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Peter Hollands and Ben Kingham Win Australian Swiss Pairs!



Winners of the Australian Swiss Pairs: Peter Hollands and Ben Kingham

Congratulations to Peter Hollands and Ben Kingham for taking out the Australian Swiss Pairs in Launceston, Tasmania from of a field of a hundred and ten pairs.

In Memory of Tanya Szatmary

Just after the publication of the previous issue of this bulletin, we learned of the tragic passing of Tanya Szatmary. Tanya had only recently become involved with youth bridge, but was well known to many of us. On behalf of the whole of the Australian youth bridge community, we extend our deepest sympathies to Tanya's family and friends, in particular to her parents Sandra and Stephen. Sandra has kindly provided a very moving obituary for Tanya, which appears on [page 19](#). We encourage everyone to read and reflect upon it, in honour of Tanya's memory.

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PRE-ALERTS!

For 2013			
DATES	EVENT	WHERE	
<u>IAN</u> <u>IAN</u>	Australian Youth Week	Canberra	
12 - 20			
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<u>IAN</u> <u>IAN</u>	Australian Summer Festival	Canberra	
15 - 27			
<u>FEB</u> <u>MAR</u>	Gold Coast Congress	Gold Coast	
23 - 02			
<u>MAR</u> <u>MAR</u>	Australian Swiss Pairs	Hobart, TAS	
23 - 24			

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CHECKBACK (Results)

NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE CONGRESS 26 SEP - 9 OCT, 2012 (Hamilton, New Zealand)

NZ Pairs (Final)	Place	Pair
	1st	Liam Milne - Michael Whibley
	2nd	Ashley Bach - Nathan van Jole

NZ Teams	Place	Team
	1st	TISLEVOLL - Geo Tislevoll, Michael Cornell, Ashley Bach, Martin Reid, Michael Ware, Peter Newell
	2nd	GRANT - Michael Whibley, Liam Milne, Alan Grant, Anthony Kerr

AUSTRALIAN SWISS PAIRS 4 OCT - 7 OCT, 2012 (Launceston, Tasmania)

Swiss Pairs	Place	Pair
	1st	Ben Kingham - Peter Hollands
	17th	Ron Cooper - Rhys Cooper

AUSTRALIAN SPRING NATIONALS 24 OCT - 1 NOV, 2012 (Sydney, New South Wales)

Open Teams	Place	Team
	1st	Ron Klinger, Matt Mullamphy, Bob Richman, Hugh Grovesnor
	=3rd	Sartaj Hans, Andrew Peake, Nye Griffiths, Michael Whibley
	=3rd	Simon Hinge, Kim Morrison, Michael Wilkinson, Griff Ware
	=13th	Susan Humphries, Daniel Braun, William Jenner-O'Shea, Mike Doeke
	=29th	Lauren Travis, Stephen Williams, Jennifer Black, Ella Pattison

AUSTRALIAN SPRING NATIONALS
24 OCT - 1 NOV, 2012 (Sydney, New South Wales)

Dick	Place	Pair
Cummings Open Pairs	1st	Michael Whibley - Andrew Peake

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH TRIATHLON
25 NOV, 2012 (Sydney, New South Wales)

	Place	Pair
Youth Pairs	1st	Leigh Matheson - Cathy Hui
	2nd	Erin Tewes - Bradley Baetz
	3rd	Fraser Rew - Tim Walton
	4th	Edward Burrowes - James Ferguson

GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS
30 NOV - 3 DEC, 2012 (Tweed Heads, New South Wales)

	Place	Team
Teams	=3rd	SYDNEY 3 - Adam Edgtton, Liam Milne, Fraser Rew, Tony Leibowitz, Paul Gosney, Orlando Wu
	=5th	MELBOURNE 2 - Laura Ginnan, Michael Whibley, Maxim Henbest, Ben Kingham
	8th	MELBOURNE 3 - Simon Hinge, Peter Hollands, Thomas Johannsen, Grant Kilvington, Ellena Moskovsky, Angus Munro

	Place	Pair
Pairs	25th	David Thompson and Jamie Thompson
	36th	Simon Hinge - Ellena Moskovsky
	42nd	Garry Khemka -Mary Tough

U25s – 14th WORLD YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, II

By ANDY HUNG, BRISBANE

The quarter and semi finals both consisted of 4x14 board segments, the bronze playoff 3x16 board segments, and the final consisted of 5x16 board segments. In the quarter finals, Netherlands had a 6 IMP carry-forward over Singapore, Israel 10 IMPs over Italy, France 10 IMPs over China, and Australia 10 IMPs over USA-1.

Nabil Edgtton and I sat N/S in the Open Room to play against Owen Lien and Kevin Dwyer. In the Closed Room, Justin Howard and Peter Hollands faced Roger Lee and Raghavendra Rajkumar. Both Australian pairs were playing 2/1 GF (Nabil and I played 1NT = 10-12 in 1st/2nd seat favourable), whilst both Americans were playing a strong club. The first board was a game swing:

QF1, B1

N/Nil

♠ AK983	N	♠ 7
♥ QJT975	W	♥ 62
♦ A3	E	♦ QJT65
♣ - - -	S	♣ KJT65
	♠ QT64	
	♥ K	
	♦ K7	
	♣ Q87432	

Open Room

Kevin Dwyer	Andy Hung	Owen Lien	Nabil Edgtton
W	N	E	S
-	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♥	1NT	Pass	2♣
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Closed Room

Peter Hollands	R. Rajkumar	Justin Howard	Roger Lee
W	N	E	S
-	Pass	Pass	2♣*
3♣	Dbl	3♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Owen was afraid of getting too high so he decided to pass his partner's 2♠ bid. This contract made comfortably for nine tricks. In the Closed Room, Peter and Justin had no trouble bidding their game and this also made comfortably: 7 IMPs to Australia.

On the second board Owen-Kevin bid to 3NT with a combined 23 HCP whilst neglecting their 4-4 spade fit, whereas Peter and Justin stopped in 3♠. 3NT was one off but 3♠ just made as ♠KQxx were offside: 5 IMPs to Australia. Then came a series of flattish boards, until:

QF1, B10

E/All

♠ 3
 ♥ J 5 4
 ♦ AK 8 5
 ♣ T 9 8 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q
 ♥ A T
 ♦ Q J T 9 6 3 2
 ♣ J 4 2

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

Open Room

Kevin Dwyer	Andy Hung	Owen Lien	Nabil Edgton
W	N	E	S
-	-	3♦	3♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	4♣	Dbl	All Pass

Closed Room

Peter Hollands	R. Rajkumar	Justin Howard	Roger Lee
W	N	E	S
-	-	3♦	3♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

I'm not sure why Kevin doubled with such a weak hand. 3♠ for sure is a bloodbath, but the only purpose the double serves is to advertise to the opponents that they're in the wrong strain, and holding such a weak hand you will usually not be surprised to see the opponents escape to a cold 4♣ or, even worse, 4♥! Today was his lucky day when we played in 4♣X minus three for -800. On the other hand, it was quite an unlucky catch for Nabil. He made a great decision to run, only to find out that I had the ♦AK despite the vulnerable 3♦ preempt on his right. 12 IMPs to USA-1.

The next board was an interesting one:

QF1, B11

S/Nil

♠ K J T 5 4
 ♥ K
 ♦ QT 9
 ♣ K J 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7
 ♥ 8 7 4
 ♦ K 7 4 3 2
 ♣ Q 8 7 2

♠ A Q 8 6
 ♥ Q 9 5 2
 ♦ 8 6 5
 ♣ A T

♠ 9 3 2
 ♥ A J T 6 3
 ♦ A J
 ♣ 9 5 4

Open Room

Kevin Dwyer	Andy Hung	Owen Lien	Nabil Edgton
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	Pass
1♦ ¹	1♠	3♣ ²	3♦ ³
Pass	3♥ ⁴	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

Peter Hollands	R. Rajkumar	Justin Howard	Roger Lee
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, Roger was able to open light as 1♥ was limited to 15. Rajkumar was fully aware of the possibility, hence the invite to 2♠ with 13 highs. 2♠ made 9 tricks.

QF1, B11

S/Nil ♠ K J T 5 4
 ♥ K
 ♦ Q T 9
 ♣ K J 6 3

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

Open Room

Kevin Dwyer	Andy Hung	Owen Lien	Nabil Edgtton
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	Pass
1♦ ¹	1♠	3♣ ²	3♦ ³
Pass	3♥ ⁴	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

Peter Hollands	R. Raj-kumar	Justin Howard	Roger Lee
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣ [*]	Pass	2♦ [*]
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

In the Open Room, Nabil passed and Kevin opened a nebulous 1♦. I overcalled 1♠ and Owen jumped to 3♣, showing something like 5-9 with 54 either way in the minors. Nabil showed a good raise with 3♦, I last-trained with 3♥ (a little dubious) and Nabil bid game. The lead was the ♦2 (3rd/5th) so I immediately knew diamonds

were 3[W]-5[E]. With only 6 hearts combined between me and dummy, I then drew the inference that hearts were 4[W]-3[E] because if West had five he would open 1♥ and if East had 4, he would most likely have made a negative double instead. Thus East's most likely distribution was 1=3=5=4 (not 0=3=5=5 since that gives West five spades).

Prospects didn't look too great so I played low on the first trick. When the ♦J won I followed low and decided to lead a low club off dummy. West made the situation easy by rising with the ace and returned the ♣10, which I won with the ♣K. It was now clear to me that East was 1=3=5=4. I unblocked the ♥K, played a diamond to dummy's ace and a spade to the jack which held. I ruffed a diamond low and this was now the position (I had 6 tricks and the opponents had 1 trick):

QF1, B11

S/Nil ♠ K J 5 4
 ♥ - - -
 ♦ - - -
 ♣ J 6

♠ A Q 8 ♠ - - - -
 ♥ Q 9 5 ♥ 8 7
 ♦ - - - ♦ 7 4
 ♣ - - - ♣ Q 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 ♠ - - - -
 ♥ A J T 6 ♥ 8 7
 ♦ - - - ♦ 7 4
 ♣ 9 ♣ Q 8

Open Room

Kevin Dwyer	Andy Hung	Owen Lien	Nabil Edgtton
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	Pass
1♦ ¹	1♠	3♣ ²	3♦ ³
Pass	3♥ ⁴	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

Peter Hollands	R. Raj-kumar	Justin Howard	Roger Lee
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣ [*]	Pass	2♦ [*]
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

I now played the ♠9 from dummy and West was finished.

If West plays the ♠8 I can play low (7th trick), cash the ♥A (8th) discarding a club, ruff a heart (9th) and exit a club to wait for a trump trick (10th).

QF1, B11

S/Nil ♠ K J 5 4
 ♥ - - -
 ♦ - - -
 ♣ J 6

♠ AQ8 ♠ - - -
 ♥ Q95 ♥ 8 7
 ♦ - - - ♦ 7 4
 ♣ - - - ♣ Q 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9
 ♥ A J T 6
 ♦ - - -
 ♣ 9

Open Room

Kevin Dwyer	Andy Hung	Owen Lien	Nabil Edgtton
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	Pass
1♦ ¹	1♠	3♣ ²	3♠ ³
Pass	3♥ ⁴	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

Peter Hollands	R. Raj-kumar	Justin Howard	Roger Lee
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣ [*]	Pass	2♦ [*]
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

If West plays the ♠Q I can win ♠K (7th) and exit with the ♠4. West can have their 2 trump tricks but is endplayed into giving dummy two heart tricks (8th and 9th) with one final trump trick in hand (10th) to come.

Finally, if West plays the ♠A he can either (a) exit with a trump which I can finesse (7th), draw the last trump (8th) and set up a

club trick (9th) as the ♣10 was gone so the J and 9 were now equals, with a trump to come (10th), or (b) exit a heart which gives me two heart tricks (7th and 8th) and now a heart ruff (9th) and ♠K (10th) gives me my contract.

I claimed at that point and that was 7 IMPs to Australia. The final three boards were flat except one overtrick IMP for us, so the score after the first segment was 40-12 (carryover included).

The line ups for the second set was the same as the first with the rooms switched. First board was 6 IMPs to Australia when the partscores played by both USA-1 pairs didn't make. Then a missed vulnerable 3NT by USA-1 cost them 10 IMPs (although 3NT could have been defeated by a different opening lead).

Board 4 was quite interesting. I held a huge 27 count: ♠A ♥AKQJ8 ♦AQ7 ♣AQJ8, and the auction was two passes to me. I opened a strong 2♣, Nabil bid 2♦ waiting, I bid 2♥ puppet to 2♠ (showing 24+NT or GF w/ ♥'s), after which I had a problem. I could treat my hand as balanced (by bidding 2NT), or a single suited hearts (3♦), or hearts and clubs (3♠). The problem with 2NT is that you could miss a good slam opposite say six small clubs and out.

The problem with 3♦ is that it doesn't bring the clubs into the picture (7♣ could be cold on a 4-4 fit).

The problem with 3♠ is that it takes up a lot of bidding room. At the table I decided to show my clubs with 3♠ and Nabil signed off in 4♥.

Although we were in an undiscussed territory, I was confident that if Nabil had wanted to set clubs he would have bid 4♣, and if he wanted to show an average (or better) hand in support of hearts he would have bid 4♦. Therefore his 4♥ bid was the weakest option. I decided to pass this out as I was afraid of facing a balanced Yarborough opposite which the 5 level might be dangerous. In hindsight, I think I should have kicked once more with a cuebid. I guess it is quite possible that Nabil could have a balanced hand with one king (maybe he didn't want to encourage with a 4-3-3-3 and the ♦K) and usually the 5 level should be OK.

At the other table they had a similar auction but my counterpart was able to show their clubs with a 3♥ rebid. His partner then made an encouraging support bid, which propelled them to 6♥. The full deal:

QF2, B4

W/All

♠ K9753	N	♠ A
♥ 9542	W	♥ AKQJ8
♦ JT	E	♦ AQ7
♣ 32	S	♣ AQJ5
		♠ T2
		♥ T63
		♦ K843
		♣ T976

Open Room

Roger Lee	Justin Howard	R. Rajkumar	Peter Hollands
W	N	E	S
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Closed Room

Nabil Edgtton	Kevin Dwyer	Andy Hung	Owen Lien
W	N	E	S
Pass	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	Pass	Pass

The play is quite interesting on a spade lead. Rajkumar wasn't put to the test as Peter led a diamond so that was an easy 12 tricks. At my table they led a trump: I drew three rounds, sneaked a diamond through with small to the J and finessed in clubs to make 13 tricks, holding the loss to 12 IMPs instead of 13 on the assumption that the other table bid and made the slam. It appears that both Nabil and myself were a bit pessimistic on this board.

Two part score swings to us followed, then a huge disaster for USA-1:

QF2, B7

S/All

♠ 3	N	♠ K9765
♥ KJ9654	W	♥ 2
♦ KJ65	E	♦ 743
♣ 95	S	♣ AQJ2
		♠ AQT842
		♥ Q8
		♦ A98
		♣ 83

Open Room

Roger Lee	Justin Howard	R. Rajkumar	Peter Hollands
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	1♠
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

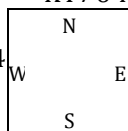
Closed Room

Nabil Edgtton	Kevin Dwyer	Andy Hung	Owen Lien
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	1NT
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

QF2, B7

S/All

♠ J
 ♥ AT73
 ♦ QT2
 ♣ KT764
 ♠ 3
 ♥ KJ9654
 ♦ KJ65
 ♣ 95
 ♠ K9765
 ♥ 2
 ♦ 743
 ♣ AQJ2
 ♠ AQT842
 ♥ Q8
 ♦ A98
 ♣ 83



Open Room

Roger Lee Peter Hollands R. Raj-kumar Justin Howard

W	N	E	S
-	-	-	1♠
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Closed Room

Nabil Edgtton Kevin Dwyer Andy Hung Owen Lien

W	N	E	S
-	-	-	1NT
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

It usually isn't a good sign when both tables are playing in the same contract by the same team. In the Open Room there was a difference in style from the vulnerable 2♥ overcall (which determined the [non]forcing nature of 3♦) and Justin was able to punish this. Peter led the ♥Q and declarer inevitably went four off for 1100.

In the Closed Room Owen decided to open a *very* off-shape 14-16 1NT and this also led them to 3NT after Nabil had shown his single suiter in hearts. This also went four off which amounted to a huge 17 IMPs to Australia. That was all of the excitement for this segment and at the end of it we were leading by 85-28.

The Americans fielded their third pair (Mitch Towner - Marius Agica) for the third segment (as did we with Liam-Adam) and suffice to say it wasn't a very interesting set. On board 2 we gained 14 IMPs in 6♠ when all I had to do was to take a club finesse with ♣1085 opposite ♣AKJ9 where the other table went down, presumably taking the anti-percentage line of cashing ♣AK in an attempt to create a swing.

On board 5 Nabil and I had a misunderstanding of a double. I held ♠Q ♥AJ8 ♦AKQ72 ♣10754 in second seat favourable. I opened 1♦ showing either 4+♦ or 16+NT with 2+♦ (due to 1NT opening being 9-12 in this spot), Nabil responded 1♠, I rebid 2♣, Nabil bids 2♦ and now suddenly my RHO came in with 2♥. I could have now bid a natural 2NT showing extra values but I didn't want to commit to declaring if defending was in the picture (say if Nabil had a 5=4=2=2 hand) with vulnerable opponents and all. I now doubled as I was pretty sure Nabil would understand this as showing extra values with 2=2=5=4 or 1=3=5=4. Unfortunately Nabil interpreted the double differently and passed so we defended 2♥X which made two overtricks costing 15 IMPs.

Board 9 was a slam swing to USA-1 when it required trumps (♥KQ87 opp J965) to be somewhat friendly but also the spades for no loser from ♠AK10832 opp 765 when an opponent had preempted 3♣. 13 IMPs to USA1. The rest of the set was quite dull so we had lost this set 19-34 bringing the total to 104-62 to Australia.

For the next segment USA-1 stuck with the same line up (Dwyer-Lien, Towner-Agica) and we fielded Hung-Edgtton, Howard-Hollands. Adam and Liam had played quite well in the third set but Dave and Smirny probably thought that given that we had won the first and second segments, we would go back to that same line up to hopefully secure the victory.

The fourth and final set turned out to be a very wild one. It began with board 1 when Nabil played a 3NT contract very nicely to gain 11 IMPs when the other table failed by two. Two flattish boards followed and then came board 4. I was in third seat all vulnerable holding ♠Q93 ♥8 ♦K874 ♣AK986 as I heard Pass-1♠ over to me.

It seems like an OK hand to overcall 2♣ but I decided against this because of the horrible spade holding, and also the fact that we're vulnerable and partner's a passed hand. The auction continued 1NT on my left, pass by partner, and my RHO bid 2♣ Gazzilli, showing either 11-15 with natural clubs or any 16+ hand. Rightly or wrongly I decided to double this, and this was instantly redoubled by my LHO and then there were two passes back to me. I passed as my original double said I wanted to be in this spot and now the question was what to lead - it was either a club to draw the enemy's trumps or a diamond to opt for a forcing defence. I opted for the latter:

QF4, B4

W/All

♠AKJT6	♠Q93
♥AJ96	♥8
♦Q9	♦K874
♣43	♣AK986

♠8742	N	♠Q93
♥Q4	W	♥8
♦AJ653	E	♦K874
♣T2	S	♣AK986

♠5	♠Q93
♥KT7532	♥8
♦T2	♦K874
♣QJ75	♣AK986

Open Room

Kevin Dwyer	Justin Howard	Owen Lien	Peter Hollands
W	N	E	S
Final contract: 2♥S +3			

Closed Room

Nabil Edgton	Mitch Towner	Andy Hung	Marius Agica
W	N	E	S
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Dbl	Rdbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The opening lead turned out to be irrelevant. After a diamond to the ace and a diamond back to the king, I was now able to draw some trumps and tap dummy with a diamond. Declarer tried to restrict his losses by taking a spade finesse so this contract went four off. Why did South redouble you ask - I don't know and I did not care as I was writing down +2200 for the first time in my life.

Two boards later I had to lead from ♠AK ♥9632 ♦974 ♣A1093 on the auction 1NT (15-17)-3NT. Given my abundance of HCP and three low diamonds (likely the opponent's source of tricks), I figured I needed to make an aggressive lead and opted for the ♣10. In hindsight I probably should have chosen the ♠A to keep control and take a look a dummy. This turned out to be a highly unsuccessful lead because the spades could now not be unblocked in time as Nabil had ♠Q10532 ♥107 ♦A65 ♣J65 and had his ♦A knocked out (yes, the opponents only had 22 HCP combined as they were trying to play catch up bridge given the 2200 earlier).

The next board was an interesting one. I held ♠AK105 ♥98765 ♦Q973 ♣--- in third seat nil. Two passes came around to me and I had a problem. I was definitely going to open (light 3rd seat non-vul openings and all) but what to open was the question. 1♥ seemed weird with 98765 as I had a better lead director with ♠AK105, but 1♠ may create more problems later in the auction as to my suit length in spades and hearts. 1♦ gets a bit of both the worlds of constructive and destructive purposes but in the end I decided 1♥ would give the least distortion - and as Smirny says, "no lie about majors!" My LHO passed, Nabil raised to 2♥, and my RHO bid 2NT showing both minors. I now thought about bidding 3♥ as I wanted to be declaring but I didn't want to create big disasters, so I passed. Besides, I didn't want to bid my 98765 again! My LHO bid 3♣ and this became the contract, which made 9 tricks.

At the other table, however, the auction proceeded in a similar manner but my counterpart did bid 3♥. How did that turn out? The full deal:

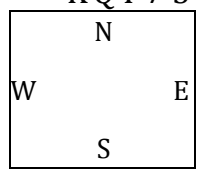
QF4, B8

W/Nil

♠ 8 6 3	♠ AKT 5
♥ 2	♥ 9 8 7 6 5
♦ K J 8 6	♦ Q 9 7 3
♣ KQT 7 5	♣ - - -

♠ Q 9	♠ AKT 5
♥ J 4 3	♥ 9 8 7 6 5
♦ AT 4 2	♦ Q 9 7 3
♣ J 9 8 2	♣ - - -

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



Open Room

Kevin Dwyer	Justin Howard	Owen Lien	Peter Hollands
W	N	E	S
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	2NT*	3♥	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Closed Room

Nabil Edgton	Mitch Towner	Andy Hung	Marius Agica
W	N	E	S
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	2NT*	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Peter was (quite) happy to double the 3♥ contract and this had to go four off. This was 13 IMPs to Australia and effectively sealed the nail in the coffin.

The Americans were then able to salvage 28 more IMPs to our 11 on the final six boards. There was a cool suit combination on one of them. Our opponents needed to play the heart suit ♥Q762 opposite ♥AJ4 for three winners. Low to the Jack held with the ♥9 dropping after the Jack. The winning play is to now lead the ♥Q to squash an original ♥98 or ♥109 holding but he had missed it.

We had won our quarter finals against USA-1, 160-99 IMPs. In the other matches, Netherlands defeated Singapore 165-81, Israel defeated Italy 165-142, and China defeated France 213-103.

Because Netherlands won the round robin they were able to pick who to play in the Semi-Finals. They chose to play us, which gave them a 10 IMP carry forward due to the heads up match from the round robin.

Nabil and I sat N/S in the Closed Room to play against Berend van den Bos and Joris van Lankveld, whilst Adam and Liam in the Open Room were up against Aarnout Helmich and Gerbrand Hop.

Board 1 was a system loss for us. I held ♠AJ742 ♥KQJ5 ♦K10 ♣Q5 and Nabil had ♠K8 ♥10762 ♦94 ♣AKJ103. I opened 1♠ and the next opponent doubled. Nabil decided to show his clubs via a 1NT transfer and I had a problem. We did not have an extensive set of continuations, so my choice was down to 2♣ or 2♥. I decided to bid 2♣ because if Nabil had a decent hand with clubs and hearts he might've redoubled and also because 2♥ sounds less encouraging than 2♣ in terms of how much I like clubs (not that 2♣ suggested I liked them, but 2♥ would usually imply at most a doubleton in clubs). Nabil completed his plan with 2♠, which showed a constructive hand with a doubleton spade, and as per my reasoning before, I jumped to 3NT not wanting to give any more information away. Unfortunately I did not expect Nabil to hold the hand that he held - this was 11 imps out when it was two off and the other table found 4♥ (uncontested auction) making ten tricks.

Board 5 was a good decision made by Berend van den Bos when he held ♠AJ ♥104 ♦J10864 ♣KJ93 in second seat favourable. His RHO opened 1♦, he passed, his LHO bid 1♥, his partner preempted with 3♠ and RHO raised to 4♥. Bos now saved with 4♠ which Adam did not replicate in the other room so that was another 11 IMPs to Netherlands.

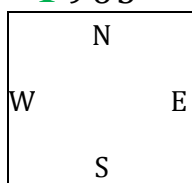
There were a few unlucky part score swings to the Dutch, then came this board:

SF1, B10

E/All

♠KT854
♥642
♦J2
♣965

♠J62
♥Q8
♦8743
♣J874



♠AQ973
♥AJ
♦965
♣A32

♠----
♥KT9753
♦AKQT
♣KQT

Open Room

Liam Milne	Aarnout Helmich	Adam Edgton	Gerbrand Hop
W	N	E	S
-	-	1♥	1♠
Pass	3♠	Dbl	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Closed Room

Joris v. Lankveld	Andy Hung	B. vd Bos	Nabil Edgton
W	N	E	S
-	-	1♥	1♠
Pass	3♠	Dbl	Rdbl
3NT*	Pass	4♦	All Pass

Nabil threw in a strength redouble, which gave the opponents more manoeuvrability, but it appeared to have given them too much room to manoeuvre. Both contracts made 11 tricks and 11 badly needed IMPs for Australia.

A partscore swing to the Dutch and an overtrick exchanged both ways concluded the first set. We were down 46-13 (including the carry over) with 42 boards to go.

In the second set, Nabil and I were E/W in the Open Room to play against Aarnout Helmich-Gerbrand Hop whilst Justin Howard - Peter Hollands were in the Closed to face Chris Westerbeek - Ernst Wackwitz.

Unfortunately the second set didn't start off well either. On the first board I held ♠K3 ♥5 ♦AQ10965 ♣10763 in second seat nil. My RHO opened 1♥, I overcalled 2♦, LHO jumped to 4♥ and Nabil, holding ♠AJ9862 ♥762 ♦32 ♣Q5, not unreasonably bid 4♠. This was passed around to my LHO who doubled the final contract. Nabil read the cards perfectly to go two off whilst at the other table Justin was declaring in 4♥ and had to go off after a misguess. 8 IMPs to Netherlands.

Two boards later Nabil and I held ♠J986 ♥A8 ♦AQ92 ♣Q104 and ♠10543 ♥KQ63 ♦KJ5 ♣K8 respectively, and bid up to the unmakeable 4♠. At the other table, Justin was able to overcall 1♠ on a 4 card suit of ♠AK72 at favourable vulnerability and this steered the opponents away from the doomed 4♠ contract into the making 3NT. 13 IMPs to Netherlands.

Three flat boards followed, then came a successful slam swing to Australia that required a non-spade lead. The Dutch led a trump for 13 IMPs back to Australia.

Then there were two more boards where you had to guess whether to play in 3NT or 4M. On the first one, Aarnout-Gerbrand bid to 3NT with ♠A107632 ♥QJ5 ♦J8 ♣A8 opposite ♠84 ♥K3 ♦AKQ932 ♣963, via 1♠-2♦[GF]; 2♠[catch-all]-3♦; 3NT-Pass, whereas Justin-Peter bid 1♠-2♦[GF]; 2♠(6+♠)-3♠; 4♣-4♦; 4♠-Pass. 3NT made whilst 4♠ did not; 10 IMPs to Netherlands.

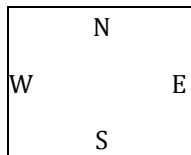
This was the second one:

SF2, B11

S/Nil

♠ K T 6
♥ Q J 6 3
♦ K 9 3
♣ A K T

♠ J 9 8 5
♥ A 7 4
♦ J T 8
♣ 7 6 5



♠ Q 7 3 2
♥ - - -
♦ A Q 4 2
♣ Q J 9 8 4

♠ A 4
♥ K T 9 8 5 2
♦ 7 6 5
♣ 3 2

Open Room

Nabil Edgtton	Aarnout Helmich	Andy Hung	Gerbrand Hop
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	2♥
Pass	3NT	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Closed Room

Ernst Wackwitz	Justin Howard	Chris W-esterbeek	Peter Hollands
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1NT	Dbl	4♦*
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

In the Open Room, I made a frisky double partly because I wouldn't mind playing in 4m or defending 4♥, but there was also a slight chance that we might be stolen blind from by the 3NT bid.

SF2, B11

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

Open Room

	Nabil Edgton	Aarnout Helmich	Andy Hung	Gerbrand Hop
	W	N	E	S
	-	-	-	2♥
	Pass	3NT	Dbl	Pass
	Pass	Pass		

Closed Room

	Ernst Wackwitz	Justin Howard	Chris Westerbeek	Peter Hollands
	W	N	E	S
	-	-	-	Pass
	Pass	1NT	Dbl	4♦*
	Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
	Pass			

I led the ♣Q and saw ♣2-7-A. Declarer then played the ♥Q and this was my [kill point](#). I wish I was writing this under better circumstances but I do not quite remember what my thinking process was. Pressure and fear (declarer was serious about his 3NT bid) got to me so I probably wrongly assumed declarer had ♥AQx and we could defeat the contract via 1♥+1♦+3♣ (assuming declarer knocks a heart out) so I discarded an encouraging diamond whilst saying *sayonara* to our setting trick.

In the Closed Room, Westerbeek's double of 1NT showed 4M5+m and he led the ♣Q against Justin's 4♥ contract. Justin then led the ♥J on which West erred and ducked. This is quite a cute board because Justin could now make his contract. He needed to eliminate the spades, play a club to the K and exit the ♣10 to discard a diamond from dummy. Since East was marked with the ♣J from the opening lead and West had to follow to the third round of clubs (i.e. cannot ruff to overtake that trick), East would be endplayed.

Instead, Justin drew the remaining trumps (West continued a club after the ♥A), eliminated both black suits and played a diamond to his King. This would work if East held bare ♦A, or ♦AQ tight, or if West had ♦Qx, or no diamonds higher than the 9, or if West was caught napping without inserting a diamond higher than the 9. This wasn't to be, so that was another 12 IMPs to Netherlands.

Board 13 was a double game swing which gave us a helpful 16 IMPs:

BRIDGE TRIVIA!

(Answers on page 31)

1. Name 5 venues that youth week has been held at?
2. What colour system is forcing pass?
3. What colour system is precision?
4. In what year did Australia win its only medal at a World Youth Team Championships?
5. Which card is known as "the beer card" ?

SF2, B13

N/All

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	♥ K Q J										
	♦ A 9 7 3 2										
	♣ 9 7 5 3										

Open Room

Nabil Edgton	Aarnout Helmich	Andy Hung	Gerbrand Hop
W	N	E	S
-	Pass	Pass	1♦
4♠	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Closed Room

Ernst Wackwitz	Justin Howard	Chris W-esterbeek	Peter Hollands
W	N	E	S
-	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dbl	3♠	Dbl
4♠	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

In the Open Room, Nabil overcalled 4♠ on his first chance to act and played there doubled. A perfect dummy gave him ten easy tricks.

In the Closed Room, Ernst opted for the slower approach of a 1♠ overcall. This gave Justin and Peter enough bidding space to bid up to 5♣. Ernst led his singleton heart: Peter won and played on trumps. Ernst won the second round of trumps and switched to a diamond, which was now too late. Peter won with the ♦A, unblocked his ♠A, drew the last trump and unblocked his hearts. He now exited a diamond and West was forced to win and give a ruff and sluff.

This was the last board:

SF2, B14

E/Nil

	♠ K T 7										
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Open Room

Nabil Edgton	Aarnout Helmich	Andy Hung	Gerbrand Hop
W	N	E	S
-	-	Pass	1NT
Pass	Pass	2♥*	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Closed Room

Ernst Wackwitz	Justin Howard	Chris W-esterbeek	Peter Hollands
W	N	E	S
-	-	Pass	1NT
Dbl*	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Desperate for IMPs Nabil raised my 2♥ (♥+minor) to game. Gerbrand led the ♦K after which I was able to cross ruff for ten tricks. In the other room Ernst doubled 1NT to show 4M5+m and they rested in 2♠ for one off. This gave us another 10 IMPs.

We had won this set by one IMP, which gave us some hope.

The third set saw Adam-Liam facing Berend-Joris with Justin-Peter against Ernst-Chris.

The first two boards saw two partscore swings exchanged to both sides, then followed two flat boards, then came a wild deal:

SF3, B5
N/N-S

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

♠ - - -
♥ K Q 6 4 2
♦ K T 9 7 5 2
♣ A 8

Open Room

Liam Milne	B. vd Bos	Adam Edgton	Joris Lankveld
W	N	E	S
-	1♣	2♠	3♦*
4♠	Pass	Pass	6♦
Pass	6♥	Dbl	All Pass

3♦*=5+♥'s

Closed Room

Chris W-esterbeek	Justin Howard	Ernst Wackwitz	Peter Hollands
W	N	E	S
4♥S+2			

In the Open Room Adam, not unreasonably, doubled 6♥ to prevent Liam sacrificing because of the vulnerability. Unfortunately Justin and Peter didn't get to slam (6♦ is better than 6♥) so that was 14 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Two boards later Justin and Peter bid to an unsuccessful slam while the Dutch stopped low, so that was another 13 IMPs out. Sadly it was just a downhill road from there (I will spare you the gore) and the Dutch came out ahead 67-7 in that set. The match was now basically over since the total score was 155-63 with 14 boards to play. Recovering 92 IMPs in a 16 board match isn't unheard of, but this was a 14 board match so it was near impossible to accumulate this deficit.

Not willing to give up, however, we decided to play the final 14 boards to test our ability to swing. There were some good and some bad, and obviously we didn't hit our mark but ultimately it turned out to be quite an enjoyable set (and it actually did give a fright to our opponents).

There were four consecutive slam boards in a row. The first one was when Nabil held ♠J432 ♥A ♦AJ ♣AKQ1043 and I had ♠AQ109 ♥10964 ♦102 ♣J86. My LHO opened a weak 2♥, Nabil doubled, my RHO raised to 3♥, I bid 3♠, Nabil launched into keycard and jumped to 6♠ when I showed 1 keycard, without even asking for the queen (rightly so, else they would have been able to double the queen-ask for the lead). My LHO led a heart so I made 12 tricks (♠K865 was offside) as it takes a diamond lead to defeat it.

The second slam was in our opponents' direction. One opponent had ♠AKQ87 ♥A65 ♦K96 ♣AQ and their partner had ♠J10532 ♥9 ♦Q1072 ♣J96. Both tables were in 6♠ and both misguessed the ♦J so it was one off for a flat board.

The third slam was in our opponents' direction again. One opponent held ♠AK10876 ♥Q10754 ♦K5 ♣--- and their partner had ♠J ♥A32 ♦A84 ♣AKQ1086. 6♥ was declared by our opponent with the 6♠5♥ hand on the ♦Q lead. He won in dummy and played a low heart. Nabil with ♥K98 played the ♥9 smoothly and for whatever reason our Dutch declarer played the queen. Unfortunately Justin and Peter were swinging a little too much and ended up in 7♥ which had zero chance.

The fourth slam was bid by Nabil and myself.

SF4, B6, E/E-W

♠AK53	N	♠87
♥KQ9872	W	♥AJ
♦7	E	♦A652
♣J2	S	♣AT975

N. Edgton A. Hung

W	E
-	1♣
1♦*	2♣*
2♦*	2♥
4♦*	4♠*
5♥*	5♠*
6♥	

1♦ showed 4+♥ and I decided to rebid 2♣ on the off chance that we belonged in 3NT from Nabil's side. My 2♥ showed a doubleton heart, 4♦ was a splinter, 4♠ RKCB and 5♠ confirmed all keycards. South led the ♦J and I had a few possible lines. After a bit of contemplation I decided that a cross ruff/trump reduction would give me the best chance so I won the ♦A and trumped a diamond immediately. Two rounds of spades and the third spade ruffed was followed by another diamond ruff. Fourth spade ruffed with the ♥A was followed by the fourth diamond ruffed. Dummy was down to ♥KQ9 ♣J2 so I cashed the ♥K (both opponents followed), club to the ace and exited a club. South ruffed in and played a low trump on which I finessed the 9 successfully, just making.

We had lost the last set 68-48, which brought out the total to be 223-111 in favour of the Netherlands. Israel had defeated China 181-107 so the playoff was going to be Australia vs. China and the final Netherlands vs. Israel.

Sorry to report but nothing good happened in the playoff. China defeated us 67-5 in the first set, we defeated them 72-42 in the second set, and defeated them again 40-28 in the third set. In addition to our 6.5 carry forward we had lost 137-126.5 IMPs.

I would like to thank Dave Thompson for being such an awesome captain, and Alex Smirnov for being an invaluable coach. I would also like to thank the ABF for giving us the opportunity and we deeply regret that we could not bring back home a medal! With the upcoming improvement of our U20 team there may yet still be hope in the near future.

(A large group photo of most participants can be seen on [page 24](#))



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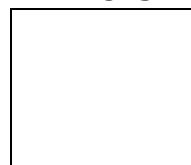
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FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER [DECLARER PLAY]

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

♦10



♠ A K J
 ♥ K J 5 4
 ♦ A Q 9
 ♣ K 3 2

South to make 6NT.
 Opening lead is ♦10.

Solution on Page 31



Do you have a bidding problem? Then ask our expert, Andy Hung at [What Should I Bid?](#)

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The ABF Youth Website is moving! 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 but don't worry, unlike the previous attempts this one will actually have regular updates! Stay tuned ☺





OBITUARY

TANYA ANNE SZATMARY
(16.08.1982 – 29.09.2012)

Tanya was born on 16th August 1982, our second child, and only daughter. As a quiet independent girl, Tanya attended primary school at both Taren Point and Oyster Bay schools. In year 4, she started at SCEGGS Darlinghurst, where she was a talented student. Ultimately, she did very well in the HSC, earning a place at Wollongong University to study for a Bachelor of Commerce. Tanya topped her Uni classes and eventually majored in Human Resources, a field in which she could realise her desire to help people.

Her first job in HR was at Metcash and, after two years, she moved on to the Arab Bank. Later she became an HR Advisor for Marsh Insurance. Apart from her career, Tanya had been involved in many sports: she was a good swimmer, and played competitive water polo, hockey and netball. She loved animals and was involved in animal rescue through the WIRES group. Tanya was extremely fond of her dog, “Rosie”, an English Staffie, who now lives with us. As a qualified PADI SCUBA diver she was fascinated by the various species of fish and marine life.

Tanya became involved in the bridge world when she took beginners lessons with Ed Barnes back in February 2011. She took to the game of bridge like a duck to water, as I guessed she would since she had a father (Steve) and grandfather (Les) who had both been prominent players in their time. Every night she was online playing bridge, asking her dad for tuition and guidance; all she wanted for her birthday were bridge books. She continued playing at the Bridge Association in the Sydney CBD in the intermediate sessions. On Mondays, she and her dad played at the Port Hacking Bridge Club, which was the closest club to home. Then she started playing in congresses and won the first teams’ event she entered – the Illawarra Congress – an astonishing feat for a new player! Tanya was also involved in youth bridge, having attended the 2012 Youth Week, and had several friends within the Australian youth bridge community.

Sadly, Tanya's life ended on Saturday, 29th September 2012. Whilst the cause of death may be recorded as suicide by asphyxiation, the truth is that Tanya died of a terrible, insidious disease – clinical depression. Many people find clinical depression hard to understand, as they have had little or no contact with this illness. At her funeral I described her as "too gentle for this world". Indeed, this is a perfect portrayal of Tanya and we need to accept that her torment and unhappiness are now over. As difficult as it seems, we should be content that she is now at peace and rest. In her letter that she left for us, Tanya stated that she thought she did a good job of hiding how twisted her life was. She constantly told people that she was OK but she really felt she did not belong in this world. She felt no one understood her.

Tanya wrote she woke up every day and thought, "What am I going to do today to take my mind off it?" (I'm not sure if she meant suicide or her depression.) Tanya also wrote that she had been thinking her decision through for many years and that it was not an irrational or rash decision made when upset. In fact, she states that she is calm whilst writing. The outpouring of grief and emotion has overwhelmed all of us. It is only natural that we say "if only Tanya could have seen her funeral service, the large number gathered there, and the large number who could not attend thinking of her elsewhere, she may have realised how much she was loved, cherished and respected". Well, this is not completely true: Tanya must have been aware of our feelings, she just couldn't accept the facts. This is symptomatic of people with depression. We need to remember her and think of her as the lovely, caring person she was. Despite Tanya's problems, she had great concern and compassion for those around her. She would always try to help others despite the inner turmoil she must have been experiencing. To quote from an email received from a work colleague: "None of us were aware of Tanya's suffering, she deflected attention and focused her energy on helping those around her, including me".

We urge you to learn more about clinical depression so that you may recognise it in friends and family. Whilst for some people it may be virtually incurable, it is treatable. People need to understand that depression is not just someone going through a bad time in their life and something they can "snap out of".

Depression is a mental health issue and, unfortunately, it is on the increase. People with depression need our understanding of what they are going through and our support. A much broader social awareness of the various issues faced by those with depression is required, in order that others like Tanya will feel better understood, gain the perspective needed to reach out to others, and stop hiding their true feelings.

With Tanya's passing, the world has lost a beautiful person. And the bridge world is not going to get that great player who I believe she would have become.

– Sandy Szatmary



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Obituary (Page 19-21)



ONE AT REST

Think of me as one at rest – for me you should not weep;
I have no pain, no troubled thoughts, for I am just asleep.
The living, thinking me that was, is now forever still,
And life goes on without me, as time forever will.

So, if your heart is heavy now, because I've gone away,
Dwell not long upon it, friend, for none of us can stay.
Those of you who liked me, I sincerely thank you all;
And those of you who loved me, I thank you most of all.

And in my fleeting lifespan, as time went rushing by,
I found some time to hesitate – to laugh, to love, to cry.
It matters not how time began, nor if that time will cease;
I was here – I used it all – and now I am at peace.

– Anon.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST - A MEMORABLE HAND

By BARBARA TRAVIS, ADELAIDE

You pick up the following hand:

♠ ---
 ♥ AKJT98765432
 ♦ ---
 ♣ 6

What do you bid?

Did you make the practical bid of 6♥ or did you try to find out whether partner had the ♣A?

[In case you didn't know, there is a convention that you can play where a 4NT opening asks partner to respond their *specific* aces with the responses of -
 5♣ = No aces, 5♦/5♥/5♠ = That ace, 5NT = Any two aces, 6♣ = ♣A]

Sean Bentley provided me with this gem from long past in which he was playing a teams match. At the other table his teammate opened with a practical 6♥ bid, which was unwisely doubled and wisely redoubled. This was worth 1620 (not vulnerable).

At his table his RHO, who held the hand above, opened the bidding with 4NT, the specific ace ask. Sean, next to act, held:

♠ AKxx
 ♥ ---
 ♦ AJT84
 ♣ AKxx

It was clear from Sean's hand that his right-hand opponent held endless hearts ...

Not many pairs would have discussed a defence to a 4NT opening bid, however Sean doubled to indicate strength. His LHO, given the opportunity not to bid, passed, and Sean's partner opted to respond 5♦. When RHO next bid 6♥ it seemed obvious to Sean that they held 12 solid hearts. Meantime, partner had good diamonds ... so Sean bid 7♦, again doubled and redoubled. (The partner of the 4NT opener assumed his partner had some defence - incorrectly.) 7♦XX was worth 2660.

The grand total of +4280 is worth 24 IMPs, the maximum IMPs one can gain on a single board. I must say I am yet to achieve this result!

Andy's response to Barbara Travis' article above:

We (the QLD Youth team at the Darwin ANC this year) did come close to achieving the target of 24 IMPs! Here was the board:

R7, B7

S/All

♠ 8	N	♠ KQ964
♥ 4		♥ AQJ62
♦ AKQJ97	W	♦ 653
♣ AKT74	E	♣ - - -
	S	
		♠ - - -
♠ AJT7532		♥ T9753
♥ K8		♦ T82
♦ 4		♣ Q8632
♣ J95		

Open Room

Angus Munro	Nathan van Jole	Ella Pattison	Thomas Wix
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	Pass
3♠	Dbl	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♣	Dbl	All Pass

Closed Room

Jessica Brake	Ellena Moskovsky	Andy Hung	Jamie Thompson
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	Pass
2♠	4NT	5♠	6♣
Pass	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

In the Open Room, Nathan decided to take the “text book” approach by doubling then bidding his two suits, knowing that his bids wouldn't be misunderstood (like an undiscussed 4NT etc. might be). He certainly got his chance to show both his minors and stood his ground in 6♣X rather than correcting back to his six solid-ish diamonds (though irrelevant).

In the Closed Room, I had a feeling that this was a wildly distributional deal and thus had no idea who was making what. Knowing that even 7♠(!) could be cold on a club lead and a successful heart finesse, I took out the “insurance” in 6♠.

Both contracts made 12 tricks as 6♣X= was worth +1540 and 6♠X= was worth +1660. This “only” amounted up to 3200 for just 22 IMPs. I was able to calculate that, in order to obtain the targeted 24 IMPs with a total combined 4000 points (or more), the 6♠X contract needed to be redoubled and also be allowed to make an overtrick (e.g. on a club lead rather than a diamond lead).



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AUSTRALIAN YOUTH TRIATHLON

By FRASER REW, SYDNEY

The Youth Triathlon was advertised for Sydney for the weekend of 24–25 November. Unfortunately, there was sufficient interest for only the Pairs on the Sunday, and even then, there were only two tables. Final placings were:

1. Cathy Hui - Leigh Matheson
2. Bradley Baetz - Erin Tewes
3. Fraser Rew - Tim Walton
4. Ed Burrows - James Ferguson

When I was deciding whom to pair up with whom, it was a bit difficult, until I remembered that Erin liked playing with people called Bradley. Bradley and Tim were both new to youth bridge, and Ed and James' Uni commitments mean that they can't play very often, so at least we got a few people playing youth bridge who haven't done so much in the past.

Tim was playing his second organised bridge game ever, so he and I were playing a very basic system, the highlight/novelty of which was getting to open a Strong Two (we got to the same making game as the other table): my first since I was playing in the supervised game in my first year of bridge. I also realised too late the disadvantages of giving poor advice to trusting partners, after this exchange:

Me: "OK ... so what opening leads do you play?"

Partner: " ... "

Me: "Right. If you have an honour sequence, lead top of that. If you have honours, but not a sequence, lead your lowest card in the suit. If you don't have an honour, lead your highest."

This seemed like good general advice, which I could refine later on (fourth-best, MUD, etc.). On Board Three, I preempted in spades with ♠Q1098xxx, partner led the ♠6 against 4♥, and dummy tracked with ♠K J x. Declarer slotted the Jack and I played the Queen - which won! We got it two off, to win the board. As I reconstructed the suit, I realised that partner had ♠A6 doubleton, and was just leading smallest from a suit with an honour, as instructed. Luckily, I hadn't got as far as leading top of a doubleton, and not underleading Aces against suits.

With a round to go, the eventual 1st and 2nd were tied, and playing each other, as were 3rd and 4th, and the arrow switch meant that nobody was reliant on one pair at the other table doing well. A couple of my thin games happened to make, which was enough for us to hang on for third.

Thanks to those who did take part, and also to Matt McManus, who directed the event at no cost. I'd like to say that we'll see you next year, but, well, maybe we need to blood more Sydney players and see you back here in a few years' time.

GNOT

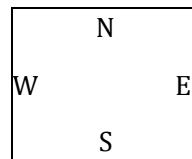
By ELLENA MOSKOVSKY, MELBOURNE

Last weekend was the GNOT final. Two teams from Victoria ventured to Queensland to enjoy the sunshine, drink some beers and play some bridge. Our team was Peter Hollands - Grant Kilvington, Simon Hinge - Thomas Johannsen and Angus Munro - myself. The format of the GNOT teams is unique to any other tournament in Australia, being a knockout event. 64 teams from all over Australia play a 10 round knockout, of either 14 or 28 boards. The losers from each match enter the repechage - a Swiss.

Our team survived the first round, playing a team from QLD. The second round, however, we played a team from the Hunter (my own home town!), with whom I was quite familiar. After the first round of 14 boards, we were 5 imps down, and after a close second round, we were exactly tied! As this doesn't happen particularly often, we weren't sure of the protocol to solve the situation. Turned out, ties are broken by a two board playoff :/ Memories of the Cliff Wake popped into mind ...

The first board, after a long and stressful 5-6 minutes, turned out to be flat:

♠ Q x x x
♥ A Q x x x x
♦ x x
♣ x



♠ A K x
♥ K x x
♦ x x
♣ A Q x x x

Auction:

W	N (Gus)	E	S (Me)
			1NT
Pass	2♦	Dbl	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Gus and I had a natural auction to 4♥ [Ed: sic. El ♦s transfers so much, they're natural.] On the way my RHO doubled 2♦ for the lead, so unfortunately they took the first two diamond tricks (if they hadn't I had good chances of making 12), then RHO switched to a club. I now needed to decide what to do. If spades and hearts don't break, I will lose two diamonds and a heart (or go one off in the worst case scenario of a 4-0 trump break).

I can take a club finesse now and have a 50% chance of making 11 tricks (barring a 4-0 trump break). But I am in a two board playoff, so every imp is crucial, so I decided hoping for clubs 4-3 was better than 50%. I took the ♣A, ruffed a club, played a heart to the K (both opponents following) and ruffed another club. RHO dropped the ♣K on the third round so I was able to draw trumps and claim for 11 tricks. This pretty basic hand took me about 4 minutes to play.

At the other table a club was led so declarer had a much easier time taking 11 tricks (yes 12 is possible, but they haven't been through a Cliff Wake challenge before).

The next board proved to be more interesting, and took even longer to play! The opponents got to 2NT after West had shown 18-19 balanced:

♠ A Q J x	N	♠ 8 x x x	Auction:
♥ A x x	W E	♥ Q T 9 x	
♦ A J	S	♦ T 9	W N (Gus) E S (Me)
♣ K x x x		♣ x x x	2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass
		♠ x x	
		♥ J x x	
		♦ K Q 7 4 3	
		♣ A x x	

Gus led the ♦6, which went to the T, Q and A. Now, declarer played the ♠J, which was ducked all round, cashed the ♠A then exited the ♠Q, Gus winning the trick. Now Gus played the ♦2 to my K, and I returned the ♦3, hoping that he didn't need the extra hint to unblock. After declarer pitched a club - and what seemed like an eternity to me! - Gus finally played the ♦8, and returned the 5 to my hand allowing me to cash the last diamond. On the diamonds, declarer pitched a club, a spade and a heart from hand, and three clubs from dummy.

From the pitches there was a slight possibility that declarer had discarded down to a blank ♣K so I cashed ♣A and continued with another club, declarer's ♣K winning on the second round. Declarer now exited with a third club endplaying Gus to lead a heart. Unfortunately she guessed the hearts wrong by playing the ♥10 from dummy and thus the contract drifted three off for +150.

After the hand, I realised I should probably switch to a small club rather than the ♣A, so I can win with the ace later and prevent the endplay. The other table played in 3♣ for one off, -50 and 3 IMPs to us!

In the following round Gus and I played against Tony Nunn and Martin Bloom. On one hand, Tony Nunn psyched a 1♦ response with a 3325, 12 count. The auction went 1♣:1♦, 1NT:3NT, which successfully prevented me from leading a diamond which would have taken the contract off. Just one indication of why Tony is such a great player. However, we managed to win this match also ... by one IMP! We certainly were not wasting anything.

The GNOT was a fun event. I definitely enjoyed the sunshine and beers, and I guess the bridge was all right too!



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!)

WALKING THE DOG

By PAUL LAVINGS, SYDNEY

“Walking the Dog” was once a commonly used expression for bidding a preempt type hand slowly. These days, most seven card suits are OK to overcall 4♥ or 4♠. The style is to punt high, and hope for the best. You could get lucky, or opponents might commit a high-level indiscretion, but much of the time you simply finish too high when partner produces some defensive rubbish, but little of value for you.

But what about the real freaks, the nine and ten card suits? The first reason to start with a one-level overcall is that you may have slam on. The second reason is to let opponents unwind the latent energy of their hands at a low level. Maybe their hand is worth two bids, let them make those two bids, rather than overcall 4♥ or 4♠ and have them bid over you.

This deal, from a recent Saturday game, is a good example:

E/N-S

♠ - - -
 ♥ J 9 3 2
 ♦ A T 9 8 7 3
 ♣ Q 4 2

♠ A 8 5
 ♥ 8 7 5
 ♦ K J 6 5
 ♣ J 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7
 ♥ A K Q T 6 4
 ♦ Q
 ♣ K T 8 7 3

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

		Vita		Paul	
W	N	E	S	W	N
2♥	Pass	1♥	1♠		
Dbl	Pass	4♥	4♠		
		Pass	Pass		



(Repeated for convenience)

E/N-S

♠ - - -
 ♥ J 9 3 2
 ♦ A T 9 8 7 3
 ♣ Q 4 2

♠ A 8 5
 ♥ 8 7 5
 ♦ K J 6 5
 ♣ J 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7
 ♥ A K Q T 6 4
 ♦ Q
 ♣ K T 8 7 3

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

	Vita		Paul	
	W	N	E	S
	2♥ Dbl	Pass Pass	1♥ 4♥ Pass	1♠ 4♠ Pass

Yes, your final contract will often be doubled if you overcall just 1♠. If you overcall 4♠, East still has a lot unsaid, and should try 5♣ at green. Maybe West will double a 4♠ overcall (transferable values), making it even easier for East to find the save. Plus 790.

BBO serves many purposes, one being that you can watch some great bridge. A favourite is the Jimmy Cayne matches (make jec your friend). Recently Jimmy was partnering BridgeGoth, Jay Barron, a world class Finnish expert, when this deal turned up:

S/All

♠ K J T 8 7 6 5 4 3
 ♥ 7
 ♦ J
 ♣ A 8

♠ Q
 ♥ Q 9
 ♦ A K T 3 2
 ♣ K J 9 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9
 ♥ K J T 4 2
 ♦ 7 5 4
 ♣ Q 7 6

♠ 2
 ♥ A 8 6 5 3
 ♦ Q 9 8 6
 ♣ T 5 4

	awm	BridgeGoth	sieong	jec
	W	N	E	S
	1♦(1) 2♥ 3♠ 4♣ Pass Dbl	1♠ 2♠(3) Pass Pass 4♠ All Pass	2♦(2) Dbl(4) 3NT 4♥ Pass	Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass

- (1) Not suspecting the distributional landmine ahead
- (2) Transfer to hearts, may be weak, strong, or indifferent
- (3) Walking the dog, big-time
- (4) Good hand

Again, plus 790, when the opponents had done all their bidding before the 4♠ bid, and not after it. I emailed Jay about his pass of 4♣, and he kindly replied:

Yes, my goal all along was to get doubled in 4♠ by sounding as stupid as possible during the auction.

I was very confident 1♠ would never be passed out with so many red cards outstanding, and judging from previous deals in the match, I felt the odds of 2♠ being passed out were also close to zero. Both opponents were very aggressive at low levels.

I was going to jump to 4♠ over whatever they bid next, but when West cuebid 3♠, I can wait another round, and after 4♣, I felt it was impossible that would end the auction. I really felt 4♥ was coming next and my "save" would be more likely to draw a double now than before. Also it would discourage them from bidding on.

Funnily enough, the partner of the one who doubled me messaged me after the hand and said he was afraid I had something like that based on my bidding. Not sure if what I did was correct, but it worked, so I'll take it.

Yes, the keen bridge ear, like the keen poker ear, would sense something was not quite right. But East-West had bid their hands to the hilt, and all that was left was to double 4♠. And Jimmy did well not to double 4♥, it's as cold a contract as 4♠.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Assume unlimited entries)</i></p> <p>A Q 8 6 4</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p>Target: 5 tricks</p> </div> <p>J 9 7 3 2</p> <p>Run the Jack. It is definitely right to finesse but we mustn't play low to the Queen for it will lose if West started off with KT5. When we play the Jack, West will probably cover and we will know to finesse again as East will show out on the first round of the suit.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Assume unlimited entries)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A J 4</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p>Target: 4 and 5 tricks</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">K 9 8 6 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A J T 6 4 3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p>Target: 4 tricks</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">2</p>
<p>A Q 4 3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p>Target: 5 tricks</p> </div> <p>K 9 8 7 5</p> <p>If the suit breaks 3-1 then it doesn't matter what we do. But what if it is 4-0?</p> <p>Well, we certainly can't handle the suit if East has J1062. But if West has J1062 then we must start off with the K. Once East shows out, we can now take a double finesse against West with our 987.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BRIDGE TRIVIA!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(From page 14)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rydges Eaglehawk, Greenhills, Canberra Bridge Club, Fenner Hall, Burton and Garren Hall 2. Yellow 3. Blue 4. 1991 5. The ♦7 (click here for more info)

FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER
[DECLARER PLAY] SOLUTION

S/All

♠ 8 6 2

♥ A Q 2

♦ K J 6

♣ A 8 5 4

♦10

♠ A K J

♥ K J 5 4

♦ A Q 9

♣ K 3 2

South to make 6NT.
Opening lead is ♦10.

Counting your winners, you have 11 top tricks and a few chances for a 12th. It could either come from a simple spade finesse (50%), or setting up the 13th club (needs a 3-3 break, 36%). The idea here is to *combine* both chances rather than committing yourself to one of them.

Start by winning the first trick in either hand and immediately duck a club in both hands. Win the switch and test the clubs now by cashing ♣K and ♣A. If clubs are 3-3, you won't need the spade finesse. If the clubs don't break you can still fall back on the spade finesse (or rather, cash the ♠A, then your red suits ending in dummy to expose a show-up squeeze against East if East held the ♠Q along with four clubs [or West if read correctly]).

All in all, your chance for success is about 70(ish)%.



FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER – BEEFING UP BRIDGE CONVENTIONS

INVITING IN NTs OVER 1NT OPENINGS

There are several ways to “invite in NTs” opposite a 1NT opening. Discarding the possibilities where 2♣ promises an invitational or better hand, I will be comparing the three most common ways to invite: 1) 1NT-2♣ is “non promissory” Stayman where it does not promise a 4 card Major, 2) 1NT-2♠ is “Range probe or clubs” where opener, under the assumption that it is range probe, replies with 2NT/3♣ with a minimum/maximum-NT opening, and any subsequent bids by responder would show they initially had clubs, and finally 3) 1NT-2NT old fashioned style.

1) 1NT-2♣ “Non Promissory” Stayman

This method exists because some partnerships like to play 4-way transfers (2♦/2♥/2♠/2NT) without using 3♣, and thus the only viable way to invite in NT's is to go via 2♣ Stayman. The sequences 1NT-2♣; 2♦/2♥/2♠-2NT do not promise a 4 card major, and 1NT-2♣; 2♥-2♠ would show an invitational hand with 4♠s.

Unfortunately, I think this is the worst option out of the above three aforementioned. One small reason is that you will be bidding 2♣ a lot and this gives the opponents more chances to double 2♣ for the lead, or the opponents get to sneak in a bid at the 2-level. However, the biggest reason why this method isn't great is that it leaks information about the 1NT opener's hand to the opponents. How often have you found yourself in defence against the auction 1NT-2♣; 2♦/2♥/2♠-2NT/3NT and you found it easy to defend because you knew that opener had 0 or 1 four card major? It's true that you won't know about responder's hand but you will get to see that hand placed as dummy once the opening lead is made.

2) 1NT-2♠ “Range Probe or Clubs”

This method exists because of the reasons stated in 1), but this time it prevents information leakage about 1NT opener's hand to the opponents.

The disadvantage of this method is that it allows a ‘free’ double of 2♠ for lead purposes. It may also hamper your auctions when responder has 5-7 HCP with long clubs and you may not find those ‘magical’ 3NTs with 6 running clubs and 3 side suit tricks. Luckily, this situation does not come up that often so it's possible to make do without it.


3) 1NT-2NT “Old Fashioned”

Believe it or not, this is quite a good method! Not only does it prevent information leakage about the 1NT opener, but it also disallows any lead directing doubles. However, the real (and huge) downside to this is that you will need to use the 3♣ bid as a transfer to diamonds (or 2♠ as transfer to either minor) and this is a disadvantage that most, if not all, of the top players cannot live with.

For what it's worth, I prefer the second method of 1NT-2♠ as range probe or clubs, but each to his own ☺.




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* Australians must be ABF Members. To qualify for the Australian Junior Team Selection Butler sub-event, players must satisfy eligibility requirements including being born on or after 01/01/1988.

General Information

The 2013 Australian Youth Championships (AYC) consists of three major events:

- Australian Youth Pairs 12th to 13th Jan – starting 1:30pm on the 12th.
- Australian Youth Teams 14th to 15th Jan – starting 11am on the 14th.
- Australian Junior Team Selection Butler 15th to 20th Jan.

Plus:

- Beginners' day on 12th Jan separate to the main event.
- Other events and activities from 16th to 18th Jan for players who do not qualify to, or are not eligible for, the Butler.

If enough New Zealanders attend, a test match against an ABF Youth Committee selected Australian team will be played on the weekend of 19th to 20th Jan.

The first stage of the Butler (15th to 18th Jan) is contested between 10 pairs, selected based on their performance in the Australian Youth Teams. The second stage (19th to 20th Jan) is played by those pairs who place 2nd through 5th in the first stage. (The format is the same as was used two years ago in 2011.)

2013 AYC Provisional[†] Program

At Rydges Eagle Hawk Canberra Resort, 12th to 18th Jan:

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Saturday		1:30pm Start Pairs Qualifying & Beginners' Session	Pairs Qualifying & Beginners' Session
Sunday	Pairs Final & Consolation	Pairs Final & Consolation	
Monday	11am Start Teams	Teams	Teams
Tuesday	Teams	Teams	Butler R1-R2 <small>Cliff Wake</small>
Wednesday	Butler R3-R4 <i>Lesson</i>	Butler R5-R6 <i>Teams-of-3</i>	Butler R7-R8 <i>Teams-of-3</i>
Thursday	Butler R9-R10 <i>Lesson</i>	Butler R11-R12 <i>Cons. Butler</i>	Butler R13-R14 <i>MP Pairs</i>
Friday	Butler R15-R16 <i>Cons. Butler</i>	Butler R17-R18 <i>Cons. Butler</i>	BBQ at a Canberra Park

At Rydges Lakeside Canberra, 19th to 20th Jan:

Saturday	Butler Stage 2A for pairs ranked 2nd to 5th Possible Test Match Australia vs. New Zealand
Sunday	Butler Stage 2B to decide 3 rd place Possible Test Match Australia vs. New Zealand

[†]The program is subject to change dependent on entries. The events listed in italics are for participants not playing in the Butler and are given as a guide only. The start times of the pairs and teams events will not change. Please arrive at the venue at least 30 minutes early.

Venue and Accommodation

The venue is the superb Rydges Eagle Hawk Canberra Resort, located 15 minutes drive up Northbourne Ave from Canberra's Civic Centre, at 999 Federal Highway, ACT/NSW Border, ACT. Expansive and open, the resort includes such amenities as a gym, a sauna, a tennis court and a swimming pool.



Accommodation is in multi-share hotel units^{††}, which house 6 people between 2 rooms: 4 people in one room and 2 in the second. Each unit includes an en-suite bathroom, a small fridge and a TV.

Entry is via an online form on the AYC website. Under-18s are also required to submit a parental consent form. Both are available at:

<http://www.abf.com.au/youth/events/ayc/2013/>

Any queries should be directed to Griff Ware: email youthweek@abf.com.au, or phone him on 0435 368 343.

Partners and teammates can be arranged for those who don't have them: please email Griff if you are partner- or teammate-less.

Fees

We have secured a fantastic value package deal at the venue. Included are all bridge activities, all meals from dinner on Sat 12th Jan to lunch on Fri 18th Jan and 6 nights accommodation for the nights 12th to 17th Jan. Participants can also stay for a shorter period if playing in only some of the week's events.

	Non-students	Full Time Student Rate
Full Week	\$560 (before 23 Dec)	\$460 (before 23 Dec)
- 7 days, 6 nights	\$580 (after 23 Dec)	\$480 (after 23 Dec)
Weekend 14 th /15 th		
- 2 days, 1 night	\$120	\$100
1 day's play + 1 night	\$100	\$80

Payment is required prior to arrival. Note the \$20 discount on the full-week rate if paid before 23/12/12. Payment can be made by bank transfer to:

Account Name: ABF BSB: 082-968 Account Number: 641482644
Reference: your ABF number or, if you don't have a number, your name

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^{††} Twin-share hotel rooms for 2 people are also available at a surcharge. Rates for single occupancy can also be negotiated. Please contact Griff if you want to book a twin or single occupancy room.

Travel

Transport to and from the Championships will normally be cheaper if booked early on the web. Canberra is serviced by Virgin, Qantas and Tiger flights and by Greyhound and Murrays buses. Please let us know if you need to be picked up from the airport or bus station.

Some players typically drive to Canberra from Sydney and Melbourne. If you would like a lift from either of these cities, email Griff at youthweek@abf.com.au well before the event to be put in contact with those who are driving.

The ABF Youth Committee and the Australian Youth Bridge Championships organisers and officials take no responsibility for passenger safety for any transport arranged for players.

System regulations

ABF system regulations apply. Yellow systems are not permitted. Brown Sticker conventions will also be prohibited in certain events: check the supplementary regulations closer to the event. Inexperienced pairs may be able to claim protected pair status against brown sticker conventions in some events.

Further Information and Regulations

- Players residing in Canberra who do not wish to stay at the venue should contact Griff to enquire about costs.
- Financial assistance may be available subject to legitimate financial need. In this regard contact the chairman of the ABF Friends of Youth Bridge Fund, David Stern: foyb@abf.com.au.
- To play in the Butler, qualified pairs must be born on or after 01/01/1988, sign declarations of availability for the APBF Championships and for additional training, and ensure they satisfy ABF residency requirements for international representation.
- The designated event for the team selected by the Butler is the APBF Junior Championships, to be held in Wuhan, China, dates TBC (late August 2013 is likely). The top three pairs together with the reserve fourth pair will be invited to form a squad that will undergo preparatory training activities. Further conditions relating to team and squad membership, together with details of the process for selecting ABF sponsored teams for other international youth events in 2013, can be found on the Championships' website.
- The top-ranked under-21 pair from the Butler will be selected for the U21 team, subject to ABF ratification and participation in training activities
- The ABFYC and those appointed to conduct the Championships reserve the right, in their sole discretion, to regulate player behaviour and attire both in and around the playing rooms during the week. This regulation applies both to sessions of play and periods between sessions.
- Smoking or drinking of alcoholic beverages will not be permitted in the playing area at any time. The organisers and director(s) will have the right to sanction participants who abuse alcohol or other drugs. Sanctions may include expulsion from the Championships and/or longer-term suspension from ABF events. 'Abuse' includes, but is not limited to, the consumption of any alcohol by participants under 18 years of age or the provision of alcohol to such a participant. For further details see the supplementary regulations.
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