

# South Australian



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## **SOUTH AUSTRALIA – SPECTACULAR SUCCESSES**

The first events of the ANC, held in Perth in July, were the Interstate Teams, where representative teams from each State compete in Open, Women's, Seniors' and Youth Teams championships.

The SA Bridge Federation and South Australian bridge players congratulate all the teams on their outstanding successes in all four events, with every team qualifying for their respective final (some exciting finishes were involved!), resulting in wins for the Open, Women's and Seniors' teams, and a second placing for the Youth team. The teams were (photos on the following pages):

**OPEN TEAM:** Nic Croft – Arjuna de Livera, Lauren Travis – Phil Markey (playing captain),  
David Parrott – George Smolanko

**WOMEN'S TEAM:** Therese Demarco – Felicity Smyth (playing captain), Anne Harris – Ingrid Cooke,  
Alison Fallon – Pam Morgan-King

**SENIORS' TEAM:** Russel Harms – Zolly Nagy (playing captain), Andrew Eddie – Kevin Lange,  
Lori Smith – David Cherry

**YOUTH TEAM:** Jamie Simpson (playing captain) – George Bartley, Bertie Morgan –  
Anton Forster-Rohal, Anne Davey – Lincoln Davey

The second week of the ANC focuses on national Butler Swiss Pairs, the main event being the Open Pairs. Of the 20 pairs in the Final, five contained SA players, with Lauren Travis – Phil Markey placing 2<sup>nd</sup>. Other finalists were: George Smolanko (– Peter Buchen), Kevin Lange – Andrew Eddie, Pam Morgan-King – Therese Demarco, Dianne Marler (– Heather Renton).

In the Restricted Butler Pairs, Alice Handley – Owen Teakle placed 7<sup>th</sup>, Julie Roberts – Julie Clark 14<sup>th</sup>, with Megan Edwards – Michelle George being the other SA Pair.

### **SA OPEN TEAM (Winners)**



Left to right: David Parrott, George Smolanko, Arjuna de Livera, Nic Croft, Lauren Travis, Phil Markey (playing captain)

### **SA WOMEN'S TEAM (Winners)**



Left to right: Alison Fallon, Therese Demarco, Ingrid Cooke, Felicity Smyth (playing captain), Anne Harris, Pam Morgan-King

## SA SENIORS' TEAM (Winners)



Left to right: David Cherry, Lori Smith, Russel Harms, Andrew Eddie, Kevin Lange, Zolly Nagy (playing captain)

## SA YOUTH TEAM (2<sup>nd</sup> place)



Back row, left to right: Bertie Morgan, Lincoln Davey, Anne Davey, Jamie Simpson  
Front row, left to right: Anton Forster-Rohal, George Bartley

## DAVID LUSK

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of David Lusk on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

There are not many bridge players who have been awarded the Order of Australia Medal, David being one of a handful. He was awarded his OAM in 2015 for services to bridge.

David's contribution to bridge was immense, both at the local and national level. He was a member of the ABF and also the national Youth Coordinator for many years. David and Sue – his wife and international player – established the ABF Newsletter in 1994, continuing as co-editors until 2006. At the State level, he was on the Committee for several years and served a three-year term as President of the SA Bridge Association (when it was both the State body and also a Club). Subsequently, he became the Club teacher, from 1987 to 2014, teaching and mentoring so many of the current players, many becoming devoted friends. He was also heavily invested in youth bridge in SA, running regular sessions to encourage and mentor many of our younger players, such as Justin Williams, Nic Croft, Andrew Peake (now in Sydney), Kieran Dyke (now in England), to name just a few. In addition to all that, he was the bridge journalist for the Sunday Mail from 1991 until recently.

He was no slouch at the game either. He represented South Australia in the Interstate Open Teams 17 times as a player, twice as NPC; his first representative year was 1969, the first of his four wins came in 1971. The Interstate Seniors Teams was another of his regular stints; 9 representative efforts, two wins.

He loved being involved in top level bridge. Locally, he won the State Teams Championships five times – spanning 1972 and 2018 and won the Mixed Pairs four times, twice with Sue, and the Open Pairs three times.

National titles include the VCC in 1990 and 2006, the GNOT in 1994 (and several 2<sup>nd</sup> placings), plus several Seniors titles – the Gold Coast Seniors Teams in 2007 and 2008, the National Seniors Teams in 2006 and 2009, the ANOT Seniors Pairs in 2013.

David played bridge to the end, playing in the State Teams Championships the night before his death.

He was a much appreciated friend to so many, and will be much missed in our bridge scene. I'm sure bridge players far and wide, not just in SA and Australia, would want to send their condolences to his wife Sue, and his daughter Jennifer and her family.

There is to be a wake held at the clubrooms of the SA Bridge Association on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August from 2pm. There will be a Zoom link (available in due course) too.

Attend if you can and raise a glass of good red wine or single malt whisky to David.



## WORLD YOUTH TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The ABF sent two teams to the 18<sup>th</sup> World Youth Teams Championships in Veldhoven in late July.

The Australian Under 26 team included South Australians **David Gue – Josh Tomlin**, together with Damon Flicker – Seb Wright, Tomer Libman – Sebastian Langdon-Macmillan (**Mike Doecke**, NPC). The team had a tough format, playing five 14-board matches on several days. They started well but faded towards the finish, finishing 19<sup>th</sup> of the 24 teams.

The Australian Under 21 team included **George Bartley** playing with Jack Luke-Paredi, **Bertie Morgan** partnering Alex Goss, and Lara Topper who played with a mix of partners, primarily Bertie and Alex (Bec O’Reilly, NPC). Eight of the 20 teams qualified for the knockout stages, with the Australians finishing 10<sup>th</sup>. This result is a significant improvement on last year’s outcome, so the team should be very satisfied with their performance, especially allowing for the impact of that a team of five has – with one player not having any really established partnership.

While I watched (BBO) there was a lot of overbidding and some large penalties, but this hand, starring Cornelius Duffie from USA2 Under 26 team was sensational to watch.

EW Vul	♠ 10 2		
	♥ 9 7 3		
	♦ Q 9 8 6 5 2		
	♣ 8 3		
	♠ A Q 7	♠ K 8 6 4	
	♥ A K 6 5	♥ J	
	♦ K 10	♦ A 7 4 3	
	♣ A Q J 10	♣ K 7 4 2	
	♠ J 9 5 3		
	♥ Q 10 8 4 2		
	♦ J		
	♣ 9 6 5		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Double	2♥	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
7♣	Pass	Pass	Double
7NT	All Pass		

Cornelius Duffie, sitting South, decided to open very light in third seat and, when the Polish West doubled, North made a simple raise to 2♥. East jumped to 4♠ and, looking at a mere 23-count, West asked for key cards, finding two, then for kings, finding one. So East was known to have the two black kings and the ♦A (and a passed hand). West made the fine bid of 7♣ to offer a choice of grand slams.

This auction may well have been an “award” winner, as East made the obvious choice to leave partner in 7♣, which was cold. But now Duffie came back to life with a psychic Lightner Double. What could West think? Clearly South was ruffing something, presumably a spade, so he ran to the hoped for safety of 7NT, only to find he had been conned. *[Ed: I think South hoped to hear 7♠.]*

Starting with 11 top tricks, that is the number declarer came to, so the contract was down two for -200. That wasn’t quite as big a pick-up as it might have been, because in the other room the Polish North opened 3♦ and, after two passes, West overcalled 3NT, and played there for +660, and 13 IMPs to the USA2. Two pairs reached the excellent 7♣, both making – well done to both of them.

## Australian Youth Teams



Left to right: Alex Goss, Bertie Morgan, Damon Flicker, Josh Tomlin, Bec O'Reilly, Jack Luke-Paredi, David Gue, Seb Wright, George Bartley, Sebastian Langdon-Macmillan, Lara Topper, Mike Doecke, Tomer Libman

## HAND OF A LIFETIME

I have just spent some time in Scotland. Whilst I was there, this hand arose at the New Melville Bridge Club (in Edinburgh). Here's what the Director wrote:

"We all experience those evenings when you don't seem to get a good hand. They are, generally speaking, not very exciting. However, on Friday, South picked up a hand that got at least one player very excited. South was dealt:

♠ 6 4 3 2  
♥ 7 4 3  
♦ 7 2  
♣ 7 5 3 2

You can see why there was a surge of excitement. I am told the odds of getting dealt a Yarborough, that is a hand with all cards less than a ten, are 1 in 1,828. Only one in about a quarter of a million deals will get a hand with no card higher than a seven. This coming Friday I promise every South hand will be better than this!"

## SWING OF A LIFETIME

Dealer West    ♠ 8 7 4  
EW Vul        ♥ Q 10 9 8 7 3  
                  ♦ 5 3  
                  ♣ Q 7

♠ Q 9 3	♠ 10 2
♥ void	♥ A K 6
♦ 8 7 6 4 2	♦ K Q 10 9
♣ K J 8 4 2	♣ A 10 9 3

♠ A K J 6 5  
♥ J 5 4 2  
♦ A J  
♣ 6 5

This hand cropped up in the Women's Teams at the European Championships in Strasbourg in June. The outcome determined the winners of the event. At one table, North-South reached 4♥, doubled, failing by two tricks, -300. The auction at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	2NT	Double
Redouble	All Pass		

South led a heart to North's Queen, declarer winning. Declarer now decided to play on clubs (though the journalists' analysis suggests working diamonds first, then deciding how to play clubs). When she misplayed clubs, finessing South from Q-6-5, the hand fell apart, and she went down, though only down 2 tricks, for -1000. On the other hand, had she played on diamonds, then determined the clubs were 2-2 (based on South's heart lead, rather than a spade lead), she would have made 11 tricks (4 diamonds, 5 clubs, 2 hearts) for +2080.

Instead of losing 16 IMPs, the team would have gained 17 IMPs, winning the match.

*Note: West's redouble was intended as a rescue, but East misunderstood. Discuss your agreements!*

# ABF TRAVEL INSURANCE POLICY IS AVAILABLE AGAIN

After a lengthy break, ABF members, family and friends are again free to leave home and explore Australia and the rest of the world. Tony Bemrose Insurance Brokers (TBIB) have reinstated their travel insurance policy offer for bridge players (and their family and friends).

**They offer annual multi-trip cover from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024.  
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*[Ed: I use it every year, and I've had to make a claim. It was so straightforward and easy.]*



## A GAME AT THE CLUB

I managed another game recently. My first offering is a cute defensive exercise:

♠ Q J 6 5 2	
♥ 7	
♦ 10 6 2	
♣ A 9 3 2	
♠ K 4	♠ 9 8 7
♥ 9 6 4 2	♥ Q 5
♦ A K Q 8	♦ J 7 3
♣ K Q 7	♣ J 10 8 6 4
♠ A 10 3	
♥ A K J 10 8 3	
♦ 9 5 4	
♣ 5	

South played in 2♥ (impossible for us to reach 2♠ on the hand), and West started with the three top diamonds. Perhaps she realised that her partner couldn't hold many values, because at trick 4 she continued with the last diamond, potentially giving declarer a ruff-and-discard.

Partner did very well not trumping in dummy, because then East would ruff high. When she discarded from dummy, East discarded too. However, East should have tried the effect of trumping with the ♥Q. Assuming South overtrumps, West's ♥9 would be promoted into a winner.

In these situations, when you have short trumps, use your highest trump and hope that you are helping to promote trump tricks for declarer. On the auction, declarer was known to have 6+ hearts, but that gives partner 4 (or 3) hearts, so you can definitely hope to help partner out this time round.

Here's a bidding problem. Sitting North, you hold:

♠ A Q J 9 3  
♥ 8  
♦ 9 6  
♣ A Q 6 5 3

Your LHO opens 3♥ and partner (South) overcalls 3NT. What would you now bid with this hand?

A couple of hands earlier, partner had not overcalled 3NT when East opened 3♠, so we defended for a poor score. We'd discussed the need to make these practical bids, so I felt confident partner had a decent hand. However, with no system agreements, I just bashed 6♠, finding the perfect dummy:

♠ K 10 4  
♥ A J 10  
♦ K Q 10 5  
♣ K 8 7

Pre-empts are meant to make the opposition's lives difficult. Make natural and practical calls, or you let the preempt do its job. You can expect to get all your auctions right, and just need to ensure you get your best possible score (not always the best score possible – when you have less bidding space). The auction was imperfect, but practical. I bought a good dummy, but it seemed likely that any black-suit finesses might be working, if needed!

Partner opened 2♠ and I held:

♠ J 5 2  
♥ A K 9  
♦ K 8 5 4  
♣ A K 10

I chose to respond 3NT, preferring to have the lead come around to my hand, rather than through the diamonds and, with 3 spades, comfortable that I should be able to reach partner's hand and manage about 5 spade tricks.

♠ A K 9 8 7 4  
♥ 8 2  
♦ 7 6 2  
♣ Q 6

The ♦J was led to West's Queen and my King (with my ♦8 a possible late stopper!). Spades broke 3-1 offside, but that wasn't a problem given the ♣Q was an entry to dummy. As it happened, 4♠ from South fails on a diamond lead, with West holding the ♦Q-9 and East the ♦A-J-10-3.

This hand was ideal for those who play Multi 2♦, as long as their enquiry methods/responses ensure that the strong hand becomes declarer. Don't play any response structure that makes the 2♦ opener the declarer (unless they have a big hand)! If you do, ask around of one of the many better methods now available.

*Barbara Travis*

Bridge players are like family and they all had a great time at the North American Bridge Championships in Chicago, as you can see from this video posted on Facebook by Margie Tucker Cole:

<https://www.facebook.com/696924807/videos/662832729234807/>

## COMING EVENTS

### STATE EVENTS

from Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	OPEN TRIALS QUALIFYING	Unley
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	UNDER 1500 MP + REGIONAL GNOT	Unley
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	STATE MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP	Adelaide Bridge Centre
from Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	STATE TEAMS PHASE 2	Unley
week starting 25 <sup>th</sup> September	STATE-WIDE PAIRS	local clubs

### CONGRESSES

Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	BEAUMONT'S CHRISTMAS IN WINTER <i>(full)</i>	Mt Osmond Golf Club
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	GLENELG CBC PAIRS <i>(full)</i>	Glenelg
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	GAWLER TEAMS	Gawler
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	STEPBRIDGE	online: StepBridge



Best pair (datums) in the Interstate Open Teams: Phil Markey and Lauren Travis  
(ABF President, Allison Stralow in the centre)

## RESULTS

### NATIONAL EVENTS

Over the long weekend in June, the Victor Champion Cup Festival events were held in Melbourne. In the Wally Scott Open Swiss Pairs, **David Gue – Josh Tomlin** finished a very creditable second.

In the Victor Champion Cup Open Teams, notable local successes were:

- 4<sup>th</sup> WARE: Michael Ware – **Cathy Chua**, Warren Lazer – Pauline Gumby
- 6<sup>th</sup> KOZAKOS: George Kozakos – Stephen Fischer, **Arjuna de Livera** – Ron Cooper
- 8<sup>th</sup> TOMLIN: **Josh Tomlin – David Gue, Joe Haffer** – Ella Jacob

### STATE EVENTS

#### **SWISS PAIRS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jon Hunt – Justin Williams
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Russel Harms – Zolly Nagy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nic Croft – Arjuna de Livera

#### **GRADED PAIRS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

##### UNDER GRAND MASTER PAIRS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Coffey – Milton Hart
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Burke – Colin Twelftree
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jules Gribble – Les Wozniczka

##### UNDER LIFE MASTER PAIRS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Elaine Kenny – Graham Harms
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dini Fotheringham – Brian Craig
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Briar Saint – Mike Stratton

##### NOVICE PAIRS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kathy Hartmann – Julie Randall

#### **STATE TEAMS: PHASE ONE** (the “Final 5” are the top 5 teams on points from Phases One and Two)

- 1<sup>st</sup> WILLIAMS (6 points): Justin Williams, Cathy Chua, Nic Croft, Arjuna de Livera, Russel Harms, Zolly Nagy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> MARKEY (4 points): Phil Markey, Lauren Travis, George Bartley, Jamie Simpson, Josh Tomlin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> SMOLANKO (3 points): George Smolanko – David Middleton, Roger Januszke – John Zollo
- 4<sup>th</sup> DOECKE (2 points): Mike Doecke, Sheila Bird, Felicity Smyth, Luke Matthews, David Parrott, Chris Vinall
- 5<sup>th</sup> JAPPE (1 point): Mark Jappe – John Maddison, David Anderson – Peter Dieperink, Paul Hudson - Peter Popp

## RESULTS

### CONGRESSES and SPECIAL EVENTS

#### **SA BRIDGE GNOT QUALIFICATION**

The highest-placed team with each player fewer than 1500 MPs qualifies for the Grand National Knock Out Teams:

BRADSHAW: Bill Bradshaw – Joanne Bakas, Tassi Georgiadis – Paul Williamson

#### **ROTARY PAIRS**

##### **A GRADE**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Alison Fallon – Pam Morgan-King
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Bradshaw – Peter Dieperink
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Judy and John Zollo

##### **B GRADE**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Val Churchill – Helga Corbett
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Val Hill – Peter De Krey
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chris Brady – Elizabeth Eccleston

##### **C GRADE**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Patricia Mesmer – Mike Greening
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Les Wozniczka – Tony Tompkin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Janet and David Munro

#### **ABC TEAMS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> BRADSHAW: Bill Bradshaw – Joanne Bakas, Phil Cheney – Andrew Hill
- 2<sup>nd</sup> TRUSCOTT: Maggie & Nick Truscott, Alison & John Sturgul

#### **SA BRIDGE 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY TEAMS**

##### OPEN SECTION

- 1<sup>st</sup> MARKEY: Phil Markey, Nic Croft, Joe Haffer, Arjuna de Livera
- 2<sup>nd</sup> BRADSHAW: Bill Bradshaw, Joanne Bakas, Catherine Ellice-Flint, Helen Gray
- 3<sup>rd</sup> DE LUCA: Attilio De Luca, Andrew Eddie, Susan Emerson, Kevin Lange

##### B GRADE

- 1<sup>st</sup> MARTIN: Sue Martin, Jinny Fuss, Claire Geller, Judy Maloney
- 2<sup>nd</sup> LUKE: Sally Luke, Catherine Thredgold, Maggie & Nick Truscott
- 3<sup>rd</sup> HOPKINS: Wendy Hopkins, Sally Fraser, David Milburn, John Smith

##### NOVICE SECTION

- 1<sup>st</sup> AXELBY: Ann Axelby, Norma Newton, Maria Panagiotidis, John Rasheed
- 2<sup>nd</sup> RANDALL: Robby Randall, Bob Williams, Matthias Birkner, Geoff Marks

## **STEPBRIDGE PAIRS, 1<sup>st</sup> July**

### OPEN

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gwyneira Brahma – Dave Munro
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Robyn Pearce – Michele Tredinnick
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Joanne Crockford – Peter Karol

### RESTRICTED

- 1<sup>st</sup> Anne Heyes – Simon Tissera
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Heather Broatch – Don Saunders
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Debbie Jerkovic – Vicki Lee

### NOVICE

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Kelly – Bala Balasubramaniam
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kerri Grant – Margaret Portess
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Mittermair – Phil Kay



Best pair (datums) in the Interstate Women's Teams: Therese Demarco – Felicity Smyth



# **SABF YOUTH FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday 21st October  
and Sunday 22nd October  
10am to 12 noon  
or 2pm to 4pm**

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