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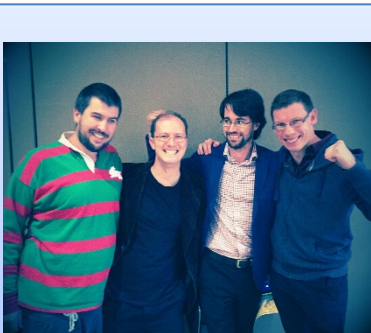
The 2015 Australian U25 Team



Congratulations to Stephen Williams – Jamie Thompson, Max Henbest – Shane Harrison, and Ella Pattison – Renee Cooper for making the 2015 Australian U25 Team!

Stephen Williams and Jamie Thompson won the Youth Butler Pairs with 243.92 VPs, ahead of second (Max and Shane) by a big margin of 17.73 VPs. This is the first time Stephen and Jamie have won the Youth Butler, so a big congratulations to them.

There are two main international tournaments that the Australian Youth Team(s) will be participating in: (1) the Youth APBF Championships held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 1-7 April 2015, and (2) the World Youth Open Championships held in Opatija, Croatia, 20-29 August 2015. Good luck!



Congratulations to ex-youth players Griff Ware, Michael Wilkinson, Nye Griffiths, and Liam Milne for making it into the 2015 Australian Open Team that will participate in the APBFs and the World Bridge Championships. Well done and GL!
(Their third pair is Michael Courtney and Paul Wyer.)

PRE-ALERTS!

For 2015			
DATES	EVENT	WHERE	
<u>APR</u> 30 -	<u>MAY</u> 4	ANOT	Adelaide
<u>JUN</u> 4 -	<u>JUN</u> 8	VCC	Melbourne
<u>JUL</u> 11 -	<u>JUL</u> 23	ANC	Melbourne

2015 World Youth Tournaments

<u>APR</u> 1 -	<u>APR</u> 7	2015 APBF Youth Team Champs.	Bangkok, Thailand
<u>AUG</u> 20 -	<u>AUG</u> 29	2015 World Open Youth Congress	Opatija, Croatia

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CHECKBACK (Results)

2015 AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

10 JAN – 17 JAN, 2015 (Canberra)

For more details, please visit the Championship website [here](#).

	Place	Pair
Youth Pairs (Final)	1 ST	Max Henbest – Shane Harrison
	2 ND	Nabil Edgtton – Daniel Braun
	3 RD	James Coutts – Nick Jacob

	Place	Pair
Youth Pairs (Con- solation)	1 ST	Michael Gearing – Richard McAuliffe
	2 ND	Angus Gray – Jack Tarlinton
	3 RD	Andi Boughey – Glenn Coutts

	Place	Team
Youth Teams (Before)	1 ST	COUTTS: James Coutts, Paul Gosney, Liam Milne, Nick Jacob
	2 ND	EDGTTON: Nabil Edgtton, Daniel Braun, Jamie Thompson, Stephen Williams
	3 RD	BOUGHEY: Andi Boughey, Glenn Coutts, Ellena Moskovsky, Rhys Cooper

	Place	Team
Youth Teams (After)	1 ST	EDGTTON: Nabil Edgtton, Daniel Braun, Jamie Thompson, Stephen Williams
	2 ND	BOUGHEY: Andi Boughey, Glenn Coutts, Ellena Moskovsky, Rhys Cooper
	3 RD	RENWICK: Gray Renwick, Orla Harris, Sam Coutts, David Skipper

	Place	B-A-M	Team
Cliff Wake Playoff	1 ST	2.5	CLIFF WAKE CHALLENGERS – Ellena Moskovsky, Alex Smirnov, Terry Brown, Avi Kanetkar
	2 ND	1.5	YOUTH TEAM NON-WINNERS – James Coutts, Paul Gosney, Liam Milne, Nick Jacob

	Place	Pair
Goulash 1	1 ST	(N/S) Pedro Saavedra – D Skipper (E/W) Glenny – Smirny

	Place	Pair
Goulash 2	1 ST	Gray Renwick – Andi Boughey

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Consolation Swiss Pairs	Place	Pair	
	1 ST	James Coutts – Sam Coutts	
	2 ND	David Skipper – Gray Renwick	
	3 RD	Orla Harris – Daryl Whitfield	
Consolation Butler Pairs	Place	Pair	
	1 ST	Sam Coutts – Daryl Whitfield	
	2 ND	Tim Munro – Michael Gearing	
	3 RD	Andy Hung – Angus Gray	
Youth Butler Pairs (U25 Team Selection Phase 1)	Place	Pair	
	1 ST	Stephen Williams – Jamie Thompson	
	2 ND	Max Henbest – Shane Harrison	
	3 RD	Ella Pattison – Renee Cooper	
	4 TH	Nabil Edgtton – Daniel Braun	
	5 TH	Ellena Moskovsky – Rhys Cooper	
	6 TH	Matthew Smith – Francesca McGrath	
U25 Team Selection Phase 2	Place	Pair	
	1 ST	Ella Pattison – Renee Cooper	
Crazy Pairs	Place	Pair	
	1 ST	Ella Pattison – Andi Boughey	
	2 ND	Michael Gearing – Tomer Libman	
	3 RD	David Gue – Sam Coutts	
NZ v OZ Test Match	Place	IMPs	Team
	1 ST	155	AUSTRALIA – Jamie Thompson, Stephen Williams, Max Henbest, Shane Harrison
	2 ND	100	NEW ZEALAND – Glenn Coutts, Andi Boughey, Orla Harris, Sam Coutts

2015 AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY ANDY HUNG, BRISBANE



Another Youth Week, and another new venue. This year, the Australian Youth Bridge Championships were held at Bruce Hall, ANU. It consisted of a cosy playing room that just barely fit 11 tables, and a big common (lounge) room full of bean bags and couches for people to chill out. There were approximately 45 participants of which 8 were from New Zealand, and also we had an international visitor: Pedro Saavedra from Portugal.

Our new convenors this year were Dave Thompson and Elaine Leach, with our new Tournament Director Phil Gue (also the current Chairman of the Australian Youth Bridge Committee), who generously donated his time to help make the Youth Week run as smoothly as possible. Thanks Phil!



Playing area



Shane Harrison and Maxim Henbest

On to the results: the Youth Pairs Final was won by Maxim Henbest and Shane Harrison, and the Youth Consolation Pairs was won by Michael Gearing and Richard McAuliffe.

The Youth Teams Championship was originally won by the Coutts Team (James Coutts, Liam Milne, Paul Gosney, Nick Jacob), but after a bit of kerfuffle, the ineligibility of one of the team members meant that they were disqualified giving the runners up, the Edgtton team (Nabil Edgtton, Daniel Braun, Jamie Thompson, Stephen Williams), the Championship.

The Cliff Wake Playoff did not fail the suspenseful test yet again. This year, original Youth Team winners (Team Coutts) faced off against the Challengers of Terry Brown, Avi Kanetkar, Alex Smirnov, and Ellena Moskovsky.



The actual Youth Team Winners



The original Youth Team Winners

For a full recount of the Cliff Wake match, you can read about it [here](#).

And finally, the Youth Butler Pairs was won by Jamie Thompson and Stephen Williams, with Shane Harrison and Max Henbest as the runners up. As a result, both of these pairs form a part of the 2015 Australian Junior Team; the last pair was decided in a playoff between the 3rd-6th finishing pairs in the Youth Butler. The four pairs were Ella Pattison and Renee Cooper, Nabil Edgtton and Daniel Braun, Ellena Moskovsky and Rhys Cooper, and Francesca McGrath and Matthew Smith. The eventual winning pair was Ella Pattison and Renee Cooper, so they are the third and final pair of the 2015 Australian Junior Team. Congratulations!



Here are some interesting hands that were played throughout the week:

PWNED BY A LITTLE KIDDIE

BY ELLENA MOSKOVSKY, MELBOURNE

On Board 15 of the first Pairs Qualifying, I was declaring 1NT by East playing against Matt Kirkland and Finn Rennie, two little kiddies from Melbourne who have been brought up (bridge-wise) by Laura Ginnan, Pete Hollands, and Justin Howard.

<i>Rascal No. 1 (Matt)</i>			
♠ 9 7			
Dir: S ♥ KQJ 9 7 4			
Vul: NS ♦ K			
♣ K 9 6 5 <i>Me</i>			
♠ K 4 2	N	♠ A 8 6	
♥ T 8 2	W E	♥ A 6 5	
♦ A Q T 7	S	♦ J 5 4 2	
♣ A 7 2		♣ Q T 8	
♠ Q J T 5 3			
♥ 3			
♦ 9 8 6 3			
♣ J 4 3			
<i>Rascal No. 2 (Finn)</i>			

W	N	Me	S
-	-	-	Pass
1♣	1♥	1NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

South led the ♠Q, which I allowed to hold the trick, thinking that with the ♠K in dummy (along with a non-heart lead), Rascal No. 2 would continue with another spade.

I won the spade continuation in hand and led a diamond to the queen, losing to the singleton king. Rascal No. 1 now played the ♥K, which I ducked, and another heart was continued to my ace as South discarded a

club. I now had seven tricks to cash but there was potential for more.

I next cashed the ♠K (North discarding a heart) followed by my three diamond tricks, carefully winning the last round in my hand. During those tricks, Rascal No. 1 discarded the ♣5, ♣6, and ♣9!!

The count was complete. Rascal No. 1 was marked with two spades, six hearts, one diamond, and hence four clubs. How could he have pitched down to the singleton ♣K? Most likely he discarded three clubs away from four small clubs or four clubs headed by the jack.

Therefore, the clubs were possibly now coming in for three tricks (or so I thought). I confidently led the ♣Q (intending to pin a now-stiff jack) and ran it. Matt casually won the ♣K and claimed the rest of his hearts.

Kids these days ...



Finn Rennie



Matthew Kirkland

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 pairs qualifying session 2:

Dir: West
Vul: All

(Me)
 ♠ AJ
 ♥ 764
 ♦ K8543
 ♣ 742

♠ KQ62		♠ 985
♥ T82		♥ AKQ3
♦ AQ6		♦ T97
♣ J95		♣ Q86
		♠ T743

♥ J95
♦ J2
♣ AKT3
(Little Shipper)

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

I led the ♦4 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 know that (and he knows that I know that) Little Shipper has the ♣AK. Declarer was 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 was 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, but I had no entries back to my hand. I was also afraid that declarer might have the ♠10 and that if I returned 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 more 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 were 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 stranded in his hand, not able to return to dummy to cash the ♥A.

That was mad.

Silence Is Indeed Golden

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

Dir: East
Vul: All

♠ AJT5
♥ T9764
♦ Q92
♣ Q

<i>Daniel Braun</i>		<i>Nabil Edgton</i>
♠ -		♠ K963
♥ KQ		♥ AJ52
♦ AJT		♦ K63
♣ AT987653		♣ 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, decided to punish Daniel and passed 4♠ (!) but South, regrettably, saved the day by doubling. Daniel, still on a roll, redoubled (!!) but Nabil thought this would be a bit too much and subsequently jumped to 6♣, ending the auction.



Daniel Braun

BEST BEER CARD SUBMISSION

(Prize: \$20 Wish Gift Card)

BY DAVID SKIPPER

In the second round of the Swiss Pairs, I found myself declaring in **1♠XX**:

Dir: S
Vul: NS

♠ K2
♥ KJ93
♦ Q954
♣ 764

♠ 54
♥ A652
♦ KT3
♣ KQT2



♠ QT73
♥ Q84
♦ J6
♣ J983

♠ AJ986
♥ T7
♦ A872
♣ A5

W	N	E	Me
-	-	-	1♠
X	XX	All Pass	

West led the ♥A followed by another heart, on which I rose with the king and ruffed a heart in hand. I then cashed the ♠A, ♠K, and led the now-good ♥J, which East ruffed with the ♠Q (discarding would save a trick) as I pitched the ♣5 from hand.

A club return went to my ace and I drew the last trump with the ♠J, and led the ♦2. West hopped up with the ♦K, continued a club which I ruffed, cashed the ♦A unblocking the ♦9, ♦8 to dummy's ♦Q, and the final trick was the ♦5 to my ♦7. Three redoubled vulnerable overtricks was +1920.

(Finn: "I may have made a boo-boo here, but at least 1920 was not as good as my +2320 from 2012")



Orla and Andi



Common Room

INTERSTATE YOUTH TEAMS



Congress website located [here](#).

U25 Players (born on or after 1/1/90) may be selected to represent their states in the ANC Youth Teams (12th - 17th July 2015). Contact your [state association!](#)

PAUL LAVINGS BRIDGE BOOKS



Paul Lavings is a frequent supporter of the Australian Youth Bridge scene and he generously donates bridge books as prizes for the Australian Youth Bridge Week. He has represented Australia in our Open Team many times, including his recent success in the winning team at the 2012 and 2013 Australian Open Team Playoffs, and the 2012 Autumn National Open Teams in Adelaide. He also owns a bridge book and supplies company, so make sure to visit his website at www.bridgegear.com and contact him if you are in any need of a bridge book or CD. (P.S. Paul offers a good price on bridge books for youth players, so be sure to check his website out!)

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THE HELMAN-KLINGER MASTERPOINT AWARD: ADAM EDGTTON

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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 HILLS-HURLEY TROPHY: JAMIE THOMPSON AND STEPHEN WILLIAMS

This trophy, donated by Richard Hills and Steve Hurley, is intended to encourage talented young bridge players to form long-standing partnerships and reward a successful pair who has developed a well-organised partnership to harness their full potential.

Jamie and Stephen started playing together in 2013 and were selected for 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 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.



THE ANDREW REINER TROPHY: ELLENA MOSKOVSKY & LAUREN TRAVIS

This recently established award is granted to the best performed Australian youth 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)

TAKE THE WHEEL WITH THE BRUCES

BY LAUREN TRAVIS (hands provided by Bruce), ADELAIDE

Take the wheel as Bruce Markey, playing the SA state pairs final with Bruce Williams.

Week 1

Against the Greek bloke, in second seat favourable, you pick up ♠93 ♥QJ9863 ♦Q2 ♣QJ3. After RHO passes, you have to decide what to open. 2♥ is ruled out – it shows both majors. 3♥ doesn't seem right, because your hand is so balanced. You obviously can't open 1♥, but you also can't pass. 1NT it is, 9-14 balanced. Close enough.

Partner transfers to spades and then bids 3♥. You've struck gold! You bid 4♥ and he keycards, so you bid 5♣, 0 or 3. Luckily the Greek bloke now wanders in with a lead directing double, and partner signs off in 5♥ with his three small clubs. The perfect contract:

Dlr: N	♠ J				
Vul: NS	♥ 7 4 2				
	♦ K J T 6 5 4				
	♣ K 5 2				
♠ A K Q 7 5		N		♠ 9 3	
♥ A K T 5		W		♥ Q J 9 8 6 3	
♦ A			E	♦ Q 2	
♣ T 6 4			S	♣ Q J 3	
	♠ T 8 6 4 2				
	♥ -				
	♦ 9 8 7 3				
	♣ A 9 8 7				

You score up +450 thanks to the Greek bloke (partner was definitely going to bid 6♥), and pull out your cards for the next hand.

This time you're unfavourable, in first seat, and you've got ♠J984 ♥87 ♦K9873 ♣64. An automatic 2♦ opener, showing diamonds and spades. Lefty passes and partner bids 4♠, so you've won this auction. 4♠ gets passed around to the Greek bloke who ventures a 4NT bid. North bids 5♥, and you're sure you've got 'em, so you double. A balanced 4 count where you open the bidding and then penalty double – completely standard.

5♥X goes one off, but most of the other pairs are making a spade partscore for +110, which beats your +100. Matchpoints. So, despite winning the auction and therefore deserving a top, you only get 42%. Unlucky, Bruce.

Week 2

It's the second week of the state pairs final. You just got +870 on the last board, and now you pick up ♠2 ♥KQT53 ♦Q876542 ♣-. All vul, partner opens 2♠ in first seat, showing spades and clubs. Since this hand is a disgusting misfit, you bid a quiet non-forcing 3♦. Lefty doubles, and everyone passes:

Clearly South thought the double was takeout, and North (the Pelican) thought it was penalties because three suits had been bid. In any case, 3♦ is the only cold contract for your side, so you rack up 9 tricks for +670 and 100%. A win for specific 2s, which everyone should obviously play.

Dlr: E	♠ T 6 3				
Vul: EW	♥ Q J 6 3				
	♦ Q J 6				
	♣ A K 8				
♠ A K Q 7 5		N		♠ J 9 8 4	
♥ A T		W		♥ 8 7	
♦ T 5			E	♦ K 9 8 7 3	
♣ Q J T 2			S	♣ 6 4	
	♠ 2				
	♥ K 9 5 4 2				
	♦ A 4 2				
	♣ 9 7 5 3				

Dlr: W	♠ Q 9 8 5				
Vul: All	♥ 9 8 2				
	♦ K T 9				
	♣ A T 7				
♠ T 7 6 4		N		♠ 2	
♥ 4		W		♥ K Q T 5 3	
♦ A J 3			E	♦ Q 8 7 6 5 4 2	
♣ Q 8 5 4 2			S	♣ -	
	♠ A K J 3				
	♥ A J 7 6				
	♦ -				
	♣ K J 9 6 3				

Later at the pub, Wes tries to boast about his auction:

1NT was supposedly 15-17, and West's pass forces partner to either bid his 5-card minor suit if he has one, or redouble without one.

W	N	E	S
Pass	Pass	1NT	X
Pass*	Pass	2♦	X
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Too bad his 380 was no match for your score.

This board contributed to a pretty good score; Bruce and Bruce got 69.81% for a night where they got 10 tops out of 26 boards, including donutting three pairs.

PHILIP MARKEY & JUSTIN WILLIAMS										THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2014							
STATE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2014 - FINAL										TOP = 6							
BRD	CONT	LEAD	SCORE	%	OPP	BRD	CONT	LEAD	SCORE	%	OPP	BRD	CONT	LEAD	SCORE	%	OPP
1 EW	1NTxN-4	♠ Q	800	100	14	10 EW	3NTE	♥ A	600	92	10	19 EW	4♥ S=	♣ 5	-420	25	8
2 EW	5♦ N=	♠ A	-600	25	14	11 NS	4♥ xS=	♦ A	590	100	3	20 EW	3NTE+3	♠ 4	690	92	8
3 EW	2♥ xE+1	♥ J	870	100	9	12 NS	3NTN+1	♣ Q	630	100	3	21 EW	3NTE=	♣ 10	400	9	4
4 EW	3♦ xE=	♠ A	670	100	9	13 NS	2♥ N=	♣ A	110	17	6	22 EW	2♥ E-4	♦ J	-400	42	4
5 NS	5♦ W+1	♣ K	-420	75	7	14 NS	6♦ S=	♦ 10	920	92	6	23 NS	7NTS=	♠ 3	2220	100	13
6 NS	2♠ S+1	♦ 5	140	40	7	15 NS	3NTE-1	♠ 2	50	84	11	24 NS	4♠ S=	♥ K	420	17	13
7 EW	5♥ E-1	♠ 5	-100	17	12	16 NS	4♥ S+1	♠ A	450	84	11	25 EW	3NTS-1	♠ 9	50	100	2
8 EW	5♣ N-2	♦ Q	100	100	12	17 NS	3♦ N+2	♥ 6	150	75	5	26 EW	3NTE=	♣ 10	600	100	2
9 EW	5♠ xS-4	♥ 6	800	100	10	18 NS	3NTN-1	♦ 4	-100	34	5						
69.81%						1st						3.60 masterpoints					

Week 3

At the beginning of the final night, you're about 18% clear of the field. All you need to do is not choke. No hands worth writing up, and you end up winning the state pairs by 0.94% after getting a great score on the last board. Congrats Bruce!

Speedball

Time for the SABF Christmas speedball. Board 8, as West, you pick up ♠7654 ♥864 ♦K10 ♣10972 in first seat at nil. Insta 2♠ opener, showing 4+♠ and 4+♣, followed by two passes, and South bids 3NT. Unfortunately for her, this is the hand:

Dlr: W	♠ J T 9 3 2		
Vul: Nil	♥ J 7 5 2		
	♦ A 5		
	♣ K 6		
♠ 7 6 5 4		N	♠ K 8
♥ 8 6 4		W	♥ T 9
♦ K T		E	♦ J 8 7 6 4 3
♣ T 9 7 2		S	♣ J 8 4
	♠ A Q		
	♥ A K Q 3		
	♦ Q 9 2		
	♣ A Q 5 3		

It turns out she's cold for slam in one of your suits and grand in the other, as well as 7NT. An impressive result for Bruce bidding!

Our final hand is a traditional Bruce 1NT opening: ♠Q8632 ♥863 ♦K2 ♣KJ3 at all vul. The auction proceeds pass, pass, double, so you follow up with a traditional Bruce redouble. Luckily for you, the doubler rescues himself with 2♦:

Dlr: E	♠ A 7		
Vul: All	♥ A T 5		
	♦ Q J 9 8 5		
	♣ A 8 4		
♠ J 9 5		N	♠ Q 8 6 3 2
♥ K Q 9 7		W	♥ 8 6 3
♦ 7 4		E	♦ K 2
♣ T 7 6 5		S	♣ K J 3
	♠ K T 4		
	♥ J 4 2		
	♦ A T 6 3		
	♣ Q 9 2		

As it happens, they rescued you, since they're cold for 4NT.

This capped off a 66.67% session, a very good end of year effort by the Bruces (whose antics were clear-cut inclusions in this Youth Bulletin - Eds).

FREE ROBOTS For JUNIORS!

BBO's generous offer of FREE leasing of GIB Robots on BBO is still available!

If you are an Australian youth player, and under 26 years of age (or 26 that year), simply send in your name, date of birth, and your BBO I.D. to Dave Thompson at dave@amontay.com.

Peter Hollands Live Bridge Stream

Live bridge streaming sessions
(All sessions will run most weeks)

AEDT Time (Melbourne)

Monday 2.00 - 4.00 PM

Monday 4.00 - 5.00 PM (Supervised)

Tuesday 3.00 - 6.00 PM

Thursday 11.00 AM -12.00 PM

(Lesson on a selected topic)

To watch these **free** live sessions:

<http://www.twitch.tv/sliynk>
or www.bridgestream.weebly.com

Anyone can watch. However, if you wish to chat to Pete and ask questions, you will need to register for a twitch account.

FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER [DECLARER PLAY]

S/All ♠ Q 5
 ♥ 7 5 4
 ♦ A 8 3
 ♣ A J T 9 2

♥6

♠ A 9 2
 ♥ K J 3
 ♦ K Q 5
 ♣ K 7 6 4

South to make 3NT (IMPs)

Opening lead is ♥6 and East plays the ♥Q.

Solution on Page 13

2015 ANC

The annual Australian National Championships will be held from 11th to 23rd July in Fremantle.

Click [here](#) for the website. If you are interested in representing your state in the Interstate Youth Teams (12th to 17th July) contact your [state association](#) for information.



The ABF Youth Website is moving (this time for sure)! The new relocated website will be www.youthbridge.com.au and we will also be creating a bridge forum to discuss anything from bridge problems to international events. This is currently under construction - send griff.bridge@me.com an email if you have any suggestions or want to help test the forum. Stay tuned ☺



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SUIT COMBINATIONS

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<p>Low to the ace is the weakest line as it requires a singleton honour in either hand or KQ doubleton.</p> <p>Low to the ten is not much better, picking up Q-x, K-x, KQ, and singleton honour, with West</p> <p>The best play is to run the jack. If this loses to East's honour, finesse with the ten next. If the jack is covered by an honour from West, win ace, return to hand and play low to the 8, finessing West for the 9. Essentially, you want to play West for the 9 as well as an honour.</p>	

<p>K 10 8</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p>Target: 2 tricks</p> </div> <p>J 5 3</p>	<p>This one is quite different, and may in fact depend on your opponents. Theoretically, playing low to the ten is best as this picks up singleton Q, doubleton Q, and AQ+ holdings with West.</p> <p>The alternative line is to run the jack. Assuming this is covered by the queen and king, what will you do next if it loses to East's ace or if the king holds?</p> <p>If it loses to East's ace, you should probably play low to the 8 next since West might not have covered if they didn't know where the 9 was.</p> <p>If the king holds, it's a pure guess what to finesse to next (i.e. is West able to play the Q from AQx(x) and continue to play low on the next round?) If you know your opponent's tendencies, then running the jack may start to become more attractive.</p>
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FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER [DECLARER PLAY] SOLUTION (Problem on page 11)

S/All	♠ Q 5
	♥ 7 5 4
	♦ A 8 3
	♣ A J T 9 2
♥6	
	♠ A 9 2
	♥ K J 3
	♦ K Q 5
	♣ K 7 6 4

South to make 3NT (IMPs)
Opening lead is ♥6, East plays the ♥Q

What you have to realise on this hand is that you only need four tricks in the club suit, not five, to make your contract.

Typically, a nine-card club fit missing the queen suggests playing ♣AK for the drop. However, once you win the opening lead with the ♥K, your heart holding becomes fragile and you cannot allow East to get on lead to play a heart through.

As East is the danger hand, you must therefore set up the clubs in a way that if a club trick needs to be lost, it should be lost to West.

The answer should become clear – you should play a club to dummy's ace and run the ♣J. If East follows low, take the finesse – even if it loses to West's doubleton queen, he won't be able to attack hearts effectively.

An alternative line (no longer 100% against tricky opponents) is to duck the ♥Q. If one (or two) more rounds of hearts is played, your safety play in clubs is now to cash the ♣K, and low to the ♣J!



FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER - BEEFING UP BRIDGE CONVENTIONS

YOUR STAYMAN IS DOUBLED - WHAT NOW?

After you open 1NT and partner bids 2♣ Stayman, sometimes your RHO is able to double to show clubs, getting a lead directing double in. Usually you would just ignore the double and continue normally, but at times when you have very strong clubs such as ♣AQJ85, you may want to suggest 2♣X or 2♣XX as a contract. Or maybe at times you have very few clubs such as ♣xx and you are afraid that the partnership should steer away from 3NT without a club stopper. How should you handle this situation?

There are lots of variations that you can play here, but this is an easy one to remember:

1NT ?	Pass	2♣	X
XX 2♦/2♥/2♠ Pass	Strong suggestion to play in 2♣XX (i.e. you have a good 5-card club holding) As per normal response, but promises a club stopper Denies a club stopper		

After opener passes to deny a club stopper, responder can continue as follows:

1NT Pass*	Pass Pass	2♣ ?	X
		XX 2♦ 2♥/2♠	Re-stayman Weak hand, typically a 4-4-5-0 shape Weak to play, 5/4 majors


After responder redoubles to re-initiate Stayman:

1NT Pass* ?	Pass Pass	2♣ XX	X Pass
2♦ 2♥ 2♠ 2NT	No major 4 spades 4 hearts 4-4 majors		


The reason for the swap in 2♥/2♠ when responder reinitiates Stayman is because if opener has no club stopper, the final contract would be best declared by responder, not the opener. If you want to make it more simple, you can simply just keep natural Stayman responses when responder reinitiates Stayman.


Otherwise, the easiest way to remember this is: After a X of Stayman, bidding = promises a club stopper with natural Stayman responses, XX is suggestion to play in 2♣XX, and Pass denies a club stopper. Over the pass, responder can either sign off in 2x, or XX to reinitiate Stayman and the responses to that are up to you and your partner.


STATE ASSOCIATIONS - UPDATES


	EVENT (QLD)	DATES
	Queensland Youth Bridge Fun Day, Toowong For More INFO: http://www.qldbridge.com/	19 th April 2015


	EVENT (NSW)	DATES
	NSW Youth ITS Trials After school bridge club @ NSWBA is on a break. Email: johnno.newman@gmail.com Web: http://www.nswba.com.au/	17 th May 2015

	EVENT (ACT)	DATES
	ANU Bridge Club regular meetings at ANU Bar ACT Youth ITS Trials Email: youth@bfact.com.au Web: http://www.bfact.com.au/	Mondays 4pm-6pm during term 27 th -29 th March 2015

	EVENT (VIC)	DATES
	After school bridge club @ Waverly Bridge Club, held on Tuesday afternoons (during school term from 4:30pm-6:30pm) Contact: http://www.vba.asn.au/vbaHome.php	

	EVENT (SA)	DATES
	SA Youth ITS Trials Contact: http://www.sabridgefederation.com.au/	11 th -12 th April 2015

	EVENT (WA)	DATES
	WA Youth ITS Trials Contact: http://www.bawa.asn.au/	March(?) 2015

	EVENT (NT)	DATES
	Contact: http://www.ntba.com.au/	

	EVENT (TAS)	DATES
	Contact: http://www.tasbridge.com.au/	