



# Central West Festival of Bridge and 84th ANC in Orange NSW — 6-18 July 2024

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### The Stagecoach moves on

The weekend served to trim the Open Butler field from 74 pairs to 20.

(The list of qualifiers is on page 2)

Those pairs will play ten 12-board matches over Monday and Tuesday to halve the field to 10 elite pairs for Stage 3 on Wednesday and Thursday

While that's happening, the first stage of the **Mixed Butler** will be run as a Swiss of ten 12-matches to chop that field to 10 pairs for their Stage 2.

In parallel with these events, **Paul Lavings Bridge Supplies** is sponsoring a couple of two-day Butler events.

### Lapsed members

David Fryda – Orange resident and ABF Executive director – reminded us that the number of registered players in Australia has dropped by over 5000 from the pre-Covid peak.

Clubs and players are exhorted to reach out to these people, to bring them back into the fold. Some have given up face-to-face, only playing online.



Murray with the Restricted Butler winners

### Restricted Butler top 10

1	Edmond Lee - Yiwei Qi	128.29
2	Jayden Kang - Alan Stoneham	126.13
3	Denise Mctaggart - Peter Westmoreland	109.03
4	Paul Ruan - Kevin Gu	106.74
5	Anna Irminger - Eugenie Mooney	106.72
6	Pam Ward - Phil Douglas	106.60
7	Greta Davis - Libby Tonkin	105.29
8	Irene Boulter - Katherine Marsden	105.17
9	Sachiko Cathcart - John Simmonds	104.66
10	Carol Dickie - Lina Zampichelli	101.25



### More Butlers in the News

"Declarer escapes via a Trump coup in Butler, Pennsylvania. All within earshot of caddies."

(Yes that really is the name of the town)

### ANC Timetable

Mon/Tue	TBIB Open Butler S2	10 & <u>1.30</u>
	<b>Mixed Butler S1</b>	
	<b>Paul Lavings Swiss A</b>	
Wed/Thu	TBIB Open Butler S3	10 & 1.30
	Mixed Butler S2	
	Paul Lavings Swiss B	

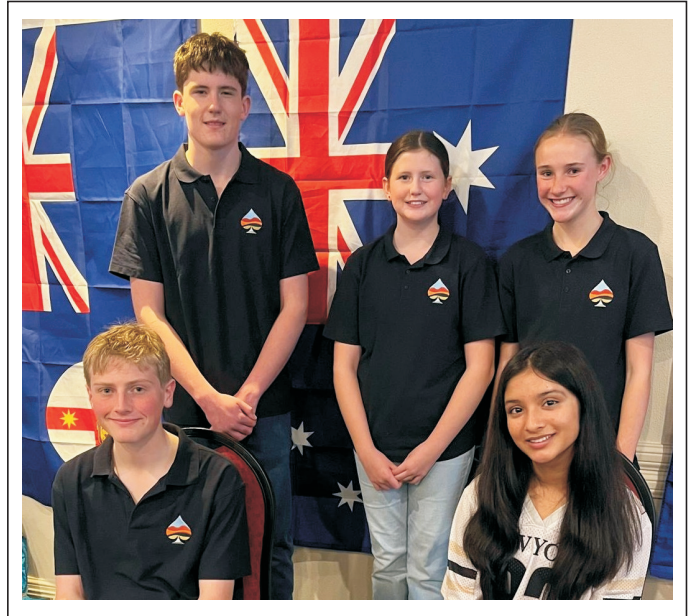
## Qualifiers to Stage 2

### NS

1	Jessica Brake - Shane Harrison	170
2	Christy Geromboux - Sebastian Yuen	130
3	Justin Williams - James Coutts	117
4	Tony Leibowitz - Ian Thomson	98
5	Ella Jacob - Jenny Thompson	97
6	Paul Hooykaas - Pele Rankin	80
7	Nicoleta Giura - Nick Hughes	79
8	Kitty Muntz - Leigh Gold	76
9	Dee Harley - Stephen Weisz	71
10	Axel Johannsson - Kate Mccallum	62
11	Sonya Palfreyman - Shayne Palfreyman	62

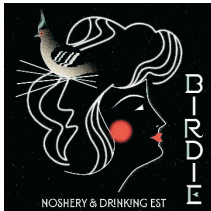
### EW

1	Avinash Kanetkar - George Kozakos	205
2	John McMahon - Charles McMahon	201
3	Tania Lloyd - Hugh Grosvenor	160
4	Joan Butts - Peter Buchen	144
5	Tony Nunn - Paul Dalley	135
6	David Weston - Julian Foster	109
7	Joachim Haffer - Philip Markey	99
8	Kevin Skoropada - Moss Wylie	96
9	George Stockham - Alexander Hewat	87
10	Bill Powell - Marjorie Askew	69



Thank you to a great group of popular caddies  
Top left Patrick , Abbie, Coco  
Bottom row Louis and Prapti

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*orange, australia*



## Extra curricular activities

(Most leaving from Mercure)

- 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



Jayden Kang & Alan Stoneham  
2nd in the Restricted Butler

## Bridgemate Facts

Tables are dressed by caddies and staff.

Most Norths are bossy.

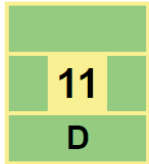
Directors have better things to do than place bridgemates.

*Van Lisle*

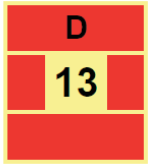
## Butler Stage 1 – Session 3

Avi Kanetkar and George Kozakos scored +123 in this session to zoom to the top of East-West.

This board helped:

<b>Board 11</b>	♠ AJ64	
<i>Dealer S</i>	♥ AK	
<i>Vul None</i>	♦ 952	
	♣ JT82	
♠ Q52		♠ K973
♥ JT73		♥ 65
♦ Q8		♦ 7643
♣ AK65		♣ 974
	♠ T8	
	♥ Q9842	
	♦ AKJT	
	♣ Q3	

South played 3NT after a two-way Checkback auction. Kanetkar as West led the ♠Q(!), the only lead to give the defence chance. When declarer lost to the ♦Q, another spade lead set up partner's ♠K-9 over dummy's jack for one off.

<b>Board 13</b>	♠ Q64	
<i>Dealer N</i>	♥ AJT8764	
<i>Vul Both</i>	♦ KQJ	
	♣ -	
♠ AKT32		♠ 87
♥ -		♥ KQ9
♦ A8		♦ 7632
♣ KQ8743		♣ AJT9
	♠ J95	
	♥ 532	
	♦ T954	
	♣ 652	

Six pairs reached this 6♣, maybe via:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♥	no	no
2♥	3♥	no	no
4♣	no	5♣	no
6♣	end		

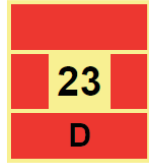
One for the road seems justified, with partner marked with shortish spades. More so if East had acted earlier.

## Board 23

*Dealer S*  
*Vul Both*

♠ Q3  
♥ Q5  
♦ J72  
♣ AQT743

♠ K5  
♥ KJ742  
♦ K943  
♣ 65



♠ 94  
♥ AT9863  
♦ QT  
♣ K82

♠ AJT8762  
♥ -  
♦ A865  
♣ J9

Unless your leads are perfect, it's often better to save against dicey games. 5♥x is -200, much better than seeing 4♠ make 10+ tricks, which 20 Souths achieved, often after 4♠-swish.

A diamond lead will shoot 4♠, provided East has the good sense to duck with the ♣K. And yet most Wests led a club (yuk) or a heart. It's usually better to lead from the shorter suit with an honour.

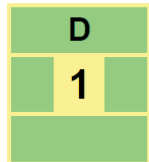
## Session 4

### Board 1

*Dealer N*  
*Vul None*

♠ QJT53  
♥ A9  
♦ Q853  
♣ 83

♠ 7  
♥ J754  
♦ 942  
♣ KQT92



♠ A4  
♥ 8  
♦ AKJT6  
♣ AJ765

♠ K9862  
♥ KQT632  
♦ 7  
♣ 4

Everyone opens 2♠ these days, right? Ideally East will have two bids to show both minors – 4NT and 4♠. One should be this strong hand.

When South bids 5-over-5, West might have a go, rewarded with a successful diamond finesse.

There were four 920s.

Of course, South could dive again for -300. You need an understanding partner.

**Board 14**  
 Dealer E  
 Vul None

♠ AKQ9854  
 ♥ 8  
 ♦ A853  
 ♣ 3

♠ 73  
 ♥ AKQ62  
 ♦ T97  
 ♣ AJ8

♠ J2  
 ♥ 974  
 ♦ KJ64  
 ♣ KT62

♠ T6  
 ♥ JT53  
 ♦ Q2  
 ♣ Q9754

**Board 20**  
 Dealer W  
 Vul Both

♠ AT82  
 ♥ A85  
 ♦ QJ5  
 ♣ QJ4

♠ 5  
 ♥ 974  
 ♦ KT632  
 ♣ K765

♠ KJ3  
 ♥ J63  
 ♦ 874  
 ♣ A932

♠ Q9764  
 ♥ KQT2  
 ♦ A9  
 ♣ T8

Did you allow 4♠ to make here? If East leads a MUD ♥7 here, West might pick it as a doubleton and play another heart. Curtains.

MUD is often as clear as mud. If East leads the ♥4 as many top players would, West has a chance to find the winning trump switch. That ♦Qx in dummy is threatening.

Of the 19 declarers in 4♠, only four received the ♥4 lead. Half of those who shot 4♠ did so after the ♥4 lead.

Most tables played 4♠ from South. A diamond lead solves that suit, leaving declarer to tackle the trumps. ♠A-another is best at 83%.

Again, the shorter suits make better leads. After a club to the ace, East can see a pitch coming. A heart switch could be right but ♥J-x-x is unappealing, So a diamond it is.

Or West might lead a heart. That's even better. Declarer will probably go after trumps, giving West the chance to pitch the ♦2.

**Board 16**  
 Dealer W  
 Vul E-W

♠ KJ95  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ J982  
 ♣ QJ85

♠ 43  
 ♥ T874  
 ♦ A63  
 ♣ T743

♠ AQT76  
 ♥ AK932  
 ♦ T  
 ♣ A6

♠ 82  
 ♥ Q65  
 ♦ KQ754  
 ♣ K92

### A hand from Saturday

**Board 25**  
 Dealer N  
 Vul E-W

♠ 85  
 ♥ QT53  
 ♦ KQ2  
 ♣ KJT7

♠ AKJT9742  
 ♥ -  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ Q832

♠ Q63  
 ♥ 98762  
 ♦ T9  
 ♣ 654

♠ -  
 ♥ AKJ4  
 ♦ AJ76543  
 ♣ A9

WEST no NORTH no EAST 1♠ SOUTH end

Half the field languished in 1♠. As for the rest, maybe South committed a 2♦ overcall, or East-West had the good sense to be playing a strong club system. Or West was following this aphorism – "Always respond if you have an ace"

Yes, 6♥ makes but you have to play it well.

You ruff the spade, play the ♥A, then start running diamonds. East should **not ruff**, rather pitch three clubs.

Having pitched a spade, declarer plays a club to the king, ruffed. On the next spade, pitch dummy's ♣A to make the last four tricks via a cross ruff. Not so easy after all!