

Australian National Championships
NSW Women's Team

1. Captain to be confirmed
 2. Kinga Moses
 3. Nazife Bashar
 4. Rena Kaplan
 5. Giselle Mundell
 6. Avril Zets
 7. Helena Dawson

Interview with Avril Zets



Q: Congratulations on winning to represent the Women's Team for the ANC! What do you think makes yours a successful partnership?

A: My partner Helena and I are delighted to have made the team. Whilst we have only recently started playing together we both share the experience of having represented Australia in the same ladies team.

Q: What was your most interesting moment during the Selection event?

A: It was really fun to compete in the ITS, a bit of a roller coaster ride for us. We had quite a few ups and downs, luckily a few more ups than downs.

Q: Some say that having a separate Women's event is no longer appropriate: how would you respond to that?

A: I hope that women's bridge will not be abandoned as it provides a platform for the ladies to shine independently.

Q: Apart from winning (obviously!) what else do you hope to achieve by being part of this ANC Team?

A: We hope to be a strong team and to do NSW proud....

Interview with Giselle Mundell



Q: Congratulations on winning to represent the Women's Team for the ANC! What was your most interesting moment during the Selection event?

A: The most interesting moment has to be getting plus 1100 on the first board of a match, RHO opened 2 hearts, partner doubled and with AKQ9x and a good hand it was of course left in.

Q: What do you think makes yours a successful partnership?

A: We (Rena Kaplan and I) have a good understanding of our signals so defense is pretty good.

Q: Apart from winning (obviously!) what else do you hope to achieve by being part of this ANC Team?

- A:** Apart from winning, the challenge is always exciting.
- Q:** Some say that having a separate Women's event is no longer appropriate: how would you respond to that?
- A:** I believe in Women's events, they have seniors, mixed and youth events so why not women?
- Q:** What do you see as the future of bridge?
- A:** The future looks a little dim; we need new players and younger players but I think other activities hold more interest than bridge seems to.

Interview with Rena Kaplan



- Q:** Congratulations on winning to represent the Women's Team for the ANC! What was your most interesting moment during the Selection event?
- A:** During the selection process my most 'interesting' moment was the size of the field. Womens' bridge used to be such a popular event and it is disappointing to see the changes over the last decade.
- Q:** What do you think makes yours a successful partnership?
- A:** Our partnership works because we don't make life too complicated. The more things one has to remember, the more chance one has to get things wrong.
- Q:** Apart from winning (obviously!) what else do you hope to achieve by being part of this ANC Team?
- A:** Reconnecting with other players, face to face hopefully.
- Q:** Some say that having a separate Women's event is no longer appropriate: how would you respond to that?
- A:** Sadly I agree. I believe women need to be educated in an open field so to gain the experience needed it is important to play in the open events.
- Q:** What do you see as the future of bridge?
- A:** I think the future of bridge is looking good (provided things in Europe stay stable). A lot more younger players are entering the arena and the game has become a lot more aggressive in recent times. One has to adjust to the changes but I like where bridge is going in the future.