

Personality Profiles

.This issue focusses on more of the people who made both this Regional ANC and the Central West Festival possible.



*Peter Reed was determined
that the ANC be at a
NSW Regional Venue*

As the search for a venue was proceeding back in 2017, there was a lot of enthusiasm throughout regional NSW to be selected as the location for the then 2021 ANC.

At the time, Peter Reed was the force behind Wellington Bridge Club as well as a regular at Orange and Dubbo.

His enthusiasm was infectious not only with the NSWBA but also the local clubs and was a key ingredient in engaging – as it has now turned out to be – the Orange Bridge Club as the organisers.

That enthusiasm flowed into our hosts at the Orange Ex-services Club.

Since that time Peter has moved to Adelaide to continue his retirement including plenty of bridge. Mind you he is returning to play in the Orange Pairs.

Thank you, Peter.

Bathurst BC Swiss Pairs (29 tables)

Open Bruce Crossman - Niek Van Vucht
Restricted Trish Berry - Sachiko Cathcart
Novice Chris Kervin - Richard Thode



*Bathurst BC President Dick Ellis with
Nick Van Vucht & Bruce Crossman
plus Jay Novak from Stepbridge*



*Sachiko Cathcart & Trish Berry
Restricted winners*

Two rounds to go in the ITS

Who will miss out after today's final two matches? The final starts tonight at 5 pm.

I miss the days when it was just IMPs +/-, with a cut-off. Then I knew that zero was average. Now it's hard to know. After 12 rounds, the politically correct average score is 35 x 12, so 420.



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ANC Timetable

Wed 10	Teams 13-14	9.30
	Teams final 1	5pm
	Happy Hour!	7.30
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

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 Festival events run in conjunction with
Stepbridge)

Extra curricular activities

Wed 10	10am - 2pm	Indigenous Cultural Adventures
		An exciting opportunity to explore the foods and culture of the Wiradjuri people, with local indigenous man and Deputy Mayor Gerald Power.
Thu 11	10am - 11.30am	Art galleries in Orange tour
Fri 12	10am - 3pm	Small acres Cyder
		Outstanding cyders for you to try and enjoy
Fri 12	49 Nile Street Café	A huge favourite with the locals
		www.nilestreetcafe.com



George Gall from Bathurst

George is living an amazing life. At the age of 93 he is the oldest member of the Bathurst and District Bridge Club and still has a zest for life.

He was the Treasurer of the club for 16 years until 2023, when the new constitution said he was not allowed to stand again. However, he is still a member of the committee.

He plays bridge at least three times a week and at least once a fortnight plays on-line bridge on his tablet. He is one of the club's characters.

Born in Hungary in 1930, George arrived at the Bathurst Migrant Camp on 1 Jan 1950.

Initially he worked as a labourer in a wood yard, then on the Menindee to Broken Hill water pipeline, preparing employees' wages.

He joined the Police Force in 1956 and became the Detective Sergeant in charge of the Bathurst district. He then moved his career to insurance.

George loves the Bathurst country lifestyle, it's proximity to Sydney, and its similarity to the town in Hungary from which he came.

George has been in Rotary, has a Police Good Conduct Medal, and has won a Paul Harris Fellowship. He is also listed as a "Bathurst Living Legend"

George has been playing bridge for over 30 years and he calls it a "wonderful pastime" and says it keeps a person's mind young.



Mary Fagan from Cowra

Jean Mary Fagan has been a much-loved member of the Cowra Bridge Club since its inception. During that time, she has played countless games of Bridge locally and away, always proficiently, always graciously.

Jean Mary was born in July 1926 and grew up in Sydney. In 1950 she married Tony Fagan and moved to a property at Lyndhurst where they raised their four children.

In the early 1970's, she was 'persuaded' to take up Bridge. Jean Mary drove to Orange each week to learn the skills from her friend Fran Weily, and then as she became hooked, she enrolled in 13 weeks of lessons in Orange. She later joined the Bathurst Bridge Club and travelled from Lyndhurst to Bathurst to play each Wednesday evening. Around 1992, Jean Mary also travelled to Cowra to play Bridge each Monday.

When she moved to Cowra in 1994, she joined the Cowra Bridge Club. Her style of play has always been 'quality basic Bridge'. During this year alone, she has been the winner on 14 occasions. Because Cowra is a social club, partnerships vary each week, so Jean Mary plays with all levels of players. She currently plays twice a week at the Bridge Club, as well as twice a week socially where she mentors newer players.

When asked what has Bridge given her, Jean Mary replied 'a long life, mental stimulation and many friends of all ages'.

Interstate Scores after 12 of 14 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	8	0	4	232	537.6	48	585.6
2	6	SA	8	0	4	152	512.9	23	535.9
3	5	VIC	7	1	4	125	465.6	47	512.6
4	3	TAS	6	0	6	20	418	22	440
5	1	WA	7	1	4	-5	360	66.7	426.7
6	4	ACT	5	0	7	-134	327.7	3.3	331
7	7	QLD	4	0	8	-118	297.8	31	328.8
8	8	NT	2	0	10	-272	157.6	39	196.6

Women's

Place	Team	Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	B/Fwd	Score	Total
1	5	NSW	9	0	3	237	560.9	49	609.9
2	3	SA	8	1	3	318	558.1	15	573.1
3	6	VIC	8	1	3	75	503.7	21	524.7
4	4	QLD	9	0	3	160	460.6	55	515.6
5	2	ACT	6	0	6	112	373.6	67.5	441.1
6	7	WA	3	0	9	-66	346.6	4.7	351.3
7	8	TAS	4	0	8	-198	209.8	65.3	275.1
8	1	NT	0	0	12	-638	54.6	0	54.6

Seniors

Place	Team	Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	B/Fwd	Score	Total
1	8	NSW	9	0	3	348	599	67.1	666.1
2	2	VIC	10	0	2	164	549.5	3.4	552.9
3	6	SA	8	0	4	253	478.7	66.6	545.3
4	1	WA	6	0	6	-2	375.4	57	432.4
5	7	ACT	7	0	5	-5	396.6	2.9	399.5
6	3	QLD	5	0	7	-19	325.9	60	385.9
7	4	TAS	3	0	9	-297	223.7	10	233.7
8	5	NT	0	0	12	-442	115.9	13	128.9

Youth

Place	Team	Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	B/Fwd	Score	Total
1	3	SA	10	0	2	323	528.2	67.1	595.3
2	1	VIC	9	0	3	168	528.4	4	532.4
3	4	QLD	7	0	5	248	455.7	67.3	523
4	5	ACT	6	0	6	-20	345.5	66	411.5
5	6	NSW	4	0	8	104	395.9	2.9	398.8
6	2	WA	0	0	12	-823	34.4	2.7	37.1

John Scudder has served the Australian Bridge Community for more than 35 years.

He Joined the ABF Council in 1989 serving as Its Secretary, then Treasurer until 1997.

John and Marcia have organised numerous major national and International Bridge Tournaments including the Summer Festival of Bridge in Canberra for 10 years, the Sydney Spring Nationals, the 1985 Far East Championships and the 1989 World Bridge Championships. He was appointed to the Australian Bridge Committee of Honour in 1995.

Having served on the NSW Council in two earlier periods, he rejoined in 2009 and was Chair from 2018 to 2022. He is a Life Member of the NSWBA. He was instrumental in the purchase of a Sydney CBD Commercial Property which continues as the Headquarters of Bridge in NSW.

In his time, he has seen the Australian bridge Community grow to over 33,000 registered players.

John's commitment to service and commercial acumen were vital in seeing Bridge successfully navigate the once in a lifetime pandemic.



John & Marcia at the NSWBA

ITS Match 5. Senior moment

Board 10	♠ 864	
<i>Dealer E</i>	♥ Q2	
<i>Vul Both</i>	♦ JT43	
	♣ J965	
♠ J3		♠ T972
♥ A985		♥ K76
♦ A9652		♦ KQ7
♣ QT		♣ A43
	♠ AKQ5	
	♥ JT43	
	♦ 8	
	♣ K872	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Grant	McCallum	Hoffman	Johannsson
		1NT ¹²⁻¹⁴	no
no	no		

David's take: "I opened 1NT, followed by three passes. As I went to write the contact in my scorebook, Kate said "Are you passing"?"

"I then realised that Axel had doubled, so I redoubled as required (playing SWINE) and it went pass - pass to North who scrambled to 2♣.

"We doubled that but did not beat it. So instead of me passing in ignorance for +380 we scored -180."

Match 8. Very Deep

Board 23	♠ Q98742	
<i>Dealer S</i>	♥ T64	
<i>Vul Both</i>	♦ K	
	♣ KJ6	
♠ AK653		♠ T
♥ 2		♥ AKJ9
♦ AQJT65		♦ 742
♣ Q		♣ AT873
	♠ J	
	♥ Q8753	
	♦ 983	
	♣ 9542	

Richard Ward: "14 pairs across all four fields reached 6♦ from West, most going down when,

not surprisingly, they failed to drop the singleton ♦K offside. The question is, 'How to make 12 tricks, specifically after the ♣K lead'?

Deep Finesse recommends ruffing a club, playing ♦A-Q, followed by ♥A and a club ruff, noting that the clubs are now high.

Then spades from the top. Sooner or later South will trump and have to return a club or a heart.

Simple really ... Two East-Westes were not tested because they quietly collected +1100 after 1♦ - 2♠ - X - all pass."

The successful pairs in 6♦ were Bill and Jodi Tutty from ACT Open and Wendy Jettner - Tracey O'Driscoll from SA Women. Both received the ♠7 lead. The latter pair were +103 on datums in their match, quite possibly a record.

Match 11. As wild as it gets

Board 10	♠ KQ873	
<i>Dealer E</i>	♥ 5	
<i>Vul Both</i>	♦ AJT9842	
	♣ -	
♠ J5		♠ A4
♥ T32		♥ AQ9864
♦ Q5		♦ K6
♣ KJT765		♣ AQ9
	♠ T962	
	♥ KJ7	
	♦ 73	
	♣ 8432	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♥	no
2♥	4♦ ♦ & ♠?	4♥	no
no	4♠	X	end

That's one possible auction. Or Maybe 3♥ Michaels if available. No way North should sell out to 4♥, and yet 11 Easts were allowed to play it. Seven made it and four went down. To make it on an unlikely spade lead you have to cash the ♥A and play clubs. Not likely!

Eight Norths missed the spade fit, going down in 5♦x. Two Easts played 5♥, which is par. Four Norths went to 5♠. Understandable with 7-5, though a Lightner double appeals.

ANC 50 Years Ago

In 1974 Melbourne hosted the ANC.

In the **Open Teams Final**

SA	D Anderson (c) - Zoly Nagy B Lewis - J Kikkert G Smolanko - R Wundke	
	defeated	
NSW	R Smilde (c) - T Seres P Lavings - N Mathiesen I Liepa - R Cook	135-120

All the members of the SA team are still with us while Paul Lavings is the only surviving NSW player.

In the **Women's Interstate**

NSW	W.Lipscomb - G.Stern P Gumby - B McDonald V.Cummings - K Moses	
	defeated	
WA	M Freedman - M.Masel J.Clements - M.Davies T.Evans - L.Kochinski	209-97

The 6-day **Butler Trials** were a triumph for Paul Lavings - Andrew Markovics

1	P.Lavings - A.Markovics (NSW)	142.8
2	D.Anderson - Z.Nagy (SA)	71.0
3	F Altman - M.Kent (VIC)	63.8
4	R.Grynberg - R.Klinger (NSW)	59.9
5	R Cook - R.Richman (VIC)	57.1
6	J and N Borin (VIC)	55.1

The first two pairs qualified for the 1974 Australian Open Team to join Tim Seres, the automatic selection, with Roelof Smilde, the partner of his choice.

The team toured New Zealand and won the 120-board Test Match 278 - 219.

In 1978 the selection method was changed from Butler to Teams.

The **Women's Butler Trials** were the selection vehicle for the 1974 Australian Women's Team

1	W. Lipscomb - G.Stern (NSW)	215.0
2	R.Eaton - M.McMahon (NSW)	177.2
3.	H.Brown - A.Poulsen (QLD)	62.8
4	D.Smart - A.Tandy (VIC)	60.7
5	A.Maureira - M.Wilk (VIC)	52.4
6	F.Landy - B.Neill (QLD)	46.4

Tim Seres campaigned to have Mary McMahon an automatic selection, without success.. The team's main mission was the Far East Championships which they won brilliantly under the captaincy of WA icon Hans Rosendorff.

In those days the Pairs was a prestigious event, as was the Individual:

Open Pairs

1	T Seres-R . Smilde (NSW)
2	D.Evans - A.Reiner (NSW)
3	R.Grynberg - R.Klinger (NSW)
4	J and N Borin (VIC)
5	F.Duffy - P.Lavings (NSW)
6	H.Hochmuth - P.Nuffield (NSW)

Women's Pairs

1	L.Bradbury - J.Read (ACT)
2	R.Eaton - M.McMahon (NSW)
3	M.Bourke - S.Lowen (VIC)
4	M.Drake - J.Stubbs (QLD)
5	A Balogh - L.Mackay (NSW)
6	M.Leon - K.George (SA)

Open Individual

1	J.Borin (VIC)
2=	F Cayley (NSW)
2=	R.Richman (VIC)
4	J.Lathbury (WA)
5	H.Rosendorff (WA)
6=	M.Hopper (WA)
6=	T.Seres (NSW)

Women's Individual

1	S.Klinger (NSW)
2	S.Roberts (SA)
3	N.Aithison (VIC)
4	M.Choate (SA)
5=	G.Gilbert (SA)
5=	P.Gumby (NSW)