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Australian National Championships

Adelaide is hosting the Australian National Championships in 2006. The events will be held at the Holiday Inn Adelaide in Hindley Street from Friday 21 July until Saturday 5 August.

Alongside the Championship events there will be a series of Congress events. There will be pairs, teams and Swiss Butler pairs. Some of these events are restricted to players with fewer than 100 masterpoints. Some events are one session, others multi-session and of these, some are one day with others being consecutive evenings.

This is your chance to play in pairs and/or teams events at a 'national' level without having to travel interstate to do so. Prizes will be awarded for all Congress events.



The program with entry form fills the last pages of this Newsletter. You have no excuse for not entering!

Interclub Graded Teams

The SABF is organising a 'challenge' between teams from different clubs around South Australia. The first session will be held at Fullarton Community Centre on Sunday 20 August 2006. There will be three 'grades', A, B and C. **Teams or pairs** are encouraged to enter at their appropriate grade level. The contact is Sue Phillips, phone 8270 1693

SABF Novice Teams

18 teams turned up for the Novice Teams, an introduction to teams play on Saturday 3 June. Winners were Pam Denner, Junice Nesbitt, Judith Blackstone, Brigid Atkins. The positive response means that more such sessions will be planned - keep watching for the dates.

National Representatives

In the Youth Championships in January Justin Williams, with his partner Gabby Feiler from Sydney, qualified for the Australian Youth Team. This month he leaves for the World Youth Championships being held in Bangkok. Another South Australian returnee, Mike Doecke (who was recently residing in Queensland) will be making his debut in the Australian Youth Team.

In last year's World Youth Championships, which were hosted by the ABF in Sydney, our team was in the top group till the last rounds, fading to a creditable 7th place. I'm sure they are hoping to go better this year - let's hope they can make the semi-finals.

The (official) Australian Seniors' Team, which is heading to Shanghai in August for the Pacific Asia Bridge Championships has Zolly Nagy as one of its six players.

Watch for results on the ABF website: www.abf.com.au

The Difference between Pairs, Teams, Butler Pairs

PAIRS:

A partnership plays as North-South or East-West during a session or tournament. When you play Pairs, however, your 'actual' opponents are the other pairs sitting in your direction. After all, your scores are compared with theirs.

Scoring is in *matchpoints*.

TEAMS:

Teams bridge involves head-to-head matches between two teams, with 4+ players per team. The NS pair from one team plays the EW pair from the other team, and vice versa. A match will consist of a predetermined number of boards (more than in a round of pairs). The full set of boards are played before the two pairs from each team get back together to compare their scores.

The difference between scores on each board (from 0 to 4000) are then converted into *international matchpoints (IMPs)*. Each team calculates their gains and losses, determining the IMP margin for the match. Once both teams agree the result, a final scoring conversion occurs, your *Victory Points (VPs)*.

Psychic Bids

WHAT IS A PSYCHE?

"A psychic bid is a gross misstatement of strength, length or values."

For example, opening 1H as dealer holding
♠105 ♥9654 ♦765 ♣J843

Psyching is a reality of the game of bridge. Competent, experienced players should be able to cope with a psyche by the opponents. However, it is inappropriate for an experienced player to make a psychic bid against inexperienced or beginner players.

EXAMPLE:

Bd	Our Score	Other Score	Diff	IMPs
1	+ 420	- 170	+ 250	+ 6
2	+ 620	- 1370	- 750	- 13
3	+ 110	- 110	0	
4	+ 200	+ 140	+ 340	+ 8

There are two main types of teams events: Round Robin or Swiss. In a Round Robin event, each team plays all other teams. In a Swiss event, there are a limited number of matches. The first match is by random draw, but in subsequent rounds you play against a teach doing similarly well / average / poorly (i.e. 1st v 2nd, 3rd v 4th, last v 2nd last). However, you can only play a team once.

BUTLER PAIRS / SWISS BUTLER PAIRS:

This is a Pairs-based event, but scored like teams. Pairs play against other pairs, but for more boards (a match). At the end of the match all the results are input, generating an 'average score' for each board. These 'averages' then become your 'team-mates' for scoring purposes. Again, each board's result is converted to IMPs, then Victory Points. Opponents are drawn on the Swiss-basis above.

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The SA Bridge Federation has introduced a 'protected pair' status for all Club Congresses. In order to claim 'protected pair' status, both members of the partnership must have a completed Simple System Card on the table.

If a player psyches against a protected pair, the Director must be called and the following ruling will be applied:

Protected Pair to receive 60% on the board,
Psyching Pair to receive ZERO on the board.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLUTIONS (Did I puzzle you with my accidental error?)

4 = Suits In A Deck Of Cards

52 = Cards In A Deck (Without Jokers)

4 = Players At A Bridge Table,

40 = Points In A Deck Of Cards

42 = Eyes In A Deck Of Cards (Without Jokers)

760 (sorry about that) = One No Trump Redoubled (Vulnerable)

1770 = Seven Hearts Doubled (Not Vulnerable)

400 = One Over Trick Redoubled (Vulnerable)

WINNER: ENID PAECH - congratulations, a bottle of wine is on its way

Fond Memories

Jill Allanson provided me this hand with its unique ending.

♠ J7542	♠ 108
♥ K1094	♥ J2
♦	♦ AK8763
♣ K1094	♣ J82
♠ AKQ963	
♥ Q653	
♦ 54	
♣ 7	
♠	
♥ A87	
♦ QJ1092	
♣ AQ653	

North-South had their bidding boots on and reached 5C by South.

Jill led the ♠A which South trumped. South now cashed the ♥K and ♥A, in line with the principle that when you plan to cross-ruff you should take your outside winners first. The play then proceeded with a diamond ruff, another spade ruff, diamond ruff, spade ruff (over-trumping East), diamond ruff, spade ruff (over-trumping East), another diamond ruff and finally a last spade ruff (once again over-trumping East). Declarer then exited with a diamond to East at trick 12. Jill was left to win the last trick with her singleton trump.

The contract made in comfort, but Jill still remembers it fondly for making her solitary trump at trick 13.

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Word Search

ABF	ACES	ACOL	ALERT	AVERAGE	BELLADONNA
BERMUDA BOWL	BID	CALL	CAPPELLETTI	CARD	CONTRACT
CONVENTION	COUP	CUE	DISCARD	DOUBLE	DOWN
EAST	ENTRY				
FAIL	FINESSE				
FIVE	GERBER				
GAME FORCE	GOREN				
GOULASH	KIBITZ				
KING	LASHED				
LAWS	MAKE				
NCBO (National Contract Bridge Orgn.)					
OVERCALL	PENALTY				
PLAYED	PREEMPT				
PREFERENCE	PRIZE				
PSYCHE	RUFF				
REDOUBLE	SCORE				
SINGLETON	SLAM				
SQUEEZE	SYSTEMS				
TRUMP	VENICE CUP				
VOID	VULNERABLE				
ZIA					

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Check out the SA Bridge Federation's website at:

www.sabridgefederation.com.au

for all relevant information about bridge and clubs in South Australia

Autumn National Championships

From the 11th to 15th May, the SABF hosted the Autumn National Championships at the SA Bridge Association clubrooms. Thursday and Friday were devoted to the Seniors' Swiss Pairs and the inaugural Women's Swiss Pairs.

The Seniors' Swiss Pairs finished in a tie between Peter Chan and John Hewitt (SA) and Ian McKinnon and Bill Westwood (NSW).

The Women's Swiss Pairs was won by Rena Kaplan and Paula Schroor (Vic), with Sue Lusk (SA) and Therese Tully (Qld) tying with Margaret Bourke (ACT) and Dagmar Neumann (NSW).

During the Women's there were a few hands I particularly enjoyed for the number of trump tricks we made.

Firstly, holding ♠93 ♥10532 ♦AQ832 ♣Q7, how many trump tricks can you make against 5CX?

Partner opened the bidding with 1S and my RHO overcalled 2NT, at least 5-5 in both minors. I doubled to show some values and interest in doubling at least one of their suits. LHO now jumped to 5C which partner doubled.

This sort of auction usually requires a trump lead. It is clear that the declaring side does not have the points for game, so they have bid on shape. Ergo, lead a trump to reduce the ruffing power of each hand.

Partner, however, led the ♠A to have a look at the hand. Dummy was perfect for declarer's needs - swap the diamonds and clubs and the hands is really revolting.

DECLARER	DUMMY
♠ J10854	♠ Q
♥ A764	♥ K9
♦	♦ J10765
♣ J953	♣ AK642

At trick 2 partner switched to diamonds, ruffed by declarer. Declarer now needs to play for trumps to break and, with my ♠9 coming down on the second round the spades will provide two necessary discards. However, she tried partially cross-trumping. ♠ J, discarding a diamond, heart to the king, diamond ruff, ♥A and a heart ruff. She threw a spade on the next diamond and partner now led spades, promoting my ♣Q. When declarer ruffed high,

thinking partner had the ♣Q, she was in more trouble. She trumped a diamond to hand with the ♣J, then tried a finesse of the ♣9 to my ♣Q. My heart return allowed partner to trump high, promoting my ♣7 to another trick. Jill Allanson enjoyed making her singleton trump at trick 13 (see previous page), but I really enjoyed making my two trumps individually too.

Declarer went wrong because she believed the double showed trumps rather than values, consequently going down two.

Partner's double also sent declarer astray on this hand:

♠ 75	♠ AK1042
♥ AK63	♥
♦ 9872	♦ KQ3
♣ J82	♣ K9754
♠ J63	♠ Q98
♥ 9874	♥ QJ1052
♦ A1054	♦ J6
♣ 106	♣ AQ3

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1S	2H	2S	3H
4S	P	P	X

Partner doubled on the basis of her hearts - if hers were that good then the rest of my hand had to be useful because I would not bid at the 2-level on a hand full of junk.

The ♥Q lead was duly trumped and declarer led a small club from hand. I won with the ♣Q to lead another heart, shortening declarer's trumps further. Another small club towards the 10 was won with my ♣A, and I exited with a diamond. Declarer ruffed a club, establishing the suit. In the belief that partner had the trumps for her double, she led the ♠J, playing her 10 under it. When my ♠Q won there were a few mutterings from declarer! Another heart was ruffed (by now with the ♠K), then she tried the diamonds. The king held, but then I ruffed the ♦Q with my ♠8. The fourth heart was trumped with declarer's ♠A but now she only had clubs left. I trumped the club with ♠9 allowing partner to discard her last diamond. She now held the ♠7 over dummy's ♠6.

Autumn National Championships continued

Four trump tricks with a combined holding of Q98 opposite 75 was an extremely satisfying outcome. +800 for three down was a terrific score. (At least Deep Finesse confirmed that 4S should fail.)

I guess there is a moral: don't trust doubles against Brifman - Travis.

The Autumn National Open Teams started on the Friday evening, with the qualifying rounds finishing on Sunday night. The **SMOLANKO** team [George Smolanko, David Horton, Phil Markey (SA), Andrew Peake (NSW, originally SA)] were runaway leaders in the qualifying, and led through three-quarters of the final. However, **NOBLE** [Barry Noble, George Bilski, Hugh Grosvenor, Mike Prescott (NSW), Phil Gue (SA)] came back in the final session to win by 10 IMPs.

Still on my previous theme of making many defensive trump tricks, this was my most memorable hand:

	♠ K82		
	♥ Q752		
	♦ AKQ10		
	♣ AK		
♠ J5		♠ 1094	
♥ K		♥ 109643	
♦ 97652		♦	
♣ J9743		♣ Q10865	
	♠ AQ763		
	♥ AJ8		
	♦ J843		
	♣ 2		

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
P	1S	P	2D
P	3D	P	3S
P	4S	P	4NT
P	5S	P	5NT
P	6S	P	P

My opponents' bidding system is very similar to that which I use with Elizabeth Havas, so by the time North had bid 3S (the strongest possible bid) I already had my lead ready - ♦9. Partner, Paul Hudson, asked about the bidding before his final pass, but on being told that North's 5NT was a grand slam try after South had shown 2 key cards + the queen of trumps, he realised that if he doubled (asking for the lead of dummy's first suit) they'd run to 6NT.

My ♦9 had suit preference connotations. Partner duly trumped the opening lead and kindly led his lowest heart back.

Declarer only has 11 tricks unless he picks the heart suit. Clearly the finesse seems vastly superior to trying to drop a singleton king! So I made my heart trick, gave partner another diamond ruff, then we cross-ruffed the next four tricks! Five light and +500 went well with our team-mates' +1460.

Now that was real bridge fun - five trump tricks with J5 opposite 1094.

Paul played this hand well:

♠ AKQJ7	♠
♥ 5	♥ AK832
♦ AJ63	♦ 102
♣ Q84	♣ A109753

He was in 6C (East) on a diamond lead, which he won with ♦A. ♠A provided a discard for the other diamond, with North playing the 10. ♠K was trumped by North with ♣2 and over-ruffed with ♣3. ♥A was cashed, followed by a heart ruff. ♠Q was ruffed by North's ♣J, with Paul over-trumping with the ♣A. Another heart was trumped, and dummy's ♠J led. North trumped with his ♣K, Paul discarding his small heart, and led another club. Paul's hand was now high - and he'd picked up North's ♣KJ62!

The Rule of 20

The Rule of 20 is a guide whether to open a hand at the 1-level (or Pass or bid at the 2-level). You add together your total High Card Points AND the number of cards in your two longest suits. If the total is greater than 20, the Rule of 20 states that you can open your hand at the 1-level.

EXAMPLES:

- ♠Axxx ♥Kxx ♦QJx ♣Qxx : 12 HCP + 7 (cards in 2 longest suits) = 19, you do not have to open
- ♠Axxx ♥Kxx ♦Jx ♣KJxx : 12 HCP + 8 (cards in 2 longest suits) = 20, you can open at 1-level
- ♠KJ10xxx ♥KQxxx ♦x ♣x : 9 HCP + 11 (cards in 2 longest suits) = 20, you can open 1S (or 2S)
- ♠AKxxx ♥Kxxxx ♦x ♣xx : 10 HCP + 10 (cards in 2 longest suits) = 20, you can open 1S...

Lebensohl

How often have you been faced with the problem where the auction has proceeded:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1NT 2S ?

Let's say you play 1NT as 15-17 HCP.

You hold ♠3 ♥K106 ♦542 ♣QJ10653 and would like to bid 3C but partner will most likely treat this as forcing (new suit at the 3-level).

Yet if you were holding

♠3 ♥KQ6 ♦542 ♣AK10653 you want to be able to bid a forcing 3C.

You cannot bid 3C on each of the example hands and expect partner to know what to do!

LEBENSÖHL allows you to differentiate between good hands and weak hands when the opponents interfere over your 1NT opening bids (and overcalls).

- 3S is natural, forcing

Corollary:

If a bid is available at both the 2-level and 3-level, then using 2NT and bidding the suit shows invitational values whereas bidding the suit at the 3-level is game forcing.

1NT - (2D) - 2H/S are weak, non-forcing

- 3H/S are natural, forcing

- 2NT making partner bid 3C, then 3H/S are natural, invitational

If you try Lebensohl in this format, you will find that you can differentiate between your good hands and your competitive hands when the opponents overcall your 1NT openings.

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Lebensohl in its fullest form is more complicated, as per the table that follows.

2-level bids	Natural, non-forcing (if available)
2NT	Artificial, partner must bid 3C: Pass = C 3-other = natural, non-forcing
3-level bids	Natural, forcing

2-level bid	Natural, non-forcing
2NT	Artificial - partner must bid 3C, then: New suit = weak (Pass = C) 3-cuebid = stopper, 4 cards other major 3NT = stopper, no 4 card major
3-level bid	Natural, value-showing and forcing
3-cuebid	No stopper, 4-cards other major
3NT	No stopper, no 4-cards other major

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EXAMPLES:

1NT - (2H) - 2S is weak, non-forcing
- 2NT is Lebensohl
(partner to bid 3C,
you are weak in a suit)
- 3-minor is natural, forcing

Keeping It Simple

When defending one player often knows what to do, whilst partner is in the dark.

The opponents have bid to 4H as follows:

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
P P P 1H
X 2H 3D 3H
P P 3S 4H

As East, you hold ♠KQ92 ♥85 ♦K965 ♣K85.

You lead the ♦5 to partner's ace.

Dummy comes down:
♠ AJ8
♥ 10763
♦ 103
♣ J974

Partner returns the ♦ Q. Look at your cards. You expect declarer to have 6 hearts and 2 diamonds (known). You can see that your ♣K is offside. So you need to create a spade trick NOW. Will partner know to lead into the ♠AJ8 or will she play you for club honours? You know what to do, so do it!

Overtake the diamond with your king, and lead the ♠K. Even with the ♠J providing a discard that will not be enough for declarer's 3 clubs.

Sure enough declarer holds

♠43 ♥AKQ942 ♦85 ♣AQ3. You kept it simple and your kindness to partner is appreciated.

Bridge Personality: JUSTIN WILLIAMS

Tell me about yourself.

I'm 24 in June and currently studying my third year of a teaching degree at Uni SA (Magill). I'd like to end up teaching upper primary students. In any spare time, I've been teaching Year 6s and 7s at Crafers Primary School to play bridge.

How old were you when you learnt to play?

When I was 12 I went to David Lusk's school holiday program (July 1994).

Who was your first partner?

My first 'regular' partner was Luke Matthews. I played Friday nights with him for two months in 1996. Then I didn't play with him for years, but now he's one of my regular partners once again.

What was your first bridge success?

My father and I won B Grade of the State-Wide Pairs in February 1997.

What has been your most memorable bridge moment?

I'd nominate three:

Winning the State Pairs with Gordon Fallon in 2002.

All three victories in the ANC Youth Teams (2002, 2003, 2004).

Smashing up Wooldridge-Hurd (USA1) in the World Youth Championships last year. That was memorable because they are such fantastic bridge players and, of course, USA1 went on to win the event.

How about the most forgettable moment?

That happened with you, Barbara. Finishing tied for 3rd place for the State Open Team in 2004, and coming 4th on tiebreak. I finally made the Open Team in 2005 but we withdrew.

Can you still recite your State titles?

There's not too many actually -

State Pairs in 2002, with Gordon Fallon.

State Mixed Teams in 2002 and 2003.

State Mixed Pairs in 2005 with Sue Lusk.

What national titles have you won?

I haven't won any Open events yet -

ANC Youth Teams 2002, 2003, 2004.

Mixed Teams 2005 (Gabby Feiler, Michael Whibley, Justin Howard, Cathy Mill).

Australian Youth Butler (selection event) in 2006 with Gabby Feiler from Sydney.

International representation?

In 2005 Daniel Krochmalik and I were late additions to the Australian Youth Team for the World Youth Championships in Sydney. This year Gabby Feiler and I won the selection event for the Australian Youth Team.

One of our rewards was to join the Australian Team for the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships in Melbourne in March 2006 - just before the Commonwealth Games. In fact, our Australian Team won the bronze medal, despite finishing 9th! (The medals were awarded to 'National' teams.)

The Youth Team heads to Bangkok for the World Youth Championships in late July.

Who are your current partners?

Luke Matthews, Gabby Feiler, Barbara Travis, Russel Harms, Jeff Travis, Andrew Eddie, Paul Hudson.

What is your favourite bridge system?

I only play one system - in many variations. All versions are based around a weak no trump.

What is your favourite convention?

In terms of usefulness, I would say Stayman. Specific 2s are good fun to play because you get to open on hands other players wouldn't even be considering bidding.

I also like weak 2s.

Do you have a favourite hand?

A hand from the National Swiss Pairs in January this year comes to mind:

♠ 108653	♠ AKQJ942
♥ AK9876	♥
♦	♦ AK85
♣ 83	♣ K5
GABBY	JUSTIN
2H (1)	2NT (2)
3NT (3)	6S
7S !!!!	

(1) Weak 2 in hearts

(2) Forcing enquiry

(3) Good hearts, no other ace or king

6S to play and I was taken aback when partner, having opened with a weak two, raised me to a grand slam! Thankfully the player on lead did not have the club ace, and led diamonds instead. +2210.

[Justin and Gabby finished 2nd in the event.]

Have you a favourite Australian event?

I always have a fantastic time for 2.5 weeks in Canberra in January. No specific event seems better than the others - it's just a great time.

Any other hobbies?

Cricket - mainly watching, reading and collecting statistics and trivia.

Music - especially Pink Floyd and The Who.

Thanks, Justin, and good luck in Bangkok.



Etiquette at the Bridge Table

The SABF wants to remind players that when playing bridge Law 74 requires appropriate "Conduct and Etiquette" at the table.

A. Proper Attitude

1. Courtesy - A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.
2. Etiquette of Word and Action - A player should carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.
3. Conformity to Correct Procedure - Every player should follow uniform and correct procedure in calling and playing.

B. Etiquette

As a matter of courtesy a player should refrain from

1. paying insufficient attention to the game
2. making gratuitous comments during the auction and play
3. detaching a card before it is his turn to play
4. prolonging play unnecessarily... for the purpose of disconcerting his opponents
5. summoning and addressing the Director in a manner discourteous to him or to other contestants

C. Violations of Procedure

The following are considered violations of procedure.

1. Using different designations for the same call.
2. Indicating approval or disapproval of a call or play.
3. Indicating the expectation or intention of winning or losing a trick that has not been completed.
4. Commenting or acting during the auction or play so as to call attention to a significant occurrence, or to the number of tricks still required for success.
5. Looking intently at any other player during the auction and play, or at another player's hand as for the purpose of seeing his cards or of observing the place from which he draws a card...
6. Showing an obvious lack of further interest in a deal (as by folding one's cards).
7. Varying the normal tempo of bidding or play for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent.
8. Leaving the table needlessly before the round is called.

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Bridge Ethics

- Always maintain a courteous attitude to other players and the Director.
- Always call the Director when an irregularity occurs.
- Do not show satisfaction or displeasure at a lead, play, bid, double or any other call that partner makes.
- Always make bids and plays in a uniform manner without special emphasis which would give partner information about the hand.
- Do not look to see where in their hand another player pulls a card from.
- Do not hesitate, either in bidding or play, in order to deceive the opponents.
- Do not prepare to lead or play to a trick before the previous trick is completed.
- Do not play early.
- Do not draw inference from any hesitation partner has made, or any emphasis in bid or play by partner.
- Always claim to speed up the play if you are certain that all the tricks are yours, or there is no doubt at all about how many tricks each side is going to make.

However,

- It is NOT your duty to call attention to your own breach of the law, e.g. a revoke by you or your partner.

Recent Results

AUTUMN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

WOMEN'S SWISS PAIRS

- 1st Rena Kaplan - Paula Schroor
- 2nd= Sue Lusk - Therese Tully
- 2nd= Margaret Bourke - Dagmar Neumann

SENIORS' SWISS PAIRS

- 1st= Peter Chan - John Hewitt
- 1st= Ian McKinnon - Bill Westwood
- 3rd Stan Klofa - Charlie Schwabegger

AUTUMN NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS

- 1st Barry Noble, George Bilski, Hugh Grosvenor, Phil Gue, Michael Prescott
- 2nd George Smolanko, David Horton, Phil Markey, Andrew Peake

ANOT CONSOLATION TEAMS

- 1st Kieran Dyke, Avi Kanetkar, Nigel Rosendorff, David Wiltshire
- 2nd Mike Doecke, Nye Griffiths, Matthew Porter, Griff Ware

SABF NOVICE TEAMS

- 1st Pam Denner, Junice Nesbitt, Judith Blackstone, Brigid Atkins
- 2nd Di Fallon, Helen O'Flaherty, Delores Wells, Gay Tully
- 3rd Jane Harrison, Sharmini Hoole, Shane Harrison, Sam Schulz

STATE MIXED PAIRS

- 1st Susan Emerson - Attilio De Luca
- 2nd Yadi & David Parrott
- 3rd Margaret & John Wilson

Diary Dates

Sunday 16th July

CHRISTMAS IN JULY at Mt Barker District Golf Club

Contact: Barbara Travis

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Friday 21st July - Saturday 5th August

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (see back pages of Newsletter)

Sunday 20th August

INTERCLUB TEAMS at Fullarton Community Centre

Contact: Sue Phillips

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SABA GNOT QUALIFYING

(3 teams qualified for National Finals)

- 1st Phil Markey, Andy Babiszewski, David Middleton, George Smolanko
- 2nd Gary Deaton, Monty Monteleone, Steve Geddes, William Jenner-O'Shea
- 3rd David Lusk, Attilio De Luca, Jesse Chan, John Zollo

GAWLER PAIRS CONGRESS

A GRADE

- 1st Nicolas Croft - David Lusk
- 2nd Michael Hopton - Angela Norris
- 3rd Linda Alexander - Dianne Marler

B GRADE

- 1st Peter Janes - Paul Walker
- 2nd Norma Jones - Shirley Slinger
- 3rd Bev Bannister - Garry Springall

C GRADE

- 1st Maree Barbary - Jo Crawford
- 2nd Marion Allen - Rene Simpson
- 3rd Meg Dunn - Jill Freer

ST VINCENTS GNOT QUALIFYING

(3 teams qualified for Regional Final)

- 1st Pat Fry, Kathy Scicluna, Ruth Winfield, Lily Cockerham
- 2nd Johanna Crawford, Betty Maxwell, David Cahoon, Madeleine Farkas
- 3rd Wayne Holder, Anne Holder, Bev Bannister, Garry Springall

Bidding Practice

Try bidding these hands with your partner:

WEST HANDS

Hand 1 Dealer East, Both Vul

♠ 6542
♥ AK109864
♦ 2
♣ Q

Hand 2 Dealer East, NS Vul

♠ 9
♥ K3
♦ K10653
♣ AK1063

Hand 3 Dealer East, EW Vul
(South bids 2C)

♠ KQ987
♥ QJ84
♦ 108
♣ Q2

Hand 4 Dealer West, Nil Vul
(North overcalls 1S, South bids 4S)

♠ 9
♥ AK1074
♦ 103
♣ AQ1084

Hand 5 Dealer West, EW Vul

♠ Q10984
♥ K10
♦ QJ10874
♣

Hand 6 Dealer East, All Vul

♠ A2
♥ A10
♦ KQJ875
♣ 1075

Hand 7 Dealer West, Nil Vul

♠ AK876
♥ AQ98
♦ 1083
♣ 4

EAST HANDS

Hand 1 Dealer East, Both Vul

♠ 3
♥ J32
♦ AKJ6
♣ AK1054

Hand 2 Dealer East, NS Vul

♠ AKQJ83
♥ 76
♦ AQ54
♣ 7

Hand 3 Dealer East, EW Vul
(South bids 2C)

♠ J1054
♥ AK32
♦ A65
♣ K9

Hand 4 Dealer West, Nil Vul
(North overcalls 1S, South bids 4S)

♠ J10
♥ QJ852
♦ AKJ65
♣ 5

Hand 5 Dealer West, EW Vul

♠ AK5
♥ A7
♦ A
♣ QJ75432

Hand 6 Dealer East, All Vul

♠ KQ865
♥ K975
♦ 10
♣ AK8

Hand 7 Dealer West, Nil Vul

♠ 4
♥ 63
♦ KQJ94
♣ AKQ87

RECOMMENDED CONTRACTS:

Hand 1: 6H Hand 2: 6D (West)
Hand 3: 4S Hand 4: 6H
Hand 5: 6S Hand 6: 6D or 6NT
Hand 7: 6D

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