



# Australian Youth Bridge Championships

## Bulletin 1

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January

Session Times	Today
Pairs Qualifying – 1 STBWC	1.30pm 1.30pm
Pairs Qualifying – 2 STBWC	7.30pm 7.30pm
Tomorrow (Sunday)	
Pairs Final & Consolation – 1	10.30am
Pairs Final & Consolation – 2	2.15pm
Pizza	6pm



**Hi All,  
Welcome to Youth Week for 2011 –  
the 43rd Australian Youth Bridge  
Championships.**

This year features a new venue, Rydges Eaglehawk. An outline of other changes is later on in this article. In particular, today Modi, with the assistance of Dave, is running separate **Soon-To-Be-World-Champion** sessions for some newer players. Please make all of this group very welcome. Another new event I'm keen to highlight is the 4-board playoff between Chris Wake's IV and the winners of the teams in the early evening on Tuesday.

The main event today is the start of the Youth Pairs with two sessions of qualifying. 12 pairs will qualify for the final tomorrow, with everyone else (including some STBWCs) playing a consolation final. For those in the final, there will be an effective carry-forward from the qualifying of about 30% of your score.

After successfully publishing a bulletin each day last year, Modi and I are going to do so again. This will only be successful if we have a couple of interesting hands for each issue, so please submit material to one of us.

At the end of the week, the Under-26 Team that will represent Australia at the APBF Championships in Malaysia will be selected. But the main focus of the event is to bring all Youth Players together to enjoy themselves while competing and learning. Have fun!

◆ Griff

### Some of the changes for this year:

- ◆ Breakfast service finishes at 10:30am each day.
- ◆ Some carry-forward to the Pairs Final.
- ◆ 11am start in Teams on Monday.
- ◆ Teams scored on a 100 point VP scale rather than a 25 point VP scale --- divide/multiply by 4 to convert.
- ◆ Teams finishes with the afternoon session on Tuesday
- ◆ 4 board play-off between Teams winners and the Chris Wake IV before dinner Tuesday.
- ◆ Butler starts Tuesday night.
- ◆ Use of Screens during Butler, including at least some of Stage I.
- ◆ No play Friday night --- BBQ instead after we've all checked-out.

"Don't rush to draw trumps. On some hands you may be able to draw them successfully; on others, even if you can draw them, you will be left with too few tricks."

- Anna Valenti



## Beer card

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



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The **beer card** is a [slang](#) term used to describe the 7 of diamonds [playing card](#), particularly in trick-taking card games, such as [bridge](#).

If a player wins the last trick of a hand with the 7 of diamonds, his partner must buy him a [beer](#). It is not considered as part of the rules of these games, merely as an informal side-bet between players.

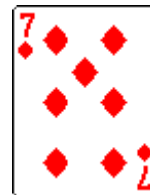
The additional requirements vary depending whether the beer card trick winner is the declarer or one of the defenders. For the declarer, the requirements are generally that:

- He must make contract,
- He must win last trick with the **♦7**,
- Diamonds must not be trumps (though some people play that only diamond part scores are excluded),
- He must take a justifiable line on the contract to win as many tricks as possible (i.e. not lose tricks to set up the beer or in order to keep the 7 until the last trick),

For a defender, the requirements are generally that:

- Contract must be defeated
- He must win last trick with the beer card
- Diamonds must not be trumps
- He must try to win as many tricks as possible (i.e. not lose tricks to set up the beer or in order to keep the 7 until the last trick)

If the contract is doubled then two beers are earned. If the contract is redoubled then four beers are earned.



### Partnership Corner: The Beer Card

Here are some interesting discussion points that you and your partner need to have agreements about in relation to **Beer Card Conventions**.

Does the beer card count if Diamonds are trumps? How about in 5♦? 6♦? 7♦?

What about if Diamonds are trumps, but the contract has been Doubled?

Are you allowed to squander overtricks for the beer card? Does the scoring format matter?

If partner goes down 'in an attempt to make a beer card' is that a one-beer penalty? or two?

Or do you lose as many beers as you lose IMPs. (Matt Porter: 52 IMPs lost in a beer card attempt)

What is considered going down 'to make a beer'? If a contract has a 70% chance of making (and a beer card) and you take that line of play only to discover that a 50% line would have made the contract without the beer card?

From a defending point of view, does the beer card count if Diamonds are trumps?

Is there a special bonus for winning the final AND setting trick with the beer card?

How many beers are won by the successful defender?

In all of the above, how do Doubles and Redoubles affect the number of beers bought?

In related beer card conventions, do you play the "first trick beer card"? This is a convention popular in South-Eastern Australia, where the beer card can be won on the first trick of a contract.

If so, then does the contract need to be made?

Or as a defender, does the contract need to be beaten?

Does this one count if Diamonds are trumps?

Also, Standard First Trick Beer Card rules are that a **case of beer** is bought – is that your agreement?

When it comes to purchasing the beers, there should be standardised rules about which beers and which sized beers are required. Partnerships need to discuss this, but this can be done in the bar after the game. In the common situation where an underage player wins a beer card, can the beer be substituted for a non-alcoholic beverage? Or do the beers accumulate until the player becomes legal-drinking age?

Also, if an underage player wins a beer card playing with an underage player, how is the beer purchased?

Also, if North wins a beer card when declaring 3NT (undoubled) on board 4, and then South makes a defensive beer card on board 5 (second undertrick, Diamonds not trumps, contract undoubled, and playing 2 beers for a defensive beer card) then at the conclusion of play the tally is:

North's ♦7 : 1 – South's ♦7 : 2

How many beers change hands? Does South buy North one beer, and get two in return? Or do beers 'cancel each other out' and South gets one beer only?

**Each day you must have finished breakfast by 10:30. Which is good, because bridge starts then on some days.**

<b>Main Events Schedule</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>		Pairs Qualifying	Pairs Qualifying
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Pairs Final (10.30am)	Pairs Final (2.15pm)	BBQ Dinner
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Teams (11am)	Teams (1.30pm)	Teams (7.30pm)
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Teams (10.15am)	Teams (2.15pm)	Four-Board Playoff (6.45pm) Butler (8.20pm)
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Butler (11am)	Butler (2.30pm) Side events TBA	Butler (7.00pm) Side events TBA
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Butler (11am) Side events TBA	Butler (2.30pm) Side events TBA	Butler (7.00pm) Side events TBA
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Butler (10.30am) Side events TBA	Butler (2pm) Side events TBA	BBQ (6pm)
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Playoff	Playoff	Playoff
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Playoff	Playoff	

*Here are my beer card agreements with Slartibartfast – Modi.* Beer card doesn't count in trumps for Declarer at any level, overtricks are fair game at IMPs, but not matchpoints. Since we don't bother calculating the percentage chance of a line of play working, we apply 'gentleman's honour' to deciding whether declarer went off 'to make the beer' which is a one-beer penalty. Defenders get two beers for making the beer card at trick 13 and additional respect but not further beers if it was the setting trick. Defenders can lose tricks to rectify the beer card situation at all forms of scoring. We also pay one beer for a defensive beer if Diamonds are trumps. Doubles are X2 and Redoubles X4 (A Redoubled defensive non-Diamond beer card is 2 X4 = 8 beers). We have never discussed First Trick Beer Cards, but my feeling is that we would play them only in non-Diamond contracts. Also, we would probably downwardly revise the number of beers from a case to a six-pack. We only ever buy Guinness, and Imperial Pints. Anything else doesn't count. Also, we agreed that beer cards don't 'cancel out' – every beer card made is bought. ♦7.

In addition to beer cards, we routinely play 'Cooper Echos' as Declarer, where the play of a falsecard from Dummy reassures partner that the contract is going to make. If the contract subsequently goes down, then Declarer owes partner a Coopers Ale. There is no way for Declarer to earn beer with this convention. What is the incentive to Cooper Echo? Building partnership harmony, have partner rest and relax as dummy, and to avoid getting called a wuss. Also, to potentially earn beers when you are dummy next time

## Five Minute Interview.

Mat McManus

*The BEST Director*

*Q. A biography in 25 words.*

I'm Mat. I'm old. I live on a farm. I have ducks.

I went to Victoria once, but I didn't stay.

Pete makes me laugh.



Pete

*Q. Best Bridge moment?*

I won the Parramatta Club Pairs Championship in 1990.

*Q. The most embarrassing thing that you will share with us?*

This is the 18<sup>th</sup> year that I have directed Youth Week.



*Q. What's your favourite bidding system?*

**CRUNCH**

Pass : 0-6 HCP *or* 15-20 HCP Balanced *or* 15-20 HCP Unbalanced with no four card Major.

1♣ : Hearts

1♦ : Spades

1♥ : 7 – 10 HCP, any

1♠ : 10 – 14 HCP, Unbalanced, no four card Major

1NT : 12 – 14 Balanced

*Acol based Forcing Pass.*

***These interviews are from last year. We will be interviewing players throughout the week. SO LOOK OUT. At some point you might get interviewed!***

## Five Minute Interview.

Jamie Thompson

*At the age of 13, he is the youngest competitor in the Youth Pairs and Youth Teams.*

*Q. A biography in 50 words.*

When I grow up, I want to do something that makes a lot of money. I've got a sister whose name is Vicky. I have a pet dog called Jed. I have been a Victorian for the majority of my life ☺, but now I'm a New South Welshman ☺.

*Q. Best Bridge moment?*

Coming 10<sup>th</sup> in the VBA Summer Teams congress with my dad, uncle and aunty.

*Q. The most embarrassing thing that you will admit here?*

I don't get embarrassed, but I get a bit embarrassed when my dad goes on about irrelevant stuff.



*Jamie: Is the free choice question compulsory?*

Yes.

*Q. What is your favourite Movie?*

Pulp Fiction.

I like the story structure. My favourite quote from the film is when Jules recited Ezekiel 25:17: "The path of the righteous man is beset on the iniquities of the selfish and the tyranny of evil men. Blessed is he who shepherds the weak through the valley of darkness, for he is truly his

**brother's keeper and the founder of lost children.** And I will strike down upon thee, with great vengeance and furious anger, those who attempt to poison and destroy my brothers. And you will know my name is the Lord, when I lay my vengeance upon you." Then he pops a cap in the guy's arse.

*And what do you think is in the briefcase?*

Something special, I don't know.

*Words by Jamie. Smileys for effect were added by Modi.*

## **2010 Australian Youth Championship Event Winners**



*Winners – Pairs Final  
Shane Harrison & Michael Whibley*



*Winners – Teams  
Paul Gosney, Nye Griffiths, Justin Williams, Nabil Edgton*



*Winners – Pairs Consolation  
Jane Reynolds & Leigh Matheson*



*Runners up – Teams  
Sebastian Yuen, Leigh Matheson, Jane Reynolds,  
Orlando Wu*



*Runners up – Pairs Final  
Nick Rodwell & Fraser Rew*



*Best performing non-representatives  
Nicola Westoby, Jeremy Rosen, Pascale Gardiner, Lucy Henbest*

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**"Most of my best quotes aren't even about bridge"**

**- GGGUUUUSSSSS**