



Australian Youth Bridge Championships

Bulletin 6

Thursday 20th January



Session Times	Today
Butler	10.30am
Butler	2.15pm
Butler	7pm
Tomorrow (Friday)	
Butler	10.30am
Butler	2.15pm
BBQ	6pm

Yesterday the Butler got into full swing with players completing 8 rounds.

With just one match remaining in the first Round Robin, the leaders are **Liam Milne & Michael Whibley** (828 VPs) from **Justin Howard & Max Henbest** (758 VPs).

Current Butler Scores (After Round Robin 1 – Round 8)		
Rank	Names	VPs
1 st	Liam Milne - Michael Whibley	828
2 nd	Justin Howard - Max Henbest	758
3 rd	Peter Hollands - Shane Harrison	653
4 th	Nathan Howard - Alex Lockwood	615
5 th	Orlando Wu - Jane Reynolds	595
6 th	Laura Ginnan - Lucy Henbest	529
7 th	Pascale Gardiner - Daniel Braun	488
8 th	Cathy Hui - Sophie King	440
9 th	James Higgins - Sebastian Yuen	332
10 th	Ellena Moskovsky - Jamie Thompson	304

APOLOGY:

The editors of the Bulletin owe a sincere apology to **Laura Ginnan & Lucy Henbest** who were actually coming **equal second** in the Butler yesterday morning, but were not mentioned in the Bulletin article.

The prizes awarded this week were 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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Giving Declarer a Losing Option

By Griff Ware

I found a cute play on Board 9 of the first session in the Youth Pairs Consolation yesterday.

(Gosney)

♠ KT7
♥ J7654
♦ Q52
♣ J5

(Sam Coutts)

♠ A532
♥ Q32
♦ A96
♣ A43

(Griff)

♠ QJ96
♥ K8
♦ J87
♣ T876

♠ 84
♥ AT9
♦ KT43
♣ KQ92
(Lauren)

Lauren Travis declared 1NT from the South seat, and my partner Sam Coutts led the ♠2. Lauren played low from dummy. If I had made the natural play of the ♠9 (winning), then she would have been forced to go up with the ♠K on the next round of Spades. This is because, with both the ♠Q and ♠J still outstanding there would be no prospect of a trick in Spades other than playing for the ♠A to be onside.

Instead, it was correct for me to win the first round of the Spades unnecessarily highly with the Jack. This meant that after a Club to Sam's Ace and another small Spade through, Lauren could choose to play for the ♠Q onside (rather than the ♠A) by finessing with the ♠T. After a small thought this is exactly what she did, an unfortunate misguess which meant we could cash the whole spade suit and gain a trick in each other suit for one off.

There were 10 pairs not in the Butler who played in a two-session matchpoint event. Here are the final scores. Congratulations to **Stephen Williams & Arjuna De Livera**.

2-Session Pairs		
Rank	Names	MPs
1 st	Stephen WILLIAMS - Arjuna DE LIVERA	179
2 nd	Victoria THOMPSON - Will JENNER-O'SHEA	175
3 rd	Lauren TRAVIS - Paul GOSNEY	152
4 th	Sam COUTTS - Griff WARE	149
5 th	Helena CANARIS - Andy HUNG	147
6 th	Daryl WHITFIELD - Leigh MATHESON	147
7 th	Glenn COUTTS - Adam EDGTON	141
8 th	Oliver JENNER-O'SHEA - Christy GEROMBOUX	141
9 th	John YOON - Michael WILKINSON	138

Andi Boughey and Matt Porter played the second session and finished 5th.

After the conclusion of play last night, we played a six table Crazy Pairs event. Here are the results.

Crazy Pairs		
North - South		
Rank	Names	%
1 st	Ellena MOSKOVSKY - Max HENBEST	59.78
2 nd	Sophie KING - Michael WILKINSON	53.78
3 rd	Victoria THOMPSON - Bec THORBERRY	53.33
4 th	Cathy HUI - Jane REYNOLDS	46
5 th	Lucy HENBEST - Will JENNER-O'SHEA	45.67
6 th	Andi BOUGHEY - Lauren TRAVIS	41.44
East - West		
Rank	Names	%
1 st	Andy HUNG - Glenn COUTTS	72.11
2 nd	John YOON - Orlando WU	53.56
3 rd	Stephen WILLIAMS - Alex LOCKWOOD	47.89
4 th	Sam COUTTS - Jamie THOMPSON	47.78
5 th	Oliver JENNER-O'SHEA - Matt PORTER	43.56
6 th	Leigh MATHESON - Nat HOWARD	35.11



Ten minute Interview

Shane Harrison

The Godfather of Zool's next kid.

Q. Mini Bio

I have one pet. It's a cat. He's called Coop, aka Cooper. Coop likes to bask in the sunlight. I work as a sports better in Sydney. I like hiking and chilling. And a bit of bridge.

Q: What is your favourite bridge event?

Youth Week. It's just good. It's the gas. Everyone's around. The Soup is too spicy though.

Q. Who are your three favourite bridge players?

Eric Kokish, Al Roth and Phil Gue. I rate Al Roth's bidding. Kokish made Kokish and Phil Gue ... I don't know.



Shane Harrison

Q. What can Middlesborough do in 2011 to lift their game?

I dunno, they're hopeless. They could get some good players. Maybe they could sign Ronaldo.



Youth Awards for 2010

On Tuesday evening the Youth Awards for 2010 were presented, alongside the trophies and prizes for the Youth Week Pairs and Teams. There are three separate awards presented each year:

The Hills–Hurley Trophy

This trophy, donated by Richard Hills and Steve Hurley, is intended to encourage talented young bridge players to form long-standing partnerships and reward a successful pair who has developed a well-organised partnership to harness their full potential. In 2010 the stand-out choice for the committee was Nabil Edgtton and Paul Gosney, two of our most successful youth bridge players in recent times, who worked hard on their systemic understandings throughout the year. Their results speak for themselves, including a win in the ANOT, a win in the ANC Youth Teams, 4th place in the ANC Open Butler, being the leading Australian pair on datums in the Rosenblum and spearheading the Australian Junior Team that qualified for the quarter-finals at the World Junior Championships. Congratulations Nabil and Paul. While a partnership can only win this award once, Paul and Nabil become the first players to win the Hills–Hurley Trophy twice. Paul first won the award in 2004 in partnership with Nathan van Jole. Nabil previously won the award in 2006 with Adam Edgtton.



The Helman–Klinger Masterpoint Award

This award, worth \$200 annually and this year supplemented with a further \$100 from the Friends of Youth Bridge Fund, is awarded to the Australian Youth Player who earns the most masterpoints in the calendar year in question. This year Michael Whibley won with 257.19 masterpoints, narrowly ahead of Adam Edgtton (255.67 MPs). This award can only be won once by a player and thus Nabil Edgtton (357.03 MPs) and Paul Gosney (356.33 MPs) were ineligible due to previous wins.



The Helman–Klinger Achievement Award

This award, worth \$400 annually and this year supplemented with a further \$200 from the Friends of Youth Bridge Fund, is presented each year to the Australian Youth Bridge Player whose ability, achievements, sportsmanship, attitude, contribution and commitment during the calendar year are most deserving. The 2010 award was won by Peter Hollands, who has been instrumental in organising various aspects of youth bridge in Melbourne, as well as having had an impressive list of achievements in various national and local bridge events. This includes being part of the runner-up Melbourne 4 team at the GNOT. Pete's attitude and commitment to the game are exemplary and he is a worthy winner of the award.



Both Helman–Klinger Awards exist due to the generosity of Rabbi Helman, an American lawyer, prominent bridge enthusiast and philanthropist, who made a substantial donation to establish the prizes to honour Ron and Suzie Klinger's outstanding contribution to bridge in Australia.

◀◀ Classic Rewind ▶▶

A Classic hand from 2010.

Sceptical Reversals

Reported by Nye Griffiths

On **Board 18** of the 2nd round of the Youth Teams, Geoff Martin played 4♥ and used good dummy reversal technique to make his game:

	(Nik)		
	♠ A542		
	♥ KT6		
	♦ 432		
	♣ AK2		
(Justin W)	(Nye)	(Geoff)	
♠ QT9763	♠ KJ	♠ 8	
♥ J9	♥ Q75	♥ A8432	
♦ 96	♦ QJT8	♦ AK75	
♣ Q95	♣ JT83	♣ 764	
	[Empty Box]		
Justin W	Nik	Nye	Geoff
		P	1♥
1♠	2♠	X	3♦
P	4♥	P	P
P			

The light overcall made the dummy reversal line more attractive, since Spade overruffs from West were impossible. Dummy reversals involve ruffing repeatedly many times in the long trump hand (usually a play that doesn't gain tricks). If you can trump enough times so that dummy has more trumps than your hand, then an additional trick or two can be made.

After a Spade lead, Geoff won the Ace, ruffed a Spade, crossed to the ♣A, ruffed a Spade (East pitching a Club; ruffing would have lost a trump trick), crossed to the ♣K, ruffed the final Spade (East pitching another Club) and still had two trump tricks and the ♦AK to come, for a total of 10 tricks.

Taken from the 2010 Bulletins.

Ten minute Interview

Maxy Henbest

Q. Mini Bio

I really don't want to get interviewed. Really. I'm 19, single. I enjoy long walks along the beach. I'm a good listener. I like candlelit dinners. I've moved out of home. I'm doing a maths degree. There's a love triangle going on in Victoria. Also, I enjoy puzzles.



Maxy

Q. Why do you think you are so good at bridge?

I actually don't think I'm that good at bridge. I think I'm horrible. My dad taught me to play cards when I was three. One day he gave me \$100, but said I had to play him at poker. 10 minutes later I didn't have the \$100.

Q. If you could live in any city in the world beginning with a D which one would it be?

Dakkar, I don't where it is. I'll think of another one. Probably somewhere in Africa. Maybe I'll pick Dakkar - through the desert. I'd like to live in Africa. Also they have an awesome. What!? don't they have the race anymore?

Q. Who is your favourite AFL team?

I don't follow the football, sorry, that's a seriously bad question. OK, Essendon.

Q. Who is your favourite weather presenter?

I don't watch the weather. My laptop has a widget that tells me the weather.

Q. What is your favourite newspaper comic strip?

Dilbert. Actually I quite like the Wizard of ID. Saturday is my favourite day. You get cryptic, Dilbert, and the Wizard of ID and the number problem. I like when I'm at work on Saturday and I do them all. I can't finish them all.

The Bad Old Days

By Paul Lavings, Sydney

In 1972 it was mostly rubber bridge, and that was how professionals in Sydney survived. In a poker club in Bondi Road, a cut-in rubber bridge school started up in opposition to Double Bay. A young group formed, a mixture of professionals and keen duplicate players.

We resolved to play in the Junior Championships (Under 30) in Canberra the next year. Our team was Paul Lavings (c.), Brian Bedkober, Geoff Lewis, Andrew Markovics, Neil Mathiesen and Andrew Reiner. We even had our own system, LLMM&R, named after the five core members of our team. It featured all the latest gizmos from the USA, negative doubles, forcing 1NT response to a major, cue bids of the opponent's suit. We had even refined from 15-18 1NT to 14-17, and with our own special Stayman.

The venue was the Griffin Centre, a tin shed on the perimeter of what is now the parking area behind the Canberra shops. The sun beat down mercilessly through the corrugated iron roof, but we didn't care. We were there to play bridge. We were there to win.

Eighteen teams competed in a full round robin. With one round to play the standings were (with 8-0 a maximum win):

SA	David Lusk	117
VIC	Tim Bourke	99
NSW	Paul Lavings	95
ACT	George Havas	90.6
VIC	Di Leatheart (now Di Smart)	90

Lusk was undefeated to date, and won their last match 8-0. Havas defeated Bourke 8-0, and Lavings beat a lowly ranked team 8-0. The final was between the only two six-person teams in the event.

The Lusk team, David Lusk (c.), Bob Bignall, Ian Hilditch, John Horowitz, David Middleton, George Smolanko started strongly, and we were soon sadly aware we were up against a better team.

On board 8 we were outbid:

W/Nil

♠ A9843
♥ J97
♦ 73
♣ J52

West
Reiner

P
2♥
5♥

North
Middleton

P
3♣
P

East
Lavings

1♥
4♥
P

South
Horowitz

2♣
5♣
P

♠ 1065
♥ KQ52
♦ Q94
♣ 1076

♠ KQ
♥ A10864
♦ AJ1085
♣ 4

♠ J72
♥ 3
♦ K62
♣ AKQ983

Middleton's 3♣ raise enabled Horowitz to find the good 5♣ save, which turned into a 10 imp bonanza when NSW took the push to 5♥. In the other room South overcalled 2♣, but North passed over 2♥. What should East bid over 3♣? Why not an honest 3♦? Now if EW have a slow, invitational sequence to game, NS will be less inclined to save. Or West could bid 3♥, instead of 2♥.

W/NS

♠ KQJ9
♥ 964
♦ KQ95
♣ 93

♠ A1052
♥ 10752
♦ AJ6
♣ K4

♠ ---
♥ AKQJ8
♦ 107432
♣ J86

♠ 87543
♥ 3
♦ 8
♣ AQ10752

The weak notrump was proving a thorn in our side. At red, a weak notump (12-14) on your left, and 4H by your RHO. You hold:

♠ 87543
♥ 3
♦ 8
♣ AQ10753

Any bid could be a disaster, you have been fixed again by the weak notrump. At the other table NS were able to get into the auction:

Lewis

1♦
2♥
5♥
P

Lusk

P
3♠
X

Bedkober

1♥
4♥
P

Smolanko

X
4♠
P

Smolanko's aggressive take-out double was characteristic of the SA team. Another 11 imps, and there was just no stopping them. Even though the loss was disappointing, our first Youth Week was a great adventure, and hugely enjoyed.

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Round by round results from the Butler selection event (8 rounds):

Peter Hollands - Shane Harrison				
Rnd	Opponents	IMPs	VPs	Total
1	Nathan Howard - Alex Lockwood	39	109	109
2	Liam Milne - Michael Whibley	-8	62	171
3	Orlando Wu - Jane Reynolds	-7	63	234
4	Cathy Hui - Sophie King	-16	54	288
5	Laura Ginnan - Lucy Henbest	45	115	403
6	Pascale Gardiner - Daniel Braun	-5	65	468
7	James Higgins - Sebastian Yuen	41	111	579
8	Ellena Moskovsky - Jamie Thompson	4	74	653

Liam Milne - Michael Whibley				
Rnd	Opponents	IMPs	VPs	Total
1	Justin Howard - Max Henbest	43	113	113
2	Peter Hollands - Shane Harrison	8	78	191
3	Ellena Moskovsky - Jamie Thompson	51	121	312
4	Orlando Wu - Jane Reynolds	21	91	403
5	James Higgins - Sebastian Yuen	34	104	507
6	Nathan Howard - Alex Lockwood	18	88	595
7	Cathy Hui - Sophie King	91	140	735
8	Pascale Gardiner - Daniel Braun	23	93	828

Cathy Hui - Sophie King				
Rnd	Opponents	IMPs	VPs	Total
1	Ellena Moskovsky - Jamie Thompson	-13	57	57
2	Nathan Howard - Alex Lockwood	-38	32	89
3	Laura Ginnan - Lucy Henbest	-47	23	112
4	Peter Hollands - Shane Harrison	16	86	198
5	Justin Howard - Max Henbest	17	87	285
6	James Higgins - Sebastian Yuen	31	101	386
7	Liam Milne - Michael Whibley	-91	-21	365
8	Orlando Wu - Jane Reynolds	5	75	440

Laura Ginnan - Lucy Henbest				
Rnd	Opponents	IMPs	VPs	Total
1	James Higgins - Sebastian Yuen	41	111	111
2	Ellena Moskovsky - Jamie Thompson	-1	69	180
3	Cathy Hui - Sophie King	47	117	297
4	Pascale Gardiner - Daniel Braun	-19	51	348
5	Peter Hollands - Shane Harrison	-45	25	373
6	Orlando Wu - Jane Reynolds	4	74	447
7	Nathan Howard - Alex Lockwood	-46	24	471
8	Justin Howard - Max Henbest	-12	58	529

Justin Howard - Max Henbest				
Rnd	Opponents	IMPs	VPs	Total
1	Liam Milne - Michael Whibley	-43	27	27
2	Pascale Gardiner - Daniel Braun	43	113	140
3	Nathan Howard - Alex Lockwood	38	108	248
4	James Higgins - Sebastian Yuen	61	131	379
5	Cathy Hui - Sophie King	-17	53	432
6	Ellena Moskovsky - Jamie Thompson	52	122	554
7	Orlando Wu - Jane Reynolds	52	122	676
8	Laura Ginnan - Lucy Henbest	12	82	758

James Higgins - Sebastian Yuen				
Rnd	Opponents	IMPs	VPs	Total
1	Laura Ginnan - Lucy Henbest	-41	29	29
2	Orlando Wu - Jane Reynolds	-4	66	95
3	Pascale Gardiner - Daniel Braun	-14	56	151
4	Justin Howard - Max Henbest	-61	9	160
5	Liam Milne - Michael Whibley	-34	36	196
6	Cathy Hui - Sophie King	-31	39	235
7	Peter Hollands - Shane Harrison	-41	29	264
8	Nathan Howard - Alex Lockwood	-2	68	332

Ellena Moskovsky - Jamie Thompson				
Rnd	Opponents	IMPs	VPs	Total
1	Cathy Hui - Sophie King	13	83	83
2	Laura Ginnan - Lucy Henbest	1	71	154
3	Liam Milne - Michael Whibley	-51	19	173
4	Nathan Howard - Alex Lockwood	-10	60	233
5	Orlando Wu - Jane Reynolds	-107	-37	196
6	Justin Howard - Max Henbest	-52	18	214
7	Pascale Gardiner - Daniel Braun	-46	24	238
8	Peter Hollands - Shane Harrison	-4	66	304

Orlando Wu - Jane Reynolds				
Rnd	Opponents	IMPs	VPs	Total
1	Pascale Gardiner - Daniel Braun	36	106	106
2	James Higgins - Sebastian Yuen	4	74	180
3	Peter Hollands - Shane Harrison	7	77	257
4	Liam Milne - Michael Whibley	-21	49	306
5	Ellena Moskovsky - Jamie Thompson	107	140	446
6	Laura Ginnan - Lucy Henbest	-4	66	512
7	Justin Howard - Max Henbest	-52	18	530
8	Cathy Hui - Sophie King	-5	65	595

Pascale Gardiner - Daniel Braun				
Rnd	Opponents	IMPs	VPs	Total
1	Orlando Wu - Jane Reynolds	-36	34	34
2	Justin Howard - Max Henbest	-43	27	61
3	James Higgins - Sebastian Yuen	14	84	145
4	Laura Ginnan - Lucy Henbest	19	89	234
5	Nathan Howard - Alex Lockwood	-54	16	250
6	Peter Hollands - Shane Harrison	5	75	325
7	Ellena Moskovsky - Jamie Thompson	46	116	441
8	Liam Milne - Michael Whibley	-23	47	488

Nathan Howard - Alex Lockwood				
Rnd	Opponents	IMPs	VPs	Total
1	Peter Hollands - Shane Harrison	-39	31	31
2	Cathy Hui - Sophie King	38	108	139
3	Justin Howard - Max Henbest	-38	32	171
4	Ellena Moskovsky - Jamie Thompson	10	80	251
5	Pascale Gardiner - Daniel Braun	54	124	375
6	Liam Milne - Michael Whibley	-18	52	427
7	Laura Ginnan - Lucy Henbest	46	116	543
8	James Higgins - Sebastian Yuen	2	72	615