



Central West Festival of Bridge and 84th ANC in Orange NSW — 6-18 July 2024

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Home stretch

The TBIB Open Butler field has been trimmed to an elite filed of **ten pairs**.

Favourites would be Avi Kanetkar and George Kozakos, who went through Stage 2 undefeated.

It's a strong filed with some names you may not recognise.

George Stockham & Alexander Hewat are from Canberra. Kevin Skoropada & Moss Wylie are New Zealanders. (No Playoff Points for them!)

The lists of qualifiers to the Open and Mixed finals are on page 2.

Yesterday's winners



*Pam & Therese
Winners of ANC Swiss A*



Speaking of elite groups of 10, here is a joke from Coleta

To avoid being decimated, the troops were attacking in groups of nine.

Decimated is a word that has lost it's meaning over time. Originally, decimation was the execution of one in 10 soldiers from a group that had mutinied or deserted.

These days you might hear a tennis commentator describe a 6-1 6-0 drubbing by saying "She was literally decimated out there." Alas, *literally* is also widely misused.



ANC Timetable

Wed/Thu	TBIB Open Butler S3	10 & 1.30
	Mixed Butler S2	
	Paul Lavings Swiss B	



*Double packs,
water bottles and keep cups
are still available for purchase*

Stage 2 final results (top 5 each way to Stage 3)

NS

1	Avinash Kanetkar - George Kozakos	150.37
2	Ella Jacob - Jenny Thompson	117.71
3	Tania Lloyd - Hugh Grosvenor	117.69
4	Tony Nunn - Paul Dalley	110.12
5	Kevin Skoropada - Moss Wylie	102.09

6	Tony Leibowitz - Ian Thomson	91.64
7	Paul Hooykaas - Pele Rankin	88.89
8	Joan Butts - Peter Buchen	84.93
9	Dee Harley - Stephen Weisz	75.25
10	Sonya Palfreyman - Shayne Palfreyman	61.31

EW

1	Axel Johannsson - Kate McCallum	126.62
2	Jessica Brake - Shane Harrison	124.09
3	Joachim Haffer - Philip Markey	116.53
4	George Stockham - Alexander Hewat	111.22
5	John McMahon - Charles McMahon	106.31

6	Bill Powell - Marjorie Askew	104.12
7	Christy Geromboux - Sebastian Yuen	91.09
8	Kitty Muntz - Leigh Gold	88.67
9	Justin Williams - James Coutts	74.73
10	David Weston - Julian Foster	56.62



*The
last
of
the
11000
boards
that
Dave
(& Ian)
dealt*

Mixed Stage 2 qualifiers

1	Michele Tredinnick - Michael Courtney	139.55
2	Trevor Fuller - Val Biltoft	117.93
3	Paula Mcleish - David Mcleish	117.05
4	Warren Lazer - Pauline Gumby	117.04
5	Nicoleta Giura - Nick Hughes	113.97
6	Kevin Steffensen - Carolyn Miller	113.64
7	Arlene Dalley - Nick Jacob	111.88
8	Jonathan Free - Mimi Packer	110.27
9	Stephen Mendick - Elizabeth Havas	110.12
10	Sandra Richman - Andrew Richman	107.86

Paul Lavings Swiss A results

1	Therese Demarco - Pam Morgan-King	125.50
2	Martin Doran - Chris Mulley	120.23
3	Kevin Lange - Andrew Eddie	115.06
4	Paul Weaver - Terry Bodycote	112.86
5	Elizabeth Zeller - Alison Dawson	107.78
6	George Lovrecz - Thilak Ranasinghe	104.63
7	Rosalie Broughton - Ken Wilks	103.38
8	Bruce Crossman - Niek Van Vucht	101.00
9	Judith Parsons - John Russell	98.81
10	Pam Bradford - Phil Halloran	98.37



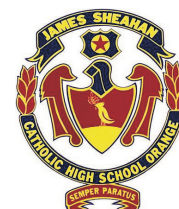
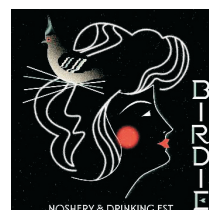
*Martin & Chris
Runners up in ABC Swiss A*

Extra curricular activities

(Leaving from Mercure)

Wed 17 9.30am - 3pm
Bathurst and Mt Panorama

SWINGING BRIDGE
orange, australia



Match 6

Board 13

Dealer N

Vul Both

♠ 9
♥ K
♦ KJ98652
♣ T752

♠ J532
♥ J64
♦ 43
♣ KJ86

D
13

♠ 876
♥ T7532
♦ AQ7
♣ 43

♠ AKQT4
♥ AQ98
♦ T
♣ AQ9

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	3♦	no	?

3NT is pretty clear here. It takes an unlikely heart lead to shoot it. If you choose 3♠ instead, it's normal to agree that partner's only choice are to raise or bid 3NT. Having said that, 5♦ is cold, while 3NT/N has no play on a heart lead.

Board 20

Dealer W

Vul Both

♠ 2
♥ KJT742
♦ KJ8
♣ K73

♠ AJ985
♥ 83
♦ 7543
♣ Q4

D
20

♠ KQ4
♥ Q9
♦ T2
♣ AJ9852

♠ T763
♥ A65
♦ AQ96
♣ T6

Many reached 4♥ here and most made it. East overcalls 2♣ then leads the ♠K.

Spades can wait, so West should overtake to lead the ♣Q. Three rounds of clubs turn East's ♥Q-9 into the setting trick, because dummy has to ruff the third club high.

Match 7

Board 1

Dealer N

Vul None

♠ QT97
♥ T982
♦ 643
♣ J2

♠ 8
♥ K63
♦ AK87
♣ K8765

D
1

♠ AJ6543
♥ J5
♦ QT2
♣ AT

♠ K2
♥ AQ74
♦ J95
♣ Q943

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2♠ ^{clubs} X	no 3♠ no	1♣ no 3NT	1♠ no end

Should West sit 3NT? Maybe, though it turns out that 4♥ is a make. (5♣ only makes if you hook twice in diamonds. Unlikely.)

In fact 3NT sometimes made on a spade lead. Did South duck a club? If so, declarer might play two hearts, decide they are not breaking, then run the ♦J for nine tricks. Or were spades blocked??

Match 8

Board 17

Dealer N

Vul None

♠ T87652
♥ 73
♦ 964
♣ 92

♠ QJ93
♥ 85
♦ KQT85
♣ K6

D
17

♠ 4
♥ AKJT642
♦ A7
♣ Q83

♠ AK
♥ Q9
♦ J32
♣ AJT754

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
no X	no no	1♣ ^{strong} 3NT !	3♥ end

As East I thought it was the time to try 3NT on Qx, like the experts do. When the first trick went ♥A-5-3-9, I thought I was in with a show but Stephen Mendick cashed out for four off.

Board 18
Dealer E
Vul N-S

♠ JT76
♥ Q953
♦ Q843
♣ 2

♠ Q953
♥ T2
♦ AK
♣ AK643

♠ A
♥ A874
♦ 9762
♣ QJ85

♠ K842
♥ KJ6
♦ JT5
♣ T97

Board 23
Dealer S
Vul Both

♠ -
♥ KQJ53
♦ AQ53
♣ AT93

♠ AKQ9652
♥ 2
♦ 84
♣ Q62

♠ T73
♥ T8764
♦ KJT96
♣ -

♠ J84
♥ A9
♦ 72
♣ KJ8754

Three pairs across the two events bid this 6♣, including Axel and Kate, presumably via relay.

It's not a great spot but the breaks are friendly.

Board 19
Dealer S
Vul E-W

♠ 63
♥ AT872
♦ 9632
♣ 54

♠ T97
♥ -
♦ AQ74
♣ KQ9862

♠ KQJ52
♥ QJ95
♦ KJ
♣ A7

♠ A84
♥ K643
♦ T85
♣ JT3

Here the partnership needs to be able to diagnose the heart void. Only two of 23 bid it, including the Richmans. I texted to find their auction:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Andrew		Sandra	
1♣		1♥ spades	
1♠ balanced !?		2♦ GF	
4♥ super splinter		5NT choice of slams	
6♣		6♥ safety play	
6♠			

6♣ is cold on the beaks. 6♠ is pretty good, if played from the short side,

North has to lead a low heart to shoot it. Unlikely.

Four of 23 played 6♣, probably via

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
4♠	X	no	no
no	6♣	end	5♣

Curiously, there were a couple of -790s. Presumably South passed North's double.

It's a question of agreed style. If the double of 4♠ is typically a strong notrump, it's right for South to pass. Here you pay out to the pure takeouts.

Match 9

Board 7
Dealer S
Vul Both

♠ Q
♥ AT865
♦ T642
♣ QT8

♠ 9864
♥ KJ7
♦ KQ85
♣ 53

♠ AKJT73
♥ 9
♦ J73
♣ J72

♠ 52
♥ Q432
♦ A9
♣ AK964

Four out of 14 made this 4♥, presumably by leading a heart to the 10. Well done, but **Bridge CCAlyser** says Ace-another is better at 78%, compared to 71% for the finesse line

Match 10

Board 17

Dealer N

Vul None

♠ AK82

♥ K7

♦ AQJT43

♣ 6

♠ -

♥ AJT9653

♦ K6

♣ AT73

♠ T96

♥ Q2

♦ 9

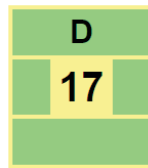
♣ KQJ8542

♠ QJ7543

♥ 84

♦ 8752

♣ 9



How often is it right to sacrifice in six over five?

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♦	3♣	3♠! (Courtney)
4♥	4♠	no	no
5♣	no	no	5♠
6♣	X	end	

Double fits see people do strange things.

6♣x is par this time.

Butler bleat

Over the two weeks, there have been 20 sessions of Swiss Butler IMPs, two matchpoint pairs sessions, and two Swiss Teams sessions.

Not only that, there have been two or three separate Butler events running on most days of the second week.

Too much of a good thing?

I think so. Teams events – however they are scored – are more social and also fairer in a way.

One of the Butler problems is running into a set of boards where the points run the other way.

If you sit and watch your opponents bid and make a close but cold vulnerable game, you know you will lose about six IMPs. There are always underbidders and plotchers to skew the datum.

In teams, you might lose 10 or 12 IMPs on those hands but at least **you know whom to blame.**

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EVENTS

Interstate Teams Monday 7th-Friday 11th
 Interstate Swiss Pairs Friday 11th
 Open Butler Pairs Saturday 12th →
 Mixed Butler Pairs Monday 14th →
 Swiss Pairs Monday 14th-Tuesday 15th &
 Wednesday 16th-Thursday 17th

ACCOMMODATION

QUEST Hotel - next to venue
 Sunnybank Star Hotel & Apartments –
 15 minute walk
 The Glen Hotel & Suites – 20 minute walk
 plus multiple others with driving options



Entries AND Accommodation options will be on website from August 2024