



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

Bulletin 13 Thursday 18/7



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One day to go

An earlier finish tomorrow, followed by prizes, photos and packing up. One wonders whether the ANC will return here in seven or eight year's time?

With five matches left in the **Open** Butler, the leading pairs are

Jessica BRAKE - Shane HARRISON and
Avi KANETKAR - George KOZAKOS.

True to form, they were the NS & EW winners of Stage One, five days in the distant past.

Leading the **Mixed** are
Maurits VAN DER VLUGT - Dagmar NEUMANN.

In fact, they actually **missed** qualifying by 0.1 VPs and are playing now because one pair above them had to pull out.

In both events, the top **nine** (yes nine!) eligible pairs get Playoff Points so make sure you don't come last!

Yesterday's winners



*It's been a good fortnight for the Blues.
See them in their blazers tomorrow.*

More GOLD if you prefer

Coffs Coast Gold Congress	13 to 18 August	Coffs Harbour, NSW
Joan Prince Memorial Swiss Pairs	24 to 25 August	Perth, WA
Territory Gold Bridge Festival	28 Aug to 1 Sep	Darwin, NT
HGR Memorial Congress	14 to 15 September	Perth, WA
Canberra In Bloom Bridge Festival	4 to 7 October	Canberra, ACT
Sydney Spring Nationals	19 to 27 October	Sydney, NSW
Golden West Swiss Pairs	16 to 17 November	Perth, WA

*For more information on any of these events please see the
ABF website's events page or visit the Congresses listing on
the MyABF website*



ANC Timetable

Thu 18	TBIB Open Butler S3	10 & 1.30
	Mixed Butler S2	
	Paul Lavings Swiss B	

A Mariana tweet

An anonymous scam caller said, "I have all your passwords." I grabbed a pencil and paper and said, "Thank God! What are they?"

Open Stage 3 after 5 of 9 matches

1	Jessica Brake - Shane Harrison	82.19
2	Avinash Kanetkar - George Kozakos	70.77
3	John McMahon - Charles McMahon	61.17
4	Tania Lloyd - Hugh Grosvenor	58.08
5	Tony Nunn - Paul Dalley	57.85
6	Axel Johannsson - Kate Mccallum	54.90
7	Joachim Haffer - Philip Markey	53.36
8	Ella Jacob - Jenny Thompson	48.65
9	Kevin Skoropada - Moss Wylie	46.07
10	George Stockham - Alexander Hewat	26.96

Mixed Stage 2 after f of 9

1	Maurits Van Der Vlugt - Dagmar Neumann	70.79
2	Nicoleta Giura - Nick Hughes	63.05
3	Kevin Steffensen - Carolyn Miller	61.33
4	Michele Tredinnick - Michael Courtney	56.34
5	Jonathan Free - Mimi Packer	55.97
6	Warren Lazer - Pauline Gumby	53.07
7	Sandra Richman - Andrew Richman	50.99
8	Trevor Fuller - Val Biltoft	45.76
9	Paula Mcleish - David Mcleish	35.37
10	Stephen Mendick - Elizabeth Havas	30.86

Paul Lavings Swiss B leaders

1	Jane Lennon - Simon Hinge	75.73
2	Kimberley Zhao - Alan Cransberg	72.07
3	Phil Halloran - Frank Hardiman	64.96
4	David Weston - Julian Foster	64.91
5	Philip Hocking - Cathy Hocking	64.17
6	Bill Nash - James Wallis	63.75
7	Kitty Muntz - Leigh Gold	62.20
8	Manda Labuschagne - Chris Depasquale	59.90
9	Alison Hanson - Rex Hanson	59.07
10	Therese Demarco - Pam Morgan-King	57.43



A Ruling

Board 14

Dealer E

Vul None

♠ QJ4

♥ 92

♦ AQ73

♣ J753

♠ A652

♥ T43

♦ JT

♣ AK96



♠ T98

♥ AQ7

♦ K964

♣ Q84

♠ K73

♥ KJ865

♦ 852

♣ T2

Here's a ruling we received. We can make 2NT but we were defending 1♥/W. Don't ask.

Anyway we managed to get five tricks, when these four cards remained, with dummy on lead:

♠	A 6	
♥	—	
♦	—	
♣	K 9	Dummy
♠	Q J	♠ K 7 3
♥	—	♥ K
♦	—	♦ —
♣	J 7	♣ —
	♠ 10 9 8	
	♥ —	
	♦ —	
	♣ 8	

Declarer faced his cards and said "I'll give you the ♠A." Nobody said anything for a while.

Then I said. "I can win the ♠A and lead a club."

The director was called and went away to chat with his colleagues. They allowed the claim.

When I lead the ♣9, does declarer get a chance to reassess and realise the claim was shonky?

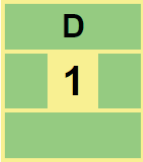
Yes and No. If the blockage issue didn't occur to him at trick nine, why should it become apparent at trick 10?

How does declarer know that the ♣K and ♣8 aren't swapped, when dummy has to ruff the ♣9?

Yes there were strong inferences in the auction and the play but is declarer allowed to make them?

Match 1 of finals

Board 1
Dealer N
Vul None

♠ T64		♠ 2
♥ AJ74		♥ 963
♦ KQ7		♦ A2
♣ 952		♣ AKQT873
♠ QJ5		♠ 2
♥ KQT2		♥ 963
♦ T654		♦ A2
♣ 64		♣ AKQT873
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	♥ 85	
	♦ J983	
	♣ J	

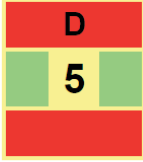
Surprisingly, only two of 10 in the finals bid 3NT here and they both made it.

After one top spade, South has to find the diamond switch. Not so easy. Partner could easily have ♥AQJ or AQT, when a heart switch is needed.

Common auctions were

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	no	1♣	2♠
X	3♠	5♣	end

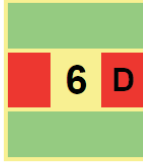
Board 5
Dealer N
Vul N-S

♠ AK75		♠ Q9
♥ AK72		♥ Q9653
♦ KQ2		♦ AT94
♣ A2		♣ J7
♠ 43		♠ Q9
♥ T84		♥ Q9653
♦ J653		♦ AT94
♣ 9843		♣ J7
	♠ JT862	
	♥ J	
	♦ 87	
	♣ KQT65	

Seven of 10 bid this slam. Only one took the spade finesse. "Queen-nine are always double-ton".

Note that if West has ♠Qxx and ♣xxxx, you might still make by pitching all of dummy's diamonds on your clubs.

Board 6
Dealer E
Vul E-W

♠ Q72		♠ 543
♥ A863		♥ 94
♦ K542		♦ AT6
♣ QT		♣ J6432
♠ KJT6		♠ 543
♥ T7		♥ 94
♦ J83		♦ AT6
♣ K987		♣ J6432
	♠ A98	
	♥ KQJ52	
	♦ Q97	
	♣ A5	

Everyone was in 4♥ here. Seven did well to make it. Say West leads a trump. You need the black kings to be with West and probably 3-3 diamonds.

A diamond to the king is okay. East will return a club. You rise ace to continue diamonds. Even if West unblocks the ♦J, you are still okay.

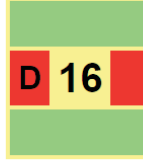
East can't return a club. That would endplay West to lead away from the ♠K. So East leads a spade.

You hop ace, cross to dummy in hearts to pitch the ♣5 on the 13th diamond. Ruff a club then lead up to dummy's ♠Q.

I think some of the defenders may have been helpful.

Round 4

Board 16
Dealer W
Vul E-W

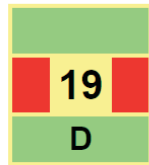
♠ -		♠ Q98765
♥ 963		♥ AK8752
♦ JT654		♦ 9
♣ KQT92		♣ -
♠ AK42		♠ Q98765
♥ -		♥ AK8752
♦ A3		♦ 9
♣ AJ87654		♣ -
	♠ JT3	
	♥ QJT4	
	♦ KQ872	
	♣ 3	

The two pairs who bid 7♠ here can consider themselves unlucky. It's a good spot if trumps are 2-1 and a decent shot against 3-0, provided you don't get over-ruffed in clubs. Sigh.

Board 19
Dealer S
Vul E-W

♠ AKQJT63
♥ 9
♦ KT
♣ Q62

♠ 92
♥ T2
♦ Q97653
♣ J74



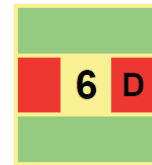
♠ 754
♥ 863
♦ J2
♣ KT853

♠ 8
♥ AKQJ754
♦ A84
♣ A9

Board 6
Dealer E
Vul E-W

♠ J54
♥ K9
♦ KJT542
♣ 76

♠ KT32
♥ AQ43
♦ -
♣ AKQ94



♠ A6
♥ JT872
♦ A763
♣ T8

♠ Q987
♥ 65
♦ Q98
♣ J532

17 top tricks here, yet four out of 10 played 6♠. Shame, Shame!

It's easy enough if either player can show a solid suit, upon which partner can apply RKC Blackwood.

Would 2♣ - 3♠ show that? Or 2♣ - 2♠ - 4♥?

Four of 10 bid to this icy 6♥. After

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		no	no
1♣	2♦	2♥	no

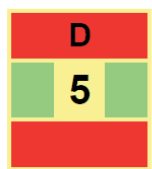
it's hard stay out. Either splinter and push on over a sign-off or even a direct Exclusion Blackwood 5♦.

Match 5

Board 5
Dealer N
Vul N-S

♠ K
♥ AQT987
♦ AJT83
♣ 4

♠ AJ7642
♥ 65
♦ 75
♣ T95



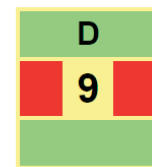
♠ 93
♥ 4
♦ Q62
♣ AKQJ732

♠ QT85
♥ KJ32
♦ K94
♣ 86

Board 9
Dealer N
Vul E-W

♠ Q
♥ QT987
♦ K42
♣ AJ87

♠ KT96
♥ 6432
♦ J87
♣ K9



♠ AJ87543
♥ K
♦ A
♣ 6432

♠ 2
♥ AJ5
♦ QT9653
♣ QT5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♥	4♠	?

I felt quite chuffed picking the ♦Q to make 5♥ but **every** table in the Mixed played 5♥ and **every** declarer made 11 tricks.

Should South have a go at the 5-level or meekly concede -620 as six out of 10 did?

"It's a bidder's game."

Late night copy from Michael ...

Board 14	♠ -
Dealer E	♥ 76
Vul None	♦ AKQ
	♣ T9765432
♠ AJ2	♠ Q987643
♥ KT	♥ J9
♦ 9864	♦ T752
♣ AKQJ	♣ -
	♠ KT5
	♥ AQ85432
	♦ J3
	♣ 8

On this deal, only three declarers made 5♥x. One in the open Butler; one in the Mixed Butler; one in the Swiss pairs A.

Joan Butts in the Open Butler received the lead of the ♠A, as did Therese DeMarco in the SPA, and both assembled 11 tricks relatively easily.

At my table Mauritz van der Vlugt led the ♣K (for count) Dagmar Neumann guessed it was from the ace and pitched a spade.

Now perhaps a diamond switch will prevail (with East ruffing any club from dummy).

A club continuation will fail. East ruffs to uppercut - but declarer succeeds by establishing clubs! Overruff, then ♥A; spade ruff, club ruff, diamond to dummy, club ruff (setting up the suit) then pitch spades on diamonds and the top club..

Mauritz tried the ♥K at trick two - ♥A, spade ruff, three top diamonds discarding a spade; club from dummy ruffed with East's remaining trump - but now I threw my last spade and claimed.

A diamond (count, as partner requested) discard might lead West to shift to a diamond. Then 5♥ must fail.

At all other tables (9 in both Butlers) declarer failed on a top club lead. Presumably because East ruffed and returned a trump, but there is no way of telling. There is no record of play... Once again, as after (a) contracted illness (b) accidents travelling (c) insufficient bids (d) revokes - I must observe - THAT WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED IF WE PLAYED ONLINE.

Play like Legends Live like Locals

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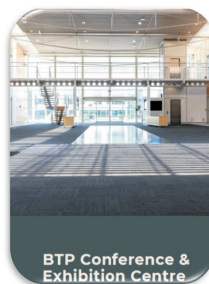
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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
2025
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The Queensland Bridge Association extends a warm welcome to players from all over Australia to the 85th Australian National Championships which will be held at the Brisbane Technology Park Conference and Exhibition Centre, Eight Mile Plains which is a 20 minute drive via the Pacific Motorway.



BTP Conference & Exhibition Centre

EVENTS

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

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