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## South Australian Teams Selection

Over the weekends of February 9th-10th and March 8th-9th, the selection event for the South Australian Women's Team for the Australian National Championships was held.

Fourteen pairs entered the event which was run as a full round robin, each pair playing each other pair over 16 boards.

The top three pairs would then become the SA Women's Team. The results:

- 1st Linda Babiszewski - Ann Clarke
- 2nd Wendy Andrews - Heather Motteram
- 3rd Barbara and Lauren Travis
- 4th Alison Fallon - Barbara Marrett

Alison Fallon - Barbara Marrett became the reserve pair, given that the Open Team selection event had not finished (with me still in contention) and Lauren's option to play in the SA Youth Team.

By week's end, the issue was resolved. The Open Team selection event had also finished. The results:

- 1st Joe Haffer - Paul Hudson
- 2nd Phil Markey - Justin Williams
- 3rd Robert Bignall - Barbara Travis
- 4th Luke Matthews - John Zollo

My partner had already suggested that if Lauren and I wished to play in the Women's Team he would be happy to play in the Seniors' Team trials.

So Lauren and I will be playing in the Women's Team, and 4th-placed Luke Matthews and John Zollo become the final members of the SA Open Team.

The Women's selection event was 14-year-old Lauren's first major tournament, apart from a few one-day congresses.

Despite the bias of being her mother and mentor, I was impressed with the soundness of her bidding over both weekends.

Take the following hand as an example:

WEST	EAST
♠ J6	♠ AK95
♥ AKJ75	♥ 10
♦ K3	♦ A865
♣ AQ106	♣ KJ53

Lauren sat East and had to open this 4144. Many people struggle with what to open such hands, but there are really only problems when you have a black singleton. With a red singleton you simply open 1C and have no rebid problem, being able to bid your suits up-the-line.

Lauren duly opened 1C and we had the following auction:

	1C
1H	1S
2D (1)	3NT (2)
6C	Pass

My 2D bid was fourth-suit forcing and Lauren figured that she had a better-than-minimum hand so jumped to 3NT. In the absence of the mechanisms to look for a grand slam, I bid a practical 6C.

On a trump lead, Lauren proceeded to play on cross-ruff lines - taking the six tricks outside trumps (SA, SK, HA, HK, DA, DK) and seven trump tricks - the trump lead and six ruffs. Most pairs played in game or 6NT (failing).

## South Australian Teams Selection cont.

On a club lead, the following hand required careful management of the entries.

♠ 432	
♥ AQ1052	
♦ Q8	
♣ 965	
♠ J8	♠ K975
♥ J64	♥ K87
♦ AK9764	♦ 32
♣ KQ	♣ AJ108
♠ AQ106	
♥ 93	
♦ J105	
♣ 7432	

In 3NT on a club lead it is firstly a matter of counting your winners, and secondly a matter of working out the communication in order to take the 5 (potential) diamond winners and 4 club winners. This is why you need to have a plan before playing to the first trick.

Win the CK and start establishing the diamonds. However, leading the DA, DK and losing a diamond does not work on this hand; you can no longer access both the diamonds and clubs. You need to duck the diamond on the first round of the suit (relying on the 3-2 break). Then you can overtake a club if they are continued, making 4 club tricks and 5 diamond tricks. On a major suit switch you have a stopper in that suit and the same 9 tricks.

♠ 94	
♥ AQ102	
♦ KJ105	
♣ K98	
♠	♠ KJ853
♥ J965	♥ K874
♦ AQ964	♦
♣ J743	♣ Q1065
♠ AQ10762	
♥ 3	
♦ 8732	
♣ A2	

In our last match Jill Lawson managed this hand expertly, despite the 5-0 trump break.

Jill sat North. Lauren led H4 which ran to the HQ. At trick 2, Jill ran the S9, finding the nasty break. She continued with a spade to the S6, then led a diamond from dummy. I flew with the DA, primarily because I didn't want to give Jill extra opportunities to make extra trump tricks by ruffing. I led a club which she won with the CA, leading a club to the CK in order to cash the HA before trumping a club.

Now she was in dummy to lead a diamond, finessing, with Lauren trumping. At trick 10, Lauren led a heart which was ruffed in dummy; dummy's last diamond was ruffed by Lauren, but now dummy held the SAQ over Lauren's known trump holding.

What I particularly enjoyed - despite being on the receiving end of this result - was that Jill remained unfazed by the bad trump break. She sat and re-planned her line of play, and proceeded accordingly.

I have one more 'lesson' hand. You hold:

♠ K92
♥ KJ62
♦ AKJ75
♣ 5

You open 1D and partner responds 1NT. What do you bid next?

Well, let's stop and analyse the bidding so far...

Partner has shown 6-9 HCP, so we don't have enough for game...

Partner has denied 4 hearts or 4 spades...

In fact, if you think this through fully, the suit partner must have is clubs.

So, PASS.

The other interesting issue is what to lead in defence on these auctions... a club lead is not such a good idea; you are far better off leading a major suit.

# Diary Dates

- Sunday 20th April 2008                    **Directors' Workshop**  
At SA Bridge Association, Unley  
Phone: 8373 3995 for more information
- Saturday 26th April 2008 )            **SA Seniors' Team selection event**  
Sunday 27th April 2008 )            **SA Youth Team selection event**  
At SA Bridge Association, Unley  
Pre-entry required  
Phone: 8373 3995 for more information
- Sunday 27th April 2008                    **SABA Restricted Swiss Pairs Congress**  
At SA Bridge Association, Unley  
Phone: 8373 3995 for more information
- Thursday 1st May 2008                    )            **Autumn National Women's Swiss Pairs**  
Friday 2nd May 2008                    )            **Autumn National Seniors' Swiss Pairs**  
At SA Bridge Association, Unley  
Pre-entry required  
Phone: 8116 7282 or 0414 689 620 for more information
- Friday 2nd May 2008                    )            **Autumn National Open Teams**  
Saturday 3rd May 2008                    )            At SA Bridge Association, Unley  
Sunday 4th May 2008                    )            Pre-entry required  
Phone: 8116 7282 or 0414 689 620 for more information
- Monday 5th May 2008                    **Autumn National Open Teams Consolation**  
At SA Bridge Association, Unley  
Phone: 8116 7282 or 0414 689 620 for more information
- Sunday 18th May 2008                    **PABF South Australian Team selection event**  
At SA Bridge Association, Unley  
Phone: 8116 7282 or 0414 689 620 for more information  
  
*The winning team will be offered the opportunity to play as  
the South Australian representative team  
at the Pacific Asia Bridge Congress  
which will be held in August/September at the Gold Coast.  
A \$1,500 subsidy will be available to the representative team.*
- Sunday 25th May 2008                    **Gawler Pairs Congress**

# Problems from Ron Klinger

Ron Klinger has offered to provide regular articles for our Newsletter.

Ron's website provides new material daily which will help you to improve your game: [www.ronklingerbridge.com](http://www.ronklingerbridge.com)

North dealer  
Nil vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1H	Pass	4H
?			

What would you do as West with:

K87432  
void  
A4  
107643

## THE ITALIAN JOB

When Italy won the 2000 World Open Teams Olympiad, Alfredo Versace found a great bid on this deal from the final:

North dealer  
Nil vulnerable

	Q65		
	KQJ954		
	J9		
	KQ		
K87432		J9	
void		A6	
A4		KQ873	
107643		A852	
	A10		
	108732		
	10652		
	J9		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1H	Pass	4H
4S!	Pass	Pass	Pass

The lack of spade length argues against a takeout double by East and the diamonds lack the quality needed for a 2-level overcall. The rationale for Versace's very courageous 4S was:

(a) The void in the enemy suit (usually a good sign for competing), and

(b) The good shape (6-5 pattern) with moderate strength.

As South's was a weak action and West was also weak, it was very likely that East would have some useful values. Indeed they were sufficient to allow 4S to make, thanks to the SA onside and the 2-2 split in clubs.

At the other table East overcalled 2D, but the bidding ended with 3S by West.

In the Women's final, both Wests did bid 4S, but that was aided by East's 2D overcall.

East dealer  
Both vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		Pass	3S
Pass	4C (1)	Pass	4D (1)
Pass	4H (1)	Pass	5C (1)
Pass	6S	All pass	

(1) Cue-bids, spades as trumps

The cue-bids show first or second round control. What would you lead as West from:

104  
765  
AJ10  
A9543

## LEADING THE WAY

Before looking at the complete deal, which arose in the 2002 European Open Teams, plan your play as South in 6S on the CA lead.

KQ82  
AQ93  
K9865  
void  
AJ97653  
J42  
2  
K8

Made up your mind? This was the complete deal:

## Problems from Ron Klinger cont.

KQ82  
 AQ93  
 K9865  
 void

104  
 765  
 AJ10  
 A9543

void  
 K108  
 Q743  
 QJ10762

AJ97653  
 J42  
 2  
 K8

Playing against Norway, Italy had the auction given above. West led the DA and that was that. He shifted to the H5, but it was too late. Norberto Bocchi rose with the HA, ruffed a diamond with a flamboyant SA, crossed to the SK and ruffed another low diamond with the SJ. A spade to the queen drew West's last trump and dummy's DK9 allowed declarer to discard two hearts. The rest was routine for +1430.

At the other table, with Italy East-West:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Lauria Brogeland</i>	<i>Versace</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	
---	---	Pass	1S
Pass	4C (1)	Pass	4S
Pass	5C (2)	Pass	5D (3)
Pass	6S	All pass	

- (1) Splinter raise to 4S, short in clubs
- (2) Club void
- (3) Second-round diamond control

Lead: H5

Declarer had to risk the heart finesse. He played low in dummy. East rose with the HK and shot back a diamond to West's DA, as South had denied first-round diamond control. That was +100 and 17 IMPs to Italy.

At the first table West might also have found the deadly heart lead. Holding two aces, West should expect the opponents to have a void in one of the minors and so an ace lead is very risky.

Playing against France, Finland had a brief auction and the outcome was successful when West failed to find the best lead:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
---	---	Pass	3S
Pass	4C (1)	Pass	5C (1)
Pass	6S	All pass	

(1) Cue-bids, spades agreed

Lead: CA

Declarer ruffed in dummy, played a spade to his jack and cashed the CK, pitching a heart. Next came the D2 and West played the DJ. Dummy's DK won and that was +1430 to Finland.

At the other table France also reached 6S after South opened 1S, but declarer muffed the play:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
---	---	Pass	1S
Pass	2D	Pass	2S
Pass	3S (1)	Pass	4S
Pass	5D (2)	Pass	5S
Pass	6S	All pass	

- (1) Forcing
- (2) Make of this what you will

Lead: CA

The ace was ruffed and declarer played a spade to hand. After discarding a heart on the CK, South played the D2. West played the D10 and declarer ducked in dummy. East switched to the H5, nine, king. One down and 17 IMPs to Finland.

Ducking the diamond was a strange move. One would think that declarer would play for two heart discards on the diamonds, one on the DK if the DA is onside and the other on the fifth diamond if diamonds are 4-3. When that works you do not need the heart finesse.

If the DK loses to the ace, you can still set up the fifth diamond for one heart discard and rely on the HK with West.

# Bridge Rules To Live By

Karen McCallum, many time world champion and recent winner of our Gold Coast Teams in 2008, has created a list of bridge rules - which can also be found on [www.clairebridge.com](http://www.clairebridge.com).

Karen assures readers that her rules work! So here they are:

1. **BID MORE ON THE FIRST ROUND.** Whenever possible, "Get it out of your system on the first round of the bidding" while it's still safe to do so.
2. **GET IN AND OUT EARLY.** If you don't find a fit, get out of the bidding.
3. **MAKE THE OPPONENTS MAKE THE LAST GUESS - NOT YOU.** On highly competitive deals, bid as high as you are willing to go immediately, then get out and watch them deal with the problem.
4. **GIVE THE OPPONENTS A PROBLEM WHENEVER YOU CAN DO SO WITH RELATIVE SAFETY.** If they have no problem, they will play well. If they have problems to cope with then, no matter how good they are, they won't be able to solve them all.
5. **DON'T SELL OUT AT THE 2-LEVEL WHEN THE OPPONENTS HAVE AN 8-CARD FIT.** However, if you think that either side may have no 8-card fit it is correct to sell out at the 2-level.
6. **DON'T PLAY TO TRICK ONE UNTIL YOU HAVE A PLAN.** Applies both to defenders and to declarer. If you don't know what you're playing for, don't play!
7. **NEVER MAKE A PENALTY DOUBLE OF A PART-SCORE WITHOUT FOUR TRUMPS.** (That means never!)
8. **LIMIT YOUR HAND WHENEVER YOU CAN.** Partner knows the partnership level, and the bidding goes smoothly from here.
9. **NEVER LIE ABOUT TRUMP LENGTH.** If you do, partner cannot make winning Law of Total Trick decisions. Or he will choose the wrong trump suit. Or he will misdefend because he has the wrong count.
10. **WHEN YOU HAVE A RAISE, RAISE.** Whenever you can, raise your partner's suits.
11. **WHEN YOU KNOW WHAT'S TRUMPS, TELL PARTNER.** He makes better decisions when he knows.
12. **WHEN YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO - DO IT.** Don't make partner guess.
13. **BID YOUR LONG SUITS - DON'T MAKE A TAKEOUT DOUBLE.**
14. **BID YOUR 5-CARD MAJORS - DON'T MAKE A TAKEOUT DOUBLE.**
15. **IF YOU KNOW THAT YOU DON'T WANT YOUR DOUBLE TO END THE AUCTION, DON'T DOUBLE.** Find another bid. Perhaps 1NT or 2NT takeout (or 4NT), or a flexible cue-bid, or a natural bid.
16. **DON'T BALANCE!** There are exceptions, of course - e.g. when they have found a fit and are passed out at the 2-level. But, as a general rule, balancing is losing bridge. Bid your hand on the first round, before they know what to do.
17. **LONG SUITS FIRST!** With a 6-5, open or respond in the 6-card suit. Similarly, with 4-5 in the minors, try to open 1C if you can - open 1D only when you must.

## **Bridge Rules To Live By cont.**

18. WITH WEAKNESS, DON'T PLAY IN NO TRUMPS - FIND A TRUMP FIT. When we have around half the high cards (or less), no spots, and no source of tricks, we'll usually take more tricks in a trump suit, even when both hands are balanced. Therefore, don't pass 1NT openings with bad hands, unless you must.
19. FOUR-OF-A-PREVIOUSLY-BID-MAJOR IS ALWAYS TO PLAY. Not a cue-bid - never!
20. IF YOU HAVE A CHOICE OF BIDS AND ONE OF THEM IS 3NT - BID 3NT.
21. PLAY WITHIN YOUR PARTNERSHIP. Always have what THIS partner expects you to have, no matter what else you may think is right. Change your system later, not at the table.
22. PARTNER NEVER HAS THE RIGHT HAND. Be practical - don't look for the miracle unless you can do so safely.
23. ALWAYS BELIEVE YOUR PARTNER. He's on your side. Trust the information he gives you. Always assume that he knows what he's doing, even when it looks as if he's lost his mind.
24. WITH A 6-CARD SUIT, BID TO THE 2-LEVEL BY YOURSELF. WITH A 7-CARD SUIT BID TO THE 3-LEVEL BY YOURSELF. (No exceptions.)
25. WE HAVE NO PENALTY DOUBLE OF THEIR BID-AND-RAISED SUIT AT THE 2-LEVEL. This includes their support double sequences.
26. WHEN YOU'RE ABOUT TO BECOME DECLARER WITH FOUR SMALL TRUMPS, UNDERBID.
27. WHENEVER A NATURAL AND LIMITING NO TRUMP CALL IS ONE OF YOUR OPTIONS, THAT'S THE RIGHT BID. If 1NT is one of your options, bid 1NT.
28. WHEN THERE IS NO FIT, UNDERBID.
29. SURPRISE 6-5 : DON'T PLAY 3NT.
30. DON'T PLAY NO TRUMPS WITH SINGLETONS AND VOIDS. Similarly, don't defend no trump with singletons and voids. If you have an option, take it. Don't pass partner's 1NT opening or rebid with a singleton. Don't pass their 1NT opening with a singleton if you can scrape up a bid.
31. TAKEOUT DOUBLES ARE NEVER OFFSHAPE. (Okay, almost never.) Allowable exceptions are (a) equal-level conversion of clubs to diamonds; (b) strong NT; (c) 4-4 majors. NO OTHER EXCEPTIONS. We don't start with double to show extra high-cards.
32. DON'T PASS A GOOD HAND WITHOUT A PLAN. And be sure the plan is a good one. Under most conditions - get your message across immediately before you are left without room to make a cooperative decision.
33. DON'T OVERBID YOUR OWN GOOD HANDS. When the deal belongs to your side this is not the time to be pushy. In the long run you will lose heavily. If you want to overbid, do so when the hand belongs to the opponents, where you have something to gain.

## **Bridge Rules To Live By cont.**

34. ON FREAK DEALS, DON'T DEFEND.
35. AVOID DOUBLE-GAME SWINGS. Take out insurance.
36. CONSTRUCT THREE HANDS. When you have a difficult bidding decision, construct three hands for partner which are consistent with his bidding - a good hand, an average hand, and a bad hand. Then go with two-out-of-three.
37. CHOICE OF GAMES COMES BEFORE SLAM BIDDING. When we don't have a trump suit, all ambiguous bids below game should be interpreted as an attempt to get to the right game, not as cue-bids showing slam interest.
38. NO CUE-BIDS BELOW 3NT - 3-LEVEL BIDS SHOW VALUES, NOT ACES. As above, choice of games comes before slam bidding.
39. IF PARTNER MAKES A SLAM TRY AND YOU HAVE AK OF TRUMPS - BID IT.
40. NEVER MAKE A GRAND SLAM TRY WITH AKQ OF TRUMPS - PARTNER WON'T BID IT.
41. IF YOU MAY BE HAVING A MISUNDERSTANDING, DON'T BID A GRAND SLAM.
42. IF YOU'RE NOT CERTAIN, DON'T BID 7.
43. THINK FOR YOURSELF - DON'T BE A PARROT OR A PUPPET. You can't win by following rules. But this does not mean that you are free to step outside your partnership. It's a balancing act. Make your partnership rules and follow them, but remember to use your own brain.
44. PARTNER IS YOUR BEST FRIEND. You can't win without him. Treat him well - he doesn't play well if you don't.
45. KEEP AN OPEN MIND. Even the high and mighty may learn something from the most humble.
46. IT'S ONLY A CARD GAME - IT'S NOT LIFE!!

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# Defensive Jewels

A couple of defensive gems have reared their heads on recent Friday nights at SA Bridge Association.

♠ 853	♠ AK2
♥ KQ63	♥ 10
♦ 74	♦ AK32
♣ 6543	♣ KQJ107
♠ QJ974	
♥ 984	
♦ J1065	
♣ 9	
♠ 106	
♥ AJ752	
♦ Q98	
♣ A82	

With East dealer our auction proceeded:

1C	1H	P	P
X	P	1NT	P
3NT	All Pass		

On a heart lead from North, the biggest disappointment in dummy was the lack of the C2 which was needed as an entry to the winning hearts.

However, with less than perfect defence I made 10 tricks.

Jeff Travis and Russel Harms found the perfect defence at their table after this auction:

1C	1H	P	2H
3D	P	3NT	All Pass

After this auction Russel chose to lead SQ, won by the SA. Clubs were led, with Jeff (South) winning the second round of clubs. He now cashed the HA, in order to avoid any endplay and exited with the S10. Russel covered the S10 with the SJ, ducked in dummy. Spades were continued.

There was still more defensive work to be done. Declarer cashed his clubs, then led the DA and DK. Jeff had to unblock his DQ to avoid an endplay where he would have to lead hearts. So when dummy led the D3, North was able to win the last two tricks.

On the next hand South played in 3NT, on the CJ lead:

♠ J	
♥ 109864	
♦ Q95	
♣ Q853	
♠ K74	♠ 109532
♥ J75	♥ Q2
♦ K103	♦ J842
♣ J1092	♣ A6
♠ AQ86	
♥ AK3	
♦ A76	
♣ K74	

The CJ was ducked to declarer's CK. Next the heart suit was established - HA, HK, small heart. On the third heart it appeared vital to try to sever declarer's communications, so East discarded the S10 (discouraging). The D3 had a devastating impact on declarer - he tried the D9, covered with the DJ and won with the DA.

West hopped up with the SK on the small spade lead... and declarer is now separated from his hand.

As it happened on the C10 continuation declarer misplayed, flying with the CQ. The defence now had 2 club tricks, 1 diamond trick, 1 heart trick and 1 spade trick.

However, even if he had guessed the club position, now the defence is in control. The CA is won, a diamond is led to the DK and West exits with the last diamond - pinning declarer in dummy. With the defence having taken a trick in each suit, the last two tricks consist of dummy's CQ8 and West's C92 - so the defence wins the tight tussle.

It just goes to show you should never give up in defence. Even when you know everything lies well for declarer, he doesn't know that.

# Ghestem

## WHAT IS GHESTEM?

Ghestem is another version of showing two-suited hands when you overcall. With Ghestem, both suits are specified immediately:

<b>1x</b>	<b>2NT</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>the lowest 2 unbid suits</b>
<b>1x</b>	<b>2x (cuebid)</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>the 2 extreme suits (highest and lowest)</b>
<b>1x</b>	<b>3C</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>the highest 2 unbid suits</b>

With both suits being known, the opponents cannot pre-empt you out of a fit in the second (sometimes unknown) suit.

Thus:

<b>1C</b>	<b>2NT =</b>	<b>5-5 diamonds and hearts</b>
	<b>2C =</b>	<b>5-5 diamonds and spades</b>
	<b>3C =</b>	<b>5-5 hearts and spades</b>

<b>1D</b>	<b>2NT =</b>	<b>5-5 clubs and hearts</b>
	<b>2D =</b>	<b>5-5 clubs and spades</b>
	<b>3C =</b>	<b>5-5 hearts and spades</b>

<b>1H</b>	<b>2NT =</b>	<b>5-5 clubs and diamonds</b>
	<b>2H =</b>	<b>5-5 clubs and spades</b>
	<b>3C =</b>	<b>5-5 diamonds and spades</b>

<b>1S</b>	<b>2NT =</b>	<b>5-5 clubs and diamonds</b>
	<b>2S =</b>	<b>5-5 clubs and hearts</b>
	<b>3C =</b>	<b>5-5 diamonds and hearts</b>

Responder now has more control of the auction, though the two-suited hand can bid again with significant extra strength or length.

## WHAT IS ITS ADVANTAGE?

- Both suits are known, so the opening side cannot pre-empt you out of your fit.
- It is far superior to 'South Australian' Michaels where, over a minor, the emphasis is on the other minor rather than a major.

## WHAT IS ITS DISADVANTAGE?

- As with 'South Australian' Michaels, over a minor, you end up at the 3-level when holding both majors. If it is NOT your hand and you get doubled, you are now a level higher than with 'traditional' Michaels (where 1m - 2m shows both majors).

# Recent Results

## THE SUMMER FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE

### **NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAMS**

1st CREET: Karen Creet - Sheila Bird,  
Julia Hoffmann - Jenny Thompson,  
Rena Kaplan - Paula Schroor

Sue Lusk finished 3rd, in the BOURKE team.

### **NATIONAL SENIORS' TEAMS**

1st LILLEY: David Lilley - Bill Haughie,  
John Lester - Gabi Lorentz,  
Andy Braithwaite - Ron Klinger

### **MEN'S PAIRS**

1st David Lusk - John Newman

### **SWISS PAIRS**

1st Kieran Dyke - Andrew Peake  
(both originally South Australian)

### **NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS**

1st GREEN: Murray Green - Andrew Peake,  
Helen Horwitz - Peter Gill,  
Adam Zmudzinski - Cesary Balicki

2nd ROBINSON: Ian Robinson - Arjuna  
De Livera, Joe Haffer - Justin Williams,  
Ian Thomson - Richard Brightling

Congratulations to Joe and Justin on an excellent event. Arjuna de Livera also learnt his bridge in SA, before moving to ACT in late 1984.

Phil Markey's team lost in the Quarter-Finals.

## NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

### **NATIONAL YOUTH PAIRS**

1st Justin Williams - Gabby Feiler

### **NATIONAL YOUTH TEAMS**

The tie for equal 1st was broken with a 4-board Playoff:

1st HUNG: Andy Hung - Nabil Edgton,  
Nye Griffiths - Paul Gosney

2nd FEILER: Gabby Feiler - Justin Williams,  
Griff Ware - Daniel Krochmalik

## **AUSTRALIAN YOUTH TEAM SELECTION**

Andy Hung - Nabil Edgton  
Griff Ware - Daniel Krochmalik  
Nye Griffiths - Paul Gosney

## GOLD COAST CONGRESS

### **OPEN PAIRS**

1st Hugh McGann - Tom Hanlon (Ireland)

### **OPEN TEAMS**

1st MARSTON: Paul Marston - Karen  
McCallum, Hugh McGann - Tom Hanlon

### **SENIORS' PAIRS**

1st Tony Jackman - Tony Hutton

### **SENIORS' TEAMS**

1st PUSKAS: John Puskas - David Lusk -  
Peter Chan - Roger Januszke -  
John Hewitt

### **STRATIFIED PAIRS**

=1st Sue Lusk - Richard Wallis  
Peter Chan - Roger Januszke

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TEAMS SELECTION

### **WOMEN'S TEAM**

1st Linda Babiszewski - Ann Clarke  
2nd Wendy Andrews - Heather Motteram  
3rd Barbara and Lauren Travis

### **OPEN TEAM**

1st Joe Haffer - Paul Hudson  
2nd Phil Markey - Justin Williams  
3rd Robert Bignall - Barbara Travis  
4th Luke Matthews - John Zollo

Since Barbara Travis has chosen to play in the SA Women's Team at the ANC, Luke and John will take the third position.

### **OPEN TRIALS PLATE**

1st David Black - Phil Cheney  
2nd Phil Gallasch - Ralph Smith  
3rd Mark Jappe - David Smyth

# Recent Results cont.

## SABA FEBRUARY SWISS PAIRS

### A GRADE

- 1st Luke Matthews - Justin Williams
- 2nd Judy Hocking - Kevin Lange
- 3rd Gopal Hingorani - John Pearson

### B GRADE

- =1st Andy Duncan - Ivan Hill  
Julie Boyce - Ted Jones
- 3rd Stewart Kingsborough - Meryl Paris

## SABA MARCH SWISS PAIRS

### A GRADE

- 1st Roger Januszke - John Zollo
- 2nd Phil Gallasch - Graham Pellen
- 3rd Gary Deaton - Justin Williams

### B GRADE

- 1st Bill Jensen - Lindsay Wills
- 2nd Elvira Klapmuts - Harry Van Leeuwen
- 3rd Anne and Wayne Holder

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## 2007 HILLS HURLEY TROPHY

This annual trophy, donated by Richard Hills and Steve Hurley, is intended to encourage talented young bridge players to form long-standing, well-organised partnerships and thus harness their full potential.

In past years, it has been awarded to partnerships who have reached the top by developing a strong partnership, such as the Edgton brothers in 2006.

The 2007 winners are rising stars Shane Harrison and Sam Schulz from Adelaide.

David Lusk remarks that they show partnership maturity beyond their 16 years, and that they are impeccably well-behaved and composed at the table. Sam and Shane are a good example that partnership takes precedence over profile and reputation. They use the Partnership Bidding feature of BBO, practising bidding hands (gas\_sam, guruhane).

And their results? Their debut at big-time bridge outside Adelaide was at the Fremantle ANC, where they impressed with good datums and by pulling off several surprise wins over more experienced opponents, playing in the Colts Team. Having done well to qualify for the GNOT Finals at year's end, their good progress continued at Banora Point against top Open players, coming 19th in the Swiss Teams then placing 16th out of 100 pairs in the GNOT Pairs.

Sam and Shane, having played locally in Adelaide for two years before 2007, have in the past 12 months shown that a proper bridge partnership has a big advantage over talented individuals who do not harness their ability fully in tandem with another talented player.