



Australian Youth Bridge Championships

Bulletin 2

Sunday 16th January

Session Times	Today
Pairs Final & Consolation – 1	10.30am
Pairs Final & Consolation – 2	2.15pm
Pizza by the Pool	6pm
Tomorrow (Monday)	
Teams	11am
Teams	1.30pm
Teams	7.30pm



Welcome to Day Two of the Youth Championships which begins with the Pairs Finals and Consolation.

Also Congratulations to **Justin Howard** and **Daniel Braun** – Winners of the Pairs Qualifying.

Pairs Qualifying Scores

Rank	Name	Total
1	Daniel BRAUN - Justin HOWARD	663.0
2	Shane HARRISON - Peter HOLLANDS	649.2
3	Andy HUNG - Alex SMIRNOV	613.4
4	Jane REYNOLDS - Orlando WU	584.6
5	Paul GOSNEY - Liam MILNE	576.3
6	Adam EDGTON - Ellena MOSKOVSKY	571.0
7	Nathan HOWARD - Alex LOCKWOOD	568.5
8	Maxim HENBEST - Griff WARE	548.7
9	Laura GINNAN - Lucy HENBEST	546.8
10	James HIGGINS - Sebastian YUEN	520.3
11	Garry KHEMKA - John YOON	515.1
12	Lauren TRAVIS - Stephen WILLIAMS	514.1
13	Glenn COUTTS - Sam COUTTS	500.8
14	Helena CANARIS - Leigh MATHESON	493.3
15	Robin STEVENSON - Mark ABRAHAM	462.0
16	Sophie KING - Cathy HUI	449.2
17	Fraser REW - Jamie THOMPSON	434.6
18	Matt PORTER - Laura TOUGH	407.3
19	Ben COOMBES - Jack TARLINTON	354.7
20	Ollie JENNER-O'SHEA - Andrew WALLIS	286.3

The top 12 pairs (highlighted) from yesterday's Qualifying will play in today's Pairs Final.

The remaining pairs will be joined by the players from the Soon To Be World Champions Pairs in the Pairs Consolation.

There are some interesting hands from the Qualifying sessions later in the bulletin.

Alongside the Pairs Qualifying, Modi ran a training session for the Soon To Be World Champions.

After dinner they played a Duplicate, and congratulations to **Nathan DEUTSCHER & Hillary JONES** and **Zac NEULINGER & Daryl WHITFIELD**. Winners of the STBWC Pairs.

Good Luck to all players in today's events ☺.

Soon To Be World Champions Pairs Session

North-South		East-West	
Nathan DEUTSCHER - Hillary JONES	64.58%	Zac NEULINGER - Daryl WHITFIELD	60.42%
Edgar DALY - Sally COLEMAN	43.75%	Chris BROWN - Zaiga THOMANN	58.33%
Jack HATTON - Melissa DODD	41.67%	Victoria THOMPSON - Matt SHADWELL	31.25%

Ten Minute Interview.

Lucy Henbest

Q. Mini Bio

I don't know what to say. I hate it when people interview me. **I'm striving to restore Victoria's reputation.**

I consider myself to be a confirmed Melbournian, but not Victorian. I just finished a Philosophy degree. I start a traineeship as a stockbroker soon. When I grow up I want to be a princess-astronaut.

Q. Bridge Moment that you wish you could forget?

There was a hand at the ANC, I had:

♠ J4

♥ J2

♦ AKJT765

♣ 83

♦ Q984 ♦ -

♠ AKQT5

♥ AKQ4

♦ 32

♣ K6

South opened 2♣ and North bid 3♦ (showing a single loser suit). To keep my ♣K protected I bid to 6NT.

I won the Heart lead and played a Diamond to the Ace. East showed out (West had the guarded Diamond Queen).

Then I miscounted my tricks.

Thinking I needed it for my twelve tricks, I led a Club to the King, which lost to the Ace.

East was on lead and I immediately knew I had 12 tricks – *except I had twelve tricks without the Clubs.*

East switched to Hearts, and I couldn't throw my hand on the table quick enough – **making 12**. If East had led Clubs back, I would have been four down.



Lucy Henbest

Q. Who is your favourite group from the eighties?
I don't know anyone from the eighties.

Q. What about an Australian band from the eighties?
Midnight Oil? Are they one?

I don't have a favourite New Zealand banknote, but I like the coins because they are the wrong way around. You can bring them over here and shaft people with them. You can use a NZ \$1 as an Australian \$2.

Q. What's your favourite and least favourite Melbourne train station?

My favourite is East Richmond Station, because only one train stops there every hour and a half. And it's only a five minute walk to the next station. Each way.

I hate West Richmond Station. For the opposite reason. *Everything* stops there.

The prizes that will be awarded this week have been donated by **Paul Lavings**. The best way to show your appreciation of Paul's generosity is to buy your bridge books from Paul Lavings Bridge Books & Supplies.



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"If I had a Chicken, I'd call it Ruth.
Farmyard animals need to be named after
90 year-old women.
If I had a puppy, I'd call it Algenon.
If I had a goldfish, I'd call it Ignatius."

- Lucy

Maxy learnt to count.

by Cliff Wake

Board 18 of the second session of the Pairs Qualifying gave Max Henbest the chance to display his skills in basic arithmetic.

The auction was:

<i>Wally</i>	<i>Griff</i>	<i>Ollie</i>	<i>Maxy</i>
-	-	1♦	1♠
P	2♠	P	P
P			

	(Dummy)	
	♠ 643	
	♥ QJ93	
	♦ Q	
	♣ QJ876	
(Wally)		(Ollie)
♠ Q8	□	♠ T72
♥ 874		♥ AK5
♦ J7643		♦ AK95
♣ T93		♣ 542
		♠ AKJ95
		♥ T62
		♦ T82
		♣ AK
		(Maxy)

Wally lead a small Heart, Ollie won the King and returned a small Heart. Maxy won the Ten in hand in order to play a Diamond to the Queen. Ollie won the ♦K then cashed his ♥A and exited a Club. Because Wally would have risen ♦A if he had held it, it was marked in Ollie's hand.

Maxy cashed the ♣AK, ruffed a Diamond to Dummy and pitched another Diamond on the ♣K.

At this point if Ollie had the ♠Q to at least three then he would have had a balanced 16 count and so would have opened a Strong No-Trump. Thus there was no gain to taking the Spade finesse, so Maxy laid down the ♠A and ♠K, dropping the doubleton Queen to make an important matchpoint overtrick.

Smirnov sees a Duck.

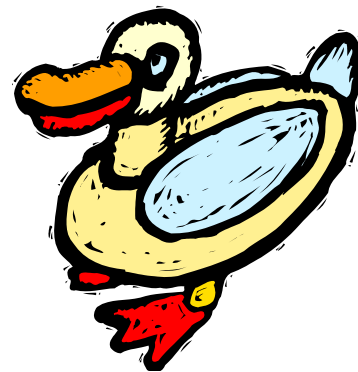
by Cliff Wake

Repeat German visitor Alex Smirnov noted a classic ducking position on Board 25 in the second session of the Pairs Qualifying.

On a trump lead against 6♠ by South, East must duck their Ace-third trump at trick one. This allows Declarer to ruff one Heart, but maintains control in trumps so that when the ♠A is won, a Heart trick is still available to be cashed.

If instead East plays two rounds of Spades at the start of the hand then declarer has an easy 12 tricks.

	(Dummy)	
	♠ J7	
	♥ --	
	♦ AK874	
	♣ KJT654	
(West)		(East)
♠ 86	□	♠ A95
♥ AJ7632		♥ Q9854
♦ T63		♦ Q95
♣ Q8		♣ 93
		♠ KQT432
		♥ KT
		♦ J2
		♣ A72
		(Declarer)



Justin Howard and Daniel Braun started their Pairs Qualifying yesterday with a less than ideal start. On the very first board of the tournament, their opponents bid to 7NT and there was nothing they could do about it.

7NT making.

What a poor start.

They bounced back in style! They bid and made 7NT on the very next hand.

They went on to win the Qualifying!

"The difference between genius and stupidity at the bridge table is that genius has its limits."

- Eddie Kantar

Missing the Tin

Narrated by Jeremy Rosen

Here is a great defensive play from **Board 6** from the Teams session 1 (**Last Year**).

<i>Nicola</i>	<i>Jane</i>	<i>Jeremy</i>	<i>Leigh</i>
1♥	2♥ ⁽¹⁾	3♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	X	P
P	P		

⁽¹⁾2♥ : Michaels cue bid. 5/5 Spades and a minor.

On lead against 4♠X, Nicola chose to lead her singleton ♣A.

Here was the situation:

	(Dummy)	
	♠ AQ532	
	♥ 6	
	♦ Q2	
	♣ QJT75	
(Nicola)		(Jeremy)
♠ 84		
♥ AKQJ95		
♦ J876		
♣ <u>A</u>		
		♣ <u>3</u>
	♣ <u>2</u>	
	(Leigh)	

Nicola knew that our side was only going to win one Heart trick. She also had a void in Clubs and a strong wish to get her Club ruff(s).

She came up with a great idea to get me on lead to get her Club ruff. Rather than cashing her Ace of Hearts, she led a *low Heart* away from the ♥AKQJ95, in the hope that *I could win the Ten*, and lead her a Club.

Note that there was no guarantee that I had the ♦A or the ♠A for any other immediate entry. Since I had raised Hearts, Nicola took a good gamble that I had the ♥T.

There was only one small problem. This was the full deal:

	(Jane)	
	♠ AQ532	
	♥ 6	
	♦ Q2	
	♣ QJT75	
(Nicola)		(Jeremy)
♠ 84		♠ JT
♥ AKQJ95		♥ 8432
♦ J876		♦ KT54
♣ A		♣ K43
	♠ K976	
	♥ T7	
	♦ A93	
	♣ 9862	
	(Leigh)	

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Gotcha Gosney!

Reported by Paul Gosney

Newcomer Ben Coombes succeeded in deceiving Australian Open Team player Paul Gosney on Board 20 in session 2 of the Pairs Qualifying.

<i>Jack</i>	<i>Liam</i>	<i>Ben</i>	<i>Gosney</i>
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P	3NT	P	P
P			

After an uninformative 1NT : 3NT auction, Paul was declarer from the South cards.

	(Dummy)	
	♠ A5	
	♥ J94	
	♦ KQ965	
	♣ 876	
(Jack)		(Ben)
♠ 98		♠ K76432
♥ QT53		♥ 6
♦ A73		♦ T42
♣ JT42		♣ AQ3
		♠ QJT
		♥ AK872
		♦ J8
		♣ K95
	(Gosney)	

Ben's partner Jack Tarlinton led the ♦3, Paul won in hand and continued Diamonds. In with the ♦A, Jack correctly switched to the ♣2 and Ben found the excellent play of the ♣Q. Because the Gos had no indication as to the location of the ♣A, he had to take the ♣K at that point for fear of losing the whole suit if the ♣A was offside.

This preserved communications to Jack's fourth Club, so that when Ben was in with the ♠K after Paul took a losing Spade finesse the defenders were able to cash a total of five tricks and beat the contract.

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On the lead of the ♥5 from Nicola, Leigh was surprised to win the ♥T and had an easy time drawing trumps and establishing the Clubs.

Unfortunately for Nicola, great plays don't always get rewarded. Leigh made 4♠X for +790.

Simply taking the ♥A, or leading a Diamond would have taken the contract down.

"We had a partnership misunderstanding. My partner assumed I knew what I was doing."

- Eddie Kantar