally fatal as I could then pick up the entire heart suit via a finesse.

Sometimes second hand high is the correct defence, but not this time.

How do you play this suit for 1 winner?

♠ 953
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♠ T64

A fascinatingly disturbing thought by Dr. Neil Degrasse Tyson

(Non-bridge related because Andy doesn't know what else to put in the Bulletin)

(Neil deGrasse Tyson is an American astrophysicist, cosmologist, author, and science communicator. He is the man.)

If you look at the closest genetic relative to human beings - the chimpanzees - we share approximately 98+% identical DNA, yet we are smarter than a chimpanzee.

Let's invent a measure of intelligence that makes humans unique. Let's say intelligence is your ability to compose poetry, symphonies, do art, math and science. Let's make that as the arbitrary definition of intelligence for the moment. Chimps can't do any of that. Yet we share 98/99% identical DNA. The most brilliant chimp there ever was, maybe can do a little bit of sign language. Well, our toddlers can do that. Toddlers. So, here's what concerns me deeply.

Everything that we are that distinguishes us from chimps, emerges from that 1% difference in DNA. It has to be, because that's the difference! The Hubble telescope, high rises, The Golden Gate Bridge, that's in that 1%! Maybe, everything that we are that is not the chimp is not as smart compared to the chimp as we tell ourselves it is.

Maybe the difference between constructing and launching a Hubble telescope and a chimp combining two finger motions as sign language, maybe that difference is not all that great. We tell ourselves it is. Just the same way we label our books optical illusions. We tell ourselves it's a lot. Maybe it's almost nothing.

How would we decide that? Imagine another life form, that's 1% different from us, in the direction that we are different from the chimp! Think about that. We have 1% difference and we are building the Hubble telescope. Go another 1%! What are we to **they**? We would be drooling, blithering idiots in their presence. That's what we would be!

They would take Stephen Hawking and roll him in front of their primate researchers and say well this one is like the most brilliant among them 'cause he can sorta do astrophysics in his head. "Aww, isn't that cute. Little Johnny can do that too. Well that's so cute. In fact, Johnny just did that... let me just get it... it's on the refrigerator door. Here it is. He did it in his elementary school class." Think about how smart they would be.

Quantum mechanics would be intuitive to their toddlers. Whole symphonies would be written by their children. And like I said, just put up on the refrigerator door, the way our pasta collages are on our refrigerator doors.

So, the notion that we're going to find some intelligent life and have a conversation with it!? When was the last time you stopped to have a

conversation with a worm? Or a bird? Well, you might have had a conversation but I don't think you expected an answer, alright. So, we don't have conversations with any other species on Earth with whom we have DNA in common. To believe that some intelligent other species is going to be interested in us, enough to have a conversation!? They'll look at our Hubble telescope and say, "isn't that quaint... look at what they're doing."

So, I lay awake at nights wondering whether simply we as a species are simply too stupid to figure out the universe that we're investigating. And maybe we need some other species 1% smarter than we are, for which string theory would be intuitive, for which all the greatest mysteries of the universe... from dark matter, dark energy, the origins of life, and all the frontiers of our thought would be something that they would just self-intuit.

I'm *jealous* of that possibility because I want to be around for those discoveries.

Interview with Jessica Brake



Q:	Name (and Nickname):
	Flareon. Nooooooooo
Q:	How long have you been playing bridge?
	Worst question ever.
Q:	Favourite card in the deck, and why?
	What? *Michael: "♣7?"* WHAT?
Q:	Any memorable bridge moments?
	I nearly quit bridge because of you (Andy).
Q:	We do not condone this, but how many Ellena's do you think you can beat up?
	...
Q:	What do you do?
	I've got bridge to play. Byeeee
Q:	Yoda vs. Magneto?
	Hits Andy for no good reason

Damaged Goods

By Secretary Bird, Bridge Winners

Greetings from Secretary Bird! I'm here to report the facts as I've seen them play out. A little background on me: I've been playing bridge for over 15 years. I thought I had seen a lot of strange things at the bridge table, but a few years ago, I decided to join forces with the Dark Side and start to direct tournaments as well as play (when I can).

For all those who have considered directing as a profession, let me tell you: things you never thought possible, become possible, when directing bridge players of all skill levels. Directing has given me a much greater appreciation not only for the game, but for the Laws.

So, I was working in the Gold Rush Pairs (for players with 0-750 points). Let me tell you, that is where the most interesting calls seem to occur! I get called to the table and as I approach, people are glaring at each other, but silent. I can smell trouble brewing in the air. I ask how I can help and West angrily exclaims, "I've been damaged!" I inquire further and they tell me how the auction went:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2NT = Alerted as Jacoby

3♣ should have been alerted as showing shortness, but was not.

Now West is still glaring, but he hasn't made a lead yet. I tell him that they should play the hand and call me at the end if he still feels there was damage. However, I decide to stick around.

West leads the ♠A and after everyone follows, he continues with the ♣A and declarer faces his hand claiming down 1.

Despite the result, West is still clearly steaming. I'm a bit confused as to how there is damage.

He tells me that had 3♣ been alerted as a "singleton," he would have doubled. I said, "But you're defending 6NT." He then told me that he knows people don't bid slams off two aces, therefore North had to have a void, so he couldn't double. I again stated that he was defending 6NT. As he started to argue with me further, his partner piped up with, "Just shut up."

When I told this story to one of my colleagues, he told me that he wished I could hand West a note telling West he's defending 6NT so that when he looks at it later, with a clearer head, the light bulb would go off. But for now, he would just have to settle for a top board beating 6NT undoubled.

Interview with Michael Gearing



Q: Name (and Nickname):

Mike.

Q: How long have you been playing bridge?

Nearly 2 years.

Q: Favourite card in the deck, and why?

I don't.

Q: Any memorable bridge moments?

Jess gave me the s**** for not learning to play 2-way checkback, so I did learn it and it came up where I bid 2♣ but Jess passed it out.

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

I reckon I could take on about 4 before I have to surrender and give up and die.

Q: What do you do?

I work.

Q: Yoda vs. Magneto?

Isn't Magneto an ice cream? Then Yoda.

Silence Is Indeed Golden

Daniel Braun and Nabil Edgtton were able to get to a nice slam with the help from an opponent.

Dir: E

Vul: All

♠ AJT5

♥ T9764

♦ Q92

♣ Q

Daniel Braun

♠ -

♥ KQ

♦ AJT

♣ AT987653

Nabil Edgtton

♠ K963

♥ AJ52

♦ K63

♣ J2

♠ Q8742

♥ 83

♦ 8754

♣ K4

Nabil opened 1♣ and Daniel jumped to 4♠ intending it as Exclusion Key Card Blackwood. Nabil, with expletives floating around his head, passed 4♠ (!) but South, regretfully, saved the day by doubling. Daniel, still on the role, redoubled (!!) but with the spade length and strength in Nabil's hand, he was able to come to the conclusion that Daniel had intended 4♠ as Exclusion Key Card. Thus, 6♣ was subsequently reached.



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How's it guein?

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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A) Rate this hair:
(1) Nice and smooth (2) Needs some work (3) Rank

B) Guess whose hair this is

How do you play this suit for 1 winner?

♠AK82
♠953
♠QJ7

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♠T64

Answer: Get Maxy and Shane as your defenders and they will do it for you!
They cashed the ♠A which the ♠Q was unblocked, and the ♠K cashed and the ♠J unblocked!