

Age of Aquarius

It appears the dawning of a new age in bridge is upon us, with the recent dominance of a nucleus of talented young Australian players.

In 2009, our Under-26 Youth Team of Adam Edgtton, Leigh Matheson, Justin Howard, Peter Hollands, Ally Morris and Hoi Ming Chan took out the PABF Championships for their category in Macau, a great achievement. But more momentous have been the results by young players in the last few months.



Adam Edgtton

In January, the team of Adam Edgtton, Liam Milne, Michael Whibley (a token Australian), Andy Hung, Alex Smirnov (Polish temporary import) and Nabil Edgtton won the South West Pacific Teams in Canberra. They went all the way to the final, where they were defeated by a very experienced squad.

At the Gold Coast Congress, Andy Hung, Nabil Edgtton, Adam Edgtton, Nye Griffiths and Justin Williams, with US expert Barry Goren went all the way to the semi finals, where they were



Nabil Edgtton

defeated by an experienced team comprising two UK superstars of the game. They had defeated *Consus Red*, a sponsored Polish team, in the quarter finals.

And now, as you will see in the reports which follow, one by veteran writer Ron Klinger and the other by new writer Paul Gosney, the team of Justin Howard,

Michael Whibley, Nabil Edgtton and Paul Gosney emerged easy winners of the Autumn National Open Teams in Adelaide.

It looks like the new collection of household names in bridge - Edgtton, Howard, Whibley and Gosney, to name a few - is here to stay.

Nabil Edgtton turned 18 this May, and partnered Paul Gosney in the ANOT. Paul has played in the Australian Open Team, at the World Bridge Championships in Verona, 2006, where he partnered Peter Gill, a longtime supporter of youth bridge.

Adam Edgtton is the older, at 20. The brothers were affectionately known in Sydney circles as 'The Terrorists', but it would be very difficult to find more likeable and polite young men. Their demeanour is mature beyond their years. Adam and Nabil played together initially, but Adam has played with a variety of partners internationally including Nic Rodwell and Justin Howard. Adam and Justin were 24th in the first International Youth Congress in Istanbul last year.

Michael Whibley, 23, is a New Zealander currently living in Sydney. He has been a representative player since 2005, when he was part of the New Zealand Open Team at the PABFC in Seoul, and has since played both in youth teams for Australia and New Zealand, and as a member of the New Zealand Open Team in Sao Paulo last year.

Nathan and Justin Howard are the Melbourne-based sons of Cathy Mill, and have benefitted greatly from growing up in the wonderful bridge environment provided by Cathy and Andrew Mill at the Alphington Bridge Centre. This family of bridge players encompass three generations, with Betty and the late Les Mill obviously instilling a love of bridge that has passed down the family. A visit to the Mill household in Alphington will invariably find a variety of bridge personages present, and while Andrew Mill is the mentor, Cathy has encouraged and captained Australian youth teams with great success.

The Editor

Youth blooms in autumn

There is a national championship in each of the first seven months every year. Over the first weekend in May, the focus is on Adelaide, where the primary event is the Autumn National Open Teams. There are nine qualifying rounds, followed by a final for the two leading teams. After the eighth round the leading positions and potential qualifiers for the final were:

1. *EBERY*, Jamie Ebery – Leigh Gold, Ben Kingham – Jeremy Rosen, 159.

2. *LILLEY*, David Lilley – Zoli Nagy, Arjuna De Livera – Ian Robinson, (last year's winners), 157.

3. *KLINGER*, Terry Brown – Avi Kanetkar, Matt Mullamphy – Ron Klinger, 152.

HOWARD, Justin Howard – Michael Whibley, Nabil Edgtton – Paul Gosney, 151.

5. *GALLASCH*, Phil Gallasch – Joshua Wyner, David Cherry – John Horowitz, 150.

6. *SMOLANKO*, Joe Haffer – George Smolanko, Bruce Neill – David Wiltshire, 146.

7. *GROSVENOR*, Ann Paton – Hugh Grosvenor, Sandra Richman – Andrew Richman, 145.



Justin Howard

To make the final, our team needed a big win in the last round, and for at least one of the leaders to lose significantly. In the event, they both did. In Round 9, *HOWARD* defeated *EBERY* 22-8 and *SMOLANKO* defeated *LILLEY* 22-8.

We defeated *GALLASCH* 23-7 and that left the leader board at the end of the qualifying:

<i>KLINGER</i>	175
<i>HOWARD</i>	173
<i>SMOLANKO</i>	168
<i>EBERY</i>	167
<i>LILLEY</i>	165
<i>GROSVENOR</i>	163

That was the end of the good news for our team as the very youthful *HOWARD* won every session of the 56-board final. They took session 1 by 54-21.

Board 11, South deals, nil vulnerable

♠ J 8 7 5
♥ A K 3
♦ 10 5 2
♣ A 6 4

♠ 6 3 2
♥ Q J 5 2
♦ 8 7 4 3
♣ K 5

West Klinger	North Howard	East Mullamphy	South Whibley
Pass	1♥ ¹	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass		Pass	4♠

1. Showing spades.

Lead: ♠6

South drew three rounds of trumps, East discarding ♦6 on the third round. Next came ♥10. Do you cover as West, or do you play low?

The BBO record was not quite right at trick 4, as they have South playing ♥8: ♥2, ♥A, ♥6. In fact, South led ♥10 and I unwisely covered. That was the end of the hand.

The full deal:

♠ J 8 7 5
♥ A K 3
♦ 10 5 2
♣ A 6 4

♠ 6 3 2
♥ Q J 5 2
♦ 8 7 4 3
♣ K 5

♠ 10 4
♥ 7 6
♦ K Q J 6
♣ Q J 10 9 8

♠ A K Q 9
♥ 10 9 8 4
♦ A 9
♣ 7 3 2

South could now set up a heart for a club discard and +420. At the other table, South was dummy hand after this auction (*continued page 4*):

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Test Your Fourth Seat Bidding

What do you bid on the following hands, nil vulnerable, after the following bidding:



(1♥) Pass (Pass) ?

1. ♠ AQ72, ♥ 86, ♦ J1072, ♣ 1082
2. ♠ K74, ♥ Q74, ♦ AK62, ♣ 1095
3. ♠ AK2, ♥ 1074, ♦ Q876, ♣ K65
4. ♠ KQ10872, ♥ 72, ♦ J3, ♣ K86
5. ♠ AQ965, ♥ 87, ♦ AK72, ♣ A7
6. ♠ 5, ♥ Q2, ♦ QJ52, ♣ KQJ1072
7. ♠ AK109, ♥ 73, ♦ J5, ♣ J10853
8. ♠ AK107, ♥ 752, ♦ 6, ♣ KQJ98
9. ♠ AJ8, ♥ KQ1073, ♦ J9, ♣ K62
10. ♠ KQ109654, ♥ ---, ♦ AQ964, ♣ 4

1. Dbl. In the balancing seat, you're bidding partner's hand as well as your own. Expert practice is to re-open all the way down to an attractive six-count.

The tradition in fourth seat is to add two points to your hand, and your partner in second seat deducts two points when responding. Nowadays deducting and adding three, or even four points, is more realistic.

2. 1NT. In fourth seat, a protective 1NT is 11-14, since you will balance with a lot less than you would overcall 1NT in second seat. When you double 1♥ or 1♠, and partner replies at the two-level, 2NT seems a lot to bid on your own with only 15-16 HCP. Some partnerships play 1NT as 11-14 after 1♣ or 1♦, but over 1♥ or 1♠, the fourth seat 1NT is a little stronger, at 11-16.

3. 1NT. This is one of those positions where bidding notrumps in competition does not show a stopper, as opposed to (1♥): 1NT, and 1♣: (1♥): 1NT. Remember you are balancing, partner could have passed over 1♥ with up to 14 HCP and a healthy stopper in the opponent's suit.

4. 2♠. Should the weak jump overcall be a better hand in fourth seat? I don't see why. You don't want to let them play 1♥ when you hold this hand, but you still want to describe your hand in one bid. If you have 11-15 with six spades you can overcall 1♠, and cuebid the opponent's suit at your next turn.

5. 1♠. There has always been a school of thought that in fourth seat, a double shows an opening hand or better, and an overcall shows less than an opening hand. Nowadays, most of us have worked out that the best way to develop a hand is to bid your suit first, and save the double, or cuebid of opponent's suit for later.

Let's say you double first on this hand, and opener jumps to 3♥. Now you either have to double, suppressing your five-card spade suit, or bid your raggedy spade suit at the three-level. You have painted yourself into a corner. Now go back and bid 1♠, and opener jumps to 3♥. When the bidding comes back to you, a double expresses your values perfectly.

6. Pass. If Sherlock Holmes held this hand, he would be asking himself: "Where are the spades?" Your partner did not overcall 1♠, so either partner has spades and is too weak to overcall, or does not have spades. Perhaps responder has passed 1♥ with ♠QJ10xx, ♥x, ♦Qxxx, ♣xxx, and opponents can make a partscore or game in spades. There are many examples from World Championships where an opening bid of one was passed out, with slam available in a different suit.

7. 1♠. It's against my religion to overcall a four-card suit, but you are not in the overcall seat, you are in the balancing seat - the end of the line. You don't want the opponents to get away with playing in 1♥, and 1♠ is the only bid that makes any sense. If you double, a 2♦ response from partner would be awkward.

8. 2C. You have good playing strength, sufficient to bid both your suits. Better to take the slight risk of missing your spade fit and start with 2♣. At your next turn you can bid 2♠, thus describing your hand to a tee.

9. Pass. Your hand is much better for defence, and there is no chance partner has passed with a good hand, being short in hearts. 1♥ will surely be their worst contract.

10. 2♥. An overcall is impossible, and double is poor since partner will pass for penalties around 10% of the time. You have no wish to defend 1♥ with this freak. Likewise, if you leap to 4♠ you may miss a laydown slam. My plan would be to Michaels Cuebid first, thus taking control of the auction. Then jump to 4♠, or cuebid 3♥ or 4♥ if partner shows any sign of life.

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West	North	East	South
<i>N Edgton</i>	<i>Kanetkar</i>	<i>Gosney</i>	<i>Brown</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Lead: ♣Q

West played ♣K, ducked, and North won the club return. After four rounds of spades, ♥10 was led from dummy, but there was not the slightest temptation for West to cover. Declarer could not afford to let East in, and so played ♥A, ♥K and a third heart. This catered for honour-small with East, or hearts 3-3 without East winning the third round. It was not to be, so -50 and 10 IMPs to *HOWARD*.

The second set was closer, with the youngsters winning 27-24 IMPs.

Board 15, South deals, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>Mullamphy</i>	<i>Gosney</i>	<i>Klinger</i>
			1♦
Pass	2♠ ¹	Dbl	Pass
?			

1. Weak jump-shift, 6+ spades, 0-6 points.

What would you do as West with:

♠ A K 4 3
♥ Q J 5
♦ 10 9 4
♣ 8 7 4

Nothing is particularly attractive. Playing natural methods, you could bid a non-forcing 2NT. For those who use Lebensohl as a puppet to 3♣, stopping in 2NT was not available. Nabil Edgton opted to pass, but as he had no nasty surprise in trumps, this was not a success.

The full deal:

	♠ Q J 10 9 5 2	
	♥ 7 4	
	♦ J 3	
	♣ 10 6 3	
♠ A K 4 3		♠ 8
♥ Q J 5		♥ A K 9 8 6
♦ 10 9 4		♦ A 8 6
♣ 8 7 4		♣ Q J 9 2
	♠ 7 6	
	♥ 10 3 2	
	♦ K Q 7 5 2	
	♣ A K 5	

East led ♥A and switched to ♣Q, taken by the ace. ♠2 went to the jack and ace, and the defence cashed another heart. North ruffed the third heart and led ♠Q. He lost two spades, two hearts and a diamond for +670.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Kanetkar</i>	<i>Whibley</i>
			1♦
Pass	2♠	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Lead: ♦K

Declarer finished two down for -100, and *KLINGER* gained 11 IMPs.

HOWARD effectively sealed the match with a 38-10 IMP third session, now leading by 119-55 IMPs, a lead of 64 IMPs with 14 boards to play.

Board 32, West deals, all vulnerable

West	North	East	South
<i>Howard</i>	<i>Mullamphy</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Klinger</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
3♠ ¹	4♠	Dbl	Pass
?			

1. Splinter raise of hearts.

What would you do now as West with:

♠ 8
♥ K 10 9 7 3
♦ J 5 4 3
♣ K J 8 2

This deal produced the biggest swing in the final, and Justin Howard made the winning decision to produce a double game swing:

	♠ K 8 6 4 3	
	♥ 4	
	♦ 9 2	
	♣ Q 9 6 5 3	
♠ ---		♠ Q J 2
♥ K 10 9 7 3		♥ A Q 6 5 2
♦ J 5 4 3		♦ 10 8
♣ K J 8 2		♣ A 10 4
	♠ A 10 9 7 5	
	♥ J 8	
	♦ A K Q 7 6	
	♣ 7	

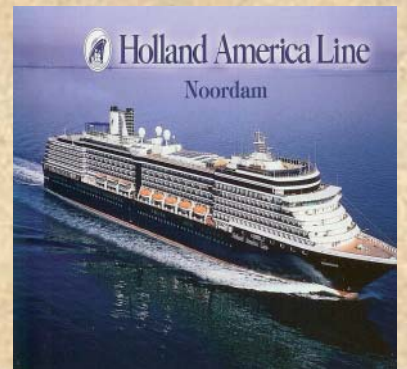
West	North	East	South
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gosney</i>	<i>Kanetkar</i>	<i>Edgton</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♥
3♠	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

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In the first auction, Howard removed 4♠ doubled to 5♥. Both contracts were unbeatable and so *HOWARD* scored +790 and +650 for +16 IMPs.

The fourth set offered plenty of scope for swings, and I bid to three slams, firstly with:

♠ Q
♥ A Q 10 8 6 2
♦ ---
♣ K Q 10 9 8 2

opposite a strong heart raise (we were off ♣A and ♥K, which was offside); then with:

♠ ---
♥ K 10 9 8 7 3
♦ K J 8 6 4 3
♣ K

opposite a strong 1NT opening (partner had two aces, but one was ♠A), and finally with:

♠ K 10 9 8 5
♥ 9 7 4 3 2
♦ 10 9
♣ A

opposite a 21-22 2NT opening.

Partner had:

♠ A 7 6
♥ A K J
♦ K 7
♣ K Q 8 7 4

♦A was onside, but ♥Q was not, and there was no miracle in spades. Thus all three slams failed. Our opponents stopped in game on the first two and were -200 on the last. The only comfort was that the outcome would have been the same had I made the right decision on all three hands.

Congratulations to *HOWARD*. They played very well, and the match was played in a thoroughly friendly spirit. Well done also to the Convener, Dianne Marler, her directors and helpers, for another excellent Autumn Nationals.

Ron Klinger

Leading datums in the ANOT qualifying:

1. Terry Brown – Avi Kanetkar (178 IMPs)
2. Bruce Neill – David Wiltshire (175 IMPs)
3. Peter Hollands – Justin Williams (173).

Women's Swiss Pairs:

1. Sue Lusk – Therese Tully
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2010 ANOT - a youth perspective

2010 is an exciting year for Australia's Youth team, Michael Whibley - Justin Howard, Andy Hung - Adam Edgtton, Paul Gosney - Nabil Edgtton. Due to play the World Championships in Philadelphia in October, the team is already hard at work, practising on the internet and competing in national and international tournaments.



Paul Gosney

So far the results have been more than encouraging, including a win in the South West Pacific Teams and second at the NOT for Hung, the Edgttons and Whibley and a semi final appearance at the Gold Coast for the former three.

In March, the team headed to Amsterdam to play against many of the world's best youth sides in the prestigious White House tournament. Australia were well placed in the top four for most of the event, but fell at the final hurdle to finish fifth, just outside qualifying for the semi finals. This was without Gosney, who competed in the Australia Open Trials where he qualified with Peter Gill.

In Adelaide, the team Ron Klinger writes about in his article, produced a performance of opposite effect, winning the event with a storming finish after a slow start - averaging just 16 for the first four rounds.



Let's start with a couple of interesting card play hands encountered during the qualifying rounds.

Problem 1

Round 5, Board 8, West deals, nil vulnerable

♠ A 6 4
♥ A Q J 7
♦ J 6
♣ K Q J 8

♠ J
♥ 10 3
♦ Q 8 7 5 3
♣ A 10 9 5 3

West Edgton	North Kelso	East Gosney	South Gallus
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

You lead ♠J to ♠4, ♠5 and ♠K. You have the agreement that if your partner can see you have led a shortage, you give suit preference. Declarer plays a low heart to ♥10 (suit preference), ♥Q and partner wins the king. Partner returns ♠8 to ♠3 and you ruff.

What's partner up to, and what will you lead next?

If trying to read partners mind isn't to your taste, have a go at this declarer play problem:

Problem 2

Round 4, Board 18, East deals, NS vulnerable

♠ A 5 3
♥ A K 10 9
♦ J 7
♣ A K Q 3

♠ Q 10 7 4 2
♥ J 3
♦ Q 9 6 3
♣ 7 6

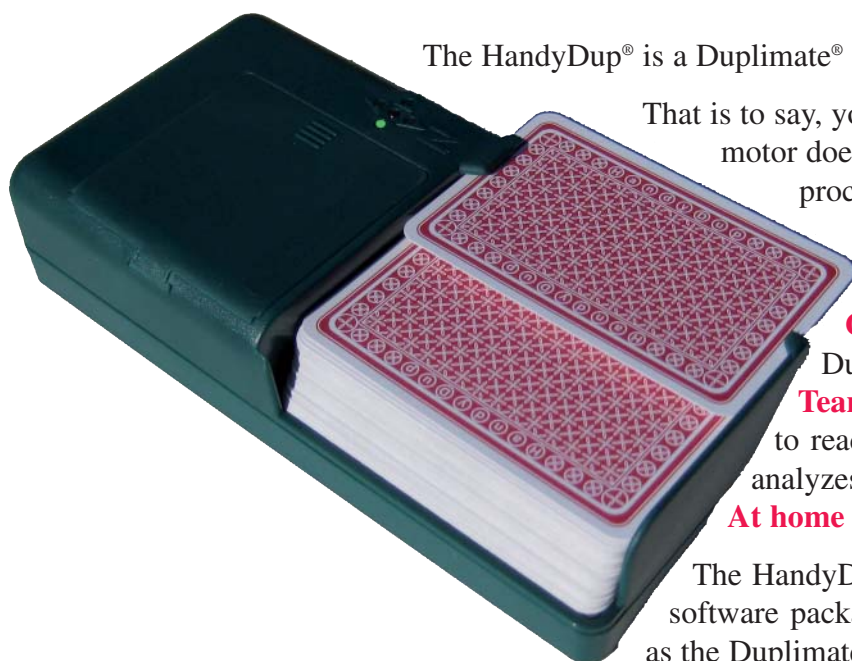
West	North Edgton	East	South Gosney
		1♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Dbl	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West leads ♦8, and follows with ♦5 as East plays ♦K, ♦A and a low diamond. You play ♦9 as West ruffs with ♠8 and dummy overruffs with ♠A. Dummy leads a spade, East winning ♠K as West discards a heart. East plays another diamond, as West discards another heart

Over to you.

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What should I bid?

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The best submission for April came from Brian Thorp.

With East dealer and EW vulnerable, I held the East hand below:

♠ J52, ♥ K862, ♦ A, ♣ KQJ52

West	North	East	South
		1 ♣	Pass
1 ♠	2 ♦		?

Brian: Matchpoints. We play a 12-14 1NT, and do not play support doubles. What would you recommend bidding here?

Kieran: 2♠. Actually the same as I'd do if they hadn't bid. I strongly prefer a three-card raise to rebidding a five-card suit, which is usually about 11th on my list of options.

Brian: What would you recommend as the agreed meaning of a double?

Kieran: I'm comfortable with support doubles, which I play in virtually all partnerships up to and including two of responder's suit. That said, they're more useful in a strong notrump system than a weak notrump system. Many weak notrumpers might play double here as showing a strong notrump (without four spades) or better, perhaps including some strong one-suiters in clubs which they're willing to describe as balanced. This is probably a good choice, and can quite easily be passed when your partner has some trumps (or, perhaps with a couple of trumps, a good hand and the vulnerability on your side). I think that traditional penalty doubles are a poor choice, not least because you can catch them for penalties when partner reopens with a double anyway, and sometimes you get to take a swing one level higher when they raise or overcaller bids again.

Brian: How would this meaning differ if responder had bid at the two-level in a sequence such as:

1♥ (Pass) 2♣ (2♦) Db1?

Kieran: I like this double as cooperative-penalty. This isn't very fashionable in Sydney, though, so most of my partners play this as some variation on a takeout double. Few would play it as a support double.

Brian: And how should vulnerability affect such agreements?

Kieran: No need to have your methods change by vulnerability - that's more work than it's worth. Most people have enough trouble playing one system well. However, implementation can change with vulnerability - at favourable, particularly with lots of high cards, you can be much keener to spring the opponents for penalties. Curiously, the other best vulnerability to catch people is "nil" - mathematically, it's similar to all vul (three down outscore a game, etc) but their overcalls are so much looser, particularly at the two level.

Brian: More generally, your views would be appreciated on the value of agreeing to play support doubles for pairs playing a weak 1NT. Most of the example hands I can find in the literature where support doubles would be valuable show opener as having a hand where an Acoll player would either be opening a weak 1NT, or happy to support responder's major with three-card support because, for example, he has a singleton or void somewhere.

Kieran: A good question. You're quite right - support doubles are most useful for strong notrumpers. Playing double as a strong notrump is probably your best bet. Also, you can observe some inferences about your 1NT and 2NT rebids - they should be positionally sound (not Axx, for example, which would prefer to be dummy) and would probably have an offensive twist, like a five-card (or longer) suit. And there's no reason to ever shade a 2NT rebid again - 2NT over a two-level overcall can be 18-19, as it should be (or equivalent power, perhaps with a six-card suit and a 16-count) and the lesser hands can double. Three-card raises aren't too painful with unbalanced hands, and there's always a pass card for lesser misfitting hands.

Ed: Apologies for the hand diagram in this feature's last issue, where:

1. There were 12 clubs - no ♣A (North had it).
2. North had only 12 cards (♣A missing).
3. Both North and West had ♠7.
4. Both North and South had ♣10.
5. Both North and East had ♣2.

David Cowell, who brought this to my attention commented: "I enjoy the magazine, even with the spot the deliberate mistake page!"

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Problem 1 (continued from page 6)

♠ A 6 4
♥ A Q J 7
♦ J 6
♣ K Q J 8

♠ J	♠ 10 9 8 5 2
♥ 10 3	♥ K 8 5
♦ Q 8 7 5 3	♦ K 10 9 4
♣ A 10 9 5 3	♣ 4

♠ K Q 7 3
♥ 9 6 4 2
♦ A 2
♣ 7 6 2

Having given partner his spade ruff, East wanted you to lead ace and another, in whichever suit you hold an ace. From his point of view, you may have had the same hand with ♦A, hence partner's attempt to signal 'no preference'.

At the table, West, realising partner had something in diamonds, switched to a diamond. Unfortunately, declarer was able to win, play a heart to dummy's ace, unblock ♠A, draw the last trump with ♥9 and then throw dummy's diamond on ♠Q. If partner had held ♦K and two small clubs, he would just ask for a diamond.

Problem 2

♠ A 5 3
♥ A K 10 9
♦ J 7
♣ A K Q 3

♠ 8	♠ K J 9 6
♥ Q 8 7 6 5 4	♥ 2
♦ 8 5	♦ A K 10 4 2
♣ J 10 8 5	♣ 9 4 2

♠ Q 10 7 4 2
♥ J 3
♦ Q 9 6 3
♣ 7 6

To make 4♠, you will need to trump coup East, reducing your trumps to his length, then leading from dummy at trick 12, without giving him a chance to ruff (unless you can overruff). East is known to have five diamonds and four spades. If he is 2-2 in hearts and clubs, you shouldn't have too much of a problem. If he is 3-1 in the remaining suits, West's two discards would seem to indicate long hearts, and so East may have a shortage in hearts. Therefore, you should play a club to dummy, finesse a spade through East, play another club to dummy and ruff ♣3. Now, if all has gone well, a heart to dummy and ♣Q will finish East off. Any

other combination of plays would have failed, including cashing ♣Q prematurely, giving East a chance to throw his heart away when you ruff the low club.

In the final qualifying round our team played *EBERY*. We needed a 19-11 VP win to overtake them (on a countback), and give us a good chance of making the final.

Jamie Ebery and Leigh Gold teamed up with another youth pair in fine form, Jeremy Rosen - Ben Kingham, who recently made the Victorian Open Team. It was an exciting set of boards, with lots of slam potential. Ben and Jeremy quickly seized the initiative on Board 5, bidding (uncontested) to a great 7♥:

♠ ---	♠ K 7 5
♥ J 10 5 2	♥ A K Q 6 3
♦ A 10 7 4	♦ Q 3
♣ Q 9 6 4 2	♣ A K J

West Rosen	North	East Kingham	South
		2NT	Pass
3♣ ¹	Pass	3♥ ²	Pass
4♠ ³	Pass	4NT ⁴	Pass
5♣ ⁵	Pass	6♣ ⁶	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

1. Major enquiry.
2. Five hearts.
3. Exclusion Roman Key Card Blackwood.
4. 3 Key Cards for hearts, excluding controls in spades.
5. Queen ask.
6. ♥Q + ♣K.

The play was easy enough: ruff two spades in dummy and then run clubs. They won 10 IMPs for their effort against the 6♥ bid at our table, making 1010. Only one other pair in the field, Sue and Gary Hollands, bid the grand slam.



The ANOT squad: Justin Howard, Nabil Edgton, Michael Whibley and Paul Gosney

Eight boards later, however, Whibley - Howard were able to demonstrate their own slam bidding prowess by bidding to this fine 7♣:

♠ A 9 5	♠ K J 6
♥ J 9 6 3 2	♥ ---
♦ K	♦ A Q J 8 6
♣ A 9 6 4	♣ K Q 8 5 3

West	North	East	South
Howard		Whibley	
1♥	Pass	2♦ ¹	Pass
2NT ²	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦ ³	Pass	3♠ ³	Pass
4♠ ³	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	7♣	All Pass

1. Game Force.
2. Clubs.
3. Cuebids.

Whibley - Howard do not cuebid shortages opposite their partner's first bid suit, so Michael Whibley could be confident of diamonds running, providing discards for the spades.

They were the sole pair to reach 7♣, on a board many pairs, including our opponents, failed to bid slam. The 17 IMPs on this board contributed to a 22-8 VP win.

By the time the final had arrived, our team was in good form, particularly Whibley - Howard, who played very well in each set of the final.

Board 20 of the second set displayed the sort of partnership understanding they possessed, a crucial ingredient for success in top level bridge.

Final Set 2, Board 20, West deals, all vulnerable

♠ A K J
♥ A 4 3 2
♦ A K
♣ K J 10 6

♠ Q 8 5	♠ 10 7 6 2
♥ Q J 10 7 6	♥ K 9 5
♦ 5	♦ Q J 4
♣ A Q 8 4	♣ 9 3 2

♠ 9 4 3
♥ 8
♦ 10 9 8 7 6 3 2
♣ 7 5

West	North	East	South
Brown	Howard	Kanetkar	Whibley
1♥	Dbl	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Rdbl	All Pass	

Whibley won the heart lead in dummy, cashed both trump honours, then ruffed a heart to hand to play a club up towards the king-jack.

Brown won ♣A to play another heart, ruffed by Whibley, who then claimed, playing a diamond, forcing East to lead a black card into dummy.

The play went much the same in the other room for 11 tricks in 5♦, but that still meant 9 IMPs to Howard.

Although our opponents admittedly did not save their best bridge for the final, it was a convincing 166-75 IMP win for the youth side, who won each of the four sets. It must be a long time since a national open teams tournament has been won by such a young side, the ages at the time being 17, 20, 23 and 25, for an average of just 21.

Our youth team is very grateful for the opportunities available to us, and the support shown by a group of people who recognise youth players as being the future of the game. This includes the Australian Bridge Federation, the ABF Youth Committee and the Australian bridge playing public, whose generosity recently allowed a youth team to participate in a world class tournament in Amsterdam. Hopefully we can do our part, and keep the good results coming, leading up to Philadelphia.

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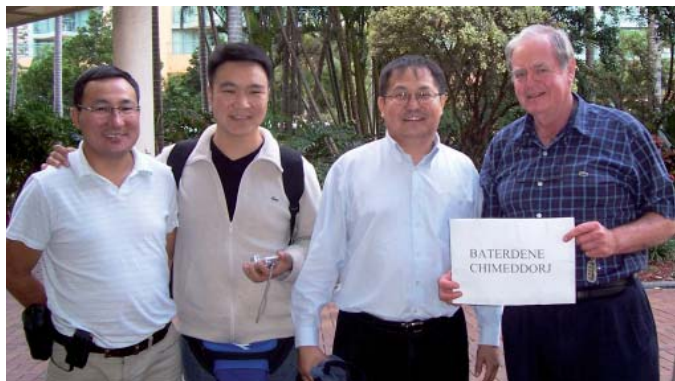
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Mongolia and bridge

Ed: Those of us fortunate enough to be present at the PABF Championships in Surfers Paradise in 2008 will remember with fondness the three-man Mongolian Bridge Team (swelled to four by Keith McDonald), who arrived at the last minute, and made an impact with their friendliness and charm. Their bridge was not as successful, but they were made welcome by all, and went back to Mongolia with a selection of bridge books donated by Nick Fahrer (The Bridge Shop) and Paul Lavings (Postfree Bridge Books).



The three-man 2008 PABF team with Jim Millar, who delivered them to the venue from Brisbane airport

The development of bridge as a sport

Bridge as a sport is new to Mongolians, and is not yet widespread over the population. The Mongolian Bridge Federation was established in 2002, and currently has just 182 members.

The Mongolian Bridge Federation joined the World Bridge Federation in 2006, and the Pacific Asian Bridge Federation in 2009 as an official member.

In recent years, we have been actively working on the development of bridge as a sport. We successfully participated in the Pacific Asian Bridge Championships in 2008 in Surfers Paradise, Australia, and in 2009 in Macao. Two young Mongolian participants took 38th place in the First Olympic Mind Sports Competition, which was held in Beijing, China in 2008, and was a great success for us.

We are very pleased to announce the 2010 Bridge Mongolia Tour Contest will be held in Mongolia for the purpose of introducing the Mongolian Bridge Federation at an international level, and develop bridge more intensively. Specially, the final session of the Tour Contest will be held at the Mongolian National "Ger" in the virgin landscape of Mongolia.

Mongolia is truly one of the world's last undiscovered travel destinations, and one of the safest countries to visit. It is a land where you can experience wide-open spaces, cobalt blue skies, forests, deserts, crystal clear rivers and lakes, and the traditional hospitality of the nomads. Permanent dwellings are few and far between, fences even fewer, and the land is owned by the people, like one large National Park.

As a tremendous destination to experience the outdoors, Mongolia also boasts a unique history dating back to the Mongol Empire of Genghis Khan. Simply put, it is a land of adventure, horses, nomads, and blue sky.

Basic information on Mongolia

Population: 2.8 million.

Area: 1,566,000 sq. km. (610,740 sq. miles).

Land boundaries: 8,158 km, with Russia 3,485 km and with China 4,673 km.

Average altitude: 1,580 metres above sea-level

Terrain: Vast semi-desert and desert plains, mountains in the west and southwest, Gobi Desert in the southeast.



People: Khalkha Mongols (86%), Kazaks (6%), about a dozen other Mongolian ethnic groups.

Language: Mongolian, Kazakh, Russian and Chinese. English is widely spoken in the Ulaanbaatar.

Religion: Tibetan Buddhism, Muslim, Christian and Shamanism.

Literacy rate: 82.9%.

Climate: Average summer temperature +20°C, average winter temperature -26°C, average rainfall 200-220 mm. Winter lasts from November to late April, spring is from May through June, and summer from July through September.

State structure: Mongolia is a unitary state and divided administratively into Aimags (21) and a capital city; Aimags are subdivided into soums; soums into bags; and a capital city into districts; districts into khoroos.

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Coaching Cathy at contract

SUPPORT DOUBLE TROUBLE

Hi There,

You will no doubt recall that you sent me some advice on support doubles and support redoubles a while ago. We have been giving them a try, and we're cool about that – *except for this disaster!!* I would appreciate your expert comments.

I held, with the opposition vulnerable:

♠ J 7 6 4 2
♥ A Q 8 7 4 2
♦ 6 3
♣ ---

Glenda dealt and opened 1♦, and I responded 1♠. Then my left-hand opponent intervened with 2♣. Glenda passed, as did right-hand, and I doubled for takeout.

No one else bid after that, and we couldn't take 2♣ down. So they made a terrific score, because 4♠ is good for us, making 11 tricks.

Here is the full hand:

♠ A	♠ K 9 8 5
♥ 9 3	♥ K
♦ K Q 10 8 7	♦ A 9 5 2
♣ K Q J 9 8	♣ A 10 7 6
	♠ J 7 6 4 2
	♥ A Q 8 7 4 2
	♦ 6 3
	♣ ---

What do you think?

An ever perplexed Cathy

Dear Ever Perplexed,

All sorts of doubles used to be penalty in other times, and now they take on new meanings like negative doubles, competitive doubles, responsive doubles and support doubles, depending on the situation. This increases the difficulty associated with punishing an ill-judged or unlucky bid with penalty action. One other outcome is that newer players have more difficulty in judging penalty options, because they arise less frequently. Clearly, re-entering the auction with double rather than a bid is often the only way to reconstruct penalty opportunities. Unfortunately, the decision to penalise is now outside the doubler's control.

So here is my take on this situation as illustrated aptly by the example you have provided. Looking at the South hand here, what would you have done if the bidding had proceeded thus:

West	North	East	South
---	1♦	Pass	1♥
2♣	Db1	Pass	?

This would be an offer that you would doubtless refuse on the South cards, because you have a hand unsuitable for defence against a low-level part-score. Hence you would risk the sound of gnashing teeth from the other side of the table and bid 2♠, hoping for support for either of your suits.

On the auction you had, it is reasonable, from where you sit, that partner is trapping for a double, so you shouldn't make that action. I guess you need to get a template on hands where you would rebid your suit, or bid a second suit with the strong inference that you have a hand unsuited to defence.

There is no question that partner paid for a marginal decision when she could have bid spades according to instructions, but, she is entitled to take the inference that your hand is OK for defence when you elect to use a takeout double. Note that with a stronger hand, you could have constructed a clear game-force with a cuebid of 3♣.

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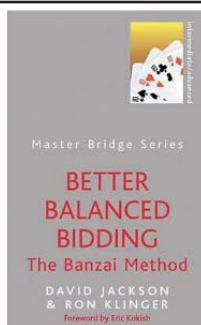
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Book Review

Better Balanced Bidding

The Banzai Method

by David Jackson & Ron Klinger,
Master Bridge Series, 2010, soft
cover, 144 pages, \$32.95



The 4-3-2-1 point count has been the notrump yardstick for 90 years, but is it accurate?

David Jackson of Ireland and Ron Klinger demonstrate emphatically the answer is **NO**. Despite expert thinking, aces and kings are not as useful in notrumps, compared to lower honours.

Look at the following two hands: the bidding at every table will go 1NT - 3NT, but you will be lucky to take eight tricks:

Hand 1

♠ A 9 6 5	♠ K 2
♥ A 6 4	♥ K 8 2
♦ K 7 4	♦ A 6 5 3
♣ A 8 5	♣ 7 6 3 2

Now try:

Hand 2

♠ Q J 10 6	♠ K 2
♥ Q J 3	♥ K 10 7 2
♦ Q J 10	♦ A 5 3
♣ K J 6	♣ 10 7 4 2

Two points less, but 3NT is an excellent contract. Simply adding a half-point for tens helps, but the Banzai Count, 5-4-3-2-1, puts all the honours into correct perspective. The second half of the book is devoted to examples from world class events.

The book is quite brilliant, a revolution and a revelation. Expert thinking in hand evaluation has been turned on its head. A must-read for the serious bridge player.

Review by Paul Lavings,
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The point count method of hand evaluation was first proposed in 1914, and popularized in 1934 by Milton Work, 1864 - 1934 (pictured at right). Ed.



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Brunswick Valley BC Anniversary

Brunswick Valley Bridge Club celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a special Rainbow Individual session, followed by champagne, refreshments and presentations at Brunswick Heads Community Centre on June 14. The event was attended by 56 members and guests, who enjoyed a really interesting and enjoyable afternoon.

Among those present were five founder members, Diana Gall, widow of the Foundation President, Patricia Hems, Doreen Grant, Fay Patterson and Jean Lipski. One of our longest-standing members, Marge Buckley was also present. Marge, who is 94, still plays a formidable game. All are passionate players, and still participate actively in sessions at Brunswick Valley and other clubs in the area. They were honoured for their long service and loyalty to the club by being awarded Honorary Life Memberships.

The club held its inaugural meeting in the Senior Citizens' Rooms in Brunswick Heads on June 15, 1985. Until that time, the ardent local players had travelled to Murwillumbah, Tweed, Ballina and Lismore for their games. Over the years, the club has flourished, and now has well over 50 members, who enjoy two sessions per week on Mondays and Saturdays.

This year the club participated in the 'Bridge for Brains Challenge' which is played to raise funds for the Prince of Wales Medical Research Foundation, and their cutting edge research into the causes, prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease.

We welcome visitors to the club, new members and those wishing to learn the game. Enquiries to (02) 6677 1877.

Freda Star, Secretary



Patricia Hems, Jean Lipski, Fay Patterson, Diana Gall, Doreen Grant and Marge Buckley.

Australia at the PABFC

At the Championships, held in Hamilton, NZ in late May, Australia sent five teams. After two round robins the finishing places were:

Open: A close 2nd (out of 14 teams) behind Chinese Taipei with Indonesia 3rd.

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Seniors': 1st (out of 10 teams) with Japan 2nd and **AUSTRALIA KLINGER** 3rd. There were two other unofficial Australian teams, **KLINGER** and **BOURKE**.



Australian Seniors' Team

Under 26: 1st (out of seven teams) with Singapore 2nd and New Zealand 3rd.

Under 21: 2nd (out of four teams) behind Chinese Taipei with New Zealand 3rd.

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Invitation to Sri Lanka

The Sri Lankan Bridge Federation is conducting a bridge tournament next year. Invitations have been sent to find the approximate number of teams likely to participate from Australia, in order for us to reserve hotel rooms.

It is necessary for us to reserve rooms six to nine months in advance, as Sri Lanka is experiencing a travel boom after the end of 20 years of war, and our hotels are unable to cope with the demand from travellers. The hotel industry has been neglected for the last 20 years.

If by the latest the end of July, Australia can estimate the number of teams expected, it will help us avoid last minute disappointment.

We expect around 100 teams, and the maximum we can accommodate is 120 teams.

Many thanks for your cooperation!

S. Sivagnanasundaram
Secretary, Bridge Federation of Sri Lanka

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The ABF has now been running the Alan Woods Rating System for clubs for just over one year. All clubs are invited to try the system out, free of charge, thanks to the endowment to bridge of Alan Woods.

Right now there are about 5000 rated players. We are seeking the big name players coming through following the inclusion of the data from the Summer Festival, the Gold Coast and the ANOT. More top names will no doubt appear on the list after the VCC and other national events. The other names are the leading players from the 20 clubs that currently run the system.

The list is not yet a complete who's who of Australian bridge, but that will change as more clubs are included, along with more important congresses and national events. In time, this list will provide a true snapshot of the leading players on the national stage, much like the rankings for tennis, golf and chess. Make sure the players at your club do not miss out!

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7	Klinger	Ron	67.88	23	Kaplan	Rena	64.52	39	Hardman	Doug	63.37
8	Wood	Viv	67.57	24	Rose	Jenny	64.41	40	Voveris	Elizabeth	63.37
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10	Markovics	Andrew	66.70	26	Erskine	Robin	64.27	42	Czapnik	Damien	63.25
11	Deverall	Pam	66.52	27	Beauchamp	David	64.23	43	Crossman	Bev	63.24
12	Andrew	Simon	65.97	28	Hutchins	Geoffrey	64.06	44	Riddell	Carol	63.19
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14	Ferris	David	65.51	30	McLarty	Jean	63.88	46	Travis	Barbara	63.15
15	Brown	Terry	65.45	31	De Fontenay	Patrick	63.83	47	Greig	Don	63.13
16	Baker	Colin	65.45	32	Browne	Derrick	63.82	48	Crossman	Bruce	63.13
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								73	Hughes	Nick	62.29
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								75	Taylor	Tony	62.21
								76	Ebery	Jamie	62.16

The Alan Woods Rating System - why your club should be a part of it

The Alan Woods Rating System is an ABF service that is currently being provided free on a trial basis. This trial will last at least one year.

A rating provides players with an accurate measure of their current standing at bridge. It is accurate because it takes into account the strength of the partner and the opponents.

Here are some of the benefits:

With ratings, every pair has their own personal goal every time they play. Their goal is to be plus on their rating. To be plus on your rating is to do better than expected, and to improve your rating. So, it doesn't matter if you come last, as long as you are plus on your rating.

How does the system work?

Participating clubs provide the data from their games on a monthly basis. They have to use a scorer that has an interface built in to extract the data. Most leading scorers already have such an interface. It would not be hard to build it into any that do not.

How do clubs use this information?

After the results are processed each month, clubs are provided with the up-to-date information on their computers. With this, they can produce all sorts of reports. The most important report is the session recap. An example is provided at the bottom of this page.

Top rated players

Ratings give you an accurate ranking of the players in your club. For example, each month you could list the top 10 players in your club. That would afford recognition for the players who make the list, and it would provide an incentive for those who do not.

Most improved players

Each month you can provide a list of the most improved players in your club. All players are quite likely to make this list, giving even weak players their moment in the spotlight.

When you print this to your printer it is possible to limit the output to one page if you so desire.

Personalised letters

All the information about a player is available in a database, making it easy to merge into personal letters for the players.

Player statement

You can print out statements for your players or they can see them online. This lists a player's performance in the last month. All the events they played during the month are listed with their rating's impact shown for each event. The net impacts are also shown for the past month.

About ratings

Ratings range from about 30 to about 70, with 50 being average. The majority of players are in the range of 45 to 55. To have a published rating, you must have played at least 13 times.

You can see on the list provided that a rating of 61.5 will currently put you amongst the top 100 players. That will naturally change as more players come on board.

How does my club join for a free trial?

The ratings service is currently being provided by Ian McKinnon and Paul Marston. The first thing you have to do is make sure the scorer you use has a suitable interface. Contact Ian McKinnon at: ianmac@asecomputing.com.

77	Crockett	Shirley	62.15
78	Graczynski	Eugene	61.95
79	Floc'h	Ann	61.95
80	Mundell	Giselle	61.85
81	Molloy	Carolyn	61.85
82	Peake	Andrew	61.83
83	Gathy	Des	61.80
84	Lennox	Barbara	61.78
85	Whibley	Michael	61.77
86	Milston	Alan	61.75
87	Rees	Antoinet	61.73
88	Mann	Tricia	61.72
89	Gold	Leigh	61.71
90	Stack	Tom	61.68
91	Hirst	Bill	61.67
92	Vaughan	Ed	61.66
93	Reynolds	Sidney	61.61
94	Schmidt	Gordon	61.61
95	Mckinnon	Ian	61.61
96	Lowy	Eva	61.59
97	Vaughan	Robin	61.57
98	Kalejs	Klaus	61.52
99	Hutchins	Jan	61.50
100	Burt	Michael	61.49

As soon as this is confirmed, all you then have to do is run a monthly process that extracts the data from your scorer and send it for processing.

Join now while you still have plenty of time to access the system under the free trial.

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Typical session recapitulation

Overall Results

	(field strength 54.10)	%	+/-	Seed
↑ NORTH	1 Judith O'NEIL HM & Charlotte O'NEIL SM	62.80	0.27	6
↓ SOUTH	2 Adam BECK GM & Michael PRESCOTT	62.00	0.00	1
	3 Barbara LENNOX GM & Jan HUTCHINS G1	58.30	-0.05	2
	4 Ann FLOC'H GM & Julie GIFFORD GM	57.50	0.01	3
	5 Vivienne NABARRO SM & Bob SAMUELS GM	56.70	0.01	4
	6 Margaret SCOTT GM & Tina DAVIS DM	55.00	0.10	8
	7 Madge ABBOTT SM & Rosalea GEORGE SM	54.60	0.03	5

The +/- column shows how this session impacted on the players' ratings. The figure listed is the actual amount that will be added to, or subtracted from, their ratings. The seed column shows where the pairs were expected to finish in this session..

Recent ABF results

The winter months are traditionally busy times for bridge players, with a variety of tournaments to choose from. At Queen's Birthday Weekend, there was the choice of the tropics and the Barrier Reef Congress at Mackay, or sub-sub-tropical Melbourne and the VCC. A more detailed report on the VCC in the next issue, but here are some of the results from that weekend of bridge:

Barrier Reef Open Swiss Teams

1. **APPLETON**, David Appleton, Peter Reynolds, Kathy Boardman, David Beauchamp (pictured below).
2. **TULLY**, Therese Tully, Sue Lusk, Richard Ward, Lindy Vincent
3. **MAYO**, Greg Mayo, Sharon Mayo, Julian Foster, David Weston



Barrier Reef Restricted Swiss Teams

1. **BUGLER**, Patrick Bugler, John Kelly, Geoffrey Martin, Nikolas Moore

Barrier Reef Open Swiss Pairs

1. M Moren, N Francis (pictured below).
2. P Kahler, T Davis
3. P Gue, P Wyrer



Barrier Reef Restricted Swiss Pairs

1. J Kelly, P Bugler

Last year, Barbara Travis - Peter Gill won the Open Pairs and the Open Teams was won by Michael Courtney, Linden Raymond, Simon Andrew and Gwen King.

Public Liability Insurance Policy

Review of ABF Policy.

It is good practice for any organisation to review its key service suppliers every few years. Insurance was a major cost item in the last financial year, costing the ABF over \$80,000. Our previous insurance broker, who had handled our business for many years, would test market conditions every two to three years to see if a better deal could be arranged.

As part of the Finance Committee reviewing all the ABF's insurance policies, we explored with our existing broker whether, based on the very low claims history and current excess on our public liability policy, there was scope for reducing the present premium. In addition, we also decided to get a second quote for our public liability cover from a new broker. As a result of this review, the ABF is pleased to announce that it has been able to secure a significant reduction in the existing premium and an increase in cover for its public liability insurance policy.

The services of Tony Bemrose Insurance Brokers (TBIB) were retained to review our public liability policy and exposures. They researched the market with a view to not only obtaining competitive premiums, but also improving the policy coverage. They successfully negotiated a most competitive premium and more expansive coverage with CGU Insurance. CGU is a highly respected Australian insurer, and is part of the IAG group. They deal exclusively with the insurance broking market.

The premium saving was of sufficient quantum that it was beneficial to change over to the new policy at the earliest opportunity. The new policy came into force on May 1. A new Certificate of Currency is available from the ABF & TBIB website for members use and information.

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Recent Results

2010 Western Seniors' Pairs

1. John Beddow - Egmont Melton
2. Clifford De Rosario - Jacek Majewski
3. John Ashworth - Fiske Warren

Victor Champion Cup

1. **EBERY**, Jamie Ebery, Leigh Gold, Simon Hinge, Kim Morrison (pictured below).
2. **KLINGER**: Ron Klinger, Matthew Mullamphy, Ben Thompson, Bill Jacobs
3. **NOBLE**, Barry Noble, George Bilski, Michael Prescott, Ishmael Del'Monte, Robert Fruewirth



McCance Trophy

1. Margaret Bourke, Ron Klinger
2. Martin Bloom, Edward Chadwick
3. Marlene Watts, Paul Lavings

Women's Swiss Pairs

1. Cathy Lachman, Helen Snashall
2. Paula Schroor, Sally Murray-White
3. Felicity Beale, Diana Smart

Charlie Snashall Teams

1. **HAMILTON**, Irene Hamilton, Dorothy Hayes, Dianna Middleton, John Adams
2. **MORGAN**, Brian Morgan, Margaret Morgan, Chandradee Chakravorty, Kevin Sertori
3. **EASLEY**, Warren Easley, James Simpson, Louis Veenstra, Lynne Veenstra

Congresses and events

Australian National Championships (ANC)

July 17 - 29

Wrest Point, Sandy Bay, Hobart

Contact: Dallas Cooper

Email: anc2010@abf.com.au

Orange Congress

July 24 - 25

Contact Convener, Margaret Robinson on (02) 6362 8241 or email: marob@netwit.net.au

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Taree Teams Congress

July 24 - 25

Email Convener: judithscott@bigpond.com

Coffs Coast Gold Congress

August 17 - 22

Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour

www.coffsbridge.com.au/2009_congress_links.html

Yarrawonga Bridge Club Congress

August 21 -22

Contact Jan Hackett: hackett5@bigpond.net.au

Swan River Open Swiss Pairs

Convener: Hilary Yovich

Consult BAWA website: www.bawa.asn.au

Territory Gold Bridge Festival

September 1 - 5

Venue: Alice Springs Convention Centre

Convener: Eileen Boocock

Email: tgbf@abf.com.au

Telephone: (08) 8952 4061

Hans Rosendorff Memorial Congress, Perth

September 11 - 12

Convener: Sheenagh Young.

Email: hgr@abf.com.au

Hunters Hill Teams Congress

12 September

Contact Kathie De Palo: Tel: (02) 98175131 or email

kathiedp@optusnet.com.au

Roger Penny Senior and Australian Swiss Pairs

September 30 - October 3

Convener: Catherine Elliott, Tel: (03) 6344 9303

Email : asp@abf.com.au

Commercial Club Albury

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Friday October 8: Pre-Congress Pairs

Saturday October 9: Swiss Pairs

Sunday October 10: Swiss Teams

Contact Dianne Barrow: colbarrow@yahoo.com.au

Bairnsdale Bridge Congress

16 - 17 October

St. Mary's Parish Centre, Bairnsdale.

Convener: John Brazier, johnbrazier@y7mail.com

or bbridgeclub@bigpond.com.

Saturday's event starts at 1:00, and a gourmet lunch is provided on Sunday.

Southern Highlands Congress, Bowral

November 6 - 7

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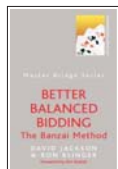
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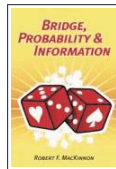
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