

Victory Dinner

Last night, two hundred players crowded into the Ballroom of the Canobolas Hotel for dinner, speeches and prize giving. Details and pictures tomorrow.

Bridge in the News

One of the great achievements of the organisers of this combined Festival has been the success in giving bridge exposure in the media.

There have been a number of prominent spots on ABC Sydney and News Radio, featuring Organiser Rob Ward, ABF President Alison Stralow, Michele Tredinnik and a host of younger players

Yesterday, there was a long and positive article on the ABC News website by Emily Middleton of ABC Central West.

Some of our young players and coaches were interviewed, including Aadhi



Aadhi Hariharan

The article will be on the site for a while.

Meanwhile in Poland

The Under 26 World Championships are being held in Wroclaw, starting tomorrow.

Australia has sent two teams, including a U26 Girls team, who trip was financed by fundraising from the bridge community. They are Zara Chowdhury, Anne Davey, Kate Macdonald Lauren Morgan, Diya Shah, Jasmine Skeate Lauren Travis (Non-Playing Captain)
There is also an Australian U26 Open Team. Other countries have sent U21 & U16 teams.

Orange BC Swiss Pairs (58 tables!)

Open Gwyneira Brahma - Dave Munro
Restricted Peter Schmidt - John Rivers
Novice Zac Ross - Dev Shah



*Dave Munro and Gwyneira Brahma
with Orange BC President Margaret Barker*

**TBIB ANC Butler Pairs
start tomorrow**

**"When too much bridge
is barely enough."**



*Mitch Dowling and Damon Flicker,
coaches of up-and-coming young players*

Best performing Pairs in Qualifying

Open

1	Liam Milne - James Coutts	169.6
2	Kevin Chan - Serhat Ozenir	124.0
3	Gerry Daly - Viv Wood	92.9
4	Tony Nunn - Paul Dalley	87.2
5	Russel Harms - Zolly Nagy	69.9
6	Peter Popp - Paul Hudson	64.9
7	Hugh Grosvenor - Tania Lloyd	58.0
8	Kim Morrison - Tony Hutton	57.7
9	Dagmar Neumann - Maurits Van Der Vlugt	40.1
10	Bill Tutty - Jodi Tutty	37.9

Women's

1	Therese Demarco - Pam Morgan-King	167.7
2	Sheila Bird - Felicity Smyth	143.4
3	Pele Rankin - Greer Tucker	121.5
4	Louise Leibowitz - Ella Jacob	116.8
5	Pam Crichton - Julia Hoffman	95.8
6	Marcia Scudder - Judy Mott	78.7
7	Maryanne Bird - Lisa Yoffa	68.6
8	Toni Bardon - Yolanda Floris	65.8
9	Jennifer Carter - Lyn Carter	59.0
10	Pauline Collett - Catherine Hood	45.0

Seniors

1	Axel Johannsson - Kate McCallum	138.7
2	Pauline Gumby - Warren Lazer	133.6
3	Joan Butts - Michael Courtney	132.7
4	Peter Buchen - Bruce Neill	128.6
5	Trevor Fuller - Val Biltott	99.5
6	John Kikkert - David Anderson	94.4
7	John Yang - Stephen Weisz	94.4
8	Kevin Lange - Andrew Eddie	80.9
9	Robert Gallus - George Lovrecz	69.1
10	Peter Grant - David Hoffman	36.2



ANC Timetable

Fri 12	ANC Pairs 2	10 & 2
Sat/Sun	TBIB Open Butler S1 Restricted Butler	10 am
Mon/Tue	TBIB Open Butler S2 Mixed Butler S1 Paul Lavings Swiss A	10 am
Wed/Thu	TBIB Open Butler S3 Mixed Butler S2 Paul Lavings Swiss B	10 am

Central West Festival Timetable

Fri 12	Orange BC Teams CWF Celebration	10 & 2 5pm
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Extra curricular activities

(Most leaving from Mercure)

Fri 12	10am - 3pm Small acres Cyder Cyders for you to try and enjoy
Fri 12	49 Nile Street Café A huge favourite with the locals www.nilestreetcafe.com
Mon 15	10am - 3pm Rowlee Vineyard & Lake Canobolas
Tue 16	9.30 - 4.30 Modern cattle and cropping conservation farm
Tue 16	Evening Sri Lankan Dinner @ Red Chilli (Sale Street Car park) 0402 136 819 to book
Wed 17	9.30am - 3pm Bathurst and Mt Panorama



Gwenda Moulton Mulholland Garde

Nearly 102 years ago, Gwenda was born into a card-playing family. She was the second of four daughters and 500 was their game. Her mischievous, fun-loving father engendered her first love for card games.

Gwenda attended SCEGGS Darlinghurst until she was 15. Then her Dad lost everything in the Depression and she left school and became a secretary.

She flew with Kingsford Smith in her idyllic early years, saw the Harbour Bridge opened, sailed at Vaucluse and played the piano.

Gwenda was 17 when WW2 started. She learned first aid, telegraphy and volunteered for Home Nursing. She studied morse code in every spare moment after work, then handed this knowledge to the young pilots who were about to leave for the Battle of Britain. One of these 22-year-old pilots was her future husband, John Mulholland.

Gwenda became WRAN #36 at HMAS Harman, after the Navy was persuaded to take women by the legendary Mrs Mac. She quickly learned the Japanese Morse code and was soon listening for Japanese ships and submarines. Three years later she was posted to Townsville as one of 10 Petty Officers. Sworn to secrecy, only recently did she talk about these activities.

In 1946 she married her pilot and they had three children - who were all taught to play 500 - and she became a Qantas wife. She discovered

bridge in 1968 and joined Lindfield Bridge Club in Sydney.

After John died in 1975, she was courted by Peter Garde, a Port Kembla harbour pilot whom she had known in her teens. After his death in 1998 she moved to Orange to live next door to her second daughter. Diane, who was an Art teacher at Forbes High died in a car accident that same year.

Gwenda now plays bridge up to five times a week at Orange Bridge Club. She encourages all young people to learn the game in order to "meet lovely, like-minded people and to have regular outings well into old age." She still plays well. Everyone says she is AMAZING.



*Between them, David Reddel and Ian Lisle will have dealt **11000 Boards** during this celebration of Bridge*

Two unsavoury tweets:

My wife fainted and fell onto the baggage carousel at the airport.

Thankfully she came around.

I was in the bank the other day, when a sweet old lady asked me to help check her balance.

I pushed her and she fell over...

Interstate finals – 64 boards

Open

	C/5	Set 1	Total	Set 2	Total	Set 3	Total	Set 4	Total	Set 5	Final
NSW	12.9	30	42.9	28	70.9	33	103.9	13	116.9	47	163.9
SA	0	17	17	12	29	22	51	9	60	21	81

Women's

	C/5	Set 1	Total	Set 2	Total	Set 3	Total	Set 4	Total	Set 5	Final
SA	2.5	16	18.5	48	66.5	39	105.5	20	125.5	33	158.5
NSW	0	46	46	15	61	14	75	49	124	38	162

Seniors

	C/5	Set 1	Total	Set 2	Total	Set 3	Total	Set 4	Total	Set 5	Final
NSW	12.6	40	52.6	45	97.6	68	165.6	43	208.6	0	208.6
SA	0	31	31	43	74	11	85	24	109	0	109

Youth

	C/5	Set 1	Total	Set 2	Total	Set 3	Total	Set 4	Total	Set 5	Final
SA	4.8	63	67.8	53	120.8	25	145.8	28	173.8	46	219.8
Vic	0	9	9	24	33	60	93	24	117	35	152

Tables turned

Last year in Perth, South Australia won three out of four, missing out on the Youth.

This year they won the Youth easily but finished up runners up to the home state in the other three.

The Open and Seniors finals were one-sided, with NSW winning all nine sets played.

The real action was in the Women's, which was even going into the last set.

See over!

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.

Last 12 boards in the Women's final!

Going into the last set, South Australia led by one IMP. (Okay, 1.5)

Board 13	♠ J84	
<i>Dealer N</i>	♥ T763	
<i>Vul Both</i>	♦ -	
	♣ KQT832	
♠ 32	<div>♠ D</div> <div>♣ 13</div>	♠ AKT5
♥ AJ		♥ KQ9
♦ A86532		♦ KQT4
♣ A76		♣ 54
	♠ Q976	
	♥ 8542	
	♦ J97	
	♣ J9	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Leibowitz	Demarco	Jacob	Morgan
Bird	Mott	Smyth	Scudder
2NT ♦	no	1NT	no
	no	?	

For SA, after Felicity Smyth super-accepted with 3♣ they had a good cue-bidding auction to the cold 6♦.

For NSW, Ella Jacob bid 3♦. Perhaps a system misunderstanding. At any rate, they languished in 3NT.

12 IMPs to SA, ahead by 13.

Board 14	♠ 96	
<i>Dealer E</i>	♥ A852	
<i>Vul None</i>	♦ AQ76	
	♣ KT9	
♠ AJ3	<div>♠ QT84</div>	
♥ JT73	<div>♥ Q964</div>	
♦ JT4	<div>♦ 85</div>	
♣ AJ5	<div>♣ 432</div>	
	♠ K752	
	♥ K	
	♦ K932	
	♣ Q876	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bird	Mott	Smyth	Scudder
2♥	X	2♦ majors	X
		end	

The frisky opening went for -300. They played 3NT/N on the ♠Q lead (!) in the other room, which depended on finding the ♣J. Declarer hooked into West, the safe hand. -100.

8 IMPs to NSW. SA by 5.

Board 15	♠ QJ542	
Dealer S	♥ K	
Vul N-S	♦ Q4	
	♣ AJT54	
♠ 6	<div>♠ KT983</div>	♠ KT983
♥ T962	<div>♥ AJ54</div>	♥ AJ54
♦ T9832	<div>♦ 76</div>	♦ 76
♣ 932	<div>♣ K8</div>	♣ K8
	♠ A7	
	♥ Q873	
	♦ AKJ5	
	♣ Q76	

Louise Leibowitz overcalled South's 1♣ opening with 1♦, which persuaded partner to double 3NT. (for a spade lead) One overtrick for +950.

8 IMPs to SA. Ahead by 13.

Board 16	♠ AQJ85	
<i>Dealer W</i>	♥ AJ	
<i>Vul E-W</i>	♦ A962	
	♣ T3	
♠ 76	<div></div>	♠ K94
♥ 65	<div>D16</div>	♥ KQT98
♦ QT874		♦ J
♣ 9742		♣ A65
	♠ T32	
	♥ 432	
	♦ K53	
	♣ KQJ8	

Therese DeMarco opened a Precision 1♣ as North, so Pam Morgan-King took them to game, for +420.

1♠ - (2♥) - 2♠

at the other table, passed by North. A reasonable choice, since South would stretch to raise here.

6 IMPs to SA. Ahead by 19.

Board 18*Dealer E**Vul N-S*

♠ A4

♥ Q

♦ 875

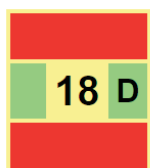
♣ QJT7632

♠ KT52

♥ A9832

♦ QJ

♣ 54



♠ J9763

♥ T75

♦ A963

♣ 8

♠ Q8

♥ KJ64

♦ KT42

♣ AK9

Board 23*Dealer S**Vul Both*

♠ AKJT854

♥ J

♦ 973

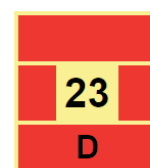
♣ 83

♠ 2

♥ AK8753

♦ KQ84

♣ J4



♠ Q63

♥ Q64

♦ T2

♣ KQT72

♠ 97

♥ T92

♦ AJ65

♣ A965

Both tables played 5♣/N on the killing spade lead: ♠6-Q-K-A. Judy Mott pulled trumps with the ace-king, then led the ♥4 off dummy.

Bird ducked – catering for void or Qx in declarer's hand – so 5♣ made for +600.

North at the other table led the ♥Q early.

12 IMPs to NSW. SA ahead by 7.

Board 22*Dealer E**Vul E-W*

♠ 876532

♥ AKQ73

♦ A2

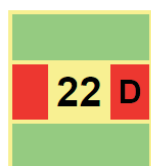
♣ -

♠ Q4

♥ T842

♦ K

♣ KQJ754



♠ KJT

♥ 96

♦ QJT8

♣ 9862

♠ A9

♥ J5

♦ 976543

♣ AT3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	2♣	no	no
no	?	3♣	no

Mott passed for +200, while DeMarco bid 3♠, raised to four.

6 IMPs to SA. Ahead by 13 with two to play.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bird	Mott	Smyth	Scudder
1♥	2♠	3♥	3♠
end			

This failed by a trick. At the other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Leibowitz	Demarco	Jacob	Morgan
1♥	3♠	4♥	end

This was cold, though West took a losing line, reprieved by the defenders.

11 IMPs to NSW. SA ahead by two.

Board 24*Dealer W**Vul None*

♠ AKJT974

♥ 6543

♦ 8

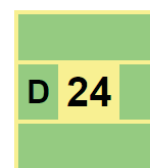
♣ T

♠ 8

♥ QJT2

♦ QT92

♣ J864



♠ Q

♥ K87

♦ A7643

♣ KQ95

♠ 6532

♥ A9

♦ KJ5

♣ A732

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Leibowitz	Demarco	Jacob	Morgan
no	3♠	X !?	4♠
5♥ ?	no	no	?

At the other table, 4♠ made 11 tricks.

Pam Morgan could bid 5♠ or double 5♥ to win the title. Instead she chose Option C for +200.

6 IMPs to NSW, who won by 4 IMPs.