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Youngest person at age 9 to play in a major Open Australian Bridge Championship

The annual Victorian Bridge championships are being held this long weekend at the Bayview Eden Hotel at 6 Queens Rd, Melbourne from 8-10 June.

The Premier event, the VCC Teams competition, features many of Australia's top bridge players from around the country.

A particular feature this year is believed to be the youngest person, Taydon Gold age 9, to have ever competed in a major Bridge event in Australia.

He and his friend Aiden Robertson, aged 13, are playing with experienced bridge partners, Laura Ginnan and Keiran Crowe-Mai.

Taydon's father, Leigh Gold, is one of Australia's leading players and they could come up against each other in the championship. His mother, Bianca Gold is also a very enthusiastic bridge player and has been appointed to promoting Youth bridge in Australia by the ABF.

His grandfather Geoffrey Gold assisted with establishing a test match between Australian & Indonesian youth late last year and was given an award at a ceremony last night.

The oldest player in the event is believed to be about 92. Another woman in her 80's arrived at the bridge congress on the back of her son's motorbike.

The President of the Victorian Bridge Association, Ben Thompson, said that " Bridge is a fantastic and intellectual game suitable for everyone from 10-100. I am really pleased to see 9 year old Taydon Gold taking to bridge like a fish to water."

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