

ABF YOUTH



BULLETIN

Gabby Wins Silver

Gabby Feiler took the Silver Medal at the World Youth Individual in New York last July. Gabby was runner-up to Poland's Michal Nowosadzski. Meike Wortel of the Netherlands took bronze.

Aussies Triumph

The Australian Youth Team had a successful tour of New Zealand. The team of Nic Croft-Gabby Feiler, Daniel Geromboux-Griiffith Ware, Daniel Krochmalik-Arian Lasocki all reached the round of 16 in the NZ teams (Croft-Feiler in a team with Martin Bloom -Peter Gill). The team went on to defeat New Zealand in the Test Match.

All the ANC Youth Results

Youth Pairs:

1st: Paul Gosney-Nathan Van Jole (QLD)

2nd: Fiona Brown-Tony Nunn (NSW)

3rd: Justin Howard - Ivan Hu (VIC)

Youth Teams:

Qualifying:

SA (Marc Deaton-Freya Wilson,
Mike Doecke-William Jenner O'Shea,
Arian Lasocki-Justin Williams) **275.5**

ACT (Daniel Geromboux, Anatoli
Lightfoot, Nye Griffiths, Matt Porter,
Griffith Ware) **194.4**

QLD (George Bloomfield-Andy Hung,
Paul Gosney-Nathan Van Jole, Kai Lin-
Tim White.

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Edited by David Lusk

Youth Teams:

Final

South Australia 113
defeated ACT 80

South Australia has now won the ANC Youth Teams for three consecutive years. ACT has been the unlucky runner-up on each occasion.

The Oz team in NZ

Mystery surrounds the final margin in the Test match, Australia vs New Zealand, conducted on July 10th in Hamilton.

The final margin was never posted on the website and none of the Australians seem to be able to remember!

The Australian Youth Team was the strongest available and very likely the strongest to have ever confronted the New Zealanders in this annual contest.

Nic Croft - Gabby Feiler
Daniel Geromboux - Griff Ware
Daniel Krochmalik - Arian Lasocki

Suffice to say that the Australians took an early lead in the match and increased the margin on each stanza to finish comprehensive winners.

All indicators suggest that the New Zealand Nationals will be moved to October in 2005. Consequently, the future of this annual Test Match is being reviewed by the ABF Youth Committee. Frequently used as a grounding for ABF Colts teams (20 and under), the obvious clash with exams may prove to be a difficult hurdle to overcome.

The 2004 Youth Triathlon

The third Youth Triathlon was conducted in Adelaide over the last week-end in September.

Disappointingly, only four teams participated in the 2004 Triathlon.

Bridge, bridge and more bridge. 24 boards on Friday night, 76 on Saturday and a further 58 on Sunday. Thanks go to South Australia's Youth Patron, Barbara Marrett for providing a barbeque lunch on Saturday.

RESULTS:

YOUTH TRIATHLON TEAMS:

First: Mark Abraham, Fiona Brown, Nic Croft, Griffith Ware.

2nd: Michael De Livera, Justin Howard, Luke Matthews, Justin Williams.

YOUTH TRIATHLON PAIRS:

First: Mark Abraham - Griffith Ware

2nd: Adam & Nabil Edgton

YOUTH TRIATHLON INDIVIDUAL:

First: Tony Nunn

2nd: Griffith Ware

3rd: Matthew Porter

YOUTH TRIATHLON OUTRIGHT:

First: Griffith Ware

2nd: Tony Nunn

3rd: Mark Abraham

The World Junior Individual

Gabby Feiler

What a great location for a bridge tournament! Being a food lover, the NY delis did very well out of me. It was also good to meet up with Kylie in her current home and also Josh Heller. Griff Ware (another Australian participant) and I arrived a few days earlier to sight-see. We just had participated in the hospitable NZ nationals in Hamilton—the practice helped.

Peter Gill, a great supporter of Australian youth bridge, had briefed me before about the juniors he had met. When I arrived in NY, I received an email from Peter ranking all the players he knew out of 10. The magnitude of Peter's contribution in supporting youth bridge is largely unrecognised.

Now to the actual event. The format of the individual included 4 sessions which were matchpointed across the field using barometer scoring. This made the event exciting, particularly towards the end of the 4th session. Going into the 1st session, I set about outlining some rules which I thought would be useful throughout.

Rule 1. Try not to confuse partner. Lots of practical auctions.

Playing with the eventual winner of the event, Michal Nowosadzki, I picked up this hand; Session 1. Board 10.

♠ AQJ2
♥ A
♦ 10953
♣ K1042

Partner opened 1NT. I bid 2♣ (simple stayman). LHO bid 2♥ and partner bid 2♠. Being the practical player I bid 6♠. Partner held:

♠ K10973
♥ Q93
♦ AK8
♣ Q9.

After the anticipated heart lead, partner passed a club from dummy and LHO erred when he rose CA. +1430= 51/54 matchpoints.

Rule 2. Keep calm. You must be brave. In a youth individual, oddity is inevitable. Just smile sweetly at partner. During session 2, after 12 boards, the barometer revealed a session score of 39.5%. My poker face was tested on this hand;

Session 2, Board: 15

Dealer: S	North		
Vul: N-S	♠ K98		
	♥ 874		
	♦ 10652		
	♣ 1073	East	
West		♠ A42	
♠ QJ107		♥ AK92	
♥ Q10		♦ J84	
♦ K73		♣ AK2	
♣ J983	South		
	♠ 653		
	♥ J653		
	♦ AQ9		
	♣ Q64		

I sat south and was dealer. I passed, as did LHO. Partner opened 1♠!!! RHO doubled and I bid 1NT. This was passed to RHO who doubled again and I bid 2♠. 2♠ by North became the final contract and partner glided 4 off= -400. This resulted in 54/56 matchpoints. This was Youth bridge at its finest as the rest of the field were making overtricks in 3NT.

After 24 boards (in session 2) I scrambled out with 57.7%. Penalty doubles are very useful tools in youth bridge.

Session 3. Board 17. What do you bid on this hand at nil vulnerability after the following? LHO bids 1♦. Partner makes a weak jump overcall of 2♥ and RHO bids 3♣. Your bid:

- ♠ A107654
- ♥ 543
- ♦ A
- ♣ 765

I chose 3♠. This worked well as north continued with 4♦ and North-South finished in 5♦. Partner led my spade suit and that was two off for 44/56 matchpoints. This was the full deal:

Dealer: N	North		
Vul: Nil	♠ J32		
	♥ AJ9		
	♦ KQ9732		
	♣ A	West	East
		♠ A107654	♠ 9
		♥ 543	♥ KQ10872
		♦ A	♦ J108
		♣ 765	♣ 842
			South
			♠ KQ8
			♥ 6
			♦ 654
			♣ KQJ1093

The entire event was played in very good spirit and it made Griff and I greatly look forward to getting to know the juniors better at the junior camp that followed. My favourite hand of the 'NY bridge bash' occurred during a matchpoint event on the junior camp which was held outside of NY at the NYACK college campus.

I sat North and held:

- ♠ Kxx ♥ K106 ♦ xxx ♣ QJ9x

As dealer, I passed and LHO bid 1♠. This was passed to me and I reopened with 1NT. LHO rebid 2♠ and partner bid 3NT!! LHO led a 4th best spade and partner tabled:

- ♠ Q10 ♥ Q98x ♦ KQx ♣ Axxx

The spade 10 held the trick and I considered my options. I saw about 7 tricks and realised that two off vulnerable at matchpoints was not good enough. I also had insufficient entries to hand to attempt to bring in the club suit for no loser. So I tried the ♣A. This worked well as the full hand was:

	North	
	♠ K63	
	♥ K106	
	♦ 875	
	♣ QJ95	
West		East
♠ 95		♠ AJ8742
♥ A432		♥ J7
♦ J102		♦ A964
♣ 10863		♣ K
	South	
	♠ Q10	
	♥ Q985	
	♦ KQ3	
	♣ A742	

After the singleton club king fell, I played a club to the 9 and played the remaining clubs. East discarded 3 diamonds. I exited a diamond (removing East's diamond entry) and East, realising that hearts was the last hope of salvage, switched to the ♥J. Making an overtrick.

Thank you to Charlotte Blaiss (ACBL), Panos Gerontopoulos (WBF) and all the camp volunteers. Their commitment and passion for youth bridge facilitates the experience I savored in NY. Next year, it is our turn to impress in Sydney when we host the World Junior Teams. I also commend the experience of the junior camp for all Australian junior players—it is a must.

[Editors note: Griffith Ware and Gabby Feiler were selected for an ABF subsidy to attend this event.]

ABF GNOT Colts Team

Tradition now dictates that an ABF Colts Team be selected to fill the bye in the GNOT in Sydney. This year, the fourth time, five players have been selected:

Robert Meakins (NSW, Captain)
 Andy Hung (Qld)
 Thomas Lam (NSW)
 Anatoli Lightfoot (ACT)
 Jane Reynolds (WA)

The experience gained in an event such as this is invaluable. It is hoped that the team make the most of the opportunity and, above all, enjoy the bridge.

Scoring Up at Teams

David Lusk

Many of our better youth players are excellent at the score-ups. They work towards a simple objective: determine the result of the set as soon as possible.

Most young players develop a healthy taste for teams bridge. Here are a few useful tips which contribute to team harmony and focus.

1. Find a place for your pairs to meet after each match. This eliminates the frustration of looking for team-mates after the set is complete.
2. If you are in a five or six person team, make an effort to attend score-ups even if you are sitting out.
3. Make absolutely no comment on the set until the result is known. Don't comment on scores as they are read out.
4. Once the scores are in, it is fine to discuss hands.

During the 1995 Pacific-Asia Championships, I witnessed the score-up of the Hong-Kong Ladies' Team. The captain took one score-sheet and proceeded to copy in each score. After all scores from the other table were entered, he proceeded back to the top and calculated each swing in turn. Next he returned to the top of the page and Imped each score. The fourth process was to add up the IMPs. The whole procedure took more than 10 minutes. I had trouble believing my eyes and ears!

When the South Australian Open team played in Brisbane in 2000, they agreed to score up in the captain's room. This involved catching a lift upstairs. On one occasion, both pairs caught the lift at the same time. There was no discussion of the set until after they had reached the room and scored up.

The South Aussies won the event.

ABF Youth Club

The ABF has determined that young players may be members of the ABF Youth Club until they turn 25.

All members of the ABF Youth Club receive membership free of capitation fees for the term of their membership.

Members of the ABF Youth Club who are regular duplicate players are advised that it is recommended that they become or remain members of their affiliated club of preference. Most clubs provide reasonable discounts for students on both membership and table fees.

There are currently 67 members of the ABF Youth Club, all of them under 18.

The break-down by states is as follows:

ACT	18
VIC	17
SA	11
QLD	7
WA	6
TAS	4
NSW	4

Youth players who wish to join the ABF Youth Club must complete an application form, available via an email to David Lusk (lusk@internode.on.net). The application must be endorsed by the state coordinator or a suitable nominee.

All members of the Youth Club gain masterpoint promotion but certificates often take longer to arrive as they are not usually sent direct to their regular clubs.

Masterpoints may be checked on www.masterpoints.org.au

Youth Calendar, 2004

International events in bold type.

September 24-26

Australian Youth Triathlon

Adelaide

October 30

-- November 6

World University Teams

Istanbul

January, 2005

Australian Youth Week

International Challenge

Canberra

April 2005

OK Bridge Intercollegiate

On line

May/June 2005

Pacific Asia Championships

TBA

7-17th August 2005

**World Junior Teams
Championships**

Sydney

**Australia will be staging the
2005 World Youth Teams Championships
7th to 17th August 2005**

The Royal Showgrounds - Sydney Olympic Park

Bridge players from all around Australia are urged to support this undertaking. You can do this by offering your help with one or more of the following

Hosts for the visiting teams

help with collecting the teams from the airport, hosting them during the event and escorting them to the associated functions

Helpers during preparation for the event

we will require assistance with the planning and implementation of the plan for the event

Helpers during the actual event

we will require an extensive team of people including hospitality desk, board caddies, logistical assistance, score runners and vu-graph assistance as well as other areas which will become apparent as preparation begins

Carpenters

one of the challenges is the manufacture of the screen tables. If you have carpentry skills and are able to assist with the manufacture then we can certainly use your skill

Printing

another challenge is the production of approximately 250 daily newsletters. If you have production capability or experience in this type of undertaking then we would like to hear from you.

Sponsorship

either direct, advertising or goods for prizes or fundraisers

Fundraising

consider holding a fundraiser at your local club – we will offer assistance in this regard

Anything Else

if you believe that you have skills which we can use either before or during the event then please let us know

David Stern and Peter Gill

Co-convenors

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The Australian Bridge Federation

presents
the 6th annual
**Under 16 Youth
Bridge Event
&
Youth Camp**

**Under 16 Pairs &
Teams of Four**

Fenner Hall, ANU

210 Northbourne Ave, Braddon

January 13 - 14, 2005.

Convenor Brad Coles

Tournament Directors Matthew McManus/David Lusk

Information:

Awards

- Ø Masterpoints will be awarded for all under 16 events.
- Ø Prizes and certificates will be awarded liberally for successful players (not just the winners).

Information for Parents

Bridge playing parents are advised that their children are welcome to participate in this event. Parents are also advised that the playing rooms will be under adult supervision at all times during and between sessions. The convenor cannot guarantee that participants will be supervised if they leave the venue.

Children wishing to learn bridge are also welcome to attend. However, any instruction is given on an informal basis.

Accommodation facilities at the venue require a high degree of self-reliance on the part of the guests. Parents are advised that younger players should be billeted with friends and/or relatives for the duration of the event. Accommodation may be booked through Brad Coles for \$178 per week. The ABF Youth Committee will make every effort to arrange billeting for those requiring it. Early advice would be appreciated. Priority in this respect will be given to players under 18.

Eligibility: Under 16 events are open to players born on or after 15th January 1988.

Travel: Car: Contact Brad Coles, grover@bigpond.net.au, to organise lifts from Sydney. Please note that The ABF Youth Committee takes no responsibility for passenger safety for any transport arranged for players.

Entry on Line: <http://www.abf.com.au/youth/events/ayc/index.html> or email Brad for a brochure.

Under 16 entries may be accepted up to and including the day of the event. Under 16 players may also wish to compete in other Youth Week events from Saturday 8th – Wednesday 12th January.



The Australian Bridge Federation

presents

the 37th annual

Australian Youth Championships

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International Team Selection

Under 30, Under 26 and Under 16 Pairs & Teams of Four

Fenner Hall, ANU

210 Northbourne Ave, Braddon.

January 8 - 16, 2005

Convenor

Brad Coles

Tournament Director

Matthew McManus

Information:

Australian International Youth Team for 2005. Participants in the Butler must be born on or after 1 January 1979.

There will also be an international challenge match between Australia, New Zealand and other international teams approved by the ABF Youth Committee. All bridge players are invited to come along and kibitz top level youth bridge. Venue and other details will be available on the ABF Youth Website leading up to the challenge.

There is a 50% discount for full-time students in events which are part of the Summer Festival of Bridge.

Gold Master Points will be awarded at the appropriate ABF scale for the youth events.

Trophies and prizes in both the pairs and the teams will be awarded in three categories. To be eligible all members must be born on or after:

1 January 1975 (overall awards) 1 January 1979 (under 26) and 1 January 1985 (under 20).

The Australian Youth Championships are acknowledged as the best bridge event in Australia. The atmosphere is invariably friendly and players enjoy their time at the table and away from it. This event should be attractive to young players regardless of skill level and experience.

Accommodation:

The venue – Fenner Hall – provides single bedroom accommodation, with bedding, linen, tea and coffee facilities. Shared bathroom and kitchen. You are required to bring your own utensils if you are planning to cook. Rooms may be booked through the convenor for \$178 per week. This is a discounted rate for our event, so please book through the convenor and not through the college. The ABF Youth Committee will make every effort to arrange billeting for those requiring it. Early advice would be appreciated. Priority in this respect will be given to players under 18.

To enter: simply go to <http://www.abf.com.au/youth/events/ayc/index.html>

where you will be able to enter, book your accommodation at Fenner Hall, and let us know if you are looking for a partner or team mates.