

2023 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bulletin 4

Thursday 13 July

INTERSTATE TEAMS LAST DAY QUALIFYING FINALS COMMENCE 5.30 PM FINALS ON BBO

**What's on Today: 10.00 AM South Perth Congress Pairs
2.00 PM WABC Congress Pairs**

After 12 of 14 Qualifying matches there are only two matches to go to determine who will be the two finalists in each division.

- In the Open Vic and SA are well ahead of WA in third place and are likely to be the finalists.
- In the Women's SA have a substantial lead but Vic and NSW are very close and should fight it out for second place. Vic have to play the first and third teams in the last two rounds.
- NSW are leading the Seniors but not by a large margin. SA and Qld are nearly identical for second place but if one had two big matches they could even overtake NSW. SA has to play the two leading teams.
- In the Youth Vic are well ahead but again SA and Qld will be fighting it out.

It also comes down to the draw and whether teams are playing TV against other teams above or below them.

BridgeTV will provide live commentary on Zoom. All are invited to join the BridgeTV coverage and commentators are most welcome.

Finals:



Thursday July 13: 5.30pm (Perth time) (7.30pm AEST)

Friday July 14: 9.30am, (Perth time) (11.30am AEST)

ZOOM LINK for BridgeTV commentary of Finals [HERE](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89249548399?pwd=NmE5Ni9hc2xtVTZrT0YybExTK2R3dz09>

Dave's Daily: Opinion Piece!

ANC

My first inter-state cap was playing for NSW in

Brisbane in 1985. My team was full of bridge legends: Tim Seres, Dick Cummings, Bob Richman, Steven Burgess and Khokan Bagchi. Two members of the team were avid race goers and had a rest day from bridge on the Wednesday.

Next year's ANC will be held in Orange. Orange is renowned for great cafes and restaurants. I expect gloves and a beanie may come in handy!

How can the event be improved?

1) Eliminate byes from the round robin. The players have travelled quite a distance and prefer to play bridge and not sit out.

Plan: Open section – invite a youth team under 35 as the 8th team. Women's and Seniors invite a NSW country team or second team from Sydney.

2) New event for restricted players – what a great way to encourage newer players to represent their states.

3) Assist smaller States – Tasmania can invite a pair from outside Tassie to play on their team.

Of course, at discretion of Tasmanian Bridge .



Congress Results: Tuesday

Winners Part One Best Three out of Four

David Matthews and Don Allen



**Winners: Part Three Best Three out of Four
Dave Munro and Cassie Munro**



**Winners: Part Four Best Three out of Four
Donna Crossan-Peacock and Alison Orr**



**Winners Overall: Best Three out of Four
Jeanette Abrams and Angeline Christie**

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