

**ABF YOUTH**  
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**BULLETIN**

**Youth Week 2003**

Youth Week 2003 will be conducted at Fenner Hall, 210 Northbourne Ave, Canberra from the 11th January.

**Programme:**

Sat 11th	International Challenge
Sun 12th	
-- Mon 13th	Youth Pairs (Under 30)
Tues 14th	
-- Wed 15th	Youth Teams (Under 30)
Thurs 16th	
-- Sat 18th	Youth Butler (Under 26)
Thurs 16th	
-- Fri 17th	Youth Camp
Sun 19th	National Play-off

**Entries**

Entries for all youth events can be made on-line:

<http://www.abf.com.au/events/gyc/index.html>

Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the convenor and partners and team-mates will be found where possible.

**Accommodation**

Accommodation opportunities at Fenner Hall are limited, so early bookings are advised. Bookings may be made through Brad Coles (Convenor) by phoning 0412 276 577 or by email:

[grover@bigpond.net.au](mailto:grover@bigpond.net.au)

Single room accommodation is available at \$112 per week.

Most bridge players will tell you that attending a Youth Championship is the best bridge experience of all. If you are a bridge player under the age of 30, you should do yourself a favour and get involved.

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**International Options**

Subject to ratification, Players who qualify for Australian representation in 2003 will only be guaranteed an opportunity to play in the World Youth Teams in Beijing.

The PABF Championships are scheduled to be played in Manila in June. The ABF will have discretion regarding Australia's representation at this event. Under current conditions, Australians are being advised not to visit the Phillipines for non-essential purposes.

Players who enter the Youth Butler will be asked to sign the standard 'Declaration of Availability' on the understanding that there will be no requirement to compete in the PABF unless the security risk falls to a level which is no greater than any other suitable bridge venue.

**International Challenge**

Four teams will compete in the International Youth Challenge on Jan 11:

**Australia A**

Mark Abraham-Michael Wilkinson, Nic Croft-Arian Lasocki, Tony Nunn-Kylie Robb.

**Australia B**

Daniel Geromboux-Griff Ware, Oliver Mailes-Peter Wilsmore

**Southland/Otago**

Mike Dollan-Christiaan Prent, Jeremy Kennard-Fraser Rew

**Oceania**

Fiona Brown-Paul Gosney, David Gillanders-Sharon Ladyman, William Jenner-O'Shea-Matthew Porter

## The Inaugural Youth Triathlon

The first Australian Youth Triathlon was conducted over a busy week-end in Adelaide from September 28-30th. Players competed in Teams, Matchpoint Pairs and Individual events over the period. The points from each event were accumulated and a single winner was identified on aggregate points achieved.

### Results

#### Teams

**1st:** Daniel Geromboux, Griff Ware,  
William Jenner-O'Shea, Matt Porter.

**2nd:** Leigh Gold, Darius Molloy, Tony  
Nunn, Peter Wilsmore.

#### Pairs

**1st:** Colin Baker-Fiona Brown

**2nd:** Mark Abraham-Michael Wilkinson

#### Individual

**1st:** Nic Croft

**2nd:** Ben Barned

**3rd:** William Jenner-O'Shea

#### Outright

**1st:** William Jenner-O'Shea

**2nd:** Matt Porter

**3rd:** Tony Nunn

Congratulations to William Jenner-O'Shea as the inaugural winner of the Australian Youth Triathlon. In achieving this feat, he had a number of top youth players to beat including international players of the standard of Tony Nunn, Nic Croft, Luke Matthews, Leigh Gold and Darius Molloy.

In all, the 6 tables were made up of players from SA, Vic, NSW, ACT and NZ. Of particular note was the appearance of Darius Molly from Auckland. He was the only overseas player to participate. We hope that he will bring a few of his mates in 2003.

## Youth Awards

Awards are given to youth players showing outstanding achievement over the year.

### Helman-Klinger Awards

The Helman-Klinger award, donated by Rabbi Leonard Helman of the United States, honours Ron Klinger's contributions to bridge in Australia and, as one of the most prolific bridge authors, throughout the world.

### Masterpoint Achievement Award

The youth player who earns the most masterpoints over the calendar year automatically wins this award with the proviso that a given player may only receive the award once.

### General Achievement Award

This award is made to the youth player who the panel feel has made significant contributions to youth bridge both at the table and away from it. Not only is the recipient expected to perform well as a player, he/she must have made contributions to bridge in general and youth bridge in particular. Other aspects such as table demeanor and appropriate modelling for younger players is also taken into account. As with the MP Achievement award, no player may win this award more than once.

### Hills-Hurley Trophy

This award, donated by Richard Hills from the ACT, honours a pair who have shown evidence of working on the partnership game. Long-standing partnerships who have impressed with their systemic understanding and their general acumen at the table are considered. A pair may only win the Hills-Hurley trophy once, although an individual in a new partnership may still be eligible.

### Past Winners

#### HK Award (MPs)

<b>1999</b>	Leigh Gold (Vic)
<b>2000</b>	Tony Nunn (NSW)
<b>2001</b>	Paul Brayshaw (WA)

## HK Award, General Achievement

**1999** Mark Abraham (Tas)  
**2000** Kylie Robb (NSW)  
**2001** Paul Brayshaw (WA)

## HH Award

**1999** Nic Croft-Luke Matthews (SA)  
**2000** Tony Nunn-Kylie Robb (NSW)  
**2001** Paul Brayshaw-Simon Brayshaw (WA)

Awards for 2002 will be announced and presented after the 2003 South West Pacific Teams.

**The Colts Team at the GNOT**

*Paul Gosney*

Upon the completion of the Youth Teams at the ANC, David Lusk kindly invited my Queensland partner Richard Pollett and I to compete at the Grand National Open Teams with a young pair from Sydney or Canberra. Unfortunately, it was necessary for Richard to attend school on the opening day of competition, so I was paired up with the experienced youth player Mark Abraham, the other pair being Michael De Livera and Robin Stevenson, (all three from Canberra, me from Brisbane). Although we were knocked out of the main draw in the first round by the second Tasmanian team, we proceeded to win roughly half the matches we played in the Swiss repechage. This being my second national congress after the ANC, it turned out to be a great experience and, of course, lots of fun. I am sure that Michael and Robin also benefited from playing in a top class Australian congress. I would like to thank David and the QBA for organizing my trip to Sydney (and paying for it!), and also Mark for playing with me at such short notice and teaching me a great deal throughout the event. Here are a couple of interesting hands played at the GNOT.

Session 8: Board: 4

Dealer: E	<b>North</b>	
Vul: All	♠ 1042	
	♥ 10952	
	♦ AJ2	
	♣ KJ8	<b>East</b>
	♠ 9	♠ KQJ853
	♥ A43	♥ 7
	♦ 7653	♦ 98
	♣ AQ1095	♣ 6432
	<b>South</b>	
	♠ A76	
	♥ KQJ86	
	♦ KQ104	
	♣ 7	

At our table the bidding was:

West	North	East	South
--	--	2♠*	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

\*5 spades and a 4 card minor.

Sitting West I led Mark's bid suit and declarer without much thought won the Ace, and led trumps. Now upon winning the Ace of hearts, there is no way to cash the good spades in the East hand and eventually spade from North disappears on a diamond and a spade is ruffed in dummy.

The other table had the following auction:

West	North	East	South
--	--	Pass	1♥
2♣	2♥	2♠	4♥
All Pass			

Michael De Livera sitting South received the same lead of the nine of spades. Counting four obvious losers, he realized that he must sever the defenders communications in the spade suit before conceding a trick to the Ace of hearts. With this in mind and the fact that East didn't open a weak two, Michael played West for a doubleton spade and ducked the Jack of spades on the opening lead, putting up his ace on the second round. I think we can consider ourselves unlucky on this board, especially after Mark had shown exactly five spades in the first auction.

Session 10: Board: 8

Dealer: W

Vul: Nil

	<b>North</b>	
	♠ 4	
	♥ AQJ8765	
	♦ J10	
<b>West</b>	♣ K54	<b>East</b>
♠ K52		♠ Q109873
♥ 2		♥ K3
♦ AQ852		♦ K
♣ A1073	<b>South</b>	♣ Q986
	♠ AJ6	
	♥ 1094	
	♦ 97643	
	♣ J2	

Sitting East, I played in 4S after this peculiar bidding -

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
1NT*	3♥	4♠	All Pass

\* It was the last session

The ten of hearts was led to the Ace and North quietly returned the four of clubs - 4, 6, J, A. Worried about the possibility of a club ruff, I unblocked the King of diamonds, ruffed a heart and played Ace and Queen of diamonds, hoping to discard the club which threatened to be ruffed. The Queen was ruffed by North however and over-ruffed by East.

Still worried that North might have started with AJ4 of spades (or J4) and the singleton four of clubs, I then led the ten of spades to the King, leaving myself with two trump losers, and one off. It never occurred to me that North might have underled his King of clubs and I could have saved myself a lot of bother (and imps) by playing the Queen of clubs at trick two.

### New E-mail Address

David Lusk may now be contacted on:

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[david.lusk@chariot.net.au](mailto:david.lusk@chariot.net.au) still works.

## Calendar of Events, 2003

### Australian Events

January 11-19 Australian Youth Week  
*Canberra*

July 20-26 ANC  
Youth Pairs and Teams  
*Darwin*

September 27-29 Australian Youth Triathlon  
*Adelaide*

### International Events

April 26-27 OKB Intercollegiate Online  
Bridge Championships

June PABF Championships\*  
*Manila*

July 4-7 World Youth Pairs  
*Tata, Hungary*

July 8-14 World Youth Camp  
*Tata, Hungary*

August World Youth Teams  
*Beijing*

\* It is unlikely that Australia will send a team to the PABF unless there is a change of venue or security problems in the region improve dramatically.

Players wishing to compete in the World Youth Pairs must apply for ratification from the ABF. This must be done via the ABF Youth Committee.