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2025 Spring Nationals

Morgan Wins the Mixed Teams

A huge congratulations to the **Morgan Team** – **Liam Milne**, **Sophie Ashton**, **captain Lauren Morgan (holding the trophy)**, **James Coutts** who won a close fought final of the Gumby-Lazer Mixed teams against none other than the Lazer Team.



The Lazer team
(Axel Johannsson, Kate McCallum, Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer)

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Mixed Teams Report

The Morgan Team topped the Qualifying Swiss and chose the Mundell team in the Semi Final. They led from the start and won their Semi Final by 86 IMPs.

The Lazer team qualified third and played Ella Jacob's team and won by 60 IMPs with their opponent's conceding at three-quarter time.

The Final began with Morgan having a 4.6 IMP carry forward over Lazer, which is nice, but there were more than enough swings to give either team a chance.

Morgan gained 9 IMPs on this hand where the Lazer team was down in 5♣ in one room, and down two in 4♠ doubled in the other.

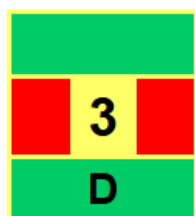
Board 3 ♠ KJT9743

Dealer S ♥ J93

Vul E-W ♦ J4

♣ 4

♠ -
♥ 76
♦ QT98
♣ KQJT875



♠ AQ86
♥ AK842
♦ 632
♣ A

♠ 52
♥ QT5
♦ AK75
♣ 9632

Lazer took 13 IMPs back in the second set when Axel made 3NT on this hand, but Liam went down. He perhaps underestimated the strength of a Pauline Gumby Weak Two Spade opening

Board 18 ♠ A873

Dealer E ♥ T82

Vul N-S ♦ AJ7

♣ 962

♠ 5
♥ QJ74
♦ QT9654
♣ 75



♠ KJT942
♥ 53
♦ 8
♣ AJ84

♠ Q6
♥ AK96
♦ K32
♣ KQT3



Liam Milne

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Board 24 in the second set had some exciting bidding.

Board 24 ♠ 8643
Dealer W ♥ AQT943
Vul None ♦ -
 ♣ T53

♠ K52		♠ AQJT97
♥ 62		♥ J7
♦ KQT8754		♦ 932
♣ 2		♣ A4
♠ -		♥ K85
		♦ AJ6
		♣ KQJ9876

W	N	E	S
<i>Lauren</i>	<i>Kate</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Axel</i>
3♦	P	4♠	5♣
5♠	X		



At the other table, **Lauren** opened 3♦, and when James jumped to 4♠, she was able to compete to 5♠, which got Doubled but was only one off.

W	N	E	S
<i>Warren</i>	<i>Liam</i>	<i>Pauline</i>	<i>Sophie</i>
P!	P	1♠	2♣
3♦*	4♥*	4♠	5♥
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Warren passed as dealer, then used a Fit-Showing-Jump to show a Spade fit and Diamonds. Liam countered this with a Fit-Showing-Jump of his own to 4♥. This allowed Sophie to buy the bidding in 5♥ and make +450.



Neither **Sophie Ashton** nor Lauren Morgan mind competing hard, even at the five-level.

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On the last board before lunch, the more conservative team pointed out a reasonable rule. Be careful bidding when you are Vulnerable

Board 28

♠ 96

Dealer W

♥ Q5

Vul N-S

♦ QT

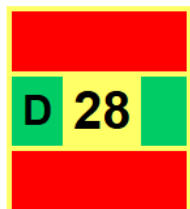
♣ K987543

♠ QT87

♥ K8743

♦ A7

♣ QT



♠ 52

♥ AJ

♦ K98632

♣ AJ2

♠ AKJ43

♥ T962

♦ J54

♣ 6

The auction started 1♥ p 2♦ Game Forcing. South tried 2♠, which was doubled, and when the dust settled North was in 3♣ X for -800.

Apart from using judgement in game forcing auctions when Vulnerable, I have two great bidding tips:

Never Double Pauline – she often has a better hand than you expect.
and **Never Get Doubled by Pauline** – the result is often -800 or more.



Pauline Gumby



Warren Lazer

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This hand from the third quarter was a 13 IMP swing to Morgan, where both tables played in 4♠ by East. The hand can be made with careful play (you need to establish Diamonds and not lose a Club or get ruffed).

Board 4

Dealer W

Vul Both

♠ 98

♥ QJ8632

♦ K876

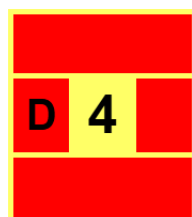
♣ 3

♠ J65

♥ AKT975

♦ AJ

♣ 72



♠ QT743

♥ -

♦ QT52

♣ AKJ5

♠ AK2

♥ 4

♦ 943

♣ QT9864

James Coutts made 10 tricks and 13 IMPs



Kate McCallum



Axel Johannsson

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Dick Cummings Pairs

Congratulations to **Ian Thomson and Matt Mullamphy** being presented the Dick Cummings Open pairs trophy from Bridge NSW Secretary Michael Green (far left) and fabulous convenor Shannon Queree (third from left).



The Open Pairs Runners up were **David Hudson and Peter Gill**. They finished with a +1660, +1100 and 63% round, but couldn't catch Ian and Matt.

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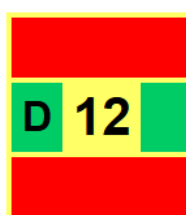
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Looking into the void

Matt Mullamphy and Ian "Thommo" Thomson had this auction from Match 5 of the Dick Cumming Pairs.

Board 12 ♠ AQ65
Dealer W ♥ 76
Vul N-S ♦ AQJT84
 ♣ A

♠ 32
♥ AQJT943
♦ 52
♣ T7



♠ 94
♥ K852
♦ 3
♣ KJ8643

♠ KJT87
♥ -
♦ K976
♣ Q952

W	N	E	S
	<i>Matt</i>		<i>Ian</i>
3♥	X	4♥	4♠
P	P	5♥	5♠
P	??		

Matt Doubled the 3♥ opening, and Thommo 'competed' to 4♠ over the 4♥ raise. When East re-raised the Hearts, and Thommo bid to 5♠, Matt deduced that he was almost certainly void in Hearts, so raised the 5♠ bid to 6♠.

This hand reminded Matt of a hand from this event **33 years ago!**

Looking into the void singleton

In the Final of the Spring Nationals in 1992, Matt Mullamphy was playing with Stephen Lester against Paul Marston and Matthew Thompson.

Matt Mullamphy's opponent Matthew Thompson opened 1♥, which could have had a longer suit. Matt held

♠ AKQ9754
♥ --
♦ AKQ9
♣ 94

and started with a Double.

Paul Marston passed on his left and his partner responded 1♠ (!).

The opener jumped to 4♣ after opening 1♥, showing something like four Hearts and seven Clubs in the Moscito system.

Matt bid 4♠, and when Marston bid to 5♣ on his left, he figured that his opponents had a 10+ card Club fit, and therefore his partner must have had a singleton or void in Clubs.

When the bidding got back to Matt, he bid to 6♠!

Making 12, when partner had

♠ AKQ9754	♠ J83 (!)
♥ --	♥ J875432
♦ AKQ9	♦ T73
♣ 94	♣ 6

Since this was played before the results were kept on the internet, we can't find the exact cards. Matt has been divining shortages for 30+ years!

Best Youth Pair (Open Pairs)



Aadhi Hariharan and Yiwei Qi won 9 out of 12 matches and were at the top three tables for most of the Dick Cummings Pairs event. They played more than a handful of international representatives and drew with or defeated most of them!

A great result for the next generation of bridge players.
They were one of only 7 pairs who bid and made 7NT on this hand.

Board 5
Dealer N
Vul N-S

♠ K
♥ AT9
♦ KJ6
♣ KJT873

♠ 94
♥ J53
♦ QT953
♣ Q64

D	
5	

♠ J3
♥ Q872
♦ 8742
♣ 952

♠ AQT87652
♥ K64
♦ A
♣ A

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Gerda Stern Mixed Pairs

The top scoring Mixed Pair in the Dick Cummings Pairs were **Maurits Van Der Vlugt and Dagmar Neumann**. They won the Gerda Stern Mixed Pairs trophy, presented by the late Gerda Stern's grand daughter Danielle Stern, and convenor Shannon.



On the weekend, Paul Smith and John Fitzpatrick played, and Matt McManus was the chief Director and scorer. These three all went to the same Primary school in Blacktown some years ago. They were all from Blacktown, which is also where Convenor Shannon lives now!

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Spring Nationals Intermediate Pairs

Winners of the Spring Nationals Intermediate Pairs were **Christine Hanley and Craig Mietzke**.



Christine and Craig had an incredibly bizarre last two rounds. They were leading the event with two rounds to go, and had a handy 5 VP lead over second.

They lost their second-to-last round, but so did second and third, so they somehow extended their lead over the field from 5 VPs to 6 VPs!

They also lost their last match, but once again, so did second and third! When the music stopped, they were less than 2 VPs ahead.

Jay Novak and Richard Carter were second. They raced off before the presentation.

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Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs

The top Restricted Pair and winners of the Ted Chadwick Trophy were **Louise Cowan and Susan Bezette**. They were presented their prizes from Michael and Shannon.



In round 8 today, they were North-South and they “sacrificed” in 5♦ over East-West’s 4♠ contract. When the opponents didn’t find their Club ruff, they made 5♦. Most of the field were in 4♠, half making it, and half going down, but +400 was a clear top.

If you zoom in closely, you can see that Youth player Aadhi won this trophy last year. This year he was 5th in the Open Pairs!

Board 17
Dealer N
Vul None

♠ QT75
♥ T93
♦ KT
♣ AT72

♠ J8
♥ 8
♦ AQJ863
♣ QJ98

D
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♠ AK9432
♥ KJ764
♦ 4
♣ 5

♠ 6
♥ AQ52
♦ 9752
♣ K643

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Novice Matchpoint Pairs

Michael Green from Bridge NSW and Convenor Shannon are pictured here presenting the Novice Pairs trophy to the winners **Denise Reid and Judy King**.

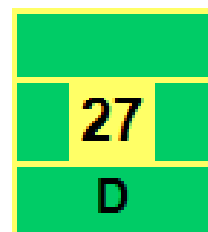


Denise and Judy won the Novice Pairs and Teams in Central West Festival in Orange earlier this year. That reminded me of a story that they would probably rather forget, where Denise was responding to Judy's 1♠ opening with five card support, though it was very balanced, and she just raised to 2♠. This worked out remarkably well when it turns out that Judy had meant to open 1♥, and opened 1♠ by accident. They played in 2♠ by South(!) and made it. *Sorry to remind you!*

Board 27
Dealer S
Vul None

♠ J65
♥ KT7
♦ KQ5
♣ QJ82

♠ Q9843
♥ 54
♦ J92
♣ K74



♠ T2
♥ AQ983
♦ AT87
♣ A3

♠ AK7
♥ J62
♦ 643
♣ T965



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Weekend Pairs Top Ten Scores

Dick Cummings Pairs (and Mixed Pairs)

Rank	Names	Total
1	<u>Matt MULLAMPHY – Ian THOMSON</u>	166
2	<u>Peter GILL – David HUDSON</u>	162
3	<u>Maurits VAN DER VLUGT – Dagmar NEUMANN</u>	161
4	<u>Hugh GROSVENOR – George KOZAKOS</u>	152
5	<u>Aadhi HARIHARAN – Yiwei QI</u>	145
6	<u>Fraser REW – Mitch DOWLING</u>	144
7	<u>John MCMAHON – Charles MCMAHON</u>	143
8	<u>Simon ZHANG – Yumin LI</u>	143
9	<u>Paul LAVINGS – Peter COX</u>	142
10	<u>Kevin STEFFENSEN – James WALLIS</u>	140

Spring Nationals Intermediate Pairs

Rank	Names	Total
1	<u>Christine HANLEY – Craig MIETZKE</u>	146
2	<u>Richard CARTER – Jay NOVAK</u>	144
3	<u>Liz JACKA – Agnes LEVINE</u>	142
4	<u>Steven KEMP – Glen CHICK</u>	140
5	<u>Linda NORMAN – Karin LE ROUX</u>	137
6	<u>Marg ENRIGHT – Felicity WIVELL</u>	136
7	<u>Esther LEE – Peter ROBINSON</u>	135
8	<u>Simon MOORE – Tony FRANKLIN</u>	132
9	<u>John DYSON – Frank HARDIMAN</u>	122
10	<u>Mary CARTER – Felix SHTEYMAN</u>	119

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Ted Chadwick Restricted & Novice Matchpoint Pairs

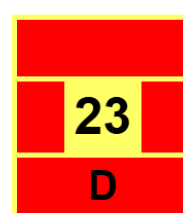
Rank	Names	Total
1	<u>Louise COWAN – Susan BEZETTE</u>	167
2	<u>Margaret MAHONY – Julie MANSFIELD</u>	163
3	<u>Denise REID – Judy KING</u>	162
4	<u>Paul FREEMAN – Neville HIND</u>	127
5	<u>Emi KAIWA – John BELLINGHAM</u>	126
6	<u>Andrew REFSHAUGE – Michael CHOUEIFATE</u>	126
7	<u>Gayle CALVERT – Steve ENGLISH</u>	124
8	<u>David HANCOCK – Lucy D'AMBROSIO</u>	123
9	<u>Maggie HAVYATT – Dave HAVYATT</u>	122
10	<u>Michael GREEN – Vibeke FAURBY</u>	122



Board 23
Dealer S
Vul Both

♠ AK93
♥ 98
♦ KJ85
♣ K86

♠ -
♥ QJT643
♦ T
♣ Q75432



♠ J652
♥ 7
♦ 97642
♣ JT9

♠ QT874
♥ AK52
♦ AQ3
♣ A

Novice Pair Melissa Iverach and Andy Sunter bid to 7♠ on this hand They were Doubled, and Mel was confident that they had sufficient Aces and Kings, so converted 7♠ to 7NT in case there was a bad trump break. Picking up the 4-0 Spade split, Mel made 7NT for a Top in the Restricted field.

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Useful Conventions With Will – Giorgio Part 4 of 4

Hopefully you have seen the usefulness of Giorgio in the previous few articles.

There are a few small details that need to be added for completeness.

Here is an example Giorgio Enquiry auction:

W	N	E	S
(1♦)	1♥	(P)	<u>2♣*</u>

South's 2♣ bid is Giorgio, showing a good hand and asking about the 1♥ overcall.

The first question that many people ask is what would South do if they actually had Clubs?

The answer is, they can use a **2♦ Cue Bid to show Clubs**. Typically showing 6+ Clubs and a moderately good hand (8 – 14 points). Showing Clubs is never a particularly high priority for South, they should be more interested in raising Hearts, looking for Spades, or trying for No-Trumps.

In Response to the 2♦ Club-Showing-Cue-Bid, North will often just bid 3♣ and play there. They might instead repeat their Hearts or bid No-Trumps with an appropriate hand.

I recommend that you play Giorgio after the overcall if there is a Pass or Double in between. If the Responder, East in the example auction, bids a suit, then I recommend Giorgio is OFF, and you revert to using Cue Raises.

One thing to consider is that if all four players are bidding, and your partner is an overcaller, then the chances of game are quite remote.

If you don't already play a convention called Drury, then you can use the 2♣ Giorgio Enquiry after we open the bidding in the third or the fourth seat (if there is a Double or a Pass in between).

W	N	E	S
--	--	--	P
(P)	1♥	(P)	<u>2♣*</u>

In this auction, South's 2♣ bid shows a Heart fit, and around 10+ total points. A simple 2♥ raise shows 6 – 10 points, and you don't need to invite by bidding to the three-level.

This allows you to invite game, but still stop at the two-level, which is especially useful opposite a tactical third seat opening by your partner which might be a little weaker than usual.

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Giorgio Summary

If the opponents open, and we overcall 1♥ or 1♠ then the **Giorgio 2♣ Enquiry** is an enquiry about the overcall.

It applies if the third bidder Passes or Doubles, but not if they bid anything.

To use the **2♣ Giorgio Enquiry**, partner typically has one of three different hand types:

Most commonly, **a fit for the overcall and invitational** points.

Possibly a **balanced hand** of around 13+ points.

Rarely, a **very strong unbalanced hand** with no fit.

The Responses to Giorgio are:

2-of-the-suit: Minimum Overcall

Shows around 7 – 10 HCP.

Bidding 2♦ shows a decent overcall, around 11 – 13 points.

Higher bids show 14+ points and are **Game Forcing**.

After the 2♣ Enquiry, and the answer, the 2♣ bidder often knows where we should play.

Passing 2-of-the-suit ends the auction and your team has stopped as low as possible.

You might sometimes play in a 5-2 fit, but only at the two-level.

Bidding 2-of-the-suit, or 2NT, are both invitational.

Changing suit, jumping, or subsequently cue bidding the opener's suit are all Game Forcing.

In response to a one-level overcall, you and your partner need to discuss whether a change of suit is forcing. I recommend forcing at the one-level, but not the two-level. Giorgio can be used with a very strong hand.

If the Responder to the overcall actually has Clubs, they can use a Cue Bid of the opener's suit to show Clubs.

Giorgio 2♣ can also be used after partner opens the bidding in third or fourth seat.

Convenor's Wrap Up



Well, that's a wrap! Prizes have been distributed, trophies are off to the engraver, to be returned to their shelf where dust bunnies have already started planning a welcome-back party.

Thank you to everyone who dropped by with encouragement, humoured my jokes, took photos like I was some kind of theme park mascot, and bore with the inevitable hiccups of an event this size—with only mild eye-rolling. What a week! I technically “played” — if you count being emergency dummy as playing (I do, and I was magnificent). I bunked at the ‘Bridge Bungalow,’ which felt like *Shark Tank* meets *The*

Odd Couple, with everyone pitching bridge ideas and mentorship strategies while quietly keeping an eye on how many chocolate cornettos were left in the freezer....

The real joy? Watching first-time winners. Like a toddler take their first steps — except these toddlers know Stayman and will never be the same. Sorry, family and friends — they've crossed over. They belong to congress bridge now.

Massive thanks to our Tournament Director, Matthew McManus — calm and collected even with me pestering him with questions all day. To our dream team: John McIlrath, Ronnie Ng, Jeff Carberry, and Alan Bustany — equal part director, caddy and magician — watch them change a tablecloth without moving anything.....

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To our trio of trainee directors — Bricet, Kelly, and David — you were brave, brilliant, and only mildly traumatised. We salute you and hope this experience has only fuelled your directing desire.

To our dealer and jack-of-all-trades, who “held my hand” through the last few months — thank you. You know who you are. And if you don’t, check your inbox for the 47 emails I’ve sent you.

To Michelle and the Canterbury Track staff — you kept the coffee flowing. Legends.

And to William Jenner-O’Shea, whose curated hands and tales in the bulletin offer us glimpses into the parallel universes of the other colour tablecloths.

Now go back to your home club, rest up, and start practicing for SN26. It’s going to be bigger, better, and possibly involve interpretive dance or a live reenactment of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. You’ve been warned.

Only 356 sleeps until SN26 —pop it in your calendar.

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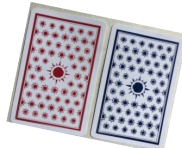
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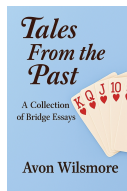


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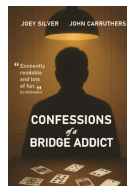
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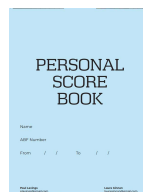
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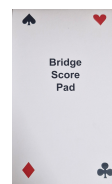
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