

BULLETIN 5

Wednesday 14th January, 2015

Session Times

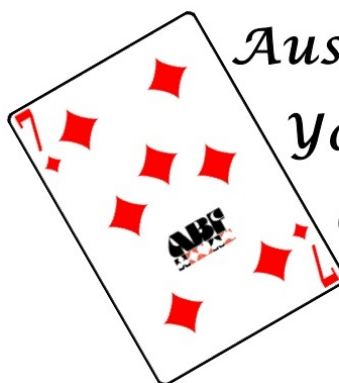
Today

Butler 3, 4	10:00am
<i>Lunch (Not included)</i>	<i>12:30pm</i>
Butler 5, 6, 7 and BAM Teams	1:30pm
DINNER	6:30pm
Butler 8 and BAM Teams	7:30pm
Speedball Teams	8:50pm

Session Times

Tomorrow

Butler 9, 10 (Maybe Side event?)	10:00am
<i>Lunch (Not included)</i>	<i>12:30pm</i>
Butler 11, 12, 13 & Cons. Butler	1:30pm
DINNER	6:30pm
Butler 14 & Consolation Butler	7:30pm
Goulash Pairs	8:50pm
Butler 1, 2 and Side Event	8:10pm



Australian Youth Bridge Championships



CONGRATS to **LIAM MILNE**, **PAUL GOSNEY**, **JAMES COUTTS**, and **NICK JACOB**, Winners of Youth Teams. The Runners Up were **NABIL EDGTON**, **DANIEL BRAUN**, **STEPHEN WILLIAMS**, and **JAMIE THOMPSON**.



2015 Youth Team Winners: Paul Gosney, James Coutts, Nick Jacob, Liam Milne



2015 Youth Team Runners Up: Nabil Edgton, Daniel Braun, Jamie Thompson, Stephen Williams

After the completion of the Youth Team Championships, the Cliff Wake Playoff was played between the Youth Teams winners (the Coutts' team) and the Cliff Wake Challengers (Terry Brown, Avi Kanetkar, Alex Smirnov, Ellena Moskovsky) in a 4 board BAM Playoff. The results were:

Board 1: Champions N/S – 4♠S+1 (+450)	Challengers N/S – 4♠S+1 (+450)	½ : ½
Board 2: Champions N/S – 1NTW-1 (+50)	Challengers N/S – 2♠W-2 (+100)	0 : 1
Board 3: Champions N/S – 3NTE+4 (-720)	Challengers N/S – 6NTW+1 (-1470)	1 : 0
Board 4: Champions N/S – 4♠N= (+620)	Challengers N/S – 3NTS+1 (+630)	0 : 1

The Challengers were able to take victory with 2.5 to 1.5 boards. Details of the match are inside the Bulletin.

Thank you very much to Terry, Avi, Alex, and Ellena for playing as the Challenger Team.



2015 Challengers: Terry Brown, Alex Smirnov, Avi Kanetkar, Ellena Moskovsky

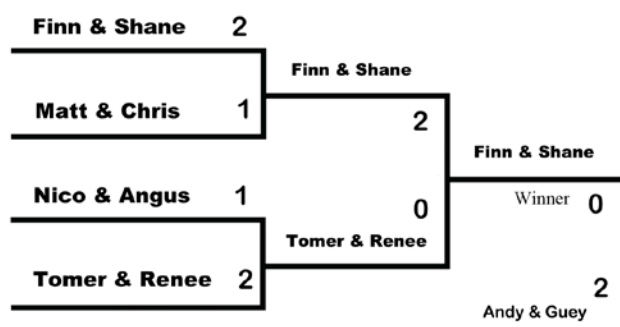
The Australian U25 Selection Butler is underway. After the first two rounds the leaders are **Max Henbest & Shane Harrison** (74.13 VPs) followed by **Jamie Thompson & Stephen Williams** (56.71 VPs).

Current Butler Scores (After Round 5)

Rank	Names	VPs
1 st	Max Henbest – Shane Harrison	74.13
2 nd	Jamie Thompson – Stephen Williams	56.71
3 rd	Ellena Moskovsky – Rhys Cooper	54.71
4 th	Nico Ranson – Chris Rhodes	53.81
5 th	Ella Pattison – Renee Cooper	53.65
6 th	Francesca McGrath – Matthew Smith	53.20
7 th	Jessica Brake – Tomer Libman	50.80
8 th	Zachary Neulinger – Andrew Spooner	42.49
9 th	Nabil Edgtton – Daniel Braun	38.59
10 th	David Gue – Victoria Thompson	21.91

Smash Bros 64 Tourney Result

4 Team Single Elimination



Non-Eligible Butler Players

A BAM Teams will be held today followed by Consolation Butler Pairs to follow on Thursday and Friday. Maybe.

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.

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

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

		3				2		
	1	7	5		2	8	6	
2			4		6			3
5				9				4
	2						1	
	8						7	
		9				5		
			1	6	3			
				7				

CLIFF WAKE PLAYOFF REPORT

The Youth Team (James Couuts, Nick Jacob, Liam Milne, Paul Gosney)

Cliff Wake Challengers (Alex Smirnov, Ellena Moskovsky, Terry Brown, Avi Kanetkar)

The scoring of the Cliff is Board-a-Match. This means you score a 1 if your team wins a board (i.e. the net result of your team's score on the board), a 0 if your team loses a board, and a ½ if the board is flat (e.g. +450 and -460 is not "flat" – that would be a loss).

Board: 1

Dlr: N

Vul: None

♠ 752	♠ QT94	♠ 3
♥ K74	♥ J983	♥ AQ106
♦ J94	♦ AQ	♦ 8763
♣ Q986	♣ KT5	♣ J742
	♠ AKJ86	
	♥ 52	
	♦ KT52	
	♣ A3	

Open and Closed	Kanetkar Milne	Jacob Moskovsky	Brown Coutts	Gosney Smirnov
	W	N	E	S
	-	1♣	Pass	1♠
	Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Both tables had identical auctions on the first board with South declaring in 4♠, and both declarers received a trump lead. Both declarers drew two more rounds of trumps with both Easts discarding diamonds. Dummy's top two diamonds were cashed but the play diverged from there.

In the Open Room, Gosney exited with a heart as Brown took the ♥A, returned a heart and Gosney claimed the remaining tricks for +450.

In the Closed Room, Sneaky Smirnov tried for a misdefence. After Coutts discarded two diamonds, cashing the ♦AQ with both opponents following meant that the ♦J was falling down on the third round. Smirnov now drew a round of trumps and watched the discards. Coutts discarded a heart as Milne discarded a club.

Smirnov now cashed two rounds of diamonds on which Coutts discarded the ♥10 followed by the ♥Q. A heart was exited to Coutts' now bare Ace but with Coutts guarding clubs and Milne guarding the hearts, no squeeze or misdefence had eventuated. +450 for Challengers also so Board 1 was flat.

Running Score After Board 1:

Youth Team ½ v ½ Cliff Wake Challengers

Board: 2

Dlr: E

Vul: N-S

♠ AKQJ7	♠ 92	♠ 103
♥ 106	♥ A53	♥ QJ84
♦ 1075	♦ KQ2	♦ J643
♣ A64	♣ QJ873	♣ 952
	♠ 8654	
	♥ K972	
	♦ A98	
	♣ K10	

Open Room	Kanetkar	Jacob	Brown	Gosney
	W	N	E	S
	-	-	Pass	Pass
	1NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Closed Room	Milne	Moskovsky	Coutts	Smirnov
	W	N	E	S
	-	-	Pass	Pass
	1NT	Pass	Pass	2♣*
	Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
	2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Both Wests opened a strong 1NT and this ended the auction in the Open Room. Nick Jacob led his fourth best club to the king and ducked, the ♣10 returned taken by declarer's ace as five spades took the next five tricks. The Youth Team discarded accurately so declarer took what he began with, six tricks for +50 to the Youth team.

In the Closed Room, Smirnov took no hesitation in balancing with 2♣ showing both majors. Upon first sight, it might seem dangerous or reckless to be bidding with South's balanced hand and at unfavourable vulnerability (and it sure would be if it were IMPs or Matchpoints), but at BAM, it is an entirely different story. This was what Alex had to say:

"For me, it is 100% clear to balance with this hand but only at BAM. Defending 1NT at BAM at best will only be ½ a point (if the other table passes out too), and it could easily lose if we have a partscore ourselves.



The upsides about bidding is (a) you can find a partscore for your side if partner has a 4 or a 5-card major, or (b) you force the opponents to some other contract at the 2 or 3-level which can be beneficial.

Essentially, you are only risking ½ a point for good chances to win the board for 1 point.

Another but less strong factor for bidding here is that Milne had opened 1NT in third seat favourable, which could be based on anything! If so, I wanted to protect our equity and find our partscore."

As it turned out, 2♥ looks to be an easy make but as Milne balanced with 2♠, he played it there and had the same 6 top tricks. +100 to Challengers.

Running Score After Board 2:

Youth Team ½ v 1½ Cliff Wake Challengers

Board: 3

Dlr: S

Vul: E-W

♠ 83	♠ J74	♠ AKQ95
♥ A5	♥ Q97432	♥ KT86
♦ AJ987	♦ -	♦ KQ
♣ AK53	♣ QJ86	♣ 92
		♠ KJ10532
		♥ 102
		♦ AKJ62
		♣ -

Open Room	Kanetkar	Jacob	Brown	Gosney
	W	N	E	S
	1♦	3♥	3NT	Pass
	Pass	Pass		

Closed Room	Milne	Moskovsky	Coutts	Smirnov
	W	N	E	S
	1NT	3♥	6NT	Pass
	Pass	Pass		

Two different opening bids on this hand determined the difficult of reaching the slam on this board. Avi Kanetkar opened 1♦ and after Nick Jacob pre-empted with 3♥, Terry Brown not unreasonably chose to bid 3NT. Obviously there are other alternatives Terry could have chosen, but none of them are clear actions. For example, if you choose to bid 3♠, what is partner meant to do if he had a balanced 12-14 point hand with no heart stopper? Or what about a jump to 4NT over the 3♥ bid as natural and quantitative? On paper it might seem it's a neat bid, but some partnerships play this as Blackwood, or if not, sometimes 4NT could be too high of a contract also.

In the Closed Room, Milne ended all of the future troubles by opening West's hand with a strong 1NT. Even after Ellena's 3♥ preemptive overcall, Coutts did not want to get into a murky auction and chose a practical 6NT bid (he is a simple man after all).

The play in both rooms were almost identical. A heart lead went to the jack and ace, the ♦KQ were then unblocked, then a club was played back to hand which was followed by a heart finesse. The ♥K was then cashed but as the

spades were 3-3, no squeeze or double squeeze had eventuated. -720 to the Youth team and -1470 to the Challengers.

Running Score After Board 3:

Youth Team 1½ v 1½ Cliff Wake Challengers

At this point, it was a complete tie (1.5 points to both sides). If the last board turned out to be a draw, then the intention was that a 1-board sudden death playoff would occur.

Here was the final board:

Board: 4

Dlr: W

Vul: All

♠ Q962	♠ AJ1054	♠ 73
♥ 975	♥ 103	♥ K86
♦ A106	♦ KQ987	♦ 543
♣ K98	♣ A	♣ Q10652
		♠ K8
		♥ AQJ42
		♦ J2
		♣ J743

Open Room	Kanetkar	Jacob	Brown	Gosney
	W	N	E	S
	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
	Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
	Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
	Pass	Pass	Pass	

Closed Room	Milne	Moskovsky	Coutts	Smirnov
	W	N	E	S
	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
	Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
	Pass	Pass	Pass	

The auction was the same up until 3♦. Gosney chose to bid 3♠ as the least of all evils. The hearts were not good enough to treat as a strong 5-carder for a 3♥ rebid, and the clubs were not robust enough to bid 3NT. Jacob, thinking an eight-card fit has been found, tried to cuebid with 4♣ but Gosney signed off with 4♠.

In the Closed Room, Alex always gives his jacks the respect that they deserve and closed the auction with 3NT.

In 3NT, Milne led the ♠6. Usually it is a good idea not to lead your opponent's suit(s) against a NT contract, but nothing was attractive to lead from looking at that West hand. Yes, we do see that a low club lead would fair better due to the singleton ♣A, but if South actually had stronger clubs, then the club lead could give away a trick.

Alex inserted the ♠J which won and played a diamond to the jack which also won. A diamond to the ten and king was followed by the ♥10 with everyone playing small.

With four tricks in the bag, Alex, still uncertain about the location of the ♥K (Milne could have easily ducked with ♥Kxx), continued with a diamond. Milne won and continued with a spade to Alex's king.

A club to the ace was now played followed by two more diamonds. This was the four-card ending:

Board: 4

Dlr: W

Vul: All

♠ Q2		♠ A105
♥ 9		♥ 3
♦ -		♦ -
♣ K		♣ -
		♠ -
		♥ K8
		♦ -
		♣ Q10
		♠ -
		♥ AQJ
		♦ -
		♣ J

Alex now cashed the ♠A which Coutts discarded the ♣10 and Alex the ♣J. Based on the play and the discards thus far, Alex was almost certain that Milne had a spade, a heart, and a club remaining in his hand. But was that heart a small heart, or the ♥K?

Blanking down to the singleton ♥K is certainly possible because Milne would not have discarded the ♣K instead. If he did, his last four cards would be ♠Q2 and ♥Kx and now Alex would easily play the ♠A and exit with a spade, endplaying Milne into leading a heart.

As it was, time stood still and eventually Alex played a heart to the ace. 10 tricks for +630 to the Challengers.



Here is what happened in the Open Room. The diagram is repeated again for convenience:

Board: 4

Dlr: W

Vul: All

♠ Q962		♠ AJ1054
♥ 975		♥ 103
♦ A106		♦ KQ987
♣ K98		♣ A
		♠ 73
		♥ K86
		♦ 543
		♣ Q10652
		♠ K8
		♥ AQJ42
		♦ J2
		♣ J743

Nick was declaring in 4♣ by North as Terry led a club to the king and ace, and Nick played a diamond to the jack and Avi's ace. Avi now returned a club, and not wanting to shorten his trumps and rely on the heart finesse, Nick discarded a heart which had the effect of losing a trick but setting up the ♣J.

Terry now switched to a heart as Nick rose ace, ♠K, spade finesse, ♠A and conceded one more trump for 10 tricks and +620 to the Youth Team, which also means it was a win for the Challengers as +630 beats +620 (BAM scoring).

At the point of the heart switch, 11 tricks can still be made though it is a bit double dummy. The heart finesse needs to be taken, followed by the ♥A and a heart ruff. ♦K is now cashed, then a diamond ruffed with the ♠8. The ♣J is now taken discarding a diamond and this would be the 4-card ending with the lead from South:

Board: 4

Dlr: W

Vul: All

♠ Q962		♠ AJ105
♥ -		♥ -
♦ -		♦ -
♣ -		♣ -
		♠ 73
		♥ -
		♦ -
		♣ 106
		♠ K
		♥ J4
		♦ -
		♣ 7

A heart or a club is led ruffed with the ♠J, now ♠5 to dummy's king completes the trump coup. +650 would have changed the result and the outcome of the Cliff Wake Challenge!

Final Score:

Youth Team 1½ v 2½ Cliff Wake Challengers

Thank you again to Terry and Avi for coming to the Youth Week to participate in the Cliff Wake Challenge, as well as Alex and Ellena to be a part of the Cliff Wake.

The Deadly Spots

By James Coutts

I thought I had done very well on this hand from Round 4 of the Youth Teams until my nasty 6 got in the way:

Dir: E ♠ QJ876
 Vul: EW ♥ JT64
 ♦ A96
 ♣ J

♠ K5 ♠ AT4
 ♥ AQ953 ♥ 72
 ♦ K7 ♦ QJT3
 ♣ 8542 ♣ A973

		♠ 932	
		♥ K8	
		♦ 8542	
		♣ KQT6	
West	North	East	South
1♥	1♠	2♦	2♠
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

I was sitting North and my partner led the ♣K against 2NT which I played high to discourage. Partner won the trick and switched to the ♠9 to my ♠J, also winning. With nothing better to go on, I exited a spade to dummy's king and declarer played a club off dummy to his ace as I discard the ♦6. Declarer now played a diamond to the king which I ducked and subsequently took the next diamond. As declarer is marked with the ♠A, ♦QJ, and the ♣A, partner is marked with the ♥K so I switched to a heart to the king and ace and this was now the position:

Dir: E ♠ Q87
 Vul: EW ♥ JT6
 ♦ -
 ♣ -

♠ - ♠ A
 ♥ Q953 ♥ 7
 ♦ - ♦ QJ
 ♣ 85 ♣ 97

♠ 3
 ♥ 8
 ♦ 85
 ♣ QT

With 3 tricks in the bag, I now had a cunning plan. As partner is marked with two club tricks, my plan was to lock declarer in dummy. When he calls for the ♥Q, I will carefully unblock my ♥10, and when a heart is exited, I will win with my ♥J and exit the ♥6 to dummy's ♥9 and partner will take the last two club tricks.

Did my plan work out? No. After the ♥Q, declarer now called for the ♥9 and now there was no answer.

Classic Rewind

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GGGUUUSSSSS' Granny

By Modi

After the main session last night, we played a seven team Speedball event.

Most players had fairly interesting auctions. I made a hasty overcall at one point, and then re-sorted my hand, revealing I had overcalled on a (good quality) three card suit.

I opened 1NT later in the night with a six-card Heart suit and a singleton.

The most interesting hand of the night yielded the biggest swing.

(Laura T)
 ♠ -
 ♥ QJ9543
 ♦ AKQJ
 ♣ KQ4

(Griff)
 ♠ 97532
 ♥ -
 ♦ 98765432
 ♣ -

(Lucy H)
 ♠ AJT864
 ♥ -
 ♦ -
 ♣ 9876532

♠ KQ
 ♥ AKT8762
 ♦ T
 ♣ AJT
 (Modi)

Griff	Laura T	Lucy H	Modi
-	-	-	1♥
4♠ ⁽¹⁾	P	6♠ ⁽²⁾	X
P	P	P	

⁽¹⁾ 4♠ : "Well, I had two voids" – Griff

⁽²⁾ 6♠ : "Well, I had two voids" – Lucy

I opened 1♥ and heard the auction bounce to the six-level before it came back to me.

With three Spade Keycards and the Queen of trumps I found a pretty decent penalty Double, or so I thought.

When the Heart lead was trumped at trick 1, and seeing the shapely dummy, I decided to speed the game up by defensively claiming – remember that it was a Speedball.

"I'll take my Spade trick, and my ♣A and then I'll lead another Club and see what partner has in Clubs," I offered, to speed up the game.

"Well ... actually ..." said Griff, as he revealed his hand.

6♠X by West. Making 12. -1210 Yeeouch!!

At the other table, Goskovsky bid to 6NT by North-South and made it. 19 IMPs out.

PS: The hands for the Speedball weren't dealt by computer, they were hand-shuffled. Well, 27 of the 28 hands were hand shuffled. This hand was 'shuffled' by GGGUUUSSSSS. Also note, that this construction is a deal that East-West can make 7♠ if the outstanding Spades split 1-1. A 5HCP Grand Slam!

What is the most astounding fact? 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.)

The most astounding fact is the knowledge that the atoms that comprise life on Earth, the atoms that make up the human body are traceable to the crucibles that cooked light elements into heavy elements in their core under extreme temperatures and pressures.

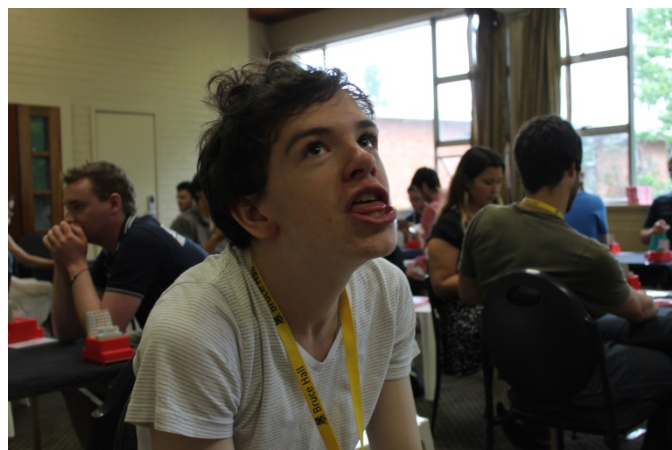
These stars, the high mass ones among them went unstable in their later years. They collapsed and then exploded scattering their enriched guts across the galaxy. Guts made of carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, and all the fundamental ingredients of life itself. These ingredients become part of a gas cloud that condense, collapse, and form the next generation of solar systems. Stars with orbiting planets, those planets will now have the ingredients for life itself.

So when I look up at the night sky, and I know that yes, we are part of this universe, we are in this universe, but perhaps more important than both of those facts, is that the Universe is in us. When I reflect on that fact, I look up – many people feel small because they're small and the Universe is big – but I feel big, because my atoms came from those stars. There's a level of connectivity. That's really what you want in life, you want to feel connected, you want to feel relevant, you want to feel like a participant in the goings on of activities and events around you. That's precisely what we are, just by being alive...

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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What you just saw was a gued bid