



# Margaret Bourke Invitational Online Teams pre-bulletin



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Practice sessions Monday 27 September 2pm and Tuesday 28 September 8pm Sydney time

## System Cards:

Convention cards in .pdf format should be lodged before September 29. They should be sent to [scoring@aj92.com.au](mailto:scoring@aj92.com.au) where director Matt McManus can post them directly to the website.



LEIBOWITZ team members Alon Apteker—  
Craig Gower. Stars from South Africa, they have  
been welcome visitors to past Australian events



JKT INDONESIA team members Lusje Bojoh -  
Taufik Asbi with their mixed pairs bronze medals  
at the 2018 Asian Games



Dr. Hugh McGann, left, recently competed online for Ireland in the European Championships while residing in Hamilton, NZ.

Hugh drew on past experience working nights to help him tackle seven nights of bridge in September, in a bid to qualify for the World Championships.

Hugh, who returned to Hamilton earlier this year from the UK, is a core and long-time member of the Irish Open Bridge team.

31 European countries vied for the eight spots available during the week-long round-robin qualifying match, which for Hugh meant playing online from approximately 10.30pm to 5.30am each day.



Indonesia Seniors' Team members  
Tanudjan Sugiarto — Bert Toar Polii

He slowly acclimatised to the time difference by waking at 3.30am each morning to practise online with Ireland-based partner Tom Hanlon, before heading off to his day job as an infectious disease specialist at Waikato Hospital.

While none of the Irish teams managed to secure a spot, Hugh and Tom were 8th in the datums.

#### **Michael Bambang**

**Hartono**, right, member of Indonesia Seniors' Team, is a prominent businessman who has been a fantastic supporter of bridge in his country, helping ensure teams make it to overseas tournaments.



#### **Confirmed teams entered:**

(members of teams from South Africa, Ireland, USA, Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Thailand, Australia and NZ.)

**BOURKE:** Tim Bourke, David Smith, Diana Smart, Elizabeth Havas, Rena Kaplan, Giselle Mundell

**HOFFMAN:** Julia Hoffman, Richard Ward, Paul Hooykaas, Martin Doran, Therese Tully, Chris Quail

**ASHTON:** Sophie Ashton, Sartaj Hans, Maurits Van der Vlugt, Avi Kanetkar, Dave Wiltshire, Ellena Moskovsky

**FOSTER:** Julian Foster, David Weston, Kim Morrison, Bruce Neill, Chris Hughes, Dee Harley

**EWART:** Neil Ewart, Ian Robinson, Stephen Lester, Simon Hinge, Nicoleta Giura, Nick Hughes

**KIWIS:** Liam Milne, James Coutts, GeO Tislevoll, Nick Jacob

**FLEISCHER:** George Fleischer, Peter Gill, Mathew Vadas, Michael Whibley, Liz Sylvester, Yumin Li

**EDGTTON:** Nabil Edgtton, Susan Humphries, Jessica Brake, Alex Antonios, Andy Hung

**FISCHER:** Stephen Fischer, Pele Rankin, Jodi Tutty, Brad Coles

**De LIVERA:** Arjuna de Livera, Andy Braithwaite, George Kozakos, George Smolanko, David Hoffman, Richard Brightling

**LEIBOWITZ:** Tony Leibowitz, Alon Apteker, Craig Gower, David Beauchamp, Paul Gosney, Andre Korenhof, Hugh McGann, Gabby Feiler

**THOMSON:** Ian Thomson, Paul Dalley, Jon Hunt, Tony Nunn, Matt Mullamphy, Ron Klinger

**JENNY THOMPSON:** Jenny Thompson, Eva Caplan, Leigh Gold, Kitty Muntz, Ron Cooper, Kim Frazer

**THOMPSON:** Ben Thompson, Renee Cooper, Phil Markey, Joe Haffer

**CORNELL (NZ):** Michael Cornell, Ashley Bach, Peter Newell, Martin Reid

**RANSON (Youth):** Nico Ranson, Andrew Spooner, John McMahon, Charles McMahon

**KOREA - BTS:** Jungyoon Park, Chunkyung Kim, Myungkee Park, Iynryung Hwang, Sungae Yang, Kyunghae Sung

**BERRINGTON (NZ):** Ian Berrington, Graeme Tuffnell, Jeff Miller, Pam Livingston

**JKT (INDONESIA):** Taufik Asbi, Lusje Bojoh, Julius A George, Robert Parasian, Kristina W Murniati, Julita GJ Tueje

**GUE:** Phil Gue, Nigel Rosendorff, Bob Sebesfi, Richard Douglas, Peter Buchen, Terry Brown

**NZ MIXED:** Barry Jones, Jenny Millington, Blair Fisher, Liz Fisher, Sam Simpson, Jo Simpson

**ENSEMBLE: (Korean Women's team)**

Eunjoo Yea (captain, right), Hyunhee Kim, Sunyoung Kim, Byungjoo Min, Choonhee Lee, Jinkyung Kim

**INDONESIA SENIOR TEAM:**

Bambang Hartono, M Apin Nurhalim, Giovani Watulingas, Rustam Effendy, Tanudjan Sugiarto, Bert Toar Polii (PC)

**PACKER:** Jon Free, Mimi Packer, Viv Wood, Jane Reynolds, Robert Krochmalik, Linda Coli

**JENNER-O'SHEA:** Will Jenner O'Shea, Mike Doecke, Vanessa Brown, Sebastian Yuen, Christy Geromboux, Drew Cavalier, Christian Jolly, Julie Arbit

**KER:** Anthony Ker, Stephen Henry, Annette Henry, John Skipper, Jane Skipper, Alan Grant

**McCALLUM:** Kate McCallum, Axel Johannsson, Fraser Rew, Dagmar Neumann, Malcolm Carter, Lyn Carter

**THAILAND:** Peeracha Suriya, Jittakan Pachimsawat, Manthanee Yaisawang, Jaturong Sasibut, Chairat Tanchatchawan, Terasak Jitngamkusol, Pornthep Leelasanguan, Taweessith Trimankha



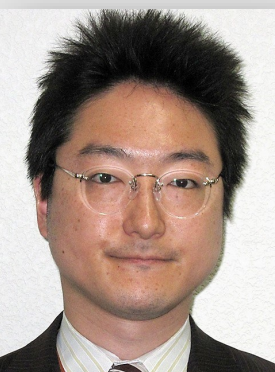




**JAPAN SENIORS:** Akito Omasa (left), Takashi Maeda, Masayuki Ino, Robert Geller, Tadashi Imakura, Kazuhiko Yamada



**JAPAN OPEN:** Tadashi Teramoto (right), Hiroshi Kaku, Kazuo Furuta, Hiroki Yokoi, Kyoko Shimamura, Masaaki Takayama



Furuta Kazuo, Japan Open



Robert Geller, Japan Seniors'



Hiroshi Kaku, Japan Open



Tadashi Imakura, Japan Seniors'



Byungjoo Min, Ensemble



Jinkyong Kim, Ensemble



1st Spring Nationals Women's Teams, 2009: Margaret, Paula McLeish, Therese Tully, Candice Ginsberg, Elizabeth Havas, Pele Rankin

## Margaret the competitor

Towards the end of Margaret's long career as a player and npc, she was still active competitively and socially (she had a set online game every Friday with David Hoffman against Julia Hoffman and Jodi Tutty).

Her last important title, the 2019 Women's Interstate was as a player, in partnership with one of Australia's finest players, Elizabeth Havas.

Elizabeth and Margaret, both Canberrans, have played together or been in the same teams for 30 or more years.

Elizabeth and Jodi Tutty (ACT Women's Team npc) played a troika with Margaret in the round robin of the 2019 Women's Interstate in Melbourne.

*Elizabeth commented:* "Margaret was quite ill in the lead up to the event, and not able to play on the first day. On the second day, her fierce desire to compete at any cost saw Tim Bourke collect her from hospital and take her straight to the venue. We had three double figure swings in our first match, and not only did ACT Women defeat WA comfortably in the final, but Margaret and I were clear total datum winners in the round robin."

*Ed:* "Margaret ended 2019 by competing in the 2020 Seniors' Playoffs in Canberra, in partnership with Peter Reynolds.

Her team had no trouble despatching my team, trouncing us by more than 60 IMPs. The hand above was one of Margaret and Peter's double figure swings. After Peter Reynolds opened I♦, Margaret drove to slam after finding Reynolds had extra values.

West, on lead, had to find a spade to defeat the contract. When ♥J was led at the two tables who essayed slam, the result was +1370, 12 IMPs to NS."

## Board 2, East deals, NS vulnerable

♠ 10 8  
♥ A K  
♦ A Q 10 5 4 3  
♣ J 10 3

♠ K 9 6 2  
♥ J 10 8 4 2  
♦ 9 2  
♣ 5 4



♠ A 7 5 3  
♥ Q  
♦ Q J 7 6  
♣ K Q 8 6

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

“The auction gave little clue to the killing lead, with South merely cooperating in a slam try. Would you have found a spade lead?”

### A brief but glorious partnership

*by Dagmar Neumann, team McCallum*

“I barely knew Margi when she invited me to partner her on the famous Bourke team in 2006. I was an ‘up and coming’ player at the time, and remember not just the honour I felt, but also the pressure of being the ‘junior’ on the team. But Margi was an awesome partner, always understanding, collaborative, focussing on the next hand, the next match, the next opportunity.

Margi was not into complicated systems, that was only stuff you could forget, and she was not into heroics at the table either. Rehashing the type of hands you dine out on later, telling all your bridge mates with a big hooah, was not her thing.

One of the big lessons I learned from her was that bridge is best when you are boring, playing straight down the line, all the time! Despite that, she was also pretty experienced and comfortable with being the catcher at the table, when partner did some wild pitching. This is something I believe was an established pattern between her and longtime former partner Lidia Beech.

Unfortunately, I can’t remember any hands from so long ago – but I do remember the funniest occurrence for me was when Margi and I sat down against Sabine Auken and Daniela von Arnim at the Fall Nationals in San Francisco.

We played two boards, BAM scoring, on which we won both. Not due to our accomplishments but to total disasters..

On one of the hands, Daniela opened 1♥, a transfer to spades. I had a good opening hand with five hearts. We had no agreement on how to show hearts, so I passed, waiting for the bidding to come back.

Sabine, with nothing, passed(!) and Margi, also with a decent hand and hearts, passed 1♥ out. Daniela had opened on a nine-count if I remember correctly. 1♥ went down a large number of tricks. Yet we won the board, because the pair at the other table bid to a heart slam, which was one down.

I loved playing with Margi – not only was she a great partner but also a fun friend away from the table. She demanded respect, not just because of her accomplishments as a player, but also because of her warmth, her candour in speaking her mind without judgement, and with plenty of humour. Her matter of fact statements often had me in giggles. You always knew what she thought and that she cared.

When my personal circumstances forced me to make the decision to retire from bridge in 2008, the worst for me was the feeling that I was letting her down. And yet she was excited and pleased for me when I returned to the game a few months back. I will miss her!!”



Keep Bridge Alive

Sabine Auken, a leading proponent of [#KeepBridgeAlive](#) was to have competed in our event, but had to withdraw when a change in dates created a clash in her busy schedule.

Many of us applaud the actions of champions including Sabine and Boye Brogeland, who withdrew from their respective national teams so as not to have to play Italy in the recent world championships. This was due to the inclusion of Fulvio Fantoni in the Italian Open Team.



2006 PABFC, Shanghai Cathy Mill, Cathie Lachman, George Bilski, npc, Elizabeth Havas, Candice Ginsberg, Dagmar Neumann and Margi