

Halfway in the Interstate

.The fields have started to spread out a bit, with seven rounds to go. The usual suspects are at or near the top.

The 7-day Central West Festival has also reached halfway, with more 30-table Pairs events coming up, before the Annual Orange BC Festival rounds off the week.

Lunch arrangements

- As a catered venue, food is **not** to be brought in. You can order lunch when you arrive.
- Coffee, tea and biscuits are available for a flat \$5. Barista coffees also available.
- To expedite lunch please place your order on arrival before play in the **Piano Bar** upstairs beside our Welcome Desk.
- You will receive a **receipt** which is to be used to collect lunch. We have agreed with the OESC "no receipt = no lunch".
- If anyone believes they have lost their receipt, please contact me and we will reimburse you on **one** occasion.

Outside world

- France does another U-Turn, this time from Right to Left
- English Conservatives ponder the merit of their First Past the Post voting method.



Dubbo BC Swiss (30 tables)

Open	Morag Lokan - Chris Lokan
Restricted	Lidy Seysener - Susan Jensen
Novice	Maureen Milgate - Kate Courts



*Winners Chris & Morag Lokan
with Murray (& Jay Novak from StepBridge)*



*Lidy & Susan
Dubbo BC Restricted winners*



*StepBridge is an online
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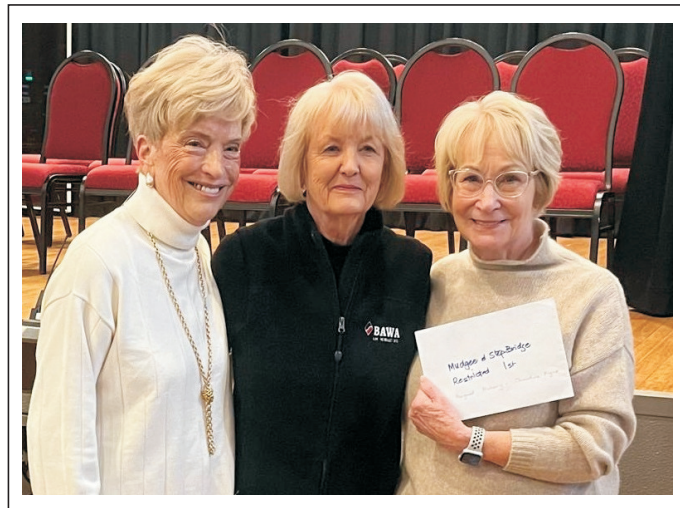
A Doc tweet:

"I got mugged by six dwarves last night.
Not Happy..".

From Sunday's Mudgee Pairs



*Les Varadi and Eva Shand
Sunday winners*



*ABF President Alison Stralow,
flanked by Christine Algie & Margaret Mahony,
Mudgee Pairs Intermediate winners*



*If there is something or someone squeaky near
you ? Rob might be able to help !*

ANC Timetable

Tue 9	Interstate Teams 9-12	9.30
Wed 10	Teams 13-14	9.30
	Teams final 1	5pm
	Happy Hour!	5.15
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

Tue 9	Bathurst BC Swiss Prs	10 & 2
Wed 10	Cowra BC Pairs	10am
	Parkes BC Pairs	2pm
Thu 11	Orange BC Swiss Prs	10 & 2
Fri 12	Orange BC Teams	10 & 2
	CWF Celebration	5pm

(These events run in conjunction with
Stepbridge)



*Ivy and John Luck
will know what to do with the wine.
They were runners up in the Dubbo Pairs.*

Interstate Scores after eight matches

(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	5	0	3	175	325.2	65.2	390.4
2	5	VIC	6	0	2	134	314.4	67.2	381.6
3	6	SA	6	0	2	125	303.6	65.3	368.9
4	3	TAS	4	0	4	8	265	23	288
5	7	QLD	4	0	4	-62	242	2.8	244.8
6	4	ACT	3	0	5	-69	191.9	47	238.9
7	1	WA	4	0	4	-76	226.3	4.7	231
8	8	NT	0	0	8	-235	88.8	4.8	93.6

Women's

Place	Team	Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	B/Fwd	Score	Total
1	3	SA	7	1	0	336	384.5	67.5	452
2	5	NSW	5	0	3	79	296.6	66.9	363.5
3	6	VIC	5	1	2	40	294.7	55	349.7
4	4	QLD	6	0	2	115	285.6	45	330.6
5	2	ACT	4	0	4	29	271.5	3.1	274.6
6	7	WA	1	0	7	-32	227.6	15	242.6
7	8	TAS	3	0	5	-140	161.8	25	186.8
8	1	NT	0	0	8	-427	30.2	0	30.2

Seniors

Place	Team	Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	B/Fwd	Score	Total
1	8	NSW	6	0	2	235	378.9	67.5	446.4
2	2	VIC	7	0	1	136	336.9	39	375.9
3	6	SA	5	0	3	81	264.9	48	312.9
4	1	WA	3	0	5	0	249	31	280
5	7	ACT	5	0	3	-13	260.1	6	266.1
6	3	QLD	3	0	5	4	241.5	22	263.5
7	4	TAS	3	0	5	-182	133	64	197
8	5	NT	0	0	8	-261	92.3	2.3	94.6

Youth

Place	Team	Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	B/Fwd	Score	Total
1	3	SA	8	0	0	324	411.7	59	470.7
2	1	VIC	6	0	2	121	290.5	63	353.5
3	4	QLD	4	0	4	148	248	65.6	313.6
4	6	NSW	3	0	5	120	288	11	299
5	5	ACT	3	0	5	-64	212	7	219
6	2	WA	0	0	8	-649	1	4.4	5.4

Just over half way in the ITS

The first round robin is over, plus one match in the re-seeded second half.

At this stage it seems that NSW, South Australia and Victoria are jockeying in the three categories to see which one will miss the finals.

The Youth teams are playing a triple round robin.

South Australians always seem to be punching above their weight. There are also plenty who have left to bolster the playing strength of other states. Andrew Peake, Keiran Dyke, George Kozakos(?), Will Jenner-O'Shea.

Feel free to add to the list.

Players moving interstate can have a big impact, such as Paul Lavings moving to Brisbane, Bobby Richman moving from Melbourne to Sydney.



ITS Match 4. Not the singleton!

Board 31	♠ 2	
Dealer S	♥ Q753	
Vul N-S	♦ KJ983	
	♣ K63	
♠ KQJT865	<div><div></div><div></div><div>31</div><div>D</div></div>	♠ A94
♥ T		♥ 86
♦ A5		♦ QT762
♣ 752		♣ AJ9
	♠ 73	
	♥ AKJ942	
	♦ 4	
	♣ QT84	

Liam Milne reports on a good switch found by his NSW teammate, Maurits van der Vlugt.

Some North South's pushed to the failing 5♥. Of those playing 4♠, two made and two failed.

North leads a heart to your king. The reflexive play is to switch to the singleton diamond.

But analysis reveals it will not gain a trick, even if partner has ♦A and ♣K. You get your ruff but set up the diamonds for declarer.

So Maurits found the club shift into dummy's AJ9. Declarer can still make it by cashing the ♦A then endplaying South with a club exit but it is a tough ask. (More appealing is to do the throw-in without cashing the ♦A, hoping South has the ♦K)

Match 5. Favourable

Board 9	♠ KQJT843	
Dealer N	♥ J643	
Vul E-W	♦ 7	
	♣ 2	
♠ 7	<div><div></div><div>D</div><div>9</div></div>	♠ A6
♥ KQ		♥ T97
♦ QJT63		♦ 954
♣ Q9874		♣ KJT63
	♠ 952	
	♥ A852	
	♦ AK82	
	♣ A5	

North has a routine 4♠ opening. Three Souths thought a fit and four quick tricks were enough for slam. Could have been right but a game preempt at favourable will often be weaker than the actual, more like an old style 3-bid.

Match 6. A tough slam to bid

Board 32	♠ K6	
Dealer W	♥ A984	
Vul E-W	♦ AK8	
	♣ J876	
♠ 5	<div><div></div><div>D</div><div>32</div></div>	♠ T87432
♥ Q6532		♥ KJT
♦ QT64		♦ J72
♣ Q43		♣ 5
	♠ AQJ9	
	♥ 7	
	♦ 953	
	♣ AKT92	
WEST	NORTH	EAST
	Gumby	
	1NT	
	2♥	
	4♣ minorwood	
	4♠ queen ask	
	6♣	
		SOUTH
		Lazer
		2♣
		3♣
		4♥ 0-3 KC
		4NT no ♣Q

4♥ showed extras as well as three key cards. 6♣ was bid at just two tables out of 30.

Match 6. Double fits

Board 29	♠ 984	
Dealer N	♥ T5	
Vul Both	♦ A765	
	♣ JT94	
♠ 7652	<div><div></div><div>D</div><div>29</div></div>	♠ KQJT3
♥ Q9762		♥ AKJ43
♦ J3		♦ 9
♣ Q2		♣ A7
	♠ A	
	♥ 8	
	♦ KQT842	
	♣ K8653	

With double fits, both sides will want to bid at the 5-level. Since 5♦ will make on the club guess, it's reasonable for West or East to bid 5-of-a-major. What should happen in 5♥?

North should overtake the ♦K lead to switch to a club. I have a list of those who didn't.

5♠ is worse because there is no discard but again North-South need to be careful. If North ducks the ♦K lead, South needs cash the ace of trumps. If not, declarer can make by cashing one heart before playing a trump. **Paul Dalley** found that line for +650.

What system should you play?

You can let the 24 pairs in the Open Interstate guide you. Pairs are required to have pre-lodged a system card for other teams to peruse.

One ACT pair plays a **strong pass** system, with a 1♦ **fert** opening, which shows 0-8 points, any shape. Let's look at the other 23 ...

Three pairs play **Precision**, so a 16+ 1♣ and a weak-ish 1NT opening.

Everyone else plays a strong notrump, usually 15-17. (So **no Acol** pairs this time, with Phil Markey not in the South Australian team.)

One ACT pair plays **Polish Club**, where 1♣ is nebulous and forcing, could be a 12-count.

20 pairs play 5-card majors. The exceptions are the three Northern Territory pairs, who open 4-card suits – **Goren-style** – with McGladder twists, whatever they are. I suspect a Courtney influence.

That leaves 16 "Standard" Pairs, of which 14 play some version of **2-over-1 Game Force**.

With 2/1, responder's new suit at the 2-level is forcing to game. With 11-12 points, responder does something else, such as a **forcing 1NT** response.

Of these 14, seven play **transfer responses to 1♣**, so 1♣ – 1♥ = 4+ spades. They open 1♣ **a lot**, typically on any 12-14 balanced without a 5-card major, partly to maximise transfer sequences.

♠ AJ5 ♥ Q104 ♦ AJ654 ♣ 103,

In that style, this is a 1♣ opening.



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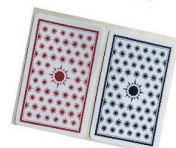
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ANC 20 Years Ago

Paul Lavings, Figtree, NSW

In 2004 the ANC was in Melbourne.

In the Open Teams

ACT were running 5th With two rounds to play.
When the smoke cleared it was VIC 1st and ACT 2nd. Over 60 boards

ACT	D Hoffman - D Wawn, I Thomson - R Brightling, M Bourke - A De Livera	
	defeated	
VIC	C Chua - S Hinge C Hughes - A Sarten B Jacobs - R Fruewirth	157-115

In the Women's

NSW	W Halvorsen - K Moses B Folkard - M Watts R Kaplan - N Giura	
	defeated	
WA	W Driscoll, D Greenfeld, D Frankel, R Krasenstein, S Shilbury, J Touyz	136-93

In the Seniors

VIC	R Gallus, D Smith, J Stretton, V Muntz, G Kilvington, C Snashall	
	defeated	
SA	R Januszke, D Lusk, D Mortimer, G Smolanko, L Alexander, D James	191-95

In the Youth

SA,	J Williams, A Lasocki, M Deaton, F Wilson, M Doecke, W Jenner-O'Shea	
	defeated	
ACT	M Porter, N Griffiths, G Ware, D Geromboux, A Lightfoot	113-80

Pairs events were over two sessions.

Open Pairs

- 1 P.Gumby - W.Lazer
- 2 M.Bourke - A De Livera
- 3 A De Luca - G Smolanko

Women's Pairs

- 1 I Glanger - M Scudder
- 2 N Church - J Hoffman
- 3 J Hocking - W Hooper

Senior Pairs

- 1 J Branton - C Schwabeggar
- 2 L Lowe - T Skinner
- 3 D Yovich - H Lowe

Youth Pairs

- 1 P Gosney - N Van Jole
- 2 F Brown - T Nunn
- 3 J Mil I - I Hu

Mixed Pairs

- 1 R.Kaplan - I.Del'Monte
- 2 R.Nailand - P.Lavings
- 3 R.Roworth - S.Mendick

The **Open Butler** attracted 74 pairs. Stage 2 reduced it to 28 pairs and 14 pairs played the last two days in Stage 3:

- 1 R Klinger - B Neill
- 2 A Kanetkar - N Rosendorff
- 3 P Gumby - W Lazer

52 pairs contested the **Women's Butler**, then down to 28 for the middle two days and 14 for the last two days:

- 1 M Bourke - M Woods
- 2 J Courtney - R Kaplan
- 3 H Lowry - J Hay

The **Seniors Butler** format was 46 pairs in Stage 1 reducing to 14 pairs for the final:

- 1 J Ashworth - T Piper
- 2 B Thorp - A Struik
- 3 J McGearry - P Bayliss

Stay tuned for 50 years ago!

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