2025 Central West Gold

Bulletin 4 Saturday April 12th, 2025

The Swiss Teams started today, and we are more than half-way through the event.

All sections are playing a six-round Swiss draw and 14 board matches. There are two matches before the prizegiving ceremony and lunch time finish tomorrow to allow people travel time to get home.

In the Open Teams, there are 40 teams competing. The Intermediate and Novice division each have 12 teams. The Restricted section has 16 teams, although there is a small typo on the banner pointing to that section.



In the **Open Teams** there are currently two undefeated teams, **JENNER-O'SHEA** (V Brown, S Richman, W Jenner-O'Shea, A Richman) and **SOLOMON** (K Steffensen, C Miller, J Solomon, A Dawson). They play off against each other in the first match tomorrow.

The **MEYERS** team (J Barnes, K Rymer, K Meyers, F Fawcett) is leading the **Intermediate** by 10 VPs, despite having a small loss. They play the second placed **BISCOE** team (M Box, M Ripley, E Borda, J Biscoe) in the first match tomorrow.

In the **Restricted** section, the **QUEREE** team (K Duke, M Ardern, C Szenczy, S Queree) is leading by 10 VPs and play their nearest opponents, the **ROGERS** team (A Adcroft, J Ellis, J Lenehan, R Rogers) next.

The **Novice Teams** is the closest division at this stage, with only 2.4 VPs separating the top two teams. Leaders **SAPPHIRE COAST** team (P Dayhew, M Dayhew, J Woodhouse, G Brackenreg) are just ahead of **NEWYTURRACARL'S** team (J Johnson, J Clarke, N Mcmaster, J Bissett).

There are just 28 board tomorrow to decide the victors!

Good luck to all.

















Open - After 4 Matches of 6

Rank	Names	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	VPs
1	JENNER-O'SHEA	4	0	0	118	66.66
2	SOLOMON	4	0	0	104	63.47
3	GUMBY	3	0	1	160	61.68
4	PERRIN	3	1	0	63	54.06
5	FRYDA	3	0	1	61	53.93
6	BLOOM	2	0	2	71	52.18
7	VAN VUCHT	3	0	1	44	51.77
8	GEDDES	2	1	1	47	51.43
9	WHIDDON	3	0	1	36	49.38
10	CARROLL	2	0	2	46	48.63

Pair datums are calculated by comparing your score to the Average score in the room. The "Modified" Datum also takes into account the strength of your opponents.

Open - Top 10 Datums after 4 of 6 Matches

Rank	Names	Datum	Modified
1	Vanessa BROWN - Will JENNER-O'SHEA	125	126.40
2	Sue LUSK - Bruce NEILL	92	90.80
3	Kevin STEFFENSEN - Carolyn MILLER	77	75.70
4	Warren LAZER - Pauline GUMBY	80	72.70
5	Tony NUNN - Martin BLOOM	53	71.50
6	Paul LAVINGS - Helen LAVINGS	62	69.50
7	Helena DAWSON - David WESTON	60	67.90
8	Murray PERRIN - Evelyne MANDER	55	67.00
9	Rakesh KUMAR - Jake ANDREW	54	63.90
10	Nikki RISZKO - Andrew STRUIK	51	57.60

















Intermediate - After 4 Matches of 6

Rank	Names	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	VPs
1	MEYERS	3	1	0	79	59.18
2	BISCOE	2	0	2	57	49.30
3	HAJELA	3	0	1	35	48.98
4	JACKSON	3	1	0	19	45.86
5	CATHCART	2	0	2	20	43.87
6	MCKENZIE	2	1	1	10	43.02
7	MCNEE	2	0	2	-10	38.44
8	HARDIMAN	1	1	2	2	38.40
9	PATERSON	2	0	2	-8	38.22
10	GOUGH	1	0	3	14	37.17

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Intermediate - Top 10 Datums after 4 of 6 Matches

Rank	Names	Datum	Modified
1	Kerry RYMER - Kit MEYERS	58	58.80
2	Karen IRVINE - Jay NOVAK	48	50.00
3	Gail MCKENZIE - Peta DRAKE	51	47.80
4	Jenny BARNES - Fiona FAWCETT	38	44.90
5	Michael BOX - Maurice RIPLEY	34	38.00
6	Judith PARSONS - John RUSSELL	38	35.30
7	Deanna STUART - John STUART	35	34.50
8	Glenda MCNEE - Roger MCNEE	36	25.50
9	Atul HAJELA - Chris TOUGH	11	17.90
10	Ellen BORDA - Jane BISCOE	28	17.00

















Restricted - After 4 Matches of 6

Rank	Names	Win	Draw	Loss	<i>IMPs</i>	VPs
1	QUEREE	4	0	0	102	63.27
2	ROGERS	4	0	0	52	53.95
3	SUMMERHILL	2	0	2	44	48.31
4	BARKER	2	0	2	34	47.48
5	RIORDAN	3	0	1	18	44.51
6	WILLIAMS	3	0	1	11	43.81
7	BANNATYNE	3	0	1	11	43.45
8	ROSETTA	2	0	2	16	43.17
9	WOODSIDE	2	0	2	-12	39.39
10	KLEEM	1	0	3	27	39.28

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Restricted - Top 10 Datums after 4 of 6 Matches

Rank	Names	Datum	Modified
1	Kathy DUKE - Shannon QUEREE	86	83.00
2	Anne-Marie STEVENSON - Jennette ROSETTA	51	65.00
3	Jenny WALPOLE - Anne FLEMING	65	64.60
4	Lucy D'AMBROSIO - Jodie SUMMERHILL	61	56.10
5	Pam WARD - Phil DOUGLAS	50	53.90
6	Allan ADCROFT - Julie ELLIS	52	52.50
7	Janice CRANE - Pam TOWNSEND	37	43.80
8	Robert SCOTT - Bruce KLEEM	24	30.10
9	Peter MCCLYMONT - David WATKINS	41	29.10
10	Melissa ARDERN - Conny SZENCZY	34	28.10

















Novice - After 4 Matches of 6

Rank	Names	Win	Draw	Loss	<i>IMPs</i>	VPs
1	SAPPHIRE COAST	4	0	0	74	58.33
2	NEWYTURRACARL'S	2	1	1	75	55.99
3	CANBERRA	2	1	1	46	48.78
4	SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS	2	0	2	29	45.80
5	PENINSULA & CO	2	0	2	97	44.57
6	ILLAWARRA	3	0	1	6	44.31
7	COWRA & DISTRICT	2	0	2	7	42.19
8	NEWCASTLE	2	0	2	-17	36.86
9	ORANGE-KERRIGAN	1	1	2	-46	29.19
10	SYDNEY BRIDGE CLUB	1	0	3	-42	28.93

The Novice Teams are named after the Club that they are all from, with the unusual portmanteau of Newcastle-Turramurra-Carlingford.

Novice - Top 10 Datums after 4 of 6 Matches

Rank	Names	Datum	Modified
1	Neil MCMASTER - Jennifer BISSETT	79	88.80
2	Simon ELDERFIELD - Kirsten HARTLEY	83	84.80
3	David KENNY - Kathleen KENNY	55	76.80
4	Peter DAYHEW - Miriam DAYHEW	58	56.00
5	Mandy MACDONALD - Vibeke FAURBY	65	53.50
6	Jen WOODHOUSE - Greg BRACKENREG	32	43.10
7	Kim MASTON - Elaine HARRIS	35	37.40
8	David RIESER - Michael GREEN	9	21.50
9	Belinda MOSS - Jenny BELL	6	17.00
10	Jill JOHNSON - Jenny CLARKE	5	16.20

















Conventions with Will

An excellent slam bidding tool is the 4NT Quantitative Raise after a 1NT opening. If you play 1NT as 15 – 17, then Responder can simply bid 3NT with around 10 – 15 points. They can jump to 6NT with 18 points or more. If Responder has 16 or 17 points, they are on the cusp of making slam. They can raise to 4NT to "invite slam". Opener will pass with a minimum, or bid 6NT with a maximum.

You don't need to ask for Aces when you are slam bidding in No-Trumps, and only counting High-Card points (not shortages). If you have the required 33+HCP, then slam will be a great option, and you can't be missing two Aces.

Sometimes, you want to investigate a Major suit fit first, and then want to either look for slam in that suit, or if there is no fit, then slam in No-Trumps.

Here is a great quiz question to ask your partner and teammates. What does the following auction mean? Assume you are playing Simple Stayman, and also the Quantitative 4NT raise.

(Opener) (Responder)

1NT 2♣* Stayman

2♠ 4NT ??

If you have this hand, you would like to be able to bid 4NT as Quantitative. Implying that you missed your Heart fit, and are now inviting partner to bid a slam if they are a maximum.

(Example 1)

- ♠ KT7
- **♥** AJ92
- **♦** A6
- **♣** KJ98

If you have this second hand, then you want to be able to ask for Aces (or Keycards) with a view to bidding a slam in Spades.

(Example 2)

- **♠** QJ95
- ♥ AQ8
- ♦ AJ972
- **.** 7

There is a way to have both 4NT as Quantitative and also as Asking for Keycards and solve both the problems above.

After Stayman, whatever the response, a Jump to 4NT is Quantitative. It implies that you missed a fit, and are now inviting 6NT.

After Stayman, if partner shows a Major, bidding Three-Of-The-Other-Major is artificial. It says that you found a fit, and are playing in partners suit, and that you are interested in a slam. Either of you can use a Control bid, or bid 4NT as Asking for Keycards.

















Card Artwork Trivia

The King of Hearts has been long known for being "The King with no Moustache".



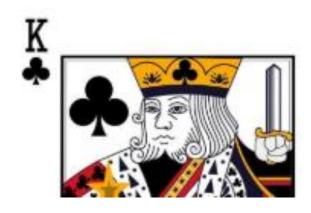
Historically, playing cards were printed from hand carved wooden blocks, and at some stage around 1800, the moustache got lost!

This was likely to do with artists copying the previous design, and the art changing slightly over the years.

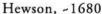
The moustache got turned into cheek lines and lips.

However, in the last couple of years, the cards used in the World Bridge championships and the Italian Bridge Federation have the King of Clubs with no moustache!

Also, the King of Hearts has grown back his moustache! This will cause a lot of complaints in trivia nights to come. If any of you play in this years World Championship in Denmark, take a look! And bring back a deck to take along to your next trivia night.









Blanchard, -1770



Mc Evoy, 1765-1776



Reynolds & Sons, 1838

Clear Moustache

Unclear

Cheek lines

No Moustache











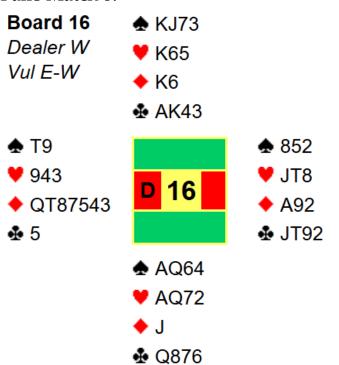






Intermediate Pairs Slam

The Runners up of the Intermediate Pairs Nerida Gillies and Sandy Carter, from Peninsula Bridge Club in Sydney, bid and made a slam on the following board. Pairs Match 8:



NorthSouthSandyNerida1NT2♣* Extended Stayman2NT Minimum3♣* Asking3♠ four Spades4NT Keycard5♥ 2, no ♠Q6♠

Bidding and making 6♠ was worth 9 IMPs in the Intermediate, where only 4 out of 16 bid and made the slam.
Well done!



Intermediate Runners Up: Nerida Gillies and Sandy Carter

In the Open Pairs, exactly half the pairs bid and made the slam (17/34).

In the Restricted there were 5 out of 16, and in the Novice there were only 3 out of 14 Pairs.

A couple of pairs in the field played in 6NT. Fortunately they played by North, protecting the King of Diamonds.

On the Ace of Diamonds lead, and another Diamond, what do you discard from Dummy?

The Clubs and Spades are your two longest and strongest suits, and a few people discarded a Heart. However, you need Dummy's fourth Heart as a potential trick or threat. Keep the Heart!













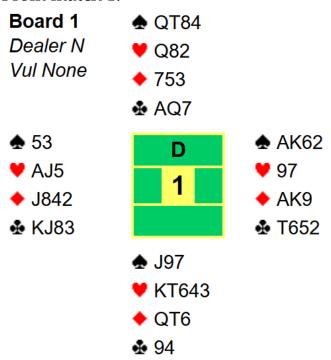




Expert Panel

After play today, the Expert Panel got together again to answer any questions from the audience about the days hands.

From match 1:



The Auction at some tables was:

W	N	\boldsymbol{E}	\boldsymbol{S}
	P	1♣	1♥
1NT	2♥	??	P
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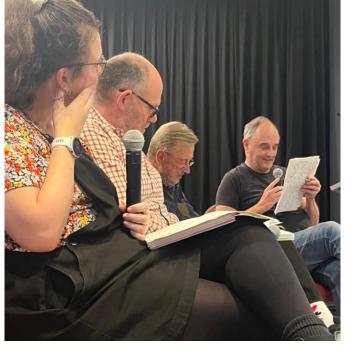
After South's cheeky overcall, North-South compete to 2♥. How should East-West get back into the auction.

One great suggestion by Paul Lavings is for East to make a takeout Double of 2, showing a good hand, and asking partner to bid again.

The other option for this hand would be for West to bid again. They have 10 HCP, confirming that their team has more than half the points. Peter Gill pointed out that if they count the Heart around the table, then South has 5, North has 3 and West has 3, leaving East with at most 2 Hearts. This means that they must have 4+ Clubs (at most 4 Spades and 2 Hearts, leaving 7 minor cards, and they opened the longer).

West might compete to 3♣.

The experts agreed that competing in 2NT is rarely good.



Ella Jacob, Will Jenner-O'Shea, Paul Lavings and Peter Gill answered questions for a large crowd.

The discussion was excellent, with lots of different viewpoints.











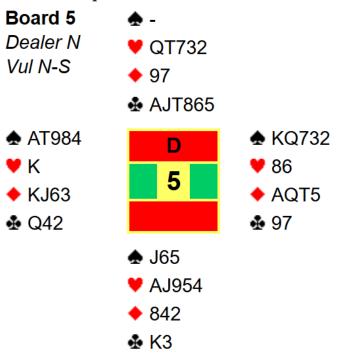






More Expert Panel

This hand had a few interesting discussion points. From Match 3:



First was whether North should open with anything. Unless you play some sort of Multi-Two (like 2♥, Hearts and a minor), then the experts decided that passing was best.

If East-West begin bidding with something like:

$$W$$
 N E S P $1 \spadesuit$ P $2NT* Jacoby$

Then North should overcall with this hand.

Perhaps a 34 bid, or maybe a delayed 34 Michaels Cue Bid (Hearts and a minor). After a Jacoby Raise, Ella suggested that you can overcall on all sorts of hands,

since the opponents try to bid their game, so you can be disruptive.

Will played this hand in 4♠, after a Jacoby raise with North bidding Clubs along the way.

Sout led the King of Clubs and another Club to North, who won and played a third Club.

It looked like South had started with a doubleton Club, so the first hurdle is to trump the third Club with the King!

Trumping with a low trump will get overtrumped and the contract will go down.

Having survived that hurdle, it is time to draw trumps, and the only thing that could go wrong is an unlikely 3-0 trumps split.

If the trumps are 3-0, they are much more likely to be split poorly with South having the length. South would be very unlikely to have a doubleton Club AND a Spade void.

Play the Queen of Spades first, and noting North show out, finesse against the Jack. Later lose the Ace of Hearts, but make 10 tricks.

In the Open 10 Pairs went down in 4♠, and a handful of players went down in the other divisions as well.











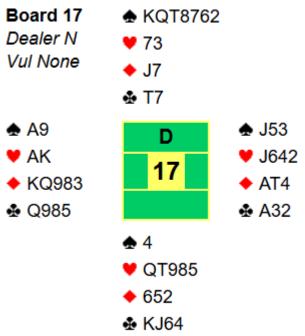






Even More Expert Panel

This hand caused a lot of problems in all the divisions. Match 2:



The experts don't like pre-empting on a 7-2-2-2 shaped hand when Vulnerable, but everyone agreed that North should open 3♠.

The bidding proceeds:

W	N	$oldsymbol{E}$	S
	3♠	P	P

??

What should West do?

No-one likes a 4◆ overcall, and despite the dubious stopper, and no guarantee of 9 tricks, the unanimous choice was to bid 3NT.

Peter Gill made a good point that if the 3 Peter Gill made a good point that if the 3 Peter has around 6 HCP and West has 18, that adds to 24, leaving 16 points between the other two hands.

If those points split evenly, then West's partner East rates to have around 8 points.

Peter pointed out that is a good guide to thinking about what to do in a high-level auction over a pre-empt.

Although East might have no points and South might have them all, that is a risk worth taking.

Missing out on 3NT against an opposing pre-empt is a costly error.

The results on this board range from 3♠ by North (going down, but a good sacrifice) to 6♠ by West going down.
The best result for East-West was finding



Liz Sylvester – Peter Gill's partner and partner. Peter and Liz are representing Australia in the upcoming Mixed Pairs World Championship.











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Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th May

Bathurst Bridge Club Annual Congress

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More Miscellany



Our Excellent Chief Tournament Director Matt McManus

Every event is better when Mattie is in charge! Also, if you ever get to try his carrot risotto, you must say yes!



Best Novice and Local Team Trophys



The room full of bridge players



The Expert Panel ran another Question and Answer session after the play finished yesterday.

















Where Do We All Come From?

With more than 320 players competing in the events this week, here is a breakdown of where the players from the Swiss Pairs events are based.

Orange Bridge Club Inc	40
Sydney Bridge Centre	31
Canberra Bridge Club Inc	20
Peninsula Bridge Club	20
Illawarra Bridge Association Incorporated	17
North Shore Bridge Club Inc	17
Bathurst & District Bridge Club Inc	11
Central Coast Leagues Limited Bridge Club	11
Queensland Contract Bridge Club	11
Dubbo Bridge Club	10
Trumps Bridge Centre	10
Wagga Wagga Bridge Club Inc	8
Cowra & District Bridge Club	7
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Newcastle Bridge Club	6
Brisbane Water Bridge Club Inc	5
Great Lakes Bridge Club	5
Mudgee Bridge Club	5
The Sapphire Coast Bridge Club Inc	5
Toowong Bridge Club Inc	5
Blue Mountains Bridge Club Inc	4
Community Bridge Club Bateau Bay	4
Central Coast Bridge Club	3
Easts Bridge Club	3
Finesse Bridge Club	3
Nsbc@Lindfield	3
Hunters Hill Bridge Club Inc	3
Southern Highlands Bridge Club	3
Taree Bridge Club Inc	3
Wodonga Bridge Club	3
Charlestown Bridge Club	2
Cessnock Bridge Club	2
Carlingford Bridge Club	2
Mv Bridge Club	2
Mollymook Bridge Club Inc	2
Parramatta Bridge Club	2
Parkes Bridge Club Inc	2

Pennant Hills Bridge Club	2
Bwonline Bridge Club	2
Brisbane Bridge Centre	2
Bridge At Beaumont	2
Tamar Bridge Club	2
Nz Players Club	2
South Canberra Bridge Club	1
Glenbrook Bridge Club	1
Kiama & District Bridge Club Inc	1
Harbourview Bridge Club	1
Nowra Bridge Club	1
Lake Macquarie Bridge Club Inc	1
Turramurra Bridge Club	1
Victorian Bridge Centre	1
Rye Dromana Bridge Club	1
Waverley Bridge Club Inc	1
Sunshine Coast Contract Bridge Club Inc	1
Toowoomba Bridge Club Inc	1
Bridge Around Adelaide	1
Stepbridge	1

NSW	263
ACT	21
Qld	20
Vic	8
SA	4
Tas	2
NZ	2



The NZ Pair of Rhonda Graham (far left) and Nick Edginton (3rd from left) played against the Tassie Pair of Sandra Richman (Declaring) and Andrew Richman (Dummy).

















Bridge Laws Forum

Sadly, there wasn't time to run the planned Bridge Laws forum this year, but John McIlrath has provided some the details that he was going to talk about at the forum.

There was a list of things that bridge players find annoying.

Thanking opponents for doubling or pushing you to game when you make it: Making gratuitous comments after seeing you achieved a good result:

Fiddling with the Bridgemate or scoring sheet before making the opening lead:

Not claiming as declarer when the outcome is obvious:

Asking questions during the auction when you have no intention to bid:

Saying "having none" when you trump an opponent's trick:

Saying "thank you" gratuitously:

Putting pen to the bidding pad without knowing what you want to bid

General rudeness and impoliteness:

Matters of impropriety:

Detaching a card before it's your turn to play:

Dummy playing without instructions from declarer:

Quitting a trick then re-facing it in order to ask others to re-face their cards played



John McIlrath from the Teams finished his match (about 8 minutes early) and had time to share some of the topics that he planned to talk about.

He also pointed Directors to the new Bridge NSW website:

Bridgensw.com.au

And to look under the Directors tab for a lot of resources.







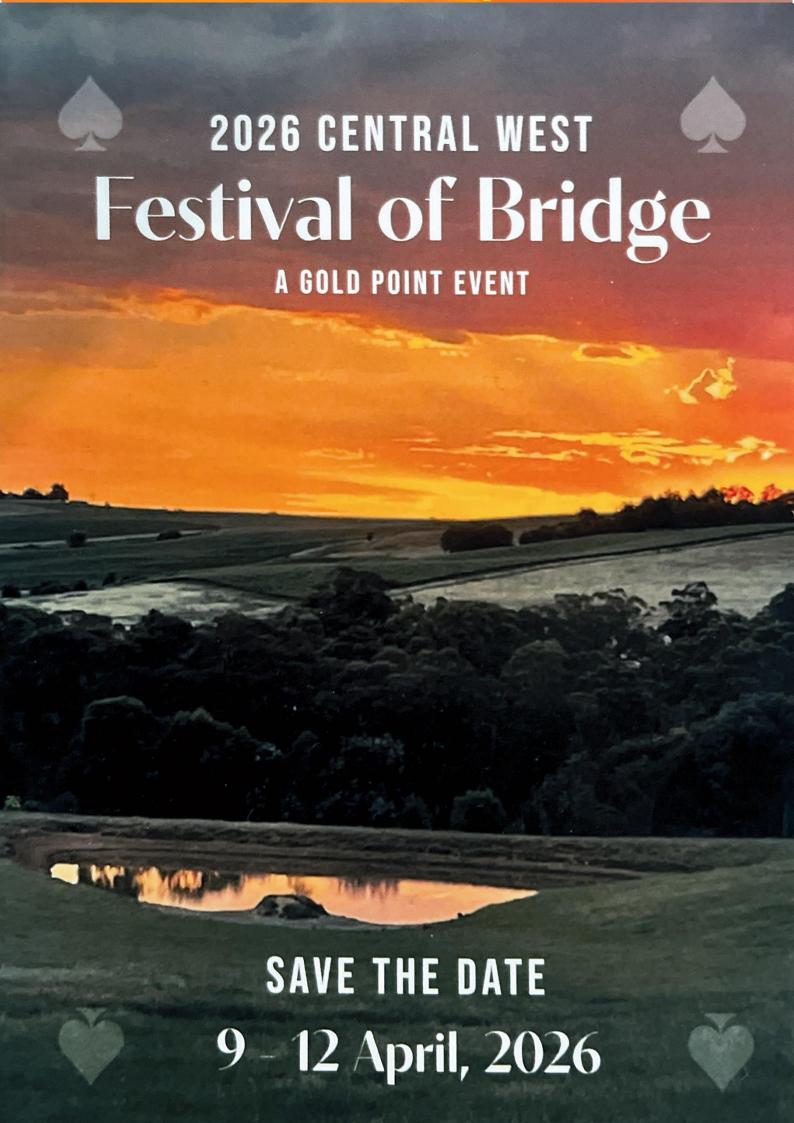














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