

ABF YOUTH



BULLETIN

The Gold Coast Youth Pairs

The 2005 Gold Coast Youth Pairs will replace the Youth Individual as an event.

The Gold Coast Youth Pairs Championship will be a two session event with sessions at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. This competition will precede the Gold Coast Congress and will take place on Saturday, February 19th.

All players born on or after Jan 1, 1975 are eligible to enter. Although there will be an entry fee of \$10 per player, please note that lunch will be provided at no extra cost.

Accommodation can be arranged for any youth player who needs assistance. Please contact David Lusk via email (lusk@internode.on.net) if you have problems with accommodation. Last minute requests may not be taken too seriously.

Similarly, players who would like to be involved, but feel that they genuinely can't afford it, may request financial assistance, putting forward a reasonable case.

Entry to the event may be made via the Gold Coast Congress entry form.

Australian Youth Players have an opportunity to turn this into a regular feature on the youth calendar by getting up to the Gold Coast and being in it. If the event matches other GCC events, it should be a very enjoyable couple of sessions.

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The 2005 Youth Triathlon

The ABF Youth Committee is aware that the Youth Triathlon will need to be moved from September due to a clash with the NZ Nationals which will be trialled for the end of September in 2005.

The current thinking is that the triathlon should be conducted immediately prior to the World Youth Teams. In future years the event may precede the ANC unless a more suitable time slot can be found.

If future ANCs start on a Sunday, the Youth Triathlon could be run over the Friday night and Saturday prior to the ANC Youth Pairs and Teams.

The ABF Youth Committee welcomes feedback on decisions such as this. The Committee has put some thought into a way to continue with the event, given that the traditional placement on the calendar had to be altered. Other options such as the end of November (exams being over) and earlier in the year were considered as inferior for various reasons.

So put the dates of 5-7th August in your calendar and get to Sydney whether you are in an interstate team or not. After all, there will be plenty of congress events to enter during the ensuing week.

Any views on this may be emailed to David Lusk at:

lusk@internode.on.net

A final decision will be made at the ABF Youth Committee meeting at the SWPT in January.

Youth at the GNOT

The ABF Colts team became a team of 5 when exams and other issues made it difficult to get four players to the table.

Even so, Jillian Hay was needed as a sub for the first match. The official team was:

Robert Meakins (NSW, Capt), Andy Hung (Qld), Anatoli Lightfoot (ACT), Ronnie Ng (NSW) and Jane Reynolds (WA).

The team had an excellent win in the first knock-out match but were relegated to the repechage by Friday evening. They scored a creditable 129 VPs and had their share of wins, finishing ahead of 14 other teams.

Other young players were involved in other teams. Paul Gosney played in the Brisbane 2 team (13th in the Repechage) and Fiona Brown represented regional NSW in the Northern Rivers 1 team (27th). Nic Croft competed as part of Adelaide 3 (5th) and Daniel Krochmalik in Sydney 6 (11th). Canberra 2 included Nye Griffiths and Griff Ware (12th).

Here is a hand from the Repechage.

Sitting North at nil vul, you open 1♣ on:
 ♠ Q5 ♥ Q862 ♦ A6 ♣ AJ965

The bidding proceeds:

West	North	East	South
--	1♣	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	Pass	X
All Pass			

What lead would you make and why?

What is going on? Partner looks to have a hand on which he planned to penalise 1♠.

If you answered ♠Q as your opening lead, take full marks. Your fourth highest club is OK, anything else is more helpful to declarer.

Here is the full deal:

Dealer: N	North	
Vul: Nil	♠ Q5	
	♥ Q862	
	♦ A6	
	♣ AJ965	East
West		♠ AJ764
♠ 3		♥ J3
♥ AK105		♦ Q853
♦ K742		♣ 84
♣ Q1072	South	
	♠ K10982	
	♥ 974	
	♦ J109	
	♣ K3	

A spade lead gets the defence off to a flying start and may result in two or three light, depending on declarer's management of the diamond suit. Other leads are likely to present declarer with advantages in terms of tricks or tempo.

Youth Committee 2005

The only immediate change from 2004 is the addition of ACT youth player, Griff Ware, who replaces Keiran Crowe-Mai. Keiran stood down last year, and we thank him for his services.

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And The Winners Were

NSW YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP, DEC 4-5

Sub-teenage pair Adam and Nabil Edgtton pulled off a rare double to win both the Pairs and Teams event at the NSW Youth Championships.

Pairs:

- 1st:** Adam and Nabil Edgtton
- 2nd:** Leigh Gold - William Niu
- 3rd:** Anthony Newman - Tony Nunn

Teams:

- 1st:** Robert Meakins - Ronnie Ng,
Adam and Nabil Edgtton
- 2nd:** Andrew Brady, Helena Canaris,
Daniel Krochmalik, Thomas
Lam and Lester Tsang.

Also of particular note is that both pairs in the winning team have recently represented as ABF Colts at the GNOT: Adam and Nabil in 2003 and Robert and Ronnie in 2004.

SA YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, DEC 11-12

Pairs: (Under 30)

- 1st:** Luke Matthews-Justin Williams
- 2nd:** Arthur Siow-Freya Wilson

Best under 15 pair (over one session) was Alexander and Jarrad Dunbar, from Whyalla.

Teams: (Under 30)

- 1st:** Nic Croft - William Jenner-O'Shea,
Luke Matthews-Justin Williams

Youth Calendar, 2005

International events in bold type.

January 8-16

Australian Youth Week
International Challenge

Canberra

April 23-24

OKBridge Intercollegiate

On line

June 23 - July 3

**Pacific Asia Bridge
Federation Championships**

Seoul

July 23 - 30

ANC Youth Pairs and Teams

Sydney

5-7 August

Youth Triathlon

Sydney

7-17th August 2005

**World Junior Teams
Championships**

Sydney

**Australia will be staging the
2005 World Youth Teams Championships
7th to 17th August 2005**

The Royal Showgrounds - Sydney Olympic Park

Bridge players from all around Australia are urged to support this undertaking. You can do this by offering your help with one or more of the following

Hosts for the visiting teams

help with collecting the teams from the airport, hosting them during the event and escorting them to the associated functions. This does not necessarily include billeting or accommodation.

Helpers during preparation for the event

we will require assistance with the planning and implementation of the plan for the event

Helpers during the actual event

we will require an extensive team of people including hospitality desk, board caddies, logistical assistance, score runners and vu-graph assistance as well as other areas which will become apparent as preparation begins

Printing

another challenge is the production of approximately 250 daily newsletters. If you have production capability or experience in this type of undertaking then we would like to hear from you.

Sponsorship

either direct, advertising or goods for prizes or fundraisers

Fundraising

consider holding a fundraiser at your local club – we will offer assistance in this regard

Anything Else

if you believe that you have skills which we can use either before or during the event then please let us know

David Stern and Peter Gill

Co-convenors

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The Australian Bridge Federation

presents
the 6th annual
**Under 16 Youth
Bridge Event
&
Youth Camp**

**Under 16 Pairs &
Teams of Four**

Fenner Hall, ANU

210 Northbourne Ave, Braddon

January 13 - 14, 2005.

Convenor Brad Coles

Tournament Directors Matthew McManus/David Lusk

Information:

Awards

- Ø Masterpoints will be awarded for all under 16 events.
- Ø Prizes and certificates will be awarded liberally for successful players (not just the winners).

Information for Parents

Bridge playing parents are advised that their children are welcome to participate in this event. Parents are also advised that the playing rooms will be under adult supervision at all times during and between sessions. The convenor cannot guarantee that participants will be supervised if they leave the venue.

Children wishing to learn bridge are also welcome to attend. However, any instruction is given on an informal basis.

Accommodation facilities at the venue require a high degree of self-reliance on the part of the guests. Parents are advised that younger players should be billeted with friends and/or relatives for the duration of the event. Accommodation may be booked through Brad Coles for \$178 per week. The ABF Youth Committee will make every effort to arrange billeting for those requiring it. Early advice would be appreciated. Priority in this respect will be given to players under 18.

Eligibility: Under 16 events are open to players born on or after 15th January 1988.

Travel: Car: Contact Brad Coles, grover@bigpond.net.au, to organise lifts from Sydney. Please note that The ABF Youth Committee takes no responsibility for passenger safety for any transport arranged for players.

Entry on Line: <http://www.abf.com.au/youth/events/ayc/index.html> or email Brad for a brochure.

Under 16 entries may be accepted up to and including the day of the event. Under 16 players may also wish to compete in other Youth Week events from Saturday 8th – Wednesday 12th January.



The Australian Bridge Federation

presents

the 37th annual

Australian Youth Championships

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International Team Selection

Under 30, Under 26 and Under 16 Pairs & Teams of Four

Fenner Hall, ANU

210 Northbourne Ave, Braddon.

January 8 - 16, 2005

Convenor

Brad Coles

Tournament Director

Matthew McManus

Information:

Australian International Youth Team for 2005. Participants in the Butler must be born on or after 1 January 1979.

There will also be an international challenge match between Australia, New Zealand and other international teams approved by the ABF Youth Committee. All bridge players are invited to come along and kibitz top level youth bridge. Venue and other details will be available on the ABF Youth Website leading up to the challenge.

There is a 50% discount for full-time students in events which are part of the Summer Festival of Bridge.

Gold Master Points will be awarded at the appropriate ABF scale for the youth events.

Trophies and prizes in both the pairs and the teams will be awarded in three categories. To be eligible all members must be born on or after:

1 January 1975 (overall awards) 1 January 1979 (under 26) and 1 January 1985 (under 20).

The Australian Youth Championships are acknowledged as the best bridge event in Australia. The atmosphere is invariably friendly and players enjoy their time at the table and away from it. This event should be attractive to young players regardless of skill level and experience.

Accommodation:

The venue – Fenner Hall – provides single bedroom accommodation, with bedding, linen, tea and coffee facilities. Shared bathroom and kitchen. You are required to bring your own utensils if you are planning to cook. Rooms may be booked through the convenor for \$178 per week. This is a discounted rate for our event, so please book through the convenor and not through the college. The ABF Youth Committee will make every effort to arrange billeting for those requiring it. Early advice would be appreciated. Priority in this respect will be given to players under 18.

To enter: simply go to <http://www.abf.com.au/youth/events/ayc/index.html>

where you will be able to enter, book your accommodation at Fenner Hall, and let us know if you are looking for a partner or team mates.