

# ABF YOUTH



# BULLETIN

## **A Bumper Event - The World Youth Teams**

Australia has hosted only a handful of international events. The World Youth Championships were conducted in Sydney in August (7th-17th), the first truly international youth event to be conducted within our shores. Much will be written about the quality of the event. In short, everything seemed to go splendidly and David Stern, Peter Gill, Nick Fahrner, Kim Neale, Pauline Gumbo and Mat McManus all deserve congratulations on their efforts with support from a host of volunteers over the period.

After a complete round-robin for all eighteen competing nations (an equal record), the event concluded with 64 board semi-finals and a 96 board grand final.

Australia took a top four position after defeating Canada 24-6 but could not maintain a grip on the position. With a tougher draw than Canada, they slipped out of the finals race and finished 7th.

### **After the full round-robin:**

Poland:	<b>345</b>
France:	<b>333</b>
USA 1:	<b>311.8</b>
Canada:	<b>299</b>
Hungary:	<b>276</b>
Chinese Taipei:	<b>272</b>
Australia:	<b>270</b>

Complete results can be found via:  
<http://www.abf.com.au>

### **As a reminder, the Australian team was:**

Gabby Feiler-Matthew Porter  
Daniel Geromboux-Griff Ware  
Daniel Krochmalik-Justin Williams  
Npc: John Roberts

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### **Semi-finals:**

**Poland** 172  
defeated

**France** 116

**USA1** 181  
defeated

**Canada** 115

### **Grand Final:**

Poland appeared to have a grip on the grand final until USA1 surged back to level at full time, forcing an extra eight board set. Poland did not score an IMP in those last boards, so the final result was an excellent one for the United States:

**USA1** 205  
defeated

**Poland** 190

### **Bronze Medal Playoff:**

**Canada** 140  
defeated

**France** 107

### **Continuation events:**

#### **Individual:**

Yuichi IKEMOTO (JPN)	114.6
Abdelrehim MEHILBA (EGY)	106.8
Haakon KIPPE (NOR)	109.1
Gilad OFIR (ISR) 5	115.4
Gabby FEILER (AUS)	109.3
Daniel GEROMBOUX (AUS)	103.6

#### **Swiss Pairs:**

J PACAREU (CHI) - J SMITH (CHI)	112
CY TSENG (TPE) - WB WANG (TPE)	108
R BARBOSA (BRA) - J BRUM (BRA)	107
P EIDE (NOR) - J RINGSETH (NOR)	107
M MRÁZ (HUN) - B SZEGEDI (HUN)	103
H KIPPE (NOR) - E LINDQVIST (NOR)	98
M WHIBLEY (NZL) - J WILLIAMS (AUS)	97

## Squeezed by an 8 Year-old!

*David Lusk*

I recently had occasion to visit Loreto Junior School in suburban Adelaide, where Stephanie James manages a lunch-time bridge group for anything between 10 and 16 pre-teenagers. We had a short lesson on Opening 1NT and sat down to play. There was a vacant spot opposite Monica. To my right sat Millie and to my left, Clarissa.

Apparently I spoiled the exercise by opening 1♣ on the West cards but we all agreed that Millie's 1NT bid in the pass-out seat would be 16-18 since nobody had yet learnt anything about balancing principles.

West	North	East	South
<i>David</i>	<i>Olivia</i>	<i>Monica</i>	<i>Millie</i>
1♣	Pass	Pass	1NT

Here was the full deal:

Dealer: W		<b>North</b>	
Vul: Nil		♠ K Q 8 4	
		♥ Q J 8 2	
		♦ 5 4	
		♣ Q 10 8	<b>East</b>
<b>West</b>			♠ 10 9 3
♠ J 6 5 2			♥ 10 3
♥ A 6 5			♦ J 10 8 3 2
♦ K 7 6			♣ 6 5 2
♣ A 4 3	<b>South</b>		
	♠ A 7		
	♥ K 9 7 4		
	♦ A Q 9		
	♣ K J 7 4		

I led the ♠2. South took the 10(?) with the Ace and began setting up clubs and hearts in that order. After driving out West's aces, and collecting the top two spades in dummy as West persisted, these cards remained with declarer on lead:

	<b>North</b>	
	♠ 8	
	♥ Q8	
	♦ 5	
<b>West</b>	♣ --	<b>East</b>
♠ J		♠ --
♥ 6		♥ --
♦ K7		♦ 10832
♣ --	<b>South</b>	♣ --
	♠ --	
	♥ 97	
	♦ AQ	
	♣ --	

Declarer led the 9 of hearts and held the trick. When she next led the 7, correctly organising to take the last heart in dummy, I came to a grim realisation -- I was being squeezed by an 8 year-old. In the blind hope that my partner held the ♦Q, or perhaps that Millie had been shown how to take a finesse, I parted with the beer card.

11 tricks.

## Youth Committee 2005

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## Aussies Place Second at the PABFC

The Australian Youth Team finished a creditable second in the PABFC in Seoul. The Japanese team finished in first place, 17.5 VPs ahead of Australia.

The team was:

Gabby Feiler -Matthew Porter  
Daniel Geromboux - Griff Ware  
John Roberts, NPC.

The team drifted around fourth place for the early stages of the event but looked as though they could have overhauled the leaders going into the last day but 22-8 losses to Indonesia and China Hong Kong left the Australians with too much leeway to make up.

The event may have provided a grandstand finish if the Australians were in touch, for they played Japan in the final round. As a consolation, they defeated the champions by 24 -6 in that final match.

After the untimely withdrawal of Paul Gosney-Nathan Van Jole, the team travel to Seoul as a four man unit. With the more arduous schedule of the World Youth Teams, the Australian Team will need all of their six players.

Due to the unfortunate circumstance of Nathan's unavailability for the entire World Youth Teams Championship, the pair of Daniel Krochmalik and Justin Williams has been added to the team which represented in Seoul.

The result in Seoul is an indication that the Australian Youth Team has enough ability to perform well, especially on home soil.

History now reveals that Australia could only manage 7th place in the World Youth Teams Championships. Many would say that finishing well ahead of half-way was more than reasonable but, knowing the six players involved, they would be quick to point out that they could have done better.

## Youth Calendar, 2006

*International events in bold type.*

### **14-22 January**

**Australian Youth Week  
Under 16 Camp**

*Canberra*

### **April**

**OKB World Intercollegiate**

*On-line*

### **June**

**PABFC**

*TBA*

### **June 30 - July 10, 2006**

**World Youth Pairs and Camp**

*Piesztany, Slovakia*

### **July 2006**

**ANC Youth Pairs & Teams**

*Adelaide*

### **August 2006**

**World Youth Teams\***

*TBA*

*(Very likely Thailand)*

### **September 22 - 24 2006**

**Australian Youth Triathlon**

**(Provisional dates only)**

*TBA*

\*Note that the World Youth Teams Championship will shift from odd to even years. After 2006, the next such event will be held in 2008

## Who's in Charge?

All states and territories have an individual or group who take responsibility for youth bridge within their local jurisdiction.

ACT: **Griff Ware**

Queensland: **Joan Butts (Teaching)**  
**Larry Moses**  
**Richard Touton**

New South Wales: **Ross Stewart**  
**Leigh Gold**  
**Peter Gill**

Northern Territory: **Betty Mill**

South Australia: **David Lusk**  
**& Youth Committee**

Tasmania: **Adam Guarino-Watson**

Victoria: **Andrew Mill**  
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## The 2005 Youth Triathlon

The 2005 Youth Triathlon was conducted in Sydney on the week-end prior to the World Youth Teams Championships.

The teams field was enhanced by the inclusion of Norway who used the event as a warm-up.

**Teams:** (8 teams)

**1st:** Erik Eide, Petter Eide, Espen Lindqvist, Allan Livgaard  
**2nd:** Nye Griffiths, Justin Howard, Ally Morris, Lucy Stevenson  
**3rd:** Adam Edgtton, Nabil Edgtton, Haakon Kippe, Jorn Ringseth

**Pairs:** (16 pairs)

**1st:** Andrew Morcombe - Christy Bridgland  
**2nd:** Justin Willams - Daniel Krochmalik  
**3rd:** Anthony Newman - Nick Rodwell

**Individual:** (20 players)

**1st:** Peter Wilsmore  
**2nd:** Nabil Edgtton  
**3rd:** Damien Czapnik  
**4th:** Lucy Stevenson

**Outright (Aggregate):**

**1st:** Nabil Edgtton  
**2nd:** Nye Griffiths  
**3rd:** Adam Edgtton

**Automatic Qualifiers:**

As the pair who took the best collective aggregate, Adam and Nabil Edgtton will be offered a place in the Youth Butler selection event in January

Thanks to Peter Edgtton (Convenor), Ross Stuart and Mat McManus. Also thanks to the NSWBA for providing the venue.

## The 2005 ANC

The 2005 ANC looked to be particularly competitive this year. Although South Australia and the ACT looked to be favourites for a place in the finals, they would be likely to receive some opposition from Queensland and/or NSW. So it proved to be, with the final round-robin match between Queensland and South Australia being crucial with respect to determining the ACT's opponents.

### ANC Teams Qualifying:

**ACT:** 159.3  
Christy Bridgland, Michael De Livera, Daniel Geromboux, Nye Griffiths, Anatoli Lightfoot, Griff Ware, Mark Abraham, npc.

**SA:** 134.6  
Nic Croft, Joel Gue, Arian Lasocki (Capt), Andrew Morcombe, Phil Sellars, Justin Williams.

**QLD:** 25.9  
Paul Gosney, Andy Hung, Geoff Martin, Ryan Touton, Richard Touton, npc.

### ANC Teams Final:

**ACT:** 149  
defeated

**S.A.** 56

So the ACT took some revenge for three consecutive losing finals against S.A .

### ANC Youth Pairs:

**1st:** Adam Edgtton- Nabil Edgtton 338  
**2nd:** Griff Ware - Nye Griffiths 337  
**3rd:** P Gosney - A Hung 306  
**4th:** N Croft - A Lasocki 292

Well done to Adam and Nabil, almost certainly the youngest pair to win this event.

## Youth Week 2006

The 2005 Australian Youth Week will be conducted at Fenner Hall in Canberra from January 14th --22nd.

Provisionally, the programme will be as follows:

Sat/Sun  
Jan 14-15 **Australian Youth Pairs**

Mon/Tues  
Jan 16-17 **Australian Youth Teams**

Wed-Fri  
Jan 18-20 **Youth Butler Pairs**  
(Winners will join Open Butler qualifiers for the Commonwealth Games event.)

Thurs-Fri  
Jan 19-20 **Under 16 Events & Youth Camp**

Sat  
Jan 21 **Teams Play-off**

Sun  
Jan 22 **International Youth Challenge**

Youth Week has provided our young players with memorable bridge experiences since the first Australian Youth Championships were conducted in 1969.

For those of you who have played in past years, you know you'll be back. For those who have never competed in this event, there is no better time to start. Last year, more than a dozen young players were involved for the first time, including a significant number from New Zealand. They all had a ball, learnt a great deal about bridge and couldn't wait to get involved in Summer Festival events as soon as their youth commitments were completed.

All players under 30 on Jan 1 are eligible to play in the Youth Pairs and Teams.



**The Oritz Patino Trophy**

**The Venue**



**The President with hospitality hostess, Nada Radimir.**



**Gilad (Israel). A day out with the koalas**



## The Aussies at The WYC

Two Australian pairs finished plus on the datums over the duration of the World Youth Championships. Daniel Geromboux and Griff Ware were particularly impressive, finishing 5th. overall.

What follows are some of the more interesting hands of the event from an Australian perspective. There are plenty more to be found in the bulletins which can be accessed via the website.

Australia played their trans-Tasman rivals early in the event. This double game swing assisted the Aussies to a 53 IMP win:

Board: 14			
Dealer: E			
Vul: Nil			
	<b>North</b>		
	♠ 96		
	♥ K10643		
	♦ 9875		
<b>West</b>	♣ 63	<b>East</b>	
♠ 5		♠ AQJ832	
♥ 72		♥ 9	
♦ A1064		♦ Q3	
♣ AJ9542	<b>South</b>	♣ KQ107	
	♠ K1074		
	♥ AQJ85		
	♦ KJ2		
	♣ 8		

Daniel Krochmalik and Justin Williams reached 4♠ via the following auction:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Krochmalik</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Rew</i>
--	--	1♠	2♥
X	4♥	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♣8 and declarer won and played the ♠A and Queen. South took the King but could now only defeat the contract by underleading a heart to North's King for a diamond shift. This didn't happen, so Williams chalked up +420.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Fisher</i>	<i>Ware</i>	<i>Whyte</i>	<i>Ger'boux</i>
--	--	1♠	2♥
Pass	3♥	3♠	4♥
All Pass			

West led the ♠5 to East's Ace. Playing back either black suit will almost certainly lead to defeat but East shifted to the ♦Q. This went to the King and Ace and West, no doubt believing that East held Q-J or a singleton, returned the suit.

In the same match, Daniel Krochmalik had to play excellently in an inferior contract to avoid a significant loss:

Board: 20			
Dealer: W			
Vul: All			
		<b>North</b>	
		♠ 53	
		♥ 6	
		♦ 864	
<b>West</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>East</b>
♠ AQ96	♣ KQJ10872	♠ J8	♠ J8
♥ 97		♥ AK8432	♥ AK8432
♦ AQJ		♦ 1052	♦ 1052
♣ A965	<b>South</b>	♣ 43	♣ 43
	♠ K10742		
	♥ QJ105		
	♦ K973		
	♣ --		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Krochmalik</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Rew</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	1NT*
X	2♣	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

\* Take-out in spades and diamonds.

Staring at a making 4♥, Krochmalik had to muster 9 tricks in NT on the lead of the ♣K. When West discarded a spade at trick one, declarer won at once and ducked a heart to South's 10. South returned the ♥Q, won in dummy. After four rounds of hearts, West was in again, so he exited with the ♦7. Krochmalik finessed and then played Ace and another diamond. South could claim one more diamond trick but was endplayed to give declarer the ♠J as an entry to dummy.

The French were rarely beaten on slam hands but Krochmalik- Williams had the better of this one in their losing match (12-18) against France:

Board: 16

Dealer: W

Vul: E-W

	<b>North</b>		
	♠ 9832		
	♥ 75		
	♦ 1053		
<b>West</b>	♣ A754	<b>East</b>	
♠ J654		♠ AKQ	
♥ AQJ8		♥ K103	
♦ A6		♦ K92	
♣ K86	<b>South</b>	♣ Q1093	
	♠ 107		
	♥ 9642		
	♦ QJ874		
	♣ J2		

West	North	East	South
<i>Williams</i>		<i>Krochmalik</i>	<i>Rew</i>
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

North led the ♠8 and it was evident that everything hinged on the club suit. Declarer unblocked the spades before cashing all of the hearts and the ♠J.

When he led a club to the Queen in dummy, all was to be well for the Jack popped on the next club play.

Although it is acknowledged that the slam was only a shade over 50%, the swing was really a result of the auction.

At the other table, the bidding proceeded 'up the line'. Williams had the Acol-style rebid of 2NT to define the strength and shape of the hand. From then it was just a matter for Krochmalik to check-back on hearts and do the arithmetic.

Australia finished on 270 VPs in 7th place, winning eight matches and drawing one. Very heartening were wins over eventual champions, USA1 and fourth placed Canada.

Thanks must go to John Roberts who, as non-playing Captain put a lot of work into preparing the team for both the PABFC and these World Championships.



Gabby Feiler, Griff Ware, Daniel Geromboux, Matt Porter, Daniel Krochmalich, Justin Williams and John Roberts(NPC).