

2025 Central West Gold

Pre-Event Bulletin April 2025

On behalf of the New South Wales bridge community, welcome to the second Central West Festival (CWF) and its first as a stand-alone national gold point event.

Despite being in its infancy, CWF has already established itself as a not to be missed event on the bridge calendar, selling out again this year.

It is easy to see why. Not only do bridge players get four days of competitive bridge, they can enjoy what Orange has to offer when they are not playing, including quality food, wineries, distilleries, boutique shops, galleries, and walking and cycling options. Players from across Australia and overseas make the trip to Orange to attend CWF and enjoy a holiday experience.

Another great feature of CWF is its offering of events for novice and restricted players. These events help new and emerging players to develop their game, and in doing so, they support the growth of the bridge playing community. We all benefit from a larger and more diverse community.

CWF also raises awareness and interest in bridge among neighbouring clubs and across country NSW. This is a big help in attracting beginners to our country clubs, which is needed to ensure the long term sustainability of these clubs and the game.

Bridge NSW is a proud supporter and promoter of CWF. The festival would not be possible without the fantastic efforts of its host club, the Orange Bridge Club. We hope they and CWF continue to grow in notoriety among the bridge playing community for many years to come.

Enjoy the days ahead and best of luck on the table.



Kind regards,
Catherine Chaffey
Chair of Bridge NSW



On behalf of the Central West Bridge Association and the Orange Bridge Club welcome to the inaugural 2025 CWF Gold. We would like to thank the ABF and Bridge NSW for granting us a gold point license for this event which has proved to be extremely popular filling the 80 tables in all four divisions two months before the event.

We are particularly pleased to welcome the novice players who in the team's competition will compete for the Novice Gold Cup. We hope that this event will attract novice players in the early part of their bridge career to come and enjoy congress competition. We are equally happy to see some of the best players in the country return after the success of the 84th Australian National Championships held here in July 2024.

There has been significant additional cost in establishing this event and the support given by you and our major sponsors Newmont, Orange Ex Services Club and Club Grants, Orange City Council and TBIB has assisted greatly in this regard. I would also particularly like to thank Rob Ward, Anne Tonna and Jenny King for the time they have spent organising this event.

By establishing the Central West Bridge Association, we aim to provide a

structure which will enable bridge clubs in the area to co-ordinate education and training for players, directors and teachers as well as providing resources for clubs to share for combined activities such as congresses and teams' days.

This is a great time of year to visit the Orange Region following the recently concluded FOOD week where restaurants, wineries and retail outlets have staged special events which have attracted many people to the city. The Colour City is at its best at this time of year.

We trust you enjoy your time with us and best wishes for a successful 2025 CWF Gold.



Best Regards
Murray Paterson
President
Central West Bridge Association

Venue arrangements



Arriving at the Orange Ex Services Club (OESC)

The front doors of OESC (in Anson Street) will open from 8.30 for our convenience. Normal opening time is 10am. You are also able to enter the Club from the rear of the building - this can be accessed through the shared pedestrian and vehicle entrance to the OESC car park in Byng St (next to the Mercure Motel). From inside the car park, follow the signs to the Club.

Parking

OESC has a 3-level car park and there is as all-day council parking at the rear of the building. If you are parking in the surrounding streets, please be sure to check for parking restrictions.

Signing into OESC

We will be providing the Club with a list of guests each day, based on our player registrations. You will need to sign in if you are not going to be on our players' list (accompanying persons for example) or wish to play poker machines or use other Club facilities. Becoming an OESC member will cost \$10 and will give you discounted food and drinks at the Club, the Greenhouse of Orange, and Wentworth Golf Club.

Lunch

Buffet lunch will be provided on each day of the event. Other catering facilities onsite include the Diggers Bistro as well as a cafe. There are several options for meals and coffee within walking distance of the Club. No food can be brought into the OESC premises.

Air Conditioning and Player Comfort

Please bring a jumper or other clothing that you can use according to your personal comfort level. If it is obviously too hot or too cold for those around you, please report the table number and section to Anne Tonna 0458 355 206.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted in the clubrooms. There are dedicated smoking areas that guests may use.

Opening Ceremony

The Mayor of Orange Councilor Tony Mileto will officially open the 2025 CWF Gold at 9.15 am on Thursday 10 April 2025. Players need to be seated before this time.

Expert Analysis of Hands Played

On Thursday and Saturday evening following the conclusion of play in the Greenhouse Function Centre, a panel of “expert players” will analyse some of the interesting hands from the day. This provides an educational opportunity to hear from some of the top players in the country on how they would bid and play challenging hands.

Bridge Laws for Players

At lunchtime on Friday in the Family Pavilion John McIlrath National Grade 1 Director will lead a session for players about the Laws of Bridge to improve your game and results. This session is strongly recommended for players of all levels of ability

Friday Evening Function

Following the conclusion of play in the pair's event a celebration sponsored by TBIB will be held at the club to recognize the success of the inaugural 2025 CWF Gold. Food platters will be provided and players and supporters can purchase their own drinks. We hope that as many as possible will stay and enjoy this function.

Water Bottles

Players are encouraged to bring or purchase water bottles. This is more environmentally friendly and avoids the issues we had last year with spilt water on the floor.

Sponsorship

We are very grateful to our principal sponsors Newmont, Orange Ex Services Club and Club Grants. Orange City Council and TBIB for their support which enables us to conduct this event. In particular TBIB offers excellent insurance cover for overseas travel and for comprehensive cover of bridge club premises. We encourage you to use their service

Looking forward to seeing many of you from 10-13 April 2025

Murray Paterson

President, Central West Bridge Association



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2024 ANC Teams – Orange

The ANC is a yearly event held in July each year, and it rotates between the States.

After a little bit of reshuffling due to Covid, 2025 was NSW's turn to host the ANC. Rather than hold the event in Sydney an excellent decision was made to hold the event in Orange.

One reason that this years Central West Festival sold out so quickly is that many players came to Orange last year and loved the town and the event.

Last year's ANC featured an Interstate Teams event held across four Categories (Open, Seniors, Women, and Youth).

The winners of each category are below:
In the **Open**, **NSW 163.9** (Dagmar Neumann - Maurits Van Der Vlugt - Tony Nunn - Paul Dalley - Liam Milne - James Coutts) **defeated SA 81** (Cathy Chua - Justin Williams - Russel Harms - Zolly Nagy - Peter Popp - Paul Hudson).

In the **Senior's**, **NSW 208.6** (Joan Butts - Michael Courtney - Peter Buchen - Bruce Neill - Pauline Gumby - Warren Lazer) **defeated SA 109** (Axel Johannsson - Kate McCallum - Kevin Lange - Andrew Eddie - John Kikkert - David Anderson).

In the **Youth**, **SA 219.8** (Joshua Tomlin - Jamie Simpson - Sebastian Redin - Fletcher Davey - Anton Forster-Rohal - Gregor Forster-Rohal) **defeated VIC 152** (Taydon Gold - Matthew Sieredzinski - Heath Watkins - Samuel Goss - Patrick Clifford - Seb Wright).

The closest final was the **Women's**, where **NSW 162** (Sybil Hurwitz - Monica Ginsberg - Marcia Scudder - Judy Mott - Louise Leibowitz - Ella Jacob) **defeated SA 158.5** (Sheila Bird - Felicity Smyth - Susan Phillips - Jackie Ward - Therese Demarco - Pam Morgan-King).

In the 60 Board Final, NSW got out to a 27 IMP lead, before SA clawed it back, and also led by around 30 IMPs at the halfway mark.

The lead changed five times throughout the match, and SA started the final set leading by 4 IMPs.

SA gained some IMPs to be leading by 17 IMPs with only 8 boards to be played.

NSW rallied, and gained 11 IMPs on the penultimate board to be down by 2.5 IMPs with only one board to be played.

On Board 60, the NSW Women's pair of Marcia Scudder and Judy Mott bid and made 4♠. At the other table, the SA Women bid to the same 4♠ contract, but Louise Leibowitz found an optimistic 5♥ sacrifice, which was just good enough to win 6 IMPs and the event!

Conventions with Will

One of my favourite conventions is Simple Stayman. I am not a fan of using 2♣ as any other sort of Stayman. Despite the name, Simple Stayman has quite a few extensions and uses that make it quite involved and powerful.

Here is the first of many hands where Simple Stayman is the hero of the day!

Your partner opens 1NT. For this usage of Stayman, it doesn't matter what your 1NT point range is. This is your hand.

(You)

♠ Q97

♥ J975

♦ J9854

♣ 5

You have a terrible hand. Passing 1NT appears normal, but there is a better way! You should bid 2♣, Simple Stayman, and then pass whatever your partner responds.

A good partner would respond 2♥, showing 4 (or more) Hearts, and passing 2♥ would be a fit, and much better than a doomed 1NT.

If partner doesn't have four Hearts, but instead responds 2♠, then you still pass, and play in a 4-3 fit. You have a singleton Club, and can probably trump a couple of Clubs. Playing 2♠ looks to be better than playing in 1NT.

Since you are using Simple Stayman, the only other call partner can make is 2♦ (no Major). You can simply pass, and play in 2♦, with your five-card Diamond suit.

Partner isn't showing any Diamonds, but with no four+ card Major, they usually have three or four Diamonds. Playing in 2♦ will be a lot better than struggling in 1NT.

This use of Stayman is called Garbage Stayman, and if you play Simple Stayman, then you can do this to your partner, even if you haven't discussed it! Partner will answer Stayman, with the ambition of bidding a game, and be very surprised when you pass.

To do Garbage Stayman, you need a three suited hand that is short in Clubs. You could have any number of points, including none at all!

Note that if your Stayman responses allow partner to bid at the three-level or 2NT, then you can't risk Stayman with this hand. Garbage Stayman only works when you are playing Simple Stayman.

| Date | Time | Event | Eligibility See below |
|----------------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------|
| 10 July Thursday | 8.30am | Registration/information desk opens | O, I, R, N |
| | 9.15am | Opening Ceremony | |
| | 9.30am | Orange City Council Swiss Pairs | |
| | 6.00pm | Peter Gill & Co Expert Hands Review | |
| | 6.00pm | Fella Hamilton VIP Evening (See details page 11) | |
| 11 July Friday | 9.30am-5.30pm | Orange City Council Swiss Pairs | O, I, R, N |
| | 12.30pm | Bridge Laws for Players – John McIlrath | |
| | 6.00pm | TBIB Pairs Celebration and Presentation | |
| 12 July Saturday | 9.30am | Newmont Swiss Teams | O, I, R, N |
| | 6.00pm | Peter Gill & Co Expert Hands Review | |
| | 9.30am | Newmont Swiss Teams | |
| 13 July Sunday | 1.30pm | Teams Celebration and Presentation Enjoy lunch, say farewell and Travel Safely | O, I, R, N |



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- Insufficient bids
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- Dummy's rights and duties
- Playing from the wrong hand
- Opening leads (and preventing them)

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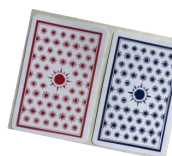
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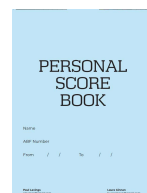
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