

# AUSSIE YOUTH BRIDGE BULLETIN

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## (Ex)Youth Players Win Open Teams at New Zealand Congress



Congratulations to (Left to Right) Matthew Brown, Michael Whibley, Tony Nunn, Peter Hollands, Laura Ginnan, and Paul Gosney for winning the 2015 New Zealand Congress Open Teams, defeating Fraser Rew, Pamela Livingston, Brad Coles, and Kathrin Boardman 206-113 IMPs.

Well done!

## Australia at the World Youth Open Championships

Great effort by the Australian U25 team who qualified for the semi-finals and eventually came fourth in the U25 Teams. An Under-15 team also participated in the new U15 category.

You can read about it on page 3.



## ABF PRE-ALERTS!

For 2015-2016

**DATES EVENT WHERE**

<u>OCT</u> 21 - 29	<u>OCT</u> <a href="#">SNOT</a>	Sydney
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<u>DEC</u> 5 - 6	<u>DEC</u> <a href="#">2015 Youth Triathlon</a>	Sydney
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♥ **Flyer at the end of Bulletin** ♥

<u>JAN</u> 9 - 15	<u>JAN</u> <a href="#">2016 Australian Youth Week</a>	Canberra (More info soon)
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♥ **Brochure at the end of Bulletin** ♥

<u>JAN</u> 12 - 24	<u>JAN</u> <a href="#">2016 Summer Bridge Festival</a>	Canberra
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<u>FEB</u> 19 - 27	<u>FEB</u> <a href="#">2016 Gold Coast Congress</a>	Gold Coast
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# CHECKBACK (Results)

## 2015 WORLD YOUTH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

20 AUG – 29 AUG, 2015 (Opatija, Croatia)  
 For more details, please visit the Championship website [here](#).

U25 Pairs Final (38 pairs)	Place	Pair
	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Mikael Rimstedt – Ola Rimstedt (Sweden)
	4 <sup>TH</sup>	Shane Harrison – Maxim Henbest
	21 <sup>ST</sup>	Stephen Williams – Jamie Thompson
	22 <sup>ND</sup>	Renee Cooper – Ella Pattison

U25 Teams	Place	Team
	1 <sup>ST</sup>	<b>ZLATAN</b> (Mix of Argentina, Croatia, Italy, and Sweden)
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	<b>NORWAY</b>
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	<b>GRESWE AXON</b> (Mix of Greece and Sweden)
	4 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>AUSTRALIA</b> – Maxim Henbest, Shane Harrison, Jamie Thompson, Stephen Williams, Ella Pattison, Renee Cooper, Justin Williams (npc)

U15 Teams	Place	Team
	1 <sup>ST</sup>	<b>SX HYSW</b> (China)
	12 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>AUSSIE KIDS</b> – Patrick Clifford, Conor Hosking, Finn Rennie, Aiden Robertson, Liam Robertson, Justin Howard (npc), Laura Ginnan (coach)

## 2015 NZ NATIONAL CONGRESS

26 SEP – 3 OCT, 2015 (Hamilton, NZ)  
 For more details, please visit the Congress website [here](#).

Open Teams	Place	Team Members
	1 <sup>ST</sup>	GINNAN – Laura Ginnan, Matthew Brown, Michael Whibley, Paul Gosney, Peter Hollands, Tony Nunn
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	REW – Fraser Rew, Brad Coles, Kathrin Boardman, Pamela Livingston

### MEANWHILE AROUND THE GLOBE...

## 42<sup>ND</sup> WORLD BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

26 SEP – 10 OCT, 2015 (Chennai, India) Championship Website [here](#).

Open Teams	Place	Team
	1 <sup>ST</sup>	<b>POLAND</b>
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	<b>SWEDEN</b>
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	<b>USA 2</b>

# 2015 WORLD YOUTH OPEN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY MAX HENBEST, MELBOURNE

In late August, the Australian Under 25's team, comprised of Justin Williams (non-playing captain), Jamie Thompson, Stephen Williams, Renee Cooper, Ella Pattison, Shane Harrison and myself, travelled to Croatia to compete in the 4<sup>th</sup> World Youth Open Bridge Championships.



After coming third in the 20<sup>th</sup> APBF Youth Team Championships, we prepared ourselves to face tougher competition from all around the world. Alas, we tried our best and we eventually came fourth in the teams, being knocked out by the eventual winners 'Zlatan', a mixed Swedish-Italian-Argentinean team. Additionally, Shane and I managed to come fourth in the Pairs Championship. Overall, everyone on the team had a great time and built several friendships throughout the week. Here are some hands that were of interest.

After just qualifying for the Round of 8, our team was chosen by Italy for our first knockout match. At the end of the first stanza the score was tied at 20-20 IMPs, and during the second segment both teams were eager to break away. Consider this defensive problem. Sitting West, you find yourself on lead after the following auction:

Dlr: E	<b>West</b>
Vul: Nil	♠ T 4
	♥ 5 4 3 2
	♦ 7 6 5 2
	♣ A 8 6

You	N	E	S
-	-	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♦	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

South is in 6NT. 2♣ was strong, 2♦ was waiting, 2NT showed 22-23 balanced, 4NT was quantitative, 5NT was "Pick a Slam", and 6♦ suggested a four-card suit.

What do you lead?

South's 5NT suggested playing in 6 of a minor, as North cannot have a 4 card major (he didn't go via Stayman to look for one), and as South does not have diamonds, ergo he must have clubs. Since North has diamonds, a major suit lead is suggested. You choose the ♥4 and see the following in dummy.

E/Nil	♠ 9 7 2		
	♥ A 8 7		
	♦ A J T 8		
	♣ T 5 3		
<b>YOU</b>		N	
♠ T 4			
♥ 5 4 3 2			
♦ 7 6 5 2		W	E
♣ A 8 6			
			S

Declarer wins the ♥A (partner playing the ♥J), and plays a club to the king...quickly, what do you do!?

It is possible that the ♣K is declarer's twelfth trick, but it is not likely. What is more likely is that declarer has ♣KQ9x and needs to guess where the ♣A and ♣J are. By ducking smoothly, you will leave declarer with a tough guess on the second round (assuming partner can duck smoothly again if he was the one who held the ♣A!).

Here is the full deal:

As seen in the diagram on the left, if you take the ♣A, declarer has two possibilities to obtain his 12 tricks as he can either play on diamonds or clubs, with clubs being more likely to produce 12 tricks.

At the table you duck smooth, and after cashing all of his major suit winners and crossing to the ♦A, declarer plays a club to his ♣Q and your ace for one off – and a flat board.

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

At the end of the stanza you are leading by 25 IMPs and manage to score another 20 in the final segment to beat Italy 108-63.

Next in the Round of 4, you are up against Zlatan.

Here was an amusing problem from the first segment, you hold:

Dlr: N	<b>South</b>
Vul: EW	♠ AKQT 8 4
	♥ -
	♦ T 9 8 4
	♣ AQ3

Partner, in first seat at favourable vulnerability, opens 4♣ (your style gives little respect for the 'standard' preempting rules), and your right hand opponent doubles for takeout.

Your options are 4♦ = ART slam try (partner will cue up the line), 4M/5♣ = to play, 4NT = RKCB or maybe something else?

This hand could easily be a double game swing, and bidding 4♦ (asking for cue bids) will not tell you if partner has 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> round control in diamonds, and neither will 4NT RKCB. Also, both of those actions could let the opponents in at a low level which is undesirable.

Thinking more about this hand, you can see that if you are left alone in a club contract, you might be able to make twelve tricks easily; that is, if our side can gain the lead before the opponents can cash (potentially) two diamond winners, we can take seven club tricks, three spades, and either two heart ruffs or our spades can be established.

Furthermore, given the wild distribution of this deal, the opposition might even be cold for 4♥, 5♥, or even 6♥(!) – but (un)fortunately, you don't know how many tricks they're cold for in a heart contract, but neither do they!

At the table you decide to bid 6♣, hoping to dodge the diamond lead or that your partner has a diamond shortage. Sadly you are one off when the opponents cash the first two diamond tricks.

Full hand:

Dlr: N	♠ -			
Vul: EW	♥ QT 8 4			
	♦ 7 5			
	♣ KT 9 8 6 5 2			
♠ J 9 5 3		N		♠ 7 6 2
♥ K 9 7 6 5 3		W	E	♥ A J 2
♦ 6 2				♦ A K Q J 3
♣ 4			S	♣ J 7
	♠ AKQT 8 4			
	♥ -			
	♦ T 9 8 4			
	♣ AQ 3			

At the other table, North had a slightly different view of their hand, opening 2♥ which showed four hearts and a longer minor! East, Jamie, overcalled 2NT and South doubled for penalties. This was passed around back to Jamie who ran to 3♦ to which South competed with 3♠ and that's where the auction rested.

Declarer could not avoid losing four diamonds and a spade, so 3♠ sailed one off for an interesting flat board!

A few boards later you find yourself in 6♦ by South on the ♦J lead, what is the best line of play?

Dlr: E, Vul: Nil
♠ -
♥ AKT 9 8
♦ KQ 9 7 4
♣ K 9 5
6♦/S, ♦J
♠ Q 8 6 5 4 3
♥ 7 4
♦ A 6 3
♣ A 6

W	N	E	You
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♣	2NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♦	End	

West leads the ♦J.

2NT = 5/5+ Hearts and diamonds

4♠ = 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Cuebid

4NT = RKCB

At first glance it looks like you should win the ♦A, cash ♣AK, ruff a club, draw trumps then hope for hearts to either break 3-3 or either opponent to have an honour-doubleton. This requires diamonds to break 3-2 and for the hearts to behave.

But before you do that, what do you know about the opponents' hands and the missing high cards?

You are missing 15 points and West has opened the bidding. Additionally, West did not lead a top spade, suggesting that the spade honours are split. If East has the ♠K then there is not enough room for him to have both the ♥Q and the ♥J as well.

How about taking a double heart finesse? That is, win the ♦A, play a heart to the 10, and assuming it loses, win the diamond return (expected), cash the ♣AK and ruff a club, then play a heart to the 9. This requires hearts to break 4-2 (either way) with one or both heart honours onside, and a 3-2 diamond break.



Unfortunately none of this matters, as all roads lead to 12 or 13 tricks. This was the full deal:

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

At the other table, after South opened 1♠ they managed to lose the diamond suit and ended up in 3NT (North bid 2♥, South 2♣, North 2NT, and South 3NT), and 11 greatly needed IMPs to Australia.

In the first and second segments against Zlatan we managed to lose 34 and 18 IMPs respectively. However in the last stanza we clawed back 38 to lose by 14. Alas, the finals eluded Australia once again.

### AUS U15 KIDS

With the recent introduction of the U15 category, Australia was able to field a team for the 2015 World Youth Open Bridge Championships in Croatia. This team consisted of Victorian kids Patrick Clifford, Conor Hosking, Finn Rennie, and Aiden and Liam Robertson, who were trained up by Justin Howard, Laura Ginnan, and Peter Hollands.



A total of thirteen U15 teams competed, with one from Poland, Italy, and Germany, two from Chinese Taipei, and seven from China. Although our Aussie Kids weren't as experienced as the other teams, they learnt quite a fair bit, built friendships with other teams, and hope to be back with more practice and training!



## MEET TWO FUTURE CHAMPS

BY JOHN NEWMAN, SYDNEY

Some of you will have come across Matt Smith – devourer of bridge books and bridge gun in the making. Hopefully you'll also meet Sam Dobson soon, who's becoming a bit of a weapon himself ([ps: Sam's music is pretty cool](#)). Matt & Sam played their first game together at a recent club session and scored a whopping 80%. I asked if there was a cool hand, check this out:

<i>Sam Dobson</i>											
Dlr: S	♠ 9 4 3 2 ♥ KT 9 6 ♦ T 9 6 ♣ Q 3										
♠ AQT 8 ♥ Q 8 2 ♦ AKQJ 2 ♣ 9	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">N</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">W</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">E</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">S</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 6 5 ♥ J 5 4 3 ♦ 8 7 5 4 3 ♣ J 7
	N										
W		E									
	S										
<i>Matt Smith</i>											

W	N	E	S
-	-	-	1♣
X	Pass	1♦	5♣
X	Pass	Pass	Pass

Contract: 5♣X by South.  
Lead: ♦A

There are ten top tricks, so it comes down to creating an eleventh. Rather than go for the boring spade finesse, Matt decided the doubler had everything (♠AQ sitting over the ♠KJ), and tried for a fancy ending.

He trumped the opening lead of the ♦A, and ran off all of his trumps. West had to find discards, and threw all the top diamonds away except one. Matt kept the ♦T in dummy (you'll see why).

What happened next was pretty neat (see hand diagram):

Matt cashed ♥A and ♥K (removing West's hearts), then played the ♦T from dummy, pitching a spade from the South hand. West had no choice but to win the diamond, and with only ♠AQ left to lead, Matt's ♠K was guaranteed to score a trick!

*(Ed: Nice card reading! The defence could have prevailed had West threw his hearts away as East can guard the hearts – although if West held the ♥J also, he would have been squeezed in three suits! And if the diamond honours were split, then West would come down to ♠AQ ♥QJx and the endplay can be executed in a similar manner but this time in the hearts.)*

<i>Sam Dobson</i>											
Dlr: S	♠ 9 ♥ KT 9 ♦ T ♣ -										
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W		E									
	S										
<i>Matt Smith</i>											

## BRUCE VS. BRUCE & BRUCES: THE REUNION

BY LAUREN TRAVIS, ADELAIDE

### A Bruce Showdown

Finally, in the last week of the Swiss Pairs, we drew Bruce and Gevans. Like us, they'd been languishing in the middle of the field for weeks. Board 6 gave us a treat as Bruce indulged in some banter:

Dir: E	♠ QT 5 4 3 2		
Vul: EW	♥ A 9 8		
	♦ J		
	♣ K 8 5		
♠ J 7		N	♠ K 9 6
♥ QT 6 5		W	♥ 7 4
♦ 8 3 2		E	♦ AKQT 7 5
♣ AT 6 2		S	♣ J 3
	♠ A 8		
	♥ K J 3 2		
	♦ 9 6 4		
	♣ Q 9 7 4		

As East, Bruce Markey opened 1♦. His partner bid 1♥, I overcalled 1♠ as North, and he rebid 1NT, showing "15-18 points and a balanced hand".

That became the contract, and when dummy came down, Bruce had a go at Gevans for passing 1NT, since he could have 18 points. After the hand, we had a look, and the maniac had done it with only 13!

Board 8 demonstrated the importance of preserving your spot cards:

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

Gevans	LT	Bruce M	Bruce W
W	N	E	S
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Bruce led the ♥5, I won the ace, and Gevans gave count with the ♥7 - his first mistake. Now, when I led a small heart from dummy, he felt compelled to cover with the 9, which I trumped. I ruffed a spade back to dummy and played another heart, again covered, ruffed and overruffed.

Bruce did well to return a trump now, which I won in dummy with the jack, leaving this position:

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

Having already lost one trick, I needed another heart trick to make my contract. However, if I took a ruffing hook, Bruce would be able to trump my winner.

I tried it anyway, and Gevans covered, letting me ruff with the ♦A, cash my ♠A for a club pitch, and make 11 tricks. If he'd kept that ♥7 at trick 1 then the defence would have been a whole lot easier for him!

Juz and I failed to bid slam on the following board, and both of us thought the other should have made a move. How do you think we should've bid it?

Dir: S  
Vul: Nil

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

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

♠ T 3  
♥ K Q J 6 5 2  
♦ A  
♣ K Q 6 2

Our auction:

Gevans	LT	Bruce M	Bruce W
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	1♥
Pass	2♣	2♠	3♣
3♠	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

After my 3NT bid, I thought Juz could've cue bid 4♦, which would've prompted me to ask for keycards.

After his 4♣ bid however, I decided my best action was to cue 4♠, which I thought should show very good spades, since I already bid 3NT (and I can't cue diamonds or hearts). After I didn't keycard, Juz thought he'd done enough since he wasn't sure if I had the necessary first and second round spade controls, so he signed off in 5♣.

This last board was the only real demonstration of Bruce bridge in action:

Dir: E  
Vul: Nil

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

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

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

Our auction:

Gevans	LT	Bruce M	Bruce W
W	N	E	S
-	-	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	X
XX	Pass	Pass	Pass

2♥ = Both majors, at least 4-4, literally any hand

2♠ = Definitely going to get called a chicken in the post-mortem

XX = Trying to make up from the previous round

The defence was nice - I led ♠A and another spade which declarer won in hand. He cashed ♣A and ruffed a club, then crossed to the ♥A and ruffed another club. Now he was stuck in a dummy which had run out of trumps and tricks:

Dir: E  
Vul: Nil

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

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

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

He exited a heart to my 9, and I played ♦A before leading a diamond to partner's Q. He was able to cash a club trick as I pitched my last diamond. Now, he could lead a minor card through declarer to give me a trump promotion for -1.

In the end, the wrong Bruce came out on top, as we went down by 14 IMPs and sank further down the field.



# 2015 YOUTH TRIATHLON!

The Youth Triathlon is back! This time, it will be held in Sydney, on 5-6 December at the NSWBA. The triathlon consists of an Individual, Pairs, and Teams.

Come along if you can – and invite your friends! To enter online, click [here](#). The flyer can be seen at the end of the bulletin.

## Peter Hollands Live Bridge Stream

Live bridge streaming sessions  
(All sessions will run most weeks)  
**AEDT Time (Melbourne)**

**Monday 2.00 - 4.00 PM**

**Monday 4.00 - 5.00 PM** (Supervised)

**Tuesday 3.00 - 6.00 PM**

**Thursday 11.00 AM - 12.00 PM**

(Lesson on a selected topic)

To watch these **free** live sessions:

<http://www.twitch.tv/sliynk>  
or [www.bridgestream.weebly.com](http://www.bridgestream.weebly.com)

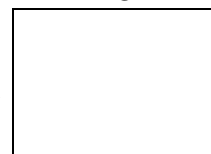
Anyone can watch. If you wish to chat to Pete and ask questions, you will need to register for a twitch account.

For more info, see next page.

### FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER [DECLARER PLAY]

S/All      ♠ 8 7 6 3  
              ♡ 7 5  
              ♦ T 8 5 3  
              ♣ A 6 2

♣K



♠ A Q J  
♡ A Q J T 9 8  
♦ A Q  
♣ 9 4

South to make 4♥ (IMPs)

West leads the ♣K.

*Solution on Page 11*

## Need Accommo for 2016 Gold Coast Congress?

The Gold Coast Congress, with the Friends of Youth Bridge, would like to help youth players that are interested in playing in the 2016 Gold Coast Congress. Likely, 2 units will be made available for youth players. More info soon. Any enquiries to Therese Tully at [gttully@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gttully@bigpond.net.au)



The ABF Youth Website is moving (this time for sure)! The new relocated website will be [www.youthbridge.com.au](http://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 - send [griff.bridge@me.com](mailto:griff.bridge@me.com) an email if you have any suggestions or want to help test the forum. Stay tuned ☺



# KIBITZER'S CORNER



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## SUIT COMBINATIONS

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<p><i>(Assume unlimited entries)</i></p> <p><b>K 9 6 3</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p><b>Target:</b> 4 tricks</p> </div> <p><b>A Q 4</b></p>	<p><i>(Assume unlimited entries)</i></p> <p><b>K 9 6 3</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p><b>Target:</b> 4 tricks</p> </div> <p><b>A J 4</b> <i>(East plays the Q on the 2<sup>nd</sup> round)</i></p> <p><b>A 10 8 7 3</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p><b>Target:</b> 5 tricks</p> </div> <p><b>K 6 4 2</b> <i>(East plays the Q on the 1<sup>st</sup> round)</i></p>
<p><b>A 10 3</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p><b>Target:</b> 4 tricks</p> </div> <p><b>K Q 4 2</b></p>	

At first, you might think “ace, queen, then king, and see if the suit breaks 3-3 or not”, which is partly correct. The main problem arises is when RHO drops the 10 or the J on the second round of the suit. In that instance, the suit might be 4-2 where a finesse of the 9 would be the winning play. The question is, if RHO does play the 10 or J on the second round, should you finesse (playing for the suit to be 4-2), or should you play the king hoping the suit is 3-3 with RHO having J10x.

In fact, this is a [restricted choice](#) situation. If East had J10x, he had a *choice* of plays on the second round of the suit. Thus, the probability of East having J10x is reduced, so the percentage play is to finesse the 9.

Best play for four tricks is to first cash the king (in case East is void). Next, play small to the ace – not the ten. By finessing the ten, you will only win against when West has Jxxxx or Jxxx. By winning the ace (followed by ten to the queen), you will win when East has Jx and Jxx, which is more likely. (We’ve disregarded the 3-3 break when West has the jack, since both lines win in that case.)

### FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER [DECLARER PLAY] SOLUTION (Problem on page 9)

S/All      ♠ 8 7 6 3  
               ♡ 7 5  
               ♦ T 8 5 3  
               ♣ A 6 2

♣K

♠ A Q J  
 ♡ A Q J 10 9 8  
 ♦ A Q  
 ♣ 9 4

South to make 4♥ (IMPs)  
 West leads the ♣K.

You have four potential losers, and with only one entry in dummy (♣A), you must use it to take a finesse – but the question is, which one?

It might first appear to be a purely random guess, and in a way, it is. But you should play with the odds. Remember, you can only take *one* finesse. If you take the spade finesse and it wins, will that help you? Not really, unless East started off with specifically ♠Kx doubleton.

The same applies with hearts – if the heart finesse wins, you will need East to hold ♥Kx doubleton.

However, in the diamond suit, you will only need one finesse, so it therefore best to take the diamond finesse.



## FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER – BEEFING UP BRIDGE CONVENTIONS

### TRIAL BIDS AFTER 1Major – Pass – 2Major

After a typical auction of 1Major – Pass – 2Major – Pass, opener can bid a new suit as a long/help suit trial. However, sometimes it is better for opener to show a *short suit trial* instead (so responder can judge whether he has any wastage opposite the short suit). To get the best of both worlds, you can combine both types of trial bids.

Here's how:

1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass

After 1Major – Pass – 2Major – Pass, opener can bid the next step to say “I have a short suit trial somewhere”. Over this, responder bids the next step up saying “Which suit are you short suit trialling in?” in which opener bids his suit.

For example:

1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣	Short suit trial in clubs		
3♦	Short suit trial in diamonds		
3♥	Short suit trial in spades (not 3♠ since you might want to stop in 3♥)		

Here's the auction for spades:

1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦	Short suit trial in diamonds		
3♥	Short suit trial in hearts		
3♠	Short suit trial in clubs		

If opener wants to make a long suit trial bid, he just bids the suit himself, such as 1♥-2♥-3♣, or 1♠-2♠-3♦ (with the exception that 1♥-2♥-2NT shows a long suit trial in *spades* since 2♠ is used for the short suit trial bid).


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	EVENT (QLD)	DATES
	For More INFO: <a href="http://www.qldbridge.com/">http://www.qldbridge.com/</a>	


	EVENT (NSW)	DATES
	After school bridge club @ NSWBA is on a break. Email: <a href="mailto:johnno.newman@gmail.com">johnno.newman@gmail.com</a> Web: <a href="http://www.nswba.com.au/">http://www.nswba.com.au/</a>	

	EVENT (ACT)	DATES
	ANU Bridge Club regular meetings at ANU Bar	Mondays 4pm-6pm during term
Email: <a href="mailto:youth@bfact.com.au">youth@bfact.com.au</a> Web: <a href="http://www.bfact.com.au/">http://www.bfact.com.au/</a>		

	EVENT (VIC)	DATES
	After school bridge club @ Waverly Bridge Club, held on Tuesday afternoons (during school term from 4:30pm-6:30pm) Contact: <a href="http://www.vba.asn.au/vbaHome.php">http://www.vba.asn.au/vbaHome.php</a>	

	EVENT (SA)	DATES
	Email: <a href="mailto:laurenct@gmail.com">laurenct@gmail.com</a> Web: <a href="http://www.sabridgefederation.com.au/">http://www.sabridgefederation.com.au/</a>	

	EVENT (WA)	DATES
	Contact: <a href="http://www.bawa.asn.au/">http://www.bawa.asn.au/</a>	

	EVENT (NT)	DATES
	Contact: <a href="http://www.ntba.com.au/">http://www.ntba.com.au/</a>	

	EVENT (TAS)	DATES
	Contact: <a href="http://www.tasbridge.com.au/">http://www.tasbridge.com.au/</a>	



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# *Australian Youth Bridge Championships*

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
at

The Canberra Bridge Club  
6 Duff Place, Deakin, Canberra

Open to all players born in 1986\* or later

International participants very welcome

Youth Week ALSO includes the Australian Junior Team Selection Butler

**Entries and info: [youthweek2016@abf.com.au](mailto:youthweek2016@abf.com.au)**

## **Three MAJOR Events**

**The Australian Youth Teams Championship**

**The Australian Youth Pairs Championship**

**The Australian Youth Team Butler Selection**

**As well as side events for non-qualifiers to the Butler Final**

**Entry Fees ONLY \$10/day/event**

**Includes light lunch every day**

**No Evening Bridge**

**[www.abfevents.com.au/events/ayc/2016](http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/ayc/2016)**

Director: Phil Gue

\*Australians must be ABF Members. To qualify for the Australian Junior Team Selection Butler event, players must satisfy eligibility requirements including being born on or after 01/01/1991.

## General Information

The 2016 Australian Youth Championships (AYC) consists of three major events:

- Australian Youth Teams 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January – starting 10am on the 9<sup>th</sup>.  
The Final (top two teams at end of qualifying) to be played on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 10 am  
Players in the final receive automatic entry to the Pairs final on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January
- Australian Youth Pairs 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January – starting 10am on the 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Australian Junior Team Selection Butler 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> January – starting at 9.30am

Plus:

- Other events and activities from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> January for players who do not qualify to, or are not eligible for, the Butler.
- Social events, including some bridge events such as speedball, will be organized for the evenings

There will be a test match between New Zealand and the Australian team, as selected, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January, to contest the "Stern-Cornell Trophy".

The format of the Australian Youth Team selection Butler (13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> January) will be determined by the number of entries received, but the final will "likely" be contested between the 10 top qualifying pairs. The TOP THREE PAIRS AT THE END OF THE BUTLER FINAL will qualify as the Australian Youth team for 2016.

The targeted events for 2016 are the World Youth Teams Championships in Salsomaggiore, Italy, August 3<sup>rd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, and the New Zealand National Congress and Test Match, September 24<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### 2016 AYC Provisional<sup>†</sup> Program

At Canberra Bridge Club, Deakin, 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016:

	Morning	Afternoon	
<b>Saturday</b> 10 am start	Teams	Teams	
<b>Sunday</b> 10 am start	Teams	Teams	
<b>Monday</b> 10 am start	Pairs Qualifying Teams Final	Pairs Qualifying Teams Final	Cliff Wake
<b>Tuesday</b> 10 am start	Pairs Final and Consolation	Pairs Final and Consolation	
<b>Wednesday</b> 9.30 am start	Youth Butler Qualifying	Youth Butler Qualifying	
<b>Thursday</b> 9.30 am start	Youth Butler Final & Consolation event	Youth Butler Final & Consolation event	
<b>Friday</b> 9.30 am start	Youth Butler Final & Consolation event	Youth Butler Final & Consolation event	BBQ at TBA

**Saturday**  
Start time TBA

Test Match Australia vs. New Zealand

<sup>†</sup> 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 Canberra Bridge club, 6 Duff Place, Deakin.

Accommodation is not provided but there are many options available.

There is a Motel (Greenleigh), about 7 mins drive from the venue, that offers a range of budget rooms. One configuration is a room with two singles, and two bunk beds, plus an on-suite bathroom, for \$85/night. Their web-site is <http://stayatgreenleigh.com.au/>. An early booking is recommended.

**Entry is via an online form on the AYC website.** Those players under-18 are also required to submit a parental consent form, available at:

<http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/ayc/2016/>

Any queries should be directed to **David Thompson**: email them at [youthweek2016@abf.com.au](mailto:youthweek2016@abf.com.au), or ph 0417 526 331 (David).

Partners and teammates can be arranged, please email for a partner or team-mates.

## Fees

Fees are simply \$10/player/day. So, for the Teams \$80 per team, Pairs \$40 per pair. The Butler Selection event will be \$20 per pair for Stage 1 (Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup>), and \$40 per pair for Stage 2 (Thursday and Friday January 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>). Side events on the Wednesday to Friday will be \$20 per pair per day.

**Lunches** (normally; assorted sandwiches, fresh fruit, fruit juice) will be provided daily for the event, free of charge. There will a B-B-Q evening on Friday January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Any participants with dietary requirements (gluten intolerance; allergies; etc) should contact the organisers when entering.

**Payment is required prior to arrival.** 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

For other methods of payment please contact David Thompson.

## 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 David at [youthweek2016@abf.com.au](mailto:youthweek2016@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

- To play in the Butler, qualified pairs must be born on or after 01/01/1991, sign declarations of availability for designated event(s) and for additional training, and ensure they satisfy ABF residency requirements for international representation.
- The designated events for the team selected by the Butler are: (i) the World Youth Teams Championships to be held in Salsomaggiore, Italy, from August 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup> 2016. ii) The New Zealand National Congress and Test Match, Hamilton, New Zealand, from September 24<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. Pairs may be available for one of these events, but not the other. 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 or Oceania teams for other international youth events in 2016, will be posted on the Championships' website.
- 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.
- Supplementary regulations pertaining to participation in, the format of, and the running of, the Championships will be posted in the playing area during the week and on the Championships' website prior to the event.

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