

### Early days in the Interstate

We are just quarter of the way through the double round robins to decide the finalists in the four categories of the Interstate Teams.

Not much to report on yet, so the first two pages are devoted to the Central West Festival.

### Lunch arrangements

- As a catered venue, food is **not** to be brought in. You can order lunch when you arrive.
- Coffee, tea and biscuits are available for a flat \$5. Barista coffees also available.
- To expedite lunch please place your order on arrival before play in the **Piano Bar** upstairs beside our Welcome Desk.
- You will receive a **receipt** which is to be used to collect lunch. We have agreed with the OESC "no receipt = no lunch".
- If anyone believes they have lost their receipt, please contact me and we will reimburse you on **one** occasion.

### Outside world

- Netherlands beat Turkey 2-1.
- England beat Switzerland on penalties.

### Mudgee Swiss winners (31 tables)

Open                   Eva Shand - Les Varadi  
Restricted           Margaret Mahony - Christine Algie  
Novice                Denise Reid - Judy King

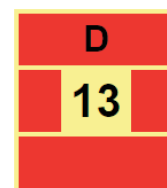
Eva and Les went through unbeaten. They were the only pair to bid 6♥ on this board from the second last match:

#### Board 13

Dealer N  
Vul Both

♠ 983  
♥ QT  
♦ 96  
♣ QJT986

♠ AKJ74  
♥ J87  
♦ KT2  
♣ 42



♠ T62  
♥ AK95432  
♦ A7  
♣ 3

♠ Q5  
♥ 6  
♦ QJ8543  
♣ AK75

*"Finesses favour the brave"*



*Fantastic group from Sydney Bridge Club,  
250 kms away*



*Marelle Irvine representing Mudgee Bridge Club  
and Central West District on Bridge NSW  
welcomes players to the Mudgee Pairs.  
Murray Paterson in the background.*



*Jane North and Peter Perry,  
stalwarts of Dubbo Bridge Club*

### Today's Congress event is the Dubbo Pairs

Dubbo Bridge Club's current President, Peter Perry has a long relationship with the club.

Peter's parents, Dick and Nita, were among the founding members of the club in 1969 and rarely missed a club game. They were top-class players and frequently won the club's annual championships. Dick was one of the first directors.

For the first 20 years of the club, there was only one game a week – on Thursday nights commencing at 7-45. Dick and Nita from Narromine, and others from even further afield drove to Dubbo each week for their bridge "fix". They must have thought the bridge was worth the late night drive home!

Peter and his sister, Diana, played occasionally during those early years. The team of Dick, Nita, Peter and Diana Perry won the club teams championship in 1981.

After Dick's death, Peter and his mother became a formidable partnership until Nita's death in 2014 at the age of 99.

Diana continued her interest in bridge in Armidale.

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Happy Mudgee players off the bus and happy to have ordered lunch.

### ANC Timetable

Mon 8	Interstate Teams 5-8	9.30
Tue 9	Teams 9-12	9.30
Wed 10	Teams 13-14	9.30
	Teams final 1	5pm
	Quiz night	7.30
Thu 11	Finals 2 to 5	9.30
	ANC Pairs 1	10 & 2
	Victory Dinner	7pm
Fri 12	ANC Pairs 2	10 & 2
Sat 13	<b>TBIB</b> Butlers start	10am
	Open	Sat - Thu
	then Mixed or	Mon - Thu
	<b>Paul Lavings</b> Butlers	Mon - Thu

### Central West Festival Timetable

Mon 8	<b>Dubbo BC Swiss Prs</b>	10 & 2
Tue 9	Bathurst BC Swiss Prs	10 & 2
Wed 10	Cowra BC Pairs	10am
	Parkes BC Pairs	2pm
	Quiz night	7.30
Thu 11	Orange BC Swiss Prs	10 & 2
Fri 12	Orange BC Teams	10 & 2
	CFW Celebration	5pm

(These events run in conjunction with **Stepbridge**)





# Interstate Scores after four matches

(VPs derived from 35 +/- IMP margin to 65, decimals thereafter)

## Open

Place	Team	Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	B/Fwd	Score	Total
1	2	NSW	3	0	1	95	195.8	4.9	200.7
2	6	SA	3	0	1	47	121	65.1	186.1
3	3	TAS	2	0	2	25	105	60	165
4	5	VIC	3	0	1	22	110	52	162
5	4	ACT	2	0	2	1	100	41	141
6	7	QLD	2	0	2	-30	107	10	117
7	1	WA	1	0	3	-82	64.3	18	82.3
8	8	NT	0	0	4	-78	35.7	29	64.7

## Women's

Place	Team	Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	B/Fwd	Score	Total
1	3	SA	3	1	0	141	170	39	209
2	4	QLD	3	0	1	108	112.5	67.5	180
3	5	NSW	2	0	2	1	95.9	66.7	162.6
4	7	WA	1	0	3	30	128.2	31	159.2
5	2	ACT	3	0	1	6	107	39	146
6	6	VIC	1	1	2	-52	96.6	31	127.6
7	8	TAS	2	0	2	-71	109.2	2.1	111.3
8	1	NT	0	0	4	-163	16	3.3	19.3

## Seniors

Place	Team	Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	B/Fwd	Score	Total
1	8	NSW	3	0	1	116	158.1	67.3	225.4
2	2	VIC	3	0	1	30	121.4	45	166.4
3	7	ACT	3	0	1	24	120.1	43	163.1
4	1	WA	2	0	2	11	91	60	151
5	3	QLD	2	0	2	0	122	27	149
6	6	SA	2	0	2	6	108.4	25	133.4
7	4	TAS	1	0	3	-99	73.4	2.7	76.1
8	5	NT	0	0	4	-88	45.6	10	55.6

## Youth

Place	Team	Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	B/Fwd	Score	Total
1	3	SA	4	0	0	188	172.5	67.5	240
2	4	QLD	3	0	1	149	112.5	67.5	180
3	6	NSW	2	0	2	67	118.5	47	165.5
4	1	VIC	2	0	2	1	118	23	141
5	5	ACT	1	0	3	-40	101	0.2	101.2
6	2	WA	0	0	4	-365	0.6	0	0.6

### End of the first quarter

Nothing much yet but note that NSW (8) and South Australia (9) have won the Open trophy 17 times between them this century.

In fact South Australia continues to do well across the board. Why is that, given Victoria and Queensland – for instance – each have over twice as many registered players?

### One of Doc's jokes:

Knock, knock!  
Whos there?  
Ice cream soda!  
Ice cream soda who?  
Ice cream soda whole neighborhood hears me!



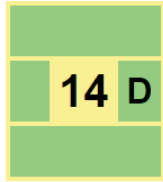
From the Lavings collection

## Some unlucky Interstate boards

**Board 14**  
Dealer E  
Vul None

♠ QT96  
♥ AK98  
♦ AQJ6  
♣ 3

♠ J875  
♥ 7  
♦ K843  
♣ T952



♠ A43  
♥ JT532  
♦ 9  
♣ QJ64

♠ K2  
♥ Q64  
♦ T752  
♣ AK87

### Match 1 Open, NSW vs Victoria

Judging from 250 km away, this looks like a Muiderberg Two accident, where 2♥ showed hearts and a minor. This is likely:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		2♥	no
2NT <sup>A</sup> end	X	3♣	X

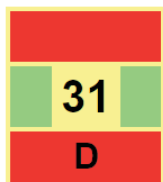
Or maybe West bid 2♠ on the way. -1100 again.

Again it's better to sit in the **non-fit** if possible. If West simply passes 2♥, North-South will probably play 3NT for the routine 460.

**Board 31**  
Dealer S  
Vul N-S

♠ K9  
♥ AJ76  
♦ A4  
♣ AKQ42

♠ 543  
♥ Q3  
♦ KJ9753  
♣ 96



♠ QJT86  
♥ K5  
♦ T86  
♣ T3

♠ A7  
♥ T9842  
♦ Q2  
♣ J875

### Match 2 Open, Queensland vs WA

Each hand is played 30 times across the four categories. Kim Morrison and Tony Hutton were the

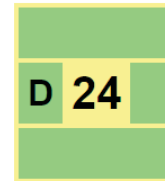
only ones in 6♥, making on the routine ♠Q lead. Lucky. Or West to blame?

In the Seniors, Phil Fent and Dee Harley reached the slightly better 6♣, which failed on a diamond lead from East. Unlucky?

**Board 24**  
Dealer W  
Vul None

♠ JT83  
♥ 7  
♦ T763  
♣ KT72

♠ 6  
♥ AQJT852  
♦ AJ  
♣ Q93



♠ KQ974  
♥ -  
♦ Q4  
♣ AJ865

♠ A52  
♥ K9643  
♦ K9852  
♣ -

### Match 2 Open, Tasmania vs Victoria

Andrew Richman played 4♥ on the ♦6 lead round to his jack. After ♥A-J were ducked, he played a spade to the king and ace, won the diamond return to force out the ♥K.

On South's spade exit, he pitched a club then ruffed a spade. That left

♠ -	♠ J	♠ 9
♥ 10 8 5	♥ -	♥ -
♦ -	♦ 10	♦ -
♣ Q 9	♣ K 10 7	♣ A J 8 6
	♠ -	
	♥ 9 6	
	♦ 8 5 2	
	♣ -	

It's so tempting to play the ♣Q to the ace to ruff a spade, then exit with the ♣9 and win the last two tricks with ♥10-8 over South's 9-6.

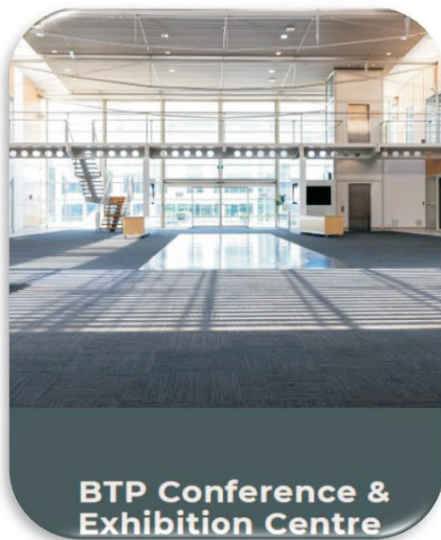
It just needed South to have one club! The winning line is to run the ♣Q but when North ducked smoothly, the trump coup line was appealing. Unlucky!



# AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025 BRISBANE

## 6 – 17 July 2025

The Queensland Bridge Association extends a warm welcome to players from all over Australia to the 85<sup>th</sup> Australian National Championships which will be held at the Brisbane Technology Park Conference and Exhibition Centre, Eight Mile Plains which is a 20 minute drive via the Pacific Motorway.



### EVENTS

Interstate Teams Monday 7<sup>th</sup>-Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Interstate Swiss Pairs Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Open Butler Pairs Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> →  
Mixed Butler Pairs Monday 14<sup>th</sup> →  
Swiss Pairs Monday 14<sup>th</sup>-Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> &  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

### ACCOMMODATION

QUEST Hotel - next to venue  
Sunnybank Star Hotel & Apartments –  
15 minute walk  
The Glen Hotel & Suites – 20 minute walk  
plus multiple others with driving options



Entries AND Accommodation options will be on website from August 2024