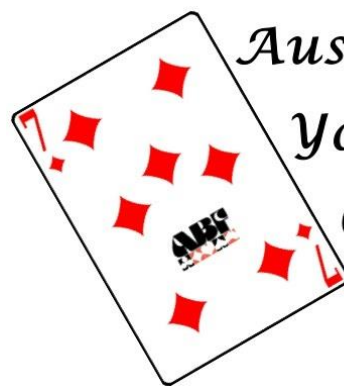


Bulletin 8

Saturday 11th January



Australian Youth Bridge Championships

Session Times **Today**
Junior Selection Playoff 9am-6:30pm
Side Events @ Rex 9:45am-6pm

Final Bulletin 2025



Phase 1 (Butler) of the Australian Junior Selection is now complete. Here are the results:

Stage 1 (Butler) Results

Rank	Pair	Imps	VPs	W-D-L
1	MATTHEW SIEREDZINSKI / HEATH WATKINS	191.00	231.40	13-1-4
2	JACK LUKE-PAREDI / GEORGE BARTLEY	157.75	230.25	13-0-5
3	ALEX GOSS / BERTIE MORGAN	168.00	218.28	11-0-7
4	SEB WRIGHT / JEREMY REID	-20.00	186.78	11-0-7
5	ZAC ROSS / KATE MACDONALD	-18.5	174.73	7-0-11
6	AADHI HARIHARAN / ADRIAN LE	-3.25	173.13	6-2-10
7	ANNE DAVEY / FLETCHER DAVEY	-61.50	161.10	6-1-11
8	LAUREN MORGAN / PADDY TAYLOR	-87.75	156.24	7-1-10
9	SEB LANGDON MACMILLAN / TOM LANGDON MACMILLAN	-137.75	135.97	5-1-12
10	MAXWELL ASHURST / ALEXIS WILSMORE	-188.00	132.12	8-0-10

Congratulations to Matthew Sieredzinski – Heath Watkins, who qualify to the Australian Junior Team.

The pairs placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th progress to Stage 2A. At the conclusion of play today a second pair will qualify to the team. At the conclusion of play tomorrow (Stage 2B) the final pair will join the team.

Farewell

We have officially reached the end of youth week for the majority of participants. With the exception of the four pairs mentioned above still competing in the Australian Junior Selection Stage 2A, if you are staying to play more bridge we now transition to playing at the Rex as part of the Summer Festival of Bridge.

If you are playing bridge at the Rex, please turn up by 9:30am, play starts at 9:45am.

Thanks everyone for coming and helping to make this the special event that is it. I hope everyone has had fun, formed new friendships and perhaps learnt a little bridge along the way.

Sadly, the weather cancelled yesterday's scheduled BBQ and activities in the park. But we all returned to the Canberra Accommodation Centre and there were even more activities, including: ping pong, pool, basketball shooting, board games, card games, rubix cubes, giant jenga, not to mention a heck of a lot of general socialising.



Matthew Sieredzinski – Heath Watkins won the Butler and are the first pair to qualify to the 2025 Australian Junior Team

Tomer Libman being awarded the best played beer card award by Paul Brayshaw






See you next year!



Picked it like a nose

(by Leigh Matheson)

Matthew Sieredzinski – Heath Watkins won the Butler from the Australian Junior Selection. I feel it fitting to finish this bulletin with a hand where Heath made a doubled contract in the event:

Dlr: West	♠ 762		
All Vul	♥ K1084		
	♦ K76		
	♣ A104		
♠ 9			♠ KJ43
♥ QJ7			♥ A653
♦ AQ4			♦ 983
♣ QJ8765			♣ K2
	♠ AQ1085		
	♥ 92		
	♦ J1052		
	♣ 93		

South	West	North	East
—	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Dble
All Pass			

West led the HQ, which went to the HK and HA. East switched to the D9, which went to the DJ and DA. West switched to the CQ, taken by the CA.

Heath now had a choice of play in trumps, but he chose the correct one. He played a spade to the S10, dropping the 9! The H9 was taken by West, who played a club to the CK. East got off lead with the D8, which went to the D10, DQ and DK. This set up a big card beer card in dummy (though it would be put to use prior to trick 13).

Heath now called for a low spade, intending to run it. East was awake and covered with the SJ. So Heath took the SQ. He now played a diamond to the D7 (a critical entry). When everyone followed suit he claimed the rest of the tricks with the marked spade finesse and the good D5 in hand.

9 tricks made for +730.

Puzzle Corner

Answers to yesterday's puzzles:

Arrange all the numbers 1 to 9 into the following grid so that each row, each column and each diagonal all sum to the same total:

6	1	8
7	5	3
2	9	4

Scientists have worked out there is a positive correlation between people's ability at spelling bees and their shoe size. Can you explain why?

The older you are the better you are at spelling and the larger your shoe size.

Without using a calculator work out the value of:

$$\frac{2024^2 + 2024}{2025} = ?$$

$$= \frac{2024(2024 + 1)}{2025} = \frac{2024 \times 2025}{2025} = 2024$$

How many letters are in the answer to this question?

Four