

2026 Central West Gold

Pre-Event Bulletin April 2026

Welcome to Orange which in April displays a full range of colours and lives up to its name as the *Colour City*. With recent rains the city is looking at its best.

Tournament Program

We ask all players to be seated by 9.15 on day 1 for the Opening Ceremony by Orange City Mayor Tony Mileto. This will allow the first session to commence at 9.30 am which will be the commencement time on each subsequent day

The afternoon session each day will commence at 1.30 pm and conclude around 4.30 pm

Thursday and Saturday Evening

At the conclusion of play an expert panel of Peter Gill (Chair) Paul Lavings, Justin Mill and Ella Jacob will review some of the more interesting hands played during the day

Friday Evening

At the conclusion of play TBIB are sponsoring the Presentation Evening for the Swiss Teams with food, wine, beer and soft drinks provided at the Ex Services Club. We would encourage all players to enjoy this event and support a principal sponsor of ABF events.

All these events will conclude by 6 pm

Catering

Lunch on each of the 4 days is included in the event payment. There will be a varied menu on each of the 4 days to cater for individual needs and dietary requirements.

The Orange Ex Services Club is a catering venue and as such it is NOT PERMITTED to bring food, beverages, including coffee, or liquor into the club.

Parking is available in a 3 story car park attached to the Ex Services Club. Entry is from Byng Street designated by a Parking Flag which will be in the centre of the road between Anson Street and Sale Street

Entry to the Club

If you are walking to the club the best entry is through the main door in Anson Street which will be open from 8.30 am. For those driving or staying at the Mercure Hotel entry is through the rear door in the car park which is open from 7 am.

There is no requirement to sign in as we have provided the club with a list of players for each day prior to the event.



Non playing Visitors

There are many tourist attractions in Orange including around 50 wineries, restaurants, retail outlets etc. Information can be obtained through the Visitors Centre in Byng Street next to the Council Chambers

If you need any further information please feel free to contact me before or during the event.

Best Regards

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Murray Paterson

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We hope you enjoy your stay here and have a chance to take the opportunity to explore our town and surroundings. Our local **Visitor Information Centre** at 151 Byng St. offers multiple suggestions of activities to entertain you.

They will also tell you about walking and cycling around the area and about tours to farms and vineyards.

When you visit have a look at the Information Centre building with its sloping lawn roof designed for children (and intrepid adults) to roll down! You can reach the roof top via the steps, or find the lift hidden around the corner. It is located in our cultural hub with the Museum, the Art Gallery, Library and Theatre right on the spot. Soon the building of the Conservatorium and Planetarium will be finished to complete an exciting precinct.



Venue arrangements



Arriving at the Orange Ex Services Club (OESC)

The main entrance to the OESC is in Anson Street.

There is a second entrance at the rear of the building from the OESC car park:

- If you are on foot, the best option may be to walk through via the Mecure Hotel's car park in Byng St.
- If you are driving, there is a shared pedestrian and vehicle entrance to the OESC car park in Byng St (next to the Mecure Motel).

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 In to 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 and Bloomfield Golf Club.

Lunches:

No food can be brought into OESC premises. A buffet lunch and all-day tea and coffee is included in players' registration fees.



Additional catering facilities onsite (at own expense) include the Diggers Bistro as well as a cafe. There are several options for meals and coffee within walking distance of the Club.

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 Murray Paterson ☎ 0418 206 485.

Smoking

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

Photographs

The Tournament Manager may grant permission for still or moving photographs to be taken during 2026 CWF Gold. Should any player not wish to have their photo taken, they should advise the Tournament Manager in writing at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the event.

Government Restrictions

In the event of government restrictions Bridge NSW reserves the right to cancel the tournament and accepts no responsibility for any expenses incurred by participants in the event of such a cancellation.

Pens and Score Booklets

Pens and Score Booklets will be issued at the start of the Teams and Pairs events. Pens belong to the players who are responsible for carrying their own pens from table to table. Should you require another Score Booklet, please ask a caddy, and if available, another will be supplied.

Scoring Issues

Any problems and concerns you have about scoring and results should be addressed with the Director.

Murray Paterson, President, Central West Bridge Association



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2025 Central West Festival Results

Last year's Central West Festival was a great event, with some results coming down to the wire.

The **Open Pairs** was won by Paul and Helen Lavings who jumped from 4th to 1st in the last round with a huge win.

The **Intermediate Pairs** was won convincingly by Derek Tyms and Ado Hardy, who could have gone home at lunchtime on the last day and still won the event.

The **Restricted Pairs** was won by Michael Jackson and Claire Bonic, who jumped from 3rd into 1st with a big win.

The **Novice Pairs** was won by Denise Reid and Judy King.

The **Open Teams** last year was won by the Gumby Team, who had two small losses in the six-round Swiss, but big enough wins to see them take the title.

The **Intermediate Teams** was won by the Hajela Team, who lost their first match and then won the rest to sneak into first when the event finished.

The **Restricted Teams** was dominated by the Queree Team who led from the start and had a small wobble near the end, but finished with a comfortable win.

The **Novice Teams** was won by the Sapphire Coast team, who had a draw in the last round to hold on by 0.2 VPs!



2025 Open Pairs Winners: Helen & Paul Lavings



2025 Open Teams Winners – GUMBY
Sue Lusk, Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer and Bruce Neill.

Conventions with Will

There are 35 bids in Bridge, from 1♣ up to 7NT.

There are only three other calls available: Pass, Double, and Redouble.

One of the most useful calls is the Double. Double can be used as a takeout Double to get you into an auction where you don't have a good suit of your own. Double can also be used as a convention, such as a Support Double, to help you to find a fit.

Double can also be used in its traditional form, which is to try to penalise the opponent's if you think that you can defeat their contract.

Passing can also be a useful call, since it often limits your hand, and tells partner that your hand isn't as good as they might hope.

Passing and bidding later helps partner to judge how good your hand is.

The one call that most players are not very familiar with is **Redouble**.

In its purest form, a Redouble is a call that further increases the score. Similarly to a Double, a Redouble can be used as a convention.

If we open with a suit bid, and they Double, then Redouble typically means: **I have 10+ points, and no good fit for your suit.**

The opponents could be in trouble, since our team has most of the points, also, if we don't have a fit, they might not either. *After a "points" Redouble, then next Double by either of us is for Penalties.*

Another use of Redouble is as a rescue. If partner has a bid to a contract, and they get Doubled for Penalties, then a Redouble by you says: "We are probably in the wrong contract! Let's consider running to somewhere better". Although you might be jumping out of the frying pan into the fire, if you are in a terrible contract and Doubled, then running can't really be worse, and might be better.

This is sometimes called an **SOS Redouble**, or just a Redouble for rescue.

If we have agreed on a fit and we get Doubled, then we are already happy with the contract that we have bid. If we get Doubled after finding a fit, then a Redouble is for "Penalties" and used to increase the score! It is rare that the opponents are sure that you are going down, and you are sure that you can make it, but it can happen!



Tales of Woe

Here is a hand played in an international match featuring top players from England and Sweden playing off.

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1. 5/5 in two suits (not Clubs), 7-10 points
 2. Pass if you have Hearts, or bid one of your suits
 3. Intended as "pick a minor"
 4. Intended as "Please pick a minor"
- 3 NT^{xx} by West

South opened 2NT showing 5/5 in two suits.

North was happy to compete to 3♥ if that was one of partner's suits. And happy to go up to 4♦ if that was one of partner's suits. North bid 3♥ as a "pass or correct" bid.

South passed to show that Hearts was one of their suits.

Now West decided to compete. West has 6/5 in the minors and would be happy to play in one of their suits.

West bid 3NT, hoping that since they had passed already, this would mean "pick a minor".

North Doubled 3NT for Penalties.

East figured that West would have a reasonably good hand to be bidding at this level, so was happy to play in 3NT. East passed, South passed, and it was West's turn to bid again.

West tried an SOS Redouble – asking partner to please pick a minor again. West wanted to play in partner's longer minor rather than guessing one themselves.

East either misunderstood the meaning of 3NT, or thought that they could make it anyway, and passed the Redouble. The final contract was 3NT XX.

When the dust settled, East-West only made 4 tricks, and so were down by 5 tricks.

That was a score of -2,800

2800 is the postcode of Orange



Event	Day	Time
Swiss Teams (Prizes for Open, Intermediate, Restricted, Novice)	Thursday 9th April	9:30 am and 1:30 pm
	Friday 10th April	9:30 am and 1:30 pm
Swiss Pairs (Prizes for Open, Intermediate, Restricted, Novice)	Saturday 11th April	9:30 am and 1:30 pm
	Sunday 12th April	9:30 am, concluding approx. 1:00 pm

Event entry includes daily buffet lunch and all-day tea and coffee

Eligibility

All players must individually meet the specific event eligibility criteria:

- Novice** Under 100 mps as at 1 January 2026
- Restricted** Under 300 mps as at 1 January 2026
- Intermediate** Under 750 mps as at 1 January 2026



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Sat 11 July	Sun 12 July	Mon 13 July	Tue 14 July	Wed 15 July	Thu 16 July
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