

Interstate Finals underway

There's a lot on today.

In the Central West Festival, we have the **Orange Swiss Pairs**, with the Teams tomorrow, followed by a celebration of a very successful week.

In the Interstate, 48 boards finals in the four categories will be played with screens, broadcast card by card on **Real Bridge**.

At the same time, the **ANC Pairs** gets under way, somewhat of a consolation event for those pairs whose teams did not make an Interstate final.

The **ANC TBIB Butlers** start on Saturday.



At last some matchpoint events

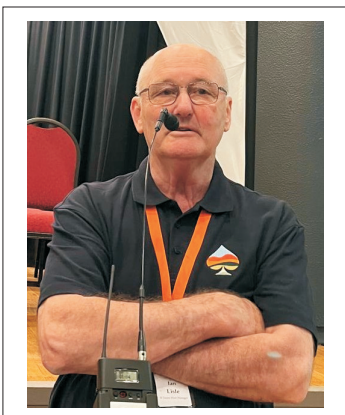
Both yesterday's pairs events featured an arrow-switch in the last round, to create a single winner. Not so easy if you're not used to it.

"Do we get up and switch seats?"

"Which way do we twist the boards?"

"Who scores?"

"Am I suddenly South now?"



Ian Lisle:

"Last round coming up but don't move just yet.

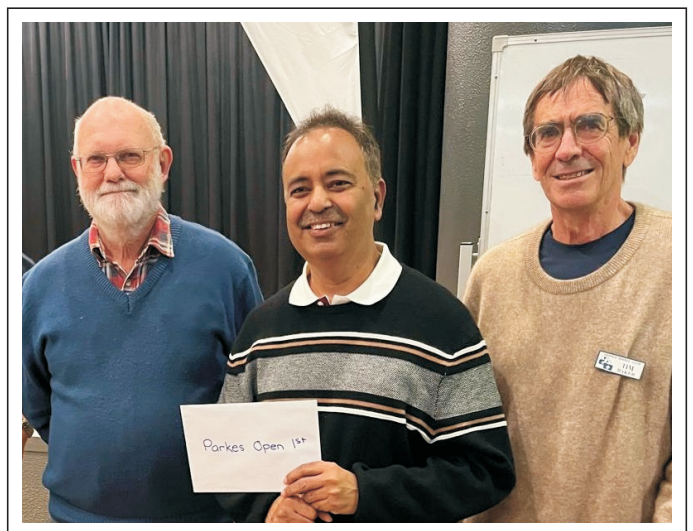
I'm only going to say this once."

Cowra BC Pairs (32 tables)

- 1 Sanjay Sinha - Peter Tarlinton 67.87%
- 2 Manda Labuschagne - Michele Tredinnick 67.76%
- 3 Morag Lokan - Chris Lokan 63.18%

Parkes BC Pairs (31 tables)

- 1 Sanjay Sinha - Peter Tarlinton 71.41%
- 2 Sylvia Halloran - Phil Halloran 67.69%
- 3 Manda Labuschagne - Michele Tredinnick 67.39%

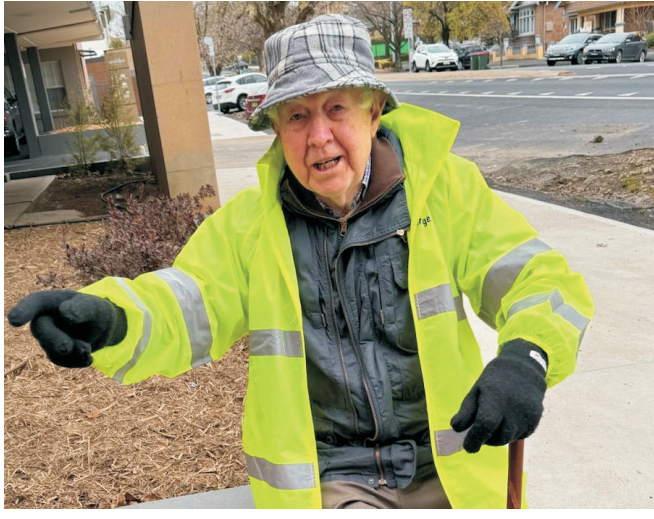


*Peter & Sanjay
with Parkes BC President Tim Baker*

So Sanjay and Peter did the double in these single session events. Bad luck to Manda and Michele. It's not often you score twin 67s and miss out both times.



*Jenni Fagan & Alayne Gouge,
, Top Novices in the Cowra Pairs
with Peter Fagan, Cowra BC President*



Bernie directing traffic

Dr Bernard (Bernie) Huxtable OAM came to Orange as the first consultant physician in Western NSW. Since then he has played a significant part in establishing Orange as the major base hospital in Western NSW.

He joined Rotary in 1963 and enjoyed an overseas posting in Goroka in Papua New Guinea in 1966. He is a strong advocate for refugees and offered support to Vietnamese refugees in camps in the Hong Kong in 1981 and the Philippines in 1983. He was District Governor in 1991-92,

One of his many significant achievements in Orange was the establishment of Wangarang Industries providing workplace employment for people with disabilities.

Bernie has been an active member of Orange Bridge Club for many years and at the age of 92 is still a formidable competitor as a Gold Life Master. He spent years travelling to congresses in Darwin, Alice Springs, Canberra and the Gold Coast with his good friend Dr Des Mulcahy where he accumulated many of his gold points

Bernie's contributions to society were recognised with the Order of Australia Medal in 2014 and he was Orange Citizen of the Year in 2015.



ANC Timetable

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	TBIB Butlers start	10am
	Open	Sat - Thu
	then Mixed or	Mon - Thu
	Paul Lavings Butlers	Mon - Thu

Central West Festival Timetable

Thu 11	Orange BC Swiss Prs	10 & 2
Fri 12	Orange BC Teams	10 & 2
	CWF Celebration	5pm

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

Extra curricular activities

(Most leaving from Mercure)

Thu 11	10am - 11.30am	Art galleries in Orange tour
Fri 12	10am - 3pm	Small acres Cyder Cyders for you to try and enjoy
Fri 12	49 Nile Street Café	A huge favourite with the locals www.nilestreetcafe.com
Mon 15	10am - 3pm	Rowlee Vineyard & Lake Canobolas
Tue 16	9.30 - 4.30	Modern cattle and cropping conservation farm
Tue 16	Evening	Sri Lankan Dinner @ Red Chilli (Sale Street Car park) 0402 136 819 to book
Wed 17	9.30am - 3pm	Bathurst and Mt Panorama



Anne Tonna
One of the Gang of Three

Anne has had a long and successful career commencing in the NSW Education Department for a couple of years before moving into the NSW health system where she remained until her retirement in 2013.

During this time, she developed a keen interest in learning and development services, and for many years led the Rural Health Training and Development Unit based in Orange.

In the last decade of her employment, Anne found herself working with an extremely talented and experienced group of mental health academics and project officers. Their focus was “rural mental health research, support and programs for rural and remote communities”. One of their key projects resulted in the Rural Adversity Mental Health Program which is now well embedded in rural NSW Local Health Districts.

Anne always had an enjoyment of card games since childhood. As she was looking forward to retirement in 2013 and being a very organised person, she took herself off to bridge lessons at the Orange Bridge Club.

Anne found that this was wonderful way to meet new groups of people and she found great enjoyment in first learning how to play, and later continuing to improve her game.

Since then Anne has qualified as a club level Director and is involved in many aspects of the Orange Bridge Club.

She has been a Committee member for a number of years and her skills and knowledge are invaluable.

She is a well respected member of the Orange bridge community as, not only is her intellect evident, she has a very calm and reassuring demeanour.

She is also a member of the Gang of Three (with Rob Ward and Murray Paterson) who have all worked tirelessly to bring the ANC and Central West Festival of Bridge to Orange in 2024.

It is evident that Anne has a love of rural Australia and she is particularly pleased to see more opportunities for bridge players who live in rural areas to participate in Gold Point events “in their backyard”.

Margaret Barker

President Orange Bridge Club



Merchandise
available at Welcome Desk

Butler Playing Cards

Collectors' items from the ANC
that never happened in 2021

\$10 pack or \$15 for presentation pack of 2

Water Bottle and Coffee keep cup \$10 ea

A Mariana joke:

"My neighbor yelled at her kids so loud last night, that even I brushed my teeth & went to bed."

Interstate – final Qualifying Scores

(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	10	0	4	309	646.2	66.6	712.8
2	6	SA	9	0	5	124	540.3	43	583.3
3	5	VIC	8	1	5	121	578.8	3.4	582.2
4	1	WA	8	1	5	0	446.7	55	501.7
5	3	TAS	6	0	8	-25	448.8	27	475.8
6	7	QLD	5	0	9	-106	394	15	409
7	4	ACT	6	0	8	-123	335.8	66.3	402.1
8	8	NT	3	0	11	-300	246.6	3.7	250.3

Women's

Place	Team	Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	B/Fwd	Score	Total
1	3	SA	10	1	3	350	626.1	49	675.1
2	5	NSW	9	0	5	207	628.9	21	649.9
3	4	QLD	11	0	3	210	566.6	65.4	632
4	6	VIC	8	1	5	23	541.7	4.6	546.3
5	2	ACT	6	1	7	105	476.1	28	504.1
6	7	WA	5	0	9	-1	418.8	42	460.8
7	8	TAS	5	1	8	-184	310.1	49	359.1
8	1	NT	0	0	14	-710	56.8	21	77.8

Seniors

Place	Team	Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	B/Fwd	Score	Total
1	8	NSW	11	0	3	370	711.1	47	758.1
2	6	SA	9	0	5	270	570.3	62	632.3
3	2	VIC	11	0	3	158	593.9	23	616.9
4	1	WA	8	0	6	57	491.4	65.5	556.9
5	3	QLD	6	0	8	-33	441.9	4.5	446.4
6	7	ACT	7	0	7	-38	428.5	8	436.5
7	4	TAS	4	0	10	-315	244.7	41	285.7
8	5	NT	0	0	14	-469	142.9	29	171.9

Youth

Place	Team	Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	B/Fwd	Score	Total
1	3	SA	11	0	4	356	691.3	33	724.3
2	1	VIC	12	0	3	260	638.9	37	675.9
3	4	QLD	8	0	7	230	594	16	610
4	6	NSW	7	0	8	216	523.3	54	577.3
5	5	ACT	7	0	8	-17	428.5	67.5	496
6	2	WA	0	0	15	-1045	38	1.5	39.5

Same old ... same old

So it's South Australia into all four finals again, as they were last year, facing NSW in three of them.

Mind you, the last round in the Open was exciting. In R13, NSW had towelled up SA to send them 40 IMPs adrift from Victoria in second.

Luckily for them, NSW repeated the dose against Victoria in the last round while SA had a goodish win to sneak into the final by one IMP.

However, they start the final 13 IMPs adrift due to the carry forward.

In the **Women's**, SA and NSW held the top two places throughout the second round robin to comfortably qualify.

In the **Seniors**, Victoria were running second most of the way, behind the rampant NSW.

As such, they were playing NSW in the fateful last round and suffered a moderate loss to miss the final, with SA sliding in again.

In the Youth, SA cleared out and were joined in the final by Victoria.

The first 12 boards of the Finals were played last night. Some hands on the next page.

If you want to kibitz online, they are on the RealBridge platform. You may have received a link by email. It's

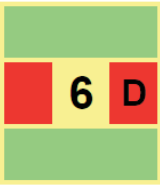
<https://kibitz.realbridge.online/>

There you can choose among the four categories on a 30 minute delay. The four remaining sets will be played today.

O1. Restricted choice anyone?

Board 6
Dealer E
Vul E-W

♠ J8		♠ K3
♥ 862		♥ A5
♦ 85		♦ AKT9632
♣ AT8432		♣ K5



♠ QT9		♠ A76542
♥ J973		♥ KQT4
♦ 74		♦ QJ
♣ J976		♣ Q

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nunn	Hudson	Dalley	Popp
		1♦	1♠
no	no	3NT	end

Paul Dalley won the ♥K lead with the ace and cashed the ♦K. Then came the ♠K to South's ace for a spade out, finessed to North's jack.

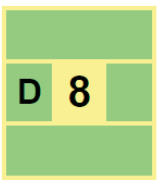
That was a bit unlucky but no harm done when North played a heart back for South to clear the spades.

After pitching the ♣K on dummy's ♥J, the ♦7 was finessed to South's jack for five off. -500 and 12 IMPs to South Australia.

O1. Who owns the 5-level?

Board 8
Dealer W
Vul None

♠ Q863		♠ 72
♥ T3		♥ 2
♦ AJT6		♦ 85432
♣ K42		♣ AQT97



♠ 9		♠ AKJT54
♥ KQJ987654		♥ A
♦ Q9		♦ K7
♣ 6		♣ J853

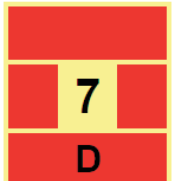
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nunn	Hudson	Dalley	Popp
Nagy	Milne	Harms	Coutts
4♥	no	no	4♠
5♥	5♠	end	

Nagy led the ♥K, while Nunn led his singleton for one off and 11 IMPs. You can understand 5♠ because North was nearly worth a slam try first time. Still, +300 is par.

W1. Forced into it

Board 7
Dealer S
Vul Both

♠ QT875		♠ KJ2
♥ 93		♥ KQ4
♦ T9		♦ KQ63
♣ KJT8		♣ AQ6



♠ A963		♠ 4
♥ AT872		♥ J65
♦ J74		♦ A852
♣ 5		♣ 97432

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Mott	Smyth	Scudder	Bird
			no
no	2♠ ^{♠ & m}	X	no
4♥	no	4♠	no
5♦	no	6NT	end

Elsewhere, North didn't bid. Either West opened to show majors or East got to open.

After this start, it was hard to stay out. With the black honours where they figured to be, there were 12 tricks and 13 IMPs to the NSW Women.

After the first 12 boards:

Open	NSW	42.9
	SA	17
Women's	SA	18.5
	NSW	46
Seniors	NSW	52.6
	SA	31
Youth	SA	67.8
	Vic	9