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Gold Cup Teams Event gets a Facelift

The Gold Cup Teams event was very successful in the first year of operation however, with more and more congresses, inter-club teams and pleasant Sundays of bridge being scheduled in the calendar, it has become increasingly difficult to find a date that does not clash with these events. The 2007 event has been abandoned, but early notification is provided here that it has been scheduled in 2008 for Sunday 20th April.

The SABF Management Committee have agreed that the invitation it received to send a team to the PABF Congress on the Gold Coast in the latter part of August 2008 will be the prize offered to the winners of the Gold Cup. This prize equates to \$1,000 in monetary terms with a further \$500 from the SABF to assist the winners with travel and accommodation. The prize will be awarded to the highest placed team who commits to playing at the PABF. You may not be first past the post in order to receive this prize.

So, everyone, get your teams together, set aside Sunday 20th April 2008 and you could be the lucky ones representing South Australia in this prestigious event.

Jill Allanson will be convening the Gold Cup Teams. She will distribute entry forms to all clubs in the new year. Please be aware however that the prize will only be awarded to financial members of the SABF.

SA Successes on the National Scene

The **Australian National Championships** were held in Fremantle in late July. State Team results for SA were:

OPEN TEAMS: The A.C.T. team defeated South Australia (Robert Bignall - Barbara Travis, Peter Chan - Phil Gue, Attilio De Luca - David Lusk) in the final.

SENIORS' TEAMS: South Australia (David Cherry - John Horowitz, Bob Clarke - Arthur Porter, John Hewitt - Roger Januszke) won the Seniors' Team, defeating Queensland in the final.

YOUTH TEAMS: New South Wales defeated South Australia (Alex Lockwood - Justin Williams, Joel Gue - Andrew Morcombe, Phil Sellars - Hannah Sprod) in the final.

WOMEN'S TEAM: Our Women's team (Sue Lusk - Barbara Marrett, Linda Babiszewski - Judy Hocking, Adrienne Kelly - Margaret Walters) did not qualify for the final.

The **Grant National Open Teams** were held in November at Banora Point. Adelaide 2—Peter Chan/Phil Gue and John Hewitt/Roger Januszke narrowly defeated Adelaide—1 Joe Haffer/Paul Hudson and Ken Hocking/Peter Popp in the Repechage.

Other results are available on the ABF website at: www.abf.com.au.

Grand National Pairs comes to S.A.

The ABF has instituted a new national competition which is aimed at players below Life Master. This pairs competition will be run similarly to the Grand National Open Teams in that heats will be conducted at all clubs, with regional finals in the zones that make up each State.

The SABF Management Committee has set aside Sunday 19th October 2008 for the final of both the SA Metropolitan and SA Regional Finals. The SA Metropolitan zone is made up of Adelaide Bridge Centre, Glenelg, Bridge in the City, Bridge in the Hills, Reynella, St Vincents and SABA. The SA Regional zone is made up of Blue Lake, Barossa Bridge, Gawler, Whyalla and Broken Hill.

As this is a gold masterpoint event with restricted entry criteria, we encourage all clubs to get on board and make this event as popular as the Restricted GNOT Teams Final held recently at the SABA clubrooms.

South Australia will be represented in the final in Canberra in 2009 by 6 pairs coming from the Metropolitan Zone and 2 pairs from the Regional Zone. Airfares and entry fees will be paid for the successful pairs.

Further details will be mailed out to all clubs in the very near future. The contact for all details pertaining to this pairs event is Dianne Marler (dianne.marler@santos.com) – phone 0414 689 620.

Seniors' Age

The WBF has changed the date of birth for Seniors to "born before 1/1/1951 for events in 2008, 2009 and 2010. The ABF will comply with this policy.

Summer Festival of Bridge 2008

ONLINE ENTRIES AVAILABLE

Sean Mullamphy, the Convener of the Summer Festival in Canberra this January is very pleased to announce that for the first time this year it is possible to enter online.

Sean said that, with so many players using the Internet to access information on upcoming events, online entries were a natural progression. Even at this early stage, entries are being received daily and the system is working well.

For more information on the Summer Festival visit:

www.summerfestivalofbridge.com

SABF CHRISTMAS PARTY

Don't miss the SA Bridge Federation's Christmas Party. It's a Speedball Pairs event on Thursday 20th December 2007, at SABA. Speedball just means that you have about half the time you are normally given to play the hands. It's a lot of fun. The speed means there's time for a delicious supper afterwards. All for \$5.00.

Summer Festival of Bridge 2008 cont.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAMS

Once again the Summer Festival of Bridge is proud to host the National Women's Teams (NWT) Championship in Canberra this coming January. As the premier female bridge tournament in Australia, the National Women's Teams offers a unique opportunity for women from all over Australia to play in the same field as top national and international players.

The NWT is a three-day event and due to popular demand will be held at the familiar Rydges Hotel by the Lake in Canberra from 16th to 18th January 2008. The format is nine 20-board matches followed by semi-finals and finals for the top four teams. The size of the field and the Swiss scoring make this a great opportunity for up and coming players or those just building their skills to gain experience and improve their game in a world-class field.

The Summer Festival recognizes that women are the backbone of Australian Bridge. With this in mind, the National Women's Teams Championship is immediately preceded by the Women's Last Train (14th and 15th January) and followed by the Women's Pairs on Saturday 19th January. Additionally, the leading all female team at the conclusion of the South West Pacific Teams is recognised with its own trophy.

For more information and to enter online visit the web site at:

www.summerfestivalofbridge.com

or email Wendy Boxall

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NATIONAL NOVICE TEAMS WELCOME FUNCTION

Following the outstanding success of the Welcome Function for Novice and Non-Life players in 2007, the organizers of the Summer Festival are happy to announce that the drinks party will again be held in 2008.

The National Novice Teams caters for players who are new to bridge at a national level with separate categories for players under 50, under 100, and under 150 masterpoints. It is the largest event of its kind in Australia.

The Welcome Drinks (from 6pm to 7pm on Tuesday 15th January 2008) not only serves to welcome players but also gives an opportunity to demystify Teams Bridge in such a large event as the Summer Festival.

Sean Mullamphy, the Convener of the Summer Festival, is looking forward to welcoming teams from the Non-Life Teams Championship at the Welcome Drinks.

Last year, pairs who were matched through the Partnership Desk also used the Welcome Drinks as an opportunity to meet up with their team-mates before the event started.

The Novice Teams event runs for three days and is immediately followed by a one-day Novice Pairs competition. Last year many players took the opportunity the stay over the extra day and get in some more quality bridge.

For more information – and to enter online – visit the website at:

www.summerfestivalofbridge.com

New Dates for Autumn Nationals

Players should be aware that the Autumn National Open Teams (ANOT), Autumn National Seniors' Swiss Pairs (ANSSP) and Autumn National Women's Swiss Pairs (ANWSP) events have been moved forward in the national calendar for 2008 to:

ANWSP and ANSSP	Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd May 2008
ANOT –	Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th May 2008
ANOT Final and Consolation Teams	Monday 5th May 2008

World Teams Championships

The World Bridge Federation has renamed the Bermuda Bowl (Open), Venice Cup (Women's) and Seniors' Bowl the "World Team Championships". They are held every two years, with the next WTC to be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil in 2009.

In late September/October 2007, Shanghai hosted the World Team Championships. It was the first world event that was 'paperless'; everything was done by computer - from posting the team line-ups to recording the details of the cards played on each hand and inputting each result.

The Australian Open Team performed admirably, finishing 5th in the Qualifying and making the quarter-finals. The top four finishers selected the opposition from the next four, thus Australia was pitted against the USA in their quarter-final. Except for the second session (13-73) they held their own, but it was no disgrace to bow out to such a formidable team. The Australian Women's (including Barbara Travis) and Seniors' Teams (including Zoli Nagy) were both in the top eight at times but dropped out along the way and never regained their form.

I would like to share some of the more interesting hands that we encountered.

Our first match was against the Phillipines. Faith Mayer (who actually lives in New

Zealand) played the following hand very neatly against us.

♠ A	
♥ AK87	
♦ 104	
♣ A108754	
♠ K976543	♠ QJ10
♥ Q53	♥ 1062
♦ J72	♦ 96
♣	♣ KQJ32
♠ 82	
♥ J94	
♦ AKQ853	
♣ 96	

Faith (South) played 5D after West had shown a pre-emptive opening in spades. Her line of play indicated an astuteness in terms of watching the opening lead, the S3, clearly NOT fourth-highest.

She won the SA and crossed to hand with a trump to ruff her remaining spade, but was now caught in dummy. A little thought convinced her that the lead was looking for a club ruff... why else would West lead such a low spade?

Faith backed her judgement, leading a small heart from dummy and finessing my H10. When partner won the HQ, Faith had her entry back to hand with the HJ. In fact she now made 12 tricks.

Zia Mahmood was written up for finding this line - mind you, he was in 6D!

World Teams Championships cont.

Hand 1 of our second match, against Denmark, had a fascinating twist.

♠ Q9542	♠ AK8
♥ 8762	♥ K10954
♦ 3	♦ K1086
♣ 987	♣ 5
♠ J763	
♥ QJ3	
♦ AQ42	
♣ 63	
♠ 10	
♥ A	
♦ J975	
♣ AKQJ1042	

South opened 1C which was passed around to East, who doubled. South's rebid was 5C (!), duly doubled.

The HQ ran to South's HA. Most South's tried for diamond ruffs, but East's trump return left these declarers a trick short.

However, look at those club pips in dummy. They provide three entries - one ruff and two 'high' clubs. The winning line involves leading the S10 at trick 2, ducked to East's SK. You can now cross to dummy with a club to ruff a spade, then cross again with a trump (which has drawn the trumps) to ruff another spade, bringing down the SA. Now you lose a diamond, ruff a diamond and dummy has two spade winners!

Mind you, the opponents could have thwarted this outcome with an original trump lead. A trump lead would remove one of the entries to dummy. Trumps should be led when the opposition have bid to game without game values; they are relying on shape rather than winners for their tricks.

Debbie Rosenberg, from the victorious USA1 team, was the only declarer to make 4H on this hand. She read the hand so well that, despite being on different sides of the screen, I said "Well played" as we replaced our cards.

♠ Q1053	
♥ Q8	
♦ Q987	
♣ A53	
♠ A876	♠ K9
♥ 65	♥ 942
♦ J4	♦ K1063
♣ QJ1064	♣ K982
	♠ J42
	♥ AKJ1073
	♦ A52
	♣ 7

Debbie played in 4H. She won the CQ and drew three rounds of trumps. The SJ was led and won with the SK. I exited with a club, ruffed, and Debbie utilised this slight error to the hilt. She led another spade which had to be ducked, ruffed dummy's last club, then led her last spade. Elizabeth had to win this and lead another club, since neither of us could afford to open the diamond suit. Debbie had now stripped me of my exit cards (clubs).

At trick 11 she led a diamond to the D9 and my D10. I was endplayed to lead a diamond back.

Back at trick 5 when I won the SK, I had to return a spade, leaving an extra club exit in our hands! Regardless, Debbie's play was a joy to watch.

This was my 'saddest' hand of the tournament:

♠ AK3	♠
♥ 10876	♥ AKQ5
♦ 9	♦ A6543
♣ 109632	♣ AQJ7

The auction was short and sweet... Partner opened 1D, I responded with 1H and she rebid 6H.

The opening lead was the C5. How do you play the hand? Fearing the lead was a singleton, I rose with the CA and cashed two hearts; all would be well if hearts behaved.

World Team Championships cont.

Oh no, hearts were 4-1 and the CK was onside! The full hand:

♠	
♥ AKQ5	
♦ A6543	
♣ AQJ7	
♠ QJ754	♠ 109862
♥ 4	♥ J932
♦ J1072	♦ K98
♣ K85	♣ 4
♠ AK3	
♥ 10876	
♦ 9	
♣ 109632	

At least the declarer on VuGraph went off on the same lead!

While the semi-finals and finals are being played during the second week, the WBF runs the Transnational Open Teams. Teams have have failed to make the cut or any others who wish to play compete for 15 rounds of 10 boards. Nearly 150 teams entered from all around the world.

I played in a team with Christine Boylson, Peter Gill, Adam (aged 16) and Nabil (aged 15) Edgtton, and Daniel Krochmalik. I only joined the team after the first 6 matches, but then played 8 of the remaining 9 matches. My intention had been to play with Daniel and we enjoyed 4 sets together. I also played with Christine 3 times and had one match with Adam Edgtton.

Adam seemed to enjoy defending this 6S contract (see hand in next column).

Deep Finesse says that 7S is cold, and it is if you pick the club and diamond positions.

Adam led a trump to my SJ and declarer's SK. Declarer continued with the HA, HK and a heart ruff. She now lost her way a little, leading a diamond to the DA, then trying the club finesse.

Adam won the CK and led his HQ. He knew he was forcing declarer to ruff with the S10, promoting his S9 into the setting trick.

It looked cute and felt good as a result, but we lost 2 IMPs. Our team-mates were 2 off in their contract!

♠ A542	
♥ AK952	
♦ A42	
♣ 6	
♠ 9763	♠ J
♥ Q1086	♥ J4
♦ QJ	♦ 9876
♣ K72	♣ 1098543
♠ KQ108	
♥ 73	
♦ K1053	
♣ AQJ	

The next 6S contract caused a lot of debate. Gabriel Chagas showed me the winning line of play, which is eminently reasonable. When I discussed the hand with others, they took some convincing that this was a sensible line:

♠ 8654	
♥ 1062	
♦ AKJ	
♣ A74	
♠ 9	♠ K72
♥ 3	♥ QJ985
♦ Q107653	♦ 9842
♣ Q10953	♣ 2
♠ AQJ103	
♥ AK74	
♦	
♣ KJ86	

On the lead of the H3, the winning line is to cross to the CA and take a spade finesse. If you trust West's S9 to be a true card, you next cash the HK and exit with a heart. You can now ruff the fourth heart, discard two clubs on the DA and DK, then finesse the trumps again.

Hand Play Technique

The following hand arose recently and my partner displayed perfect declarer play technique to ensure the contract.

♠ AQ7	♠ K1093
♥ 942	♥ AK
♦ A92	♦ K63
♣ AJ102	♣ KQ93

West played 6NT on the HQ lead. The CK was cashed, and a club led to the CJ. The CA was followed by the CQ. North had to discard twice, throwing hearts. South discarded a diamond.

In need of four spade tricks, rather than relying on spades breaking 3-3, a short SJ, or guessing to finesse, partner recognised the situation as a classic squeeze position.

At trick 6, rectify the count by ducking a diamond. (You always have a loser, so lose it early and maximise the pressure on an opponent holding both the hearts and spades.)

The H10 was returned by North. Now the DK and DA were cashed and North was in trouble. He could keep only 4 cards, but held SJ862 and HJ. He knew he couldn't give up control of the spade suit so hoped his partner held the H9, discarding his HJ.

Partner could now cash his H9 and the three spade winners.

	♠ J652	
	♥ QJ1076	
	♦ Q87	
	♣ 4	
♠ AQ7		♠ K1093
♥ 942		♥ AK
♦ A92		♦ K63
♣ AJ102		♣ KQ93
	♠ 84	
	♥ 853	
	♦ J1054	
	♣ 8765	

From the Transnational Open Teams in China comes this hand:

♠ 7	♠ AJ2
♥ A98762	♥ K10
♦ AQ	♦ K8742
♣ KJ102	♣ 963

Your contract is 4H (West) and you receive a spade lead. Entries to dummy are limited. You can afford two club losers as long as you hold your heart losers to one trick.

This is the time for safety playing trumps. Decide which hand may have 4 hearts and protect against it.

On this hand it seemed more likely that South had the long hearts, so I led a heart to the HK and ran the H10 when South followed (after all, at that stage he couldn't have only 1 heart so was definitely the hand to play for 4 hearts). When North showed out, the safety play had been justified. A diamond to the DA allowed me to draw another trump. Then clubs could be tackled from hand: losing 1 heart and 2 clubs.

♠ Q109654
♥ 4
♦ 105
♣ Q875

♠ 7	♠ AJ2
♥ A98762	♥ K10
♦ AQ	♦ K8742
♣ KJ102	♣ 963

♠ K83
♥ QJ53
♦ J963
♣ A4

Hand Play Technique cont.

Do you stop to count your tricks at trick 1? You should. It will often determine your subsequent planning of the play.

♠ AQ7	♠ J98
♥ 75	♥ A10
♦ 975	♦ AKJ6
♣ AJ954	♣ K863

I watched a friend play this hand in 3NT (East) in a teams event. She received a favourable Dx lead.

On a heart lead you would have to hope to pick how the clubs lie. However, on a diamond lead you have: 1 spade, 1 heart, 3 diamonds. Therefore you only need 4 clubs tricks to fulfil your contract. [In teams, making your contract is your primary objective; if your contract is safe, then overtricks come into play.]

So, how can you ensure 4 club tricks? Think about if North has all four clubs... Think about if South has all four clubs...

If North has all the clubs you can ensure 4 tricks by playing the CA first and finessing against the Q1072.

If South has all the clubs you can ensure 5 tricks by playing the CK first and finessing twice.

However, leading either the CK or the CA commits you to playing for the 4-0 break in one specific hand. On this hand, rather than leading an honour first, you should lead low from one hand, planning to finesse if the next player follows and ensuring 4 tricks. Alternatively, if the next player discards you can now win your honour in the opposite hand and finesse against the 4-0 break.

CK was lead and the contract failed when North held all the clubs. However, on the C3 lead declarer would have made her contract... If South follows, you finesse, but when South shows out (as in this case) you win the CA and finesse North's Q107.

You (South) hold:

♠ 5
♥ 76
♦ AK109875
♣ AQ5

N	E	S	W
P	P	1D	1S
X	4S	5D	All Pass

The SK is led and you have these hands to work with:

♠ 5	♠ 98
♥ 76	♥ KQ102
♦ AK109875	♦ 32
♣ AQ5	♣ J10863

So have you stopped and thought about the hand at trick 1? It looks like the hand might depend on diamonds breaking and the club finesse...

LHO continues spades and RHO plays the SA as you ruff. You cash the top 2 diamonds and the suit cooperates (LHO had the Jx, RHO the Qx). You now lead a heart to the HK and and HA.

You now have an entry to dummy in hearts for taking the club finesse? Should you take this finesse? The key to your success on this hand is remembering the auction. Your RHO passed initially and has since shown up with SA, HA and DQ. Can they possibly hold the CK and have passed?

So you lead a club to the CA, dropping the CK offside and making your contract. (RHO could have made life more difficult for you by withholding the HA on the first lead of the suit; in that way

- (a) you are committed to the club suit immediately, because that is your entry, and
- (b) you have not revealed your HCP.)

Much of the expert's successful technique is based on remembering the bidding and drawing appropriate inferences - as in this case.

Computers and Bridge

Quite a few years ago I wrote a series of articles with this same title for Australian Bridge magazine; I believe it was 1996, but I could be wrong. It is time to revisit one of them.

Many of you may play bridge online or have a computer program that you can play bridge against such as Jack, Bridge Baron, Q-Plus or Wbridge5 (the 4 semi-finalists of the recent Computer Bridge World Championships). The big question is "Will a computer ever be able to beat a world class group of players over a large number of hands?" The answer in 1996 was no. The answer now is maybe. Perhaps the answer in another 11 years will be yes, but I am not sure this is the case, and some of this is due to imagination, some of it due to human tendency. Whatever it is we will have an edge over computer bridge for some time yet.

The reason for revisiting this subject is something that happened recently; it will now be impossible to beat a computer at draughts or checkers. The game has been solved. There is now a perfect way to play the game, regardless of whether you have the black or white pieces you can always guarantee a draw. It is the latest in a series of games that you should never play against a computer. This story actually goes back to 1962 when IBM sponsored Albert Samuels project to try and beat "English Draughts" (English Draughts is played on an 8x8 board whereas International or Polish Checkers is played on a 10x10) Many thought the game was solved back then but the computer played against an alleged champion, not a true one. When the computer played against the finalists of the true world championship of draughts in 1966 it lost 4-0 to both players.

Once people thought the game had been solved, it was almost forgotten about in the computer world. In 1997 the Guinness Book of World Records recognised the Chinook" (University of Alberta, Canada) program as the first computer to win a human championship. However, it was not until this year that the Chinook program was finished, in July it was announced that "checkers" was solved. It is the most complex ever game to be solved: it has 500,000,000,000,000,000,000 combinations or 5×10^{20} .

This took many years to achieve and is one of the biggest things to happen in computers and artificial intelligence. The previous biggest "solve" was Connect-4 (draughts is about 1 million times more complex than Connect-4). The one they are all now after is Chess, whilst IBM and Microsoft have thrown a lot of money at this it will take some years to solve chess despite this quote from Gary Kasparov, "In certain kinds of positions, the computer sees so deeply that it plays like God." (this after losing his first of six chess games to IBM's Deep Blue).

You may now be asking what this has to do with bridge.

Bridge is a beautiful game in many ways, but it differs from the other games I have mentioned earlier. The previously mentioned games are "complete information systems", i.e. everyone can see what is happening. Bridge is a "partial information system", you can never see more than half the pieces (cards), this is where the beauty lies.

In our modern world the computer is getting more powerful everyday, things that are done today were thought impossible 10 years ago. It will be the same in 10 years time again. Will a computer be able to beat bridge? There are a possible 53,644,737,765,488,792,839,237,440,000 bridge hands, (or 53 octillion or 5.3×10^{28} [the last few zeros are due to computer rounding of numbers]). This is surely within the computer's realm. The crux of the argument comes down to the fact that the computer cannot see all of the pieces at once.

The imagination of the human mind is a powerful thing, some may think that a computer can outdo us in this regard by sheer power and the number of calculations it can do per second. The computer may be able to find double dummy lines as you may see on optimal play on a hand record, but how does that explain the anomalies?

Our game of bridge cannot be overtaken by the computer, can the computer look at a player and see which one is nervous holding the Q of trumps?

By Sean Bentley

Memorable Hands

You pick up the following hand:

♠
♥ AKJ1098765432
♦
♣ 6

What do you bid?

Did you make the practical bid of 6H or did you try to find out whether partner has CA?

[In case you didn't know, an opening bid of 4NT should ask partner to respond their specific aces:

5C = no aces
5D/5H/5S = the bid ace
6C = CA]

Sean Bentley provided me with this gem from long past in which he was playing a teams match. At the other table his teammate opened with a practical 6H bid which was unwisely doubled and redoubled! This was worth 1620 (not vulnerable).

At his table his RHO opened the bidding with 4NT, the specific ace ask.

Sean held:

♠ AKxx
♥
♦ AJ1084
♣ AKxx

It was clear from Sean's hand that the opponent held endless hearts...

Not many pairs would have discussed a defence to a 4NT opening bid, however Sean doubled, indicating strength. LHO, given the opportunity not to bid, passed, and Sean's partner opted to respond 5D. When RHO next bid 6H it seemed obvious to Sean that they held 12 solid hearts. Meantime, partner had good diamonds... so Sean bid 7D, again doubled and redoubled. (The partner of the 4NT bidder assumed his partner had some defence - incorrectly.) 7DXX was worth 2660.

The grand total of +4280 is worth 24 IMPs, the maximum IMPs one can gain on a board. I must say I am yet to achieve this result!

The next offering occurred on a very recent Friday night.

You (West) hold:

♠ AQJ96543
♥ K6
♦ Q9
♣ 6

N	E	S	W
1C	P	1H	4S
4NT	5S	P	P
6H	All Pass		

When the opponents interfere over your 4NT bid you need to have an agreed defence. South thought his Pass showed no key cards; North thought it showed 1 key card.

Regardless of its meaning, since North used Roman Keycard Blackwood I trusted him not to have a void, so led my SA. The sight of dummy was not reassuring...

♠ 8
♥ A975
♦ A8
♣ AKQ954

My partner hasn't adopted suit preference signals in these situations, so her card is irrelevant. What should I lead at trick 2?

I decided that, if declarer didn't have the DK, a club switch might cause maximum damage and duly led my C6... and partner ruffed it! Before I finished mumbling, "Having none, partner?" declarer had already responded with a quick, "No!"

His hand was:

♠ K7
♥ QJ108
♦ 7
♣ J108732

The club was the only card to defeat the contract. Unfortunately for NS, 6C was cold.

I can't remember ever before having my singleton trumped by my partner.

Recent Results

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

INTERSTATE OPEN TEAMS

1st A.C.T.

2nd SOUTH AUSTRALIA

INTERSTATE WOMEN'S TEAMS

1st WESTERN AUSTRALIA

2nd VICTORIA

INTERSTATE SENIORS' TEAMS

1st SOUTH AUSTRALIA

2nd QUEENSLAND

INTERSTATE YOUTH TEAMS

1st NEW SOUTH WALES

2nd SOUTH AUSTRALIA

BRIDGE IN THE HILLS'

CHRISTMAS IN WINTER PAIRS

A GRADE

1st Dianne Marler - John Smith

2nd Jeff Travis - Justin Williams

3rd Moira Smith - Wendy Webster

B GRADE

1st Diana McKenzie - Jim Verver

2nd Ros Durrant - Gerry Krawtschenko

3rd= Helen Kite - Irene Parker

3rd= Barbara Harrington - Steve Spong

STATE TEAMS PHASE 1

1st HARMS: Russel Harms, Phil Markey,
Jeff Travis, Justin Williams

2nd HAFFER: Joe Haffer, Ken Hocking,
Paul Hudson, Peter Popp

3rd: CHAN: Peter Chan, John Hewitt,
Roger Januszke, Greg Sargent

STATE TEAMS PHASE 2

1st HARMS: Russel Harms, Phil Markey,
Jeff Travis, Justin Williams

2nd ANDERSON:
David Anderson, Andy Babiszewski,
David Middleton, George Smolanko

3rd CHAN: Jesse Chan, Peter Chan,
Phil Gue, John Hewitt, Roger Januszke,
Greg Sargent

STATE TEAMS FINAL

1st HARMS: Russel Harms, Phil Markey,
Jeff Travis, Justin Williams

2nd CHAN: Jesse Chan, Peter Chan,
Phil Gue, John Hewitt, Roger Januszke,
Greg Sargent

SABA SWISS PAIRS CONGRESS

A GRADE

1st Attilio De Luca - Paul Hudson

2nd Peter Colmer - Gary Deaton

3rd Shane Harrison - Sam Schulz

B GRADE

1st Bill Jensen - Lindsay Wills

2nd Sandra Morrison - Edi Sfreddo

3rd Anne & Wayne Holder

RESTRICTED GNOT QUALIFYING

(Winning team goes to the GNOT)

1st Shane Harrison, Sam Schulz,
Nathan Weber, Paul Williamson

2nd Sue Bufton, Helen Gray, Peter Mika,
Janet Munro

3rd Terry Healey, Tony Hind, John Johnson,
Tony Souter

Recent Results cont.

OPEN TRIALS QUALIFYING

- 1st Andy Babiszewski - David Middleton
- 2nd Luke Matthews - John Zollo
- 3rd Jeff Travis - Justin Williams

GLENELG CONGRESS

FINAL

- 1st Gordon & Jeff Fallon
- 2nd Bill & Susan Emerson
- 3rd Helen Mander - Tony Souter

PLATE

- 1st John Huston - Obbie Reiziger
- 2nd Michael Clapp - Marie McMahon
- 3rd Maree Barbary - Jo Crawford

CONSOLATION

- 1st Jill Fallas - Doreen Tomlin
- 2nd Judy Maloney - Patricia McGaffin
- 3rd Ros Durrant - Gerry Krawtschenko

CITY OF ADELAIDE PAIRS

- 1st Val Churchill - Phil Sellars
- 2nd Justin Williams - John Zollo
- 3rd Attilio De Luca - Paul Hudson

CITY OF ADELAIDE TEAMS

- 1st ZOLLO: John Zollo, Andrew Eddie, Paul Hudson, Justin Williams
- 2nd DE LUCA: Attilio De Luca, Jesse Chan, Susan Emerson, Anne Harris
- 3rd WEBER: Nathan Weber, Phil Sellars, Shane Harrison, Phil Markey

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TGBF MATCHPOINT PAIRS

Section B

- 1st Margaret Walters - Jane Rasmussen

TGBF PAIRS

Consolation EW

- 1st Margaret & Roger Porter

AUSTRALIAN SWISS PAIRS (Tasmania)

- 1st Joe Haffer - Ian Robinson

BRIDGE IN THE CITY'S BIRTHDAY PAIRS

OPEN SECTION

- 1st Dianne Marler - John Smith
- 2nd Yvette Bolaffi - Jackie Franco
- 3rd Alma de Villiers - Judith Castell

YELLOW SECTION

- 1st Joan Dwyer - Max Gabel
- 2nd Fred Harrison - Jackie Ward
- 3rd Frank & Mia Esvelt

ST VINCENTS PAIRS CONGRESS

- 1st Jane & Shane Harrison
- 2nd Sharmini Hoole - John Smith
- 3rd Graham & Judy Quinn

GOLDEN GROVE ROTARY PAIRS

SECTION 1

- 1st NS Gary Deaton - Marlene Millar
- 1st EW Barbara & Lauren Travis

SECTION 2

- 1st NS Margaret Crawford - Tina McErlean
- 1st EW Gopal Hingorani - William Keyte

SECTION 3

- 1st NS Midge Best - Monica Nutt
- 1st EW Colin Hewitt - Ann Pringle

Notable in the last two events: the winners were mother-son/daughter combinations. Shane Harrison is 16 years old, and Lauren Travis is 14. Hopefully Youth bridge in South Australia will continue to thrive.