



# BFACT News



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## From the President:

*[Here is the solution to the problem posed by Richard in December – ed.]*

The Whitfield Six is the father of all end-game problems, devised and published on January 31 1885 by W.H. Whitfield, mathematical tutor at Cambridge University, England.

Hearts are trumps, South must lead and take all the tricks:

	♠ ---	
	♥ 87	
	♦ J5	
	♣ A2	
♠ Q7		♠ J6
♥ ---		♥ ---
♦ Q7		♦ T86
♣ J3		♣ 8
	♠ T9	
	♥ ---	
	♦ AK9	
	♣ T	

South cashes the ace of diamonds, unblocking the jack from dummy to prepare for a possible finesse. A spade is ruffed and the last trump from dummy is cashed, on which South discards the club ten. The only temporary defence is for East to keep diamonds and a high spade, and for West to keep clubs and the diamond queen. The club ace from dummy then squeezes East.

The Whitfield Six is a type of double guard squeeze.

Richard Hills  
BFACT President



## Award Winning Youth:

There are three awards for youth bridge players, presented during the Summer Festival for various reasons.

The first (and second) award is the Helman-Klinger award which actually has two parts. The main award of \$400 is for the under 26 year old whose ability, achievements, sportsmanship, attitude, contribution and commitment during the calendar year stand out, as determined by a panel. No one can win the award twice. This year the award was presented to Nic Croft from South Australia.

The second part of the Helman-Klinger award is presented to the youth player who has won the most masterpoints in the calendar year. This year the winner was Jillian Hay.

The third award is the Hills-Hurley Trophy donated by Steve Hurley and Richard Hills. This goes to the best youth partnership – one that has stayed together and worked hard on partnership understanding. This year's winners were Griff Ware and Daniel Geromboux.

Well done to all the Youth Players!



## Upcoming Events:

The biggest upcoming event is the Gold Coast Congress 21-28 February at the ANA Hotel and the Gold Coast International Hotel, Surfers Paradise. There are three categories – Seniors, Restricted (not a Life Master as at 30 September 2003) and Open.

More information is available at <http://www.abf.com.au/events/gcc/index.html>.



### **Results from the Summer Festival:**

Last edition was a run-down of each event run during the Summer Festival. So I think it is now appropriate for a run-down of the results (details can be found at <http://www.abf.com.au/events/not/2004/html/docs/contsum.htm>)!

*Non-Life Masters Teams* – V. Holbrook, A. Marshall, J. Clarke, R. Erskine.

*National Womens Teams* – V. Cummings, C. Feitelson, J. Cormack, A. Clark, L. Stern, J. Hay.

*National Seniors Teams* – B. Noble, G. Bilski, W. Malaczynski, C. Hughes, M. Milaszewski, A. Kowalski.

*Australian Mens Pairs* – P. Gosney & N. Brink

*Australian Mixed Pairs* – T. Strong & J. Solomon

*Australian Open Pairs* – S. Hans & M. Ware

*National Swiss Pairs* – D. Lilley & G. Smolanko

*South-West Pacific Teams Category Winners:*

Highest Victory Points – P. Marston, J. Lester, G. Lorentz, M. Thomson, S. Burgess, A. Bach.

1st Mixed – I. McCane, F. Beale, D. Hoffman, J. Hoffman, R. van Riel, D. Smart.

1<sup>st</sup> Womens – J. Frazier, J. Mott, K. Johnman, V. Dressler.

1<sup>st</sup> Zone 7 – M. Genc, M. Perley, W. Burrows, A. Herries.

1<sup>st</sup> Veterans – J. Brockwell, T. Jackman, E. Ramshaw, J. Wignall.

1<sup>st</sup> Seniors – D. Smee, D. Smith, G. Quittner, G. Lane, S. Duxbury.

1<sup>st</sup> Country – R. Kinloch, N. Burica, J. Carberry, J. Deveski.

1<sup>st</sup> ACT – R. Hills, H. Ali, R. Roworth, S. Mendick, D. Jesner.

*National Open Teams* – F. Waluyan, C. Watulingas, J. George, Y. Tontey, M. Bakara, B. Polii.

*Novelty Pairs* – J. Hunter & A. Sebestyen.



### **Local Tales from the Summer Festival:**

There were tales of glory and tales of woe from the Summer Festival this year. As a trainee director, I can say I think I saw or heard about them all! For example, I put on my blue Director's jacket with the pockets full of the Law Book, the new alert regulations, the Summer Festival Briefing notes, and a bunch of other things, but no cash for the all important coffee and no pens to write anything down! Oh well, first day nerves.

“Funky” Phil Sellars, a youth player from Adelaide, was playing with our own , Christy Bridgland. What's unusual? Well, Phil was in a full monkey suit (fur and all) and Christy was a pirate lass – she even had a (fake) sword! It was good to see people having fun at the end of a week (or more) of “serious” bridge. I recommend it to all!

I think two local tales are worth mentioning. The first was the four board playoff for eighth place (and so a place in the Round of 16) at the National Convention Centre between the Kinloch team (R. Kinloch, J. Carberry, N. Burica J. Deveski) and the Hills team (R. Hills, S. Mendick, R. Roworth, H. Ali, D. Jesner). The playoff was won by our very own Hills team who unfortunately were beaten by the Martson team in the next round.

The second was the amazing Creet team (A Creet, T Kershaw, S Carter, D Randles, P Sullivan H Pitt). They did not make the Round of 16, but they only lost to four teams during the week – the four teams who ended up in the semi-finals!

Well done to everyone at the Summer Festival! It is a fantastic event and I look forward to seeing you all at it next year!



## Youth Bridge:

The Australian Youth Championships and International Team was held from 9 to 18 January. I'm sure you'll recognise some Canberra locals!

The first upset was during the 2004 International Youth Challenge. The teams were (in order of finishing):

1<sup>st</sup> – Australia B – Fiona Brown, Matt Porter, Paul Gosney and Tony Nunn.

2<sup>nd</sup> – New Zealand - Jeremy Kennard, Fraser Rew, Darius Molloy and James McGowan.

3<sup>rd</sup> Australia A – Daniel Geromboux, Griff Ware, Nic Croft and Gabby Feiler.

4<sup>th</sup> – Europe - Stephan Winkler, Niek Brink, Arian Lasocki, Julie Sinegre, Jonathan Dennis.

In the finals, Australia B defeated New Zealand by 36 VPs and Australia A defeated Europe by 6 VPs. This is the second time that Australia B had come first in this event!

The Youth Pairs got into full swing with 22 pairs. Nic Croft & Gabby Feiler won the event by 0.5% over Ed Barnes & Tony Nunn. Nye Griffiths & Darius Malloy won the consolation final.

Then the Youth Teams. Nine teams competed, with youth players from around the country. The event was won by Fiona Brown, Matt Porter, Griff Ware & Daniel Geromboux, followed by Nic Croft, Gabby Feiler, Daniel Krochmalik & Arian Lasocki.

The premier event during the week was the selection of the Australian Youth Team. The event is run in two stages – a butler then a pairs playoff. The winning pair of the butler is automatically offered a place in the team and the pair that came second chooses a pair from 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to play a teams match against the other two pairs, the winning team to join the other pair to make up the Australian Youth Team. The 2004 Australian Youth team is (subject to ABF ratification): Nic Croft, Gabby Feiler, Daniel Krochmalik, Arian Lasocki, Daniel

Geromboux and Griff Ware. Well done to the local pair of Daniel & Griff!!

The event was well run and fun from all accounts. I think a hearty thanks and congratulations should also go out to the Convenor Brad Coles, the Director Matt McManus, David Lusk and the rest of the ABF Youth committee.



## What's In a Name?

As promised, more terminology demystified. I've even thrown in some other definitions

*Teams* – For those who may not yet have experience teams bridge, let me explain. A team is two partnerships. Each match, two teams play against each other. At one table your pair sits NS, at the other EW. At the end of the match, you add your scores together to get the result. There are various scoring methods after that, but that is the general gist.

*IMPs* – Imperial Match Points. IMPs are a method of scoring in teams. The net score is converted from raw points to IMPs using a predetermined scale. Often the net IMP score is converted to VPs.

*VPs* – Victory Points. VPs are awarded on a predetermined scale based on the number of boards you have played. The bigger you net IMPs, the more VPs.



## Simultaneous Pairs Results:

91 pairs across seven clubs participated in the November 2003 BFACT simultaneous pairs. The seven clubs were Bega Valley, Canberra, Monaro, Cootamundra, Moruya, Sapphire Coast and South Canberra. Full results and the report from the convenor George Stockham in the next edition.



### ***BFACT Selection Events:***

*There are lots of BFACT selection events coming up soon to select pairs and teams for the Melbourne ANC. Here is a quick run-down. Players should note that no travel subsidies will be available for travel to the ANC from the Barry Turner fund this year. In these circumstances, BFACT will be providing \$200 assistance to each interstate team representative.*

*(Please note that unless mentioned otherwise, all of these events will be held at the Canberra Bridge Club. )*

*ANC Open Team Selection – Qualifying – Monday evenings March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Final – April 16-18 (Friday evening and daytime Saturday & Sunday).*

*State Mixed Pairs & ANC Selection – Thursday evenings March 4, 11 and 18.*

*ANC Seniors' Team Selection – Saturday & Sunday 27-28 March (Friday 26 March if necessary). .*

*ANC Youth Team Selection – Saturday 27 March. .*

*ANC Youth Pairs Selection – Sunday 28 March.*

*Open, Women's & Seniors Butler Pairs Selections – Monday evenings April 5, 12, 19 and 26 and May 3.*

*ANC Seniors' Pair Selection – Tuesday daytime April 20 and 27.*

*ANC Women's Team Selection – Saturday & Sunday 24 & 25 April (also the evenings of Wednesdays 14 & 21 April and Friday 23 April if numbers warrant).*

*State Open Pairs and ANC Selection – Monday evenings May 10, 17, 24 and 31.*

*If you want to enter, either put your name on the board at the Canberra Bridge Club, call the club (6282 2382) or e-mail Sean on [manager@canberrabridgeclub.com.au](mailto:manager@canberrabridgeclub.com.au).*



### **Next Edition and Other Stuff:**

Firstly, I apologise for not getting this edition out sooner – life has gotten in the way of finalising this newsletter! The intention is to get a BFACT News out in the first week of the month and I will certainly have the next one out then, full of results from the Gold Coast Congress and other snippets of interesting information.

If anyone has anything they would like to contribute, please e-mail me on [rplush@mac.com](mailto:rplush@mac.com) or leave me a hardcopy at the Canberra Bridge Club (there is a BFACT pigeon hole).

Also, if you want to get the BFACT News via e-mail but don't already, or you know of someone who doesn't get it at all, contact me.



### **A Snippet from the President:**

15 years ago, a sequence worthy of the Romex Award for best auction occurred:

Partner opened a Forcing Pass (13+ hcp). RHO (Right Hand Opponent) had carefully discussed a defence to our convention before the match, and had available lots of one- and two-suited pre-emptive overcalls to disrupt our auction. But upon looking at his hand, RHO realised that there was a slight hole in his defensive methods against a Forcing Pass, since there was no way he could show his balanced 24 count.

So RHO passed, intending to emerge from the bushes with strength showing calls on subsequent rounds of the auction. However, RHO was unable to pass in tempo. Therefore, holding a yarborough, I applied Law 73D1 and passed my partner's \*Forcing\* Pass. And LHO (Left Hand Opponent), holding a three count, was unable to balance. This scientific All Pass auction resulted in a game swing to the good guys.

