Play like Legends Live like Locals

2024 Australian National Bridge **Championships and Butler**

Including the inaugural Central West Festival of Bridge

6th - 18th July 2024 Orange Ex-Services Club, Orange NSW











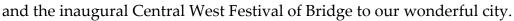






Welcome to Orange,





Orange is an outstanding tourist destination with more than 50 wineries, a selection of superb restaurants to meet all budgets and a wide range of experiences, which are outlined in the hospitality package specifically designed for this event. I hope you get the chance to experience some of what our city has to offer during your visit.

I trust you enjoy your time in Orange and follow the theme for this event *Play Like Legends, Live Like Locals.*

Orange City Council is proud to be a major sponsor for this event and we look forward to the continuation of the Central West Festival of Bridge beyond 2024.

Jason Hamling Mayor Orange City Council



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'You crest the hill and are immediately presented with a glorious view of eucalypts, vineyards, pastures, and a sunset typical of Orange/Cabonne. It gives me great pleasure to share this display which changes with every season."



2024 Australian National Championships incorporating Interstate Teams, Central West Festival of Bridge and Butler Pairs

Orange NSW 6-18 July 2024

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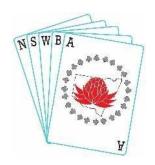
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ANC Major Sponsors





















Welcome to Orange

On behalf of the ABF, I welcome you to Orange, New South Wales for the 84th Australian National Championships. Orange is a thriving country town rich in heritage and has award-winning restaurants, and wineries. I know I will see many changes since my last visit in 1978.

Congratulations to the Orange Bridge Club and the ANC committee for the many hours of work that they have put into the planning of this event. I am confident that all players will ensure that the event is an enjoyable experience for both their partner and the opposition.



Allison Stralow President, Australian Bridge Federation



Mary Anne Loveridge Chairman, NSW Bridge Association



Catherine Chafey Incoming Chair, Bridge NSW

It is an exciting time for Bridge in NSW as the 84th Australian National Championships comes to the beautiful City of Orange. 2024 also sees the Leadership of Bridge in NSW migrating from NSW Bridge Association to Bridge NSW Limited (BNSW). BNSW principal focus will be Bridge in our State, and particularly the Central West Festival as one of its early priorities.

We wish all the Players, Officials and Orange Bridge Community an outstanding 84th ANC.

On behalf of Orange Bridge Club, we look forward to welcoming participants and their guests to the 2024 ANC and Butler being held in our beautiful colour city located in Central West NSW.

Although it will be winter when you visit us, we hope you will be warmed by our friendly nature and country attitude. We are very proud that Orange has been chosen to host this significant event and hope that you will enjoy your visit.



Margaret Barker President, Orange Bridge Club

Tournament Officials and Organisers



Matt McManus Chief Tournament Director



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Judy Jackson Hospitality and Tours (until April 2024)



Murray Paterson Tournament Manager



Mary Brell Hospitality and Tours (from April 2024)



Margaret Barker Orange Bridge Club President



John McKenzie Transport and Accommodation

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
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| Daily Bulletin | Stephen Lester | 0468 459 351 <u>sleksix@gmail.com</u> | |
| Partnership Enquiries | Jenny King | 0427 430 202 (please leave a message) obc.partnership@gmail.com | |
| Recorders | | Week 1 Niek Van Vucht Sue Falkingham | |
| | | Week 2 Liz Fanos Chris Mulley | |

2024 ANC Interstate Teams, Butler, and Central West Festival

Create the Playing Programme that suits your skills and time available.

" Extensive Social and Cultural Program Every Day ! "

1. Restricted and Novice Players

- The first week (6 to 12 July) of events starting with the Welcome Pairs followed by the Central West Festival is perfect for you. Just like being at the Club. Prizes every day with a major Prize at the end of the Orange Teams Day.
- While you're playing you will be alongside the best players in the Country battling out in the Interstate Teams.
- Stretch your skills and play in the Restricted Butler 13 and 14 July.
- Give one or two of the Swiss Pairs A or B a go in week 2. Much tougher but you will improve.
- 2. Advanced and above with 5 to 7 Days available
- Get a team together for the Orange Congress Teams as a warmup for the Butler Pairs on 13 and 14 July. If you make Stage 2 congratulations. If not play in Swiss Pars A on 15 and 16 July and if you just can't help yourself stay on for Swiss Pairs B on 17 and 18 July.
- If you are a mixed pair and don't make Stage 2 of the Open sign up for the Mixed Butler Stage 1 on 15 and 16 July.

3. Intermediate Players

- The entire first week is great for Intermediate players and the Swiss Pairs A and B in Week 2, while they are not called Intermediate the Butler Stage 2 and Mixed Butler take most of the Advanced + players out of the Swiss Events in that week.
- 4. Total Bridge Tragics who just can't enough and have unendless time and energy.
- Play all thirteen days and enjoy every moment.

ANC Programme 6-18 July 2024











| Date | Time | Event | Eligibility See below |
|----------------------|--------|--|-----------------------------|
| 6 July | 8.30am | Registration/information desk opens | |
| Saturday | 9.30am | Opening Ceremony | |
| | 10am | Orange City Council Welcome Pairs | 0, R, N |
| | 6pm | Interstate Teams nonplaying captain's briefing | |
| 7 July Sunday | 9.30am | ANC Interstate Teams Championships (Rounds 1-4) | 0, S, W, Y |
| | 10am | Mudgee Bridge Club StepBridge Swiss Pairs | 0, R, N |
| 8 July Monday | 9.30am | ANC Interstate Teams Championships (Rounds 5-8) | 0, S, W, Y |
| | 10am | Dubbo Bridge Club StepBridge Swiss Pairs | 0, R, N |
| 9 July Tuesday | 9.30am | ANC Interstate Teams Championships (Rounds 9-12) | 0, S, W, Y |
| | 10am | Bathurst Bridge Club StepBridge Swiss Pairs | 0, R, N |
| 10 July Wednesday | 9.30am | ANC Interstate Teams Championships (Rounds 13-14 for 0, W, S and Rounds 13-15 for Y) | 0, S, W, Y |
| | 10am | Cowra Bridge Club StepBridge Matchpoint Pairs | 0, R, N |
| | 2pm | Parkes Bridge Club StepBridge Matchpoint Pairs | 0, R, N |
| | 5pm | ANC Interstate Teams Championships Final (Stanza 1/5) | 0, S, W, Y |
| | 7.30pm | Sponsored Quiz night | |
| 11 July Thursday | 9.30am | ANC Interstate Teams | 0, S, W, Y |
| | | Championships Final (Stanzas 2, 3, 4, 5) | |
| | 10am | ANC Matchpoint Interstate Pairs - Day 1 | 0, W, S |
| | 10am | Orange Bridge Club Annual Congress StepBridge Swiss Pairs | 0, R, N |
| | 7pm | ANC Victory Dinner | |
| 12 July Friday | 10am | ANC Matchpoint Interstate Pairs - Day 2 | 0, W, S |
| | 10am | Orange Bridge Club Annual Congress StepBridge Swiss Teams | 0, R, N |
| | 5pm | Central West Festival Celebration | |
| 13 July | 10am | ANC TBIB Butler Pairs | 0 (Stage 1), |
| Saturday | | Restricted Butler - Day 1 | R, N |
| 14 July | 10am | ANC TBIB Butler Pairs | 0 (Stage 1), |
| Sunday | | Restricted Butler - Day 2 | R, N |
| 15 July Monday | 10am | ANC TBIB Butler Pairs | 0 (Stage 2), M (Stage 1) |
| | 10am | ANC Paul Lavings Swiss Pairs A Day 1 | 0, R, N |
| 16 July Tuesday | 10am | ANC TBIB Butler Pairs | 0 (Stage 2), M (Stage 1) |
| | ļ | ANC Paul Lavings Swiss Pairs A Day 2 | 0, R, N |
| 17 July Wednesday | 10am | ANC TBIB Butler Pairs | 0 (Stage 3), M (Stage 2) |
| | | ANC Paul Lavings Swiss Pairs B Day 1 | 0, R, N |
| 18 July Thursday | 10am | ANC TBIB Butler Pairs | 0 (Stage 3), M (Stage 2) |
| | | ANC Paul Lavings Swiss Pairs B Day 2 | 0, R, N |

2024 ANC, Butler, and Central West Festival (CWF)

Enter all events (other than the IS Teams) via MyABF.

Vouchers may be used on the day of play for CWF.

Bank Transfers if needed. **BSB** 082088 **Act** 504424763



| | Event | Days | \$ per Pair | Masterpoints |
|----|------------------------------|----------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | | Pre early bird | |
| 1 | Welcome Pairs | One full | 60 | Red |
| 2 | Central West Festival Events | One full | 60 | Red |
| 3 | Central West Festival Events | Half | 30 | Red |
| 4 | Interstate Pairs | Two full | 60 (free for IS | Gold |
| | | | Teams Players | |
| 5 | TBIB Open Butler Stage 1 | Two full | 320 | Gold |
| 6 | Restricted Butler | Two full | 250 | Gold |
| 7 | TBIB Open Butler Stage 2 | Two full | 260 | Gold |
| 8 | Mixed Butler Stage 1 | Two full | 260 | Gold |
| 9 | TBIB Open Butler Stage 3 | Two full | 260 | Gold |
| 10 | Mixed Butler Stage 2 | Two full | 260 | Gold |
| 11 | Paul Lavings Swiss Paris A | Two full | 180 | Gold |
| 12 | Paul Lavings Swiss Paris B | Two full | 180 | Gold |

Red masterpoints are at the super congress level.

Early Bird discounts apply to 31 March 2024

- \$10 early bird discount (Welcome pairs and CWF events).
- \$30 early bird discount for Open & Mixed Butler Stage 1, Restricted Butler.

Prizes

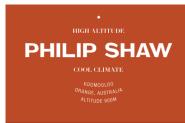
Prizes, estimated to be more than **\$10,000** comprising a mix of cash, Bridge Credits, Wine, and other valuables will be awarded for all events. Butler Open, Restricted and Mixed are each considered as separate events. For the Central West Festival prizes are awarded for each daily event. The more you play during designated club events prior to the ANC and during the ANC 6 to 12 July the more entries you get in the final draw at the conclusion of the Festival on Orange Bridge Club Teams 12 July 2023.

ANC Sponsors













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Mudgee, Dubbo, Bathurst, Cowra, Parkes and Orange Bridge Clubs



Interstate Trivia Challenge

Wednesday 10^{th} July 2024 – 7:30 pm till around 9 pm

Join Neil Gill (local radio personality and trivia quiz host) for a night of Trivia.

Gather a team of 8 and represent your State or Territory (several teams per State or Territory are very welcome).

Test your team's knowledge of all things in 5 rounds of 12 questions, all while enjoying a complimentary glass of wine or beer. Additional drinks are available at the bar at own expense.

Register during the ANC/CWF on the notice board near the Piano Bar and earn bragging rights and prizes for first and second placed teams.

Victory Dinner

Thursday 11th July 2024 – 7:00 for 7:30 pm

Interstate Teams members – celebrate the outcome of the ANC Interstate Teams Championships and enjoy a three-course meal at the iconic Canobolas Hotel, Summer Street, Orange.

Limited complimentary wines are available with dinner, and additional drinks available for purchase from the bar.

Tickets are available via the 2024 ANC State Entry Form.

Central West Festival Celebration

Friday 12th July 2024, at the conclusion of play.

Players, officials, organisers and volunteers - celebrate the achievements of players in the StepBridge Central West Festival of Bridge and the Interstate Swiss Pairs Competition!

Join us for a stand-up cocktail type party in the Piano Bar, enjoy a complimentary glass of wine or beer with finger food provided.

Prizes for the Central West Festival will be drawn. (see more detail on the Central West Festival Prize in the .

Additional drinks are available at the bar at own expense.



Venue



Arriving at the Orange Ex Services Club (OESC)

Please enter the Club from the rear of the building – this can be accessed through the shared pedestrian and vehicle entrance to the OESC car park in Byng St (next to the Mecure Motel). From inside the car park, follow the signs to the Club. The front doors of OESC (in Anson Street) are open from 10 am.

Parking

OESC has a 3-level car park and there is as all day council parking at the rear of the building. If you are parking in the surrounding streets, please be sure to check for parking restrictions.

Signing In to OESC:

We will be providing the Club with a list of guests each day, based on our player registrations. You will need to sign in if you are not going to be on our players' list (accompanying persons for example) or wish to play poker machines or use other Club facilities. Becoming an OESC member will costs \$10 and will give you discounted food and drinks at the Club, the Greenhouse of Orange, and Wentworth Golf Club.

Lunches:

Players will be able to pre-order lunches at the start of each day, with a choice of soup, a hot meal, or a sandwich or wrap. Special diets can be accommodated. More details to follow in updates to this brochure.

Catering facilities onsite include the Diggers Bistro as well as a café. There are several options for meals and coffee within walking distance of the Club. No food can be brought into the OESC premises.

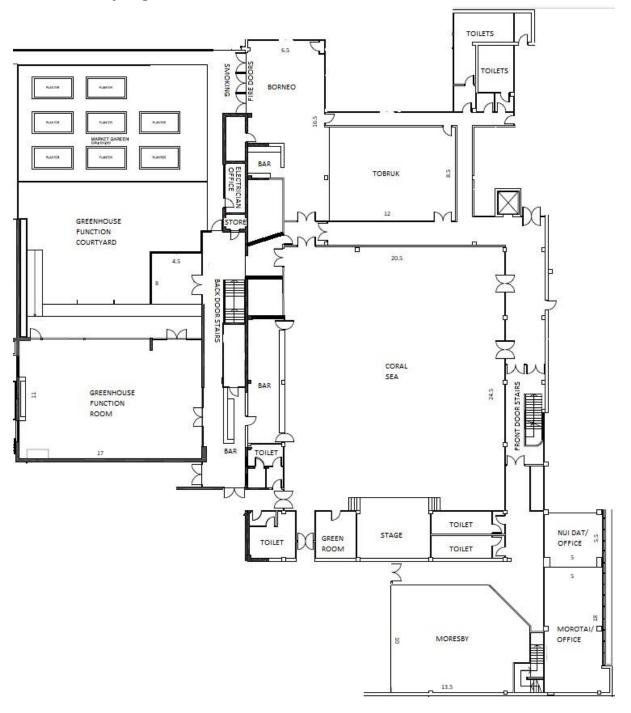
Air Conditioning and Player Comfort:

Please bring a jumper or other clothing that you can use according to your personal comfort level. If it is obviously too hot or too cold for those around you, please report the table number and section to Murray Paterson ^① 0418 206 485.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted in the clubrooms. There are dedicated smoking areas that guests may use.

Floor Plan 1st Floor Playing Areas



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Live Like Locals

Hello and welcome!

Orange Bridge Club Members, Bridge NSW and the ABF hope you will have a wonderful stay in Orange. We are very proud to showcase our beautiful city and our productive local area.

Following is a selection of events you may choose to enjoy while you are here. As you can see there is plenty to do. Many activities can be arranged in advance while others can be decided at the last minute. You will be welcome to come a day or two earlier and stay a couple of days longer if you can't fit in everything you want to do! Information about most of the activities and venues listed here is available online. It can be very cold in July, so remember to pack a warm coat, scarf, hat, gloves and shoes.

As well as activities listed here, there are many other suggestions available online or through the Orange Visitors' Information Centre. (1) 1800 069 466 (2) <u>www.Orange360.com.au</u>. Orange is paradise for those who love to eat out with more than 50 eateries. Think Hatted Australian, Asian fusion (Mr Lim), Vegetarian, Italian, Japanese, Indian, Clubs and Pubs, fast food and much much, more available. This wide variety of food and wonderful local wines means that you'll be able to try somewhere new for every meal!

NSW school holidays will be running for the duration of the Congress. (July 6th – July 20th). If you will have children with you, we highly recommend that you contact the **Orange Visitor Information Centre** ① 1800 069 466 ④ <u>www.Orange360.com.au</u> and/or google "Hello Sydney Kids Orange" to plan their activities.

> Mary Brell Hospitality and Tours

Feature Events:

UPDATE FROM THE TOUR ORGANISERS

Unfortunately, many of the tours that have been organized and offered for the upcoming ANC and CW Festival of Bridge have been cancelled as they have been under subscribed.

However, one of the tour organisers, either John McKenzie or Mary Brell, will be available each day to direct and recommend to you, activities and events in the Orange area. These events and activities you will be able to easily explore for yourself.

Orange and the surrounding Districts have many interesting site and events to explore from Wine, Food and Art events to beautiful sights such as Mt Canobolas

We wish you well and every good luck as you enjoy your time in this wonderful area we as locals call home

Mary Brell and John McKenzie

Friday July 12th, pm

Tucked away in a suburban street in East Orange is local favourite



Support our sponsors and supporters

Birdie

Support an ANC supporter - Birdie Noshery is a beautiful big European styled brasserie featuring great local wine, coffee & best of all, food by acclaimed hatted chef Simonn Hawke, from Lolli Redini Restaurant. Open



for Dinner every night, lunch Tuesday to Saturday and breakfast Friday, Saturday & Sunday. 120-122 Summer Street Orange NSW.

- @ leah@lolliredini.com.au for a booking or just wander in.
- S www.birdienoshery&drinkingest.com
- Corner of Summer Street and Sale Street. 7 mins

Phillip Shaw Wines

Experience cool climate wines of elegance from their Koomooloo vineyard.

Koomooloo Taste & Plate \$30 per person – a selection of Philip Shaw Wines hosted by our Cellar Door team, with a small plate featuring local cheese, handmade lavosh and accompaniments. Koomooloo Wine Tasting \$15 per person – a selection of Philip Shaw Wines hosted by our Cellar Door team.

- https://www.philipshaw.com.au/
 cellardoor@philipshaw.com.au
 02 6362 0710
- ♥ 100 Shiralee Road, Orange





SWINGING BRIDGE

orange, australia

From the estate's position on the slopes surrounding Mount Canobolas (Gaahna Bulla), winemaker Tom Ward's craft reflects his enduring passion for high altitude winemaking, with a focus on the region's quintessential varieties: Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Embracing innovation while grounded in heritage, Swinging Bridge's wines are at the forefront of the Orange region's development into a new frontier of celebrated cool-climate winemaking.

Indulge with Swinging Bridge \$150pp – 11am or 1pm Tuesdays,

Fridays and Saturdays (Allow 3 hours) Indulge with Swinging Bridge is the most immersive of our experiences. Enjoy a guided walking tour of our spectacular Hill Park Vineyard before an in-depth tasting of our wines, all beautifully paired with a 5-course degustation lunch.

Taste with Swinging Bridge

\$15 pp — 10am-3pm Daily — Groups up to 6 people Taste our range of cool climate wines, grown and handcrafted by our winemaker, Tom Ward. This Swinging Bridge experience includes six of our wines to guide you through our story. Allow 60 mins.

Self-Managed Activities

Investigate the facilities at the Tournament venue, **The Orange Ex Services Club.**

Walking Distance from the Congress Venue:

Approximate walk times from **OESC** and **Mercure** Orange in bold. For more information see individual websites.

Indulgences Right on our Congress doorstep are three wonderful bakeries/patisseries, all within strolling distance. For a treat just try Racine (accessible from the Woolworths car park), The Sugar Mill at 26B Sale Street and Hansel and Gretel at 118 Summer Street. Perfect for lovers of the freshest and most delicious bakery products. Each of these establishments serves great coffee!

Boutique shopping fuelled by coffee in central Orange bounded by Sale, Peisley, Byng and Kite Streets. Browse boutiques The White Place, Hawkes General Store, Frock Work Orange, Mary and Tex, Chaos and Karma, Cint, Danielle Louise and plenty more! There are also a few shops over the railway line in Endsleigh Avenue.

The Union Bank for is excellent for drinks, lunch and dinner, and has been awarded a Good Food Guide hat for their Schoolhouse restaurant and courtyard. Share plates.
0 02 6311 1770
www.theunionbank.com.au

9 84 Byng St **2 mins**



After session Single Vineyard Wine tastings at **The Lane Wine**

Cellars to check days and times

- 🕲 <u>www.thelanecellars.com</u>
- ① 02 9055 4566
- Shop 26, Orange Arcade, 146 Summer St 11 mins



Badlands Brewery Call in for a beer or a tasting, no booking needed, or organise a group and book a tour of the Brewery.
www.badlandsbrewery.com.au
0423 113 084 Street carpark. 3 min

Japanese Dinner Bookings at local favourite Raku Izakaya

- 🕲 https://rakuizakaya.com.au
- ① 0478 759 050
- ♥ 129 Summer Street 8 mins

Ferment the Orange Wine Centre

Wine Tastings 11.00am – 9.00pm Monday to Saturday

- <u>https://orangewinecentre.com.au/</u>
- <u>https://orangewinecentre.com.au/book-your-tasting-experience/</u>
- @ wine@orangewinecentre.com.au
- ① 02 6360 4833
- ♥ 87 Hill Street 10 mins

Washington & Co Whiskey Saloon, at closed Monday,

Tuesday. Walk-ins only. Dinner available in several nearby pubs and restaurants, ask staff for advice.

① 0418 408 046

- Check their Facebook for up-to-date information.
- ♥ 243 Summer Street **12 min**

Further Afield – Check online.

Find a map to help you with walks around town at the Visitors Centre.



Visit **parks** around town, particularly beautiful **Cook Park** in Summer Street between Clinton and Samson Streets. **Elephant Park** and adjoining **Moulder Park** are large enough to walk through for exercise and pleasure.

Visit the **Orange Botanic Gardens ?** 300 Hill Street and have a coffee at the **Eat Botanic Cafe.** Cycle or drive to **Gosling Creek Reserve** which is not far past the Orange Health Service (Hospital) at 28 Forest Road. Shared paths suitable for roller blading, walking and cycling, there are picnic/barbecue areas, children's play equipment and even fishing in the reservoir.

Extinct volcano **Mount Canobolas** *Gaanha Bula* is 1390 m above sea level so head to the summit for wonderful views of Orange and surrounding area. If you are thinking of walking one of the trails in this area make sure you plan ahead and are aware that the steep and possible icy tracks might be very slippery.

Enjoy the early morning **Bird Walk** lead by Neil Morrow at 8.00 am on Sunday July 14, Meet inside the botanic gardens near the function centre building. No bookings needed, just turn up. You'll need to wear warm clothes, sturdy shoes, and take binoculars and a walking stick if you need one. No cost but a donation to Friends of the Botanic Gardens would be welcome. Have a coffee afterwards at nearby Eat Botanic. Bird watching is available at any time at the **Ploughman's Wetlands** in Ploughman's Lane and at the **Gosling Creek Reserve.**

Country Food Trails (<u>www.countryfoodtrails.com.au</u> runs vineyard, Farm, Village and Walking tours as well as organising custom tours on request. tours in the area. Look them up online. Why not organise a group with your friends?



Cyclists Bring you own or hire! Push bikes and both Mountain and Town Cruiser e-bikes and are available from DG Cycle Co. ① 02 6360 4040.
② <u>www.dgcycleco.com.au</u> Online booking available. Push bikes are also available for hire from Ron Boulton Cycles ① 02 6362 3670.

There are many easy, medium and challenging routes within a short distance of town. Maps available from the Visitor Centre.

Looking to go **mountain biking**? The Lake Canobolas Mountain Bike Park at Nashdale and Glenwood Forest Trails are focal points. Check online! Tom Lewis runs Pinnacle MTB Shuttles and Tours and is happy to answer your questions. ① 0409 041 431

Thinking of dining at Orange's premier fine dining restaurant? **Charred** offers a modern, innovative and exciting set tasting menu paired with wine curated by one of Australia's finest Sommeliers. Tempting? Book well ahead ① 02 6363 1580 **9** 1 New Street, Orange @ reservations@charred.com.au Exciting changes are planned for the dining room at **Printhie!** Watch this space! At this vineyard the visitor is offered multifaceted experiences with a vibrant cellar door including tasting experiences and wine bar, fly fishing, vineyard picnics, and a luxury helicopter winery tour. Online bookings are essential for all events.

① 0409 645 075

S www.printhiewines.com.au

♥ 208 Nancarrow Lane, Nashdale

The **Agrestic Grocer** Chefs use locally grown produce. Grab a coffee or enjoy a meal accompanied by local wine, beer and cider at this restaurant and produce shop on the outskirts of town. Check online at least a month before to book for the regular live music events.

♥ 426 Mitchell Highway (Molong Road).

D 02 6360 4604 www.theagresticgrocer.com.au

Longing to learn about wine? Enrol in the **Wine School at Mortimers**. Book online.

\$75.

0447 148 520.

🐼 <u>www.mortimerswines.com.au</u>

♥ 780 Burrendong Way





Visit the **Parrot Gin Distillery**, taste their products and enjoy wood fired pizza available to eat in or take away.
1300 727 768
www.parrotdistilling.com.au
66 Endsleigh Avenue.

Golf – arrange in advance through **Wentworth Golf Club** ① 02 6361 4505 ② <u>www.wentworthgolfclub.com.au</u> (where the clubhouse is under construction) or the fully functioning **Duntry League** @ <u>reception@duntryleague.com.au</u>



① 02 6362 3466 For the ProShop ② 02 6362 4072.



There may be a performance at the

- Orange Civic Theatre (1) 02 6393 8111,
 https://www.orange.nsw.gov.au/theatre/
- Orange Regional Conservatorium (1) 02 6391 7974
 <u>https://orangecon.org.au/</u> or
- Pinnacle Players ① 02 6367 3009
 <u>https://pinnacleplayers.com.au/</u> and book well in advance.

Talk to a local estate agent about moving to Orange!!!

Important Information

The 2024 Australian National Bridge Championships and Butler is an event of the Australian Bridge Federation Limited licensed to and conducted by the NSW Bridge Federation Limited (NSWBA Limited), an organisation registered for GST. The Orange Bridge Club Inc have been appointed by NSWBA Limited organisers of the event.

Eligibility

All players must individually meet the specific event eligibility criteria:

| Category: | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Restricted Butler | Under 300 mps as at 31/12/23 |
| Restricted for other prize categories | Under 300 mps as at 31/3/2024 |
| Novice for other prize categories | Under 100 mps as at 31/3/2024 |
| Senior | Must be born prior to 01/01/1961 |
| Mixed | One of each gender playing in partnership |
| Youth | Players born on or after 1/1/1999 |
| Youth Discount | Please apply to the Tournament Manager to |
| | confirm discount. |

- PQPs are awarded for the Interstate Open Teams, Open and Mixed Butler pairs
- System Regulations and other Regulations will be published on the website
- All quoted entry fees include GST

Entry Information

Entries open 1st January on myABF



For help, please contact Rob Ward: 0418 611 908 or rob@robward.com.au

Currency

All \$ amounts stated are Australian dollars. One bridge credit = 1 Australian dollar.

How to withdraw an entry



Refund policies:

Refunds after 30 June 2024 are issued at the Tournament Manager's discretion, ideally before the draw for the event is published. The 2024 ANC Management Team reserves the right to charge an administration fee of 25% of the entry fee.

Photographs

The Tournament Manager may grant permission for still or moving photographs to be taken during the ANC. Should any player not wish to have their photo taken, they should advise the Tournament Manager in writing at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the 2024 ANC and Butler.

Government Restrictions

In the event of government restrictions NSWBA reserves the right to cancel the tournament and accepts no responsibility for any expenses incurred by participants in the event of such a cancellation.

Pens

Pens will be issued at the start of the Pairs and start of the Teams and belong to the players who are responsible for carrying their own pens from table to table.

Daily Bulletin

Stephen Lester is our Bulletin Editor. Contributions from players of all standards on play, defence, bidding, or entertaining stories from the event are welcome.

Recorders

The ABF is keen to ensure events are played in the spirit of sportsmanship, and that players have an enjoyable experience at events run under the auspices of the ABF. The recorders at this event fulfil an important role in supporting this objective.

Recorders may receive oral or written communication from players at the end of each session regarding issues that have arisen during the event relating to player ethics or behaviour. Please feel free to consult with them about any concerns you might have.

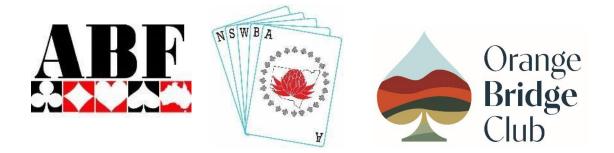
The Director will guide you to the appropriate adviser.

Score Booklets

Scoring booklets are provided at the start of each event. Should you require another one, please ask a caddy, and if available, another will be supplied.

Scoring Issues

Any problems and concerns you have about scoring and results should be addressed with the Director.



Procedure for 2024 Central West Festival of Bridge Prize

The 2024 Central West Festival of Bridge Prize has been established to entice bridge players to come to Orange during the first week of the Australian National Championships and play in the Central West Festival of Bridge events.

Central West Festival of Bridge (CWF) Events include:

- Orange City Council Welcome Pairs (6th July 2024)
- Mudgee Bridge Club Central West Festival Swiss Pairs (7th July 2024)
- Dubbo Bridge Club Central West Festival Swiss Pairs (8th July 2024)
- Bathurst Bridge Club Central West Festival Swiss Pairs (9th July 2024)
- Cowra Bridge Club Central West Festival Matchpoint Pairs (10th July 2024)
- Parkes Bridge Club Central West Festival Matchpoint Pairs (10th July 2024)
- Orange Bridge Club 2024 Annual Congress and Central West Festival Pairs (11th July 2024)
- Orange Bridge Club 2024 Annual Congress and Central West Festival Teams (12th July 2024).

These events are for players of all ability level and offer prizes at Open, Restricted (under 300 MP) and Novice (under 100 MP) levels.

Only players participating in CWF events held at the Orange Ex-Services Club are eligible to enter the draw for the Central West Festival Prizes Draw.

Players in the Orange City Council Welcome Pairs will receive 4 entries per player. For players in the Mudgee, Dubbo, Bathurst, Orange Pairs and Orange Teams there will be 2 entries per player per day (full day sessions). For Parkes and Cowra pairs sessions there will be one entry per player (half day sessions).

Bonus Entries:

During April, May and June we have asked the Bathurst, Cowra, Dubbo, Mudgee, Orange and Parkes Bridge Clubs to designate one red point event at their club in each of these months as a Central West Festival of Bridge event. This will allow players to qualify for bonus entries in the Central West Festival Prize. When the third club event has been completed in June each participating club will send to <u>secretary@orangebridgeclub.com</u> the dates of each designated event and the names of players who competed in each event. Players are eligible to receive a bonus entry for each qualifying event played at their local club, provided they attend and play in at least one Central West Festival events held in Orange (6th-12th July). By way of an example, if a player plays all 3 designated events at their home club plus all the CWF events in Orange they will accumulate 19 entries in the draw. The more games played the greater the chance of winning a prize. However, a player competing in any or all designated club event who does not attend any CWF event held in Orange will not receive an entry in the CWF prize draw.

A player is eligible to win only one prize.

The following procedure then applies:

- Entries in the prize draw will be uniquely numbered, with the players name and qualifying session listed against each number on a spreadsheet.
- If a player at a Central West Festival event at the Orange Ex Services Club in July is eligible for bonus entries, these will be added according to the number of CWF designated sessions in which the player took part at their home club. This could be one, two or three additional entries.
- The spreadsheet of entries (updated daily) will be placed on the notice board adjacent to the registration desk for inspection.
- At the Central West Festival celebrations to be held at the Orange Ex-Service Club on Friday evening (12th July 2024), five prizes will be drawn using a random number generator.
- The prizes are
 - First \$1500,
 - Second \$500,
 - Third Dozen Bottles of Phillip Shaw Wines,
 - Fourth Indulgence Experience at Swinging Bridge Winery,
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| Summer Festival of Bridge | 9 to 21 January | Canberra, ACT |
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| Gold Coast Congress | 18 to 24 February | Gold Coast, QLD |
| Tasmanian Festival of Bridge | 14 to 17 March | Hobart, TAS |
| Autumn Nationals | 2 to 6 May | Adelaide, SA |
| Barrier Reef Congress | 3 to 6 May | Mackay, QLD |
| River City Gold Mixed Pairs | 25 to 26 May | Brisbane, QLD |
| Victor Champion Cup | 6 to 10 June | Melbourne, VIC |
| Western Senior Pairs | 29 to 30 June | Perth, WA |
| 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 |

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