

Central West Festival Kicks Off

Today we started the Festival with welcome speeches from several officials and sponsors before we got playing.



(L-R) President of the Central West Bridge Association Murray Paterson, ABF Executive Office David Fryda, Bridge NSW Chair Catherine Chaffey, Newmont's Representative Melissa O'Brien and Orange Mayor Tony Mileto open the event.

The format this year is slightly different to last year. This year the Teams is first, and the Open and Intermediate divisions are playing in a combined field, with prizes for the top Intermediate teams. There are 8 rounds of 14 Boards over two days.

The Novice and Restricted fields have also been combined, with category prizes for the top Novice Team within the field.

The Swiss Pairs will begin on Saturday and be 9 rounds of 9 boards each.

The Teams event is half way complete and there are scores and hands later in the Bulletin.



Event Organisers



The organising committee have done a great job in getting this event together. Everything has run very smoothly so far!

(L-R) John McKenzie, Anna Tonna, Des Mulcahy, Mayor Tony Mileto, Dorothy Woodside, Murray Patterson and Jenny King.



Sponsors Paul and Helen Lavings have a book stall in the room where lunch is served.



The TBIB Sponsors also have a desk in the lunch room. See them for any Insurance needs.



Running Scores

Open & Intermediate Top 10 (After 4 of 8 matches)

Rank	Names	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	VPs
1	COLLINS	3	0	1	167	66.93
2	WILLIAMS	4	0	0	100	62.30
3	BLOOM	3	0	1	118	60.32
4	LAZER	4	0	0	81	59.83
5	SKEATE	3	0	1	81	58.13
6	NASH	3	0	1	70	56.59
7	MUNDELL	3	0	1	64	54.28
8	RENNIE	3	1	0	77	53.99
9	KOZAKOS	3	0	1	83	53.38
10	HANSON	3	0	1	45	51.52

Here are the top 5 Intermediate Teams from within the combined field.

Intermediate (Top 5 Ranked) (After 4 of 8 matches)

Rank	Names	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	VPs
18	BAGG	2	0	2	26	43.82
26	SWAN	2	0	2	0	39.59
29	SIMMONDS	2	0	2	-2	38.66
31	TONKIN	2	0	2	-22	36.39
33	MCNEE	1	0	3	-12	35.98



Restricted & Novice Top 10 (After 4 of 8 matches)

Rank	Names	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	VPs
1	SUPAKEFI	4	0	0	183	74.42
2	JENSEN	3	0	1	81	56.75
3	LEWIS	3	0	1	66	55.30
4	DAYHEW	3	0	1	69	53.91
5	SELLICK	3	0	1	57	52.45
6	KATHLEEN	3	0	1	51	51.62
7	JACKSON	3	0	1	27	47.44
8	FAURBY	2	0	2	19	45.64
9	CLARK	3	0	1	17	44.95
10	MOSS	2	0	2	37	44.29

Here are the top 5 Novice Teams from within the combined field. Note that four of these teams are in the Top 10 overall! Great effort to some excellent Novice Teams!


Novice (Top 5 Ranked) (After 4 of 8 matches)

Rank	Names	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	VPs
4	DAYHEW	3	0	1	69	53.91
5	SELLICK	3	0	1	57	52.45
8	FAURBY	2	0	2	19	45.64
9	CLARK	3	0	1	17	44.95
12	BURNHEIM	3	0	1	3	43.06



Hopeful Defence

Here was Board 5 from Match 3 today.

♠ 10 4 3 ♥ 10 8 7 5 ♦ K 9 3 2 ♣ 9 5	♠ A J 6 ♥ A Q J ♦ Q 7 5 ♣ 8 7 4 2		♠ 8 7 ♥ K 9 4 3 ♦ A J 8 ♣ A Q J 10
♠ K Q 9 5 2 ♥ 6 2 ♦ 10 6 4 ♣ K 6 3			

At our table the bidding was:



W	N	E	S
--	1♣	1NT	P
2♣*	P	2♥	2♠
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West tried Stayman as an attempt to scramble out of 1NT into 2♦ or 2♥.

The defence started with the Nine of Clubs lead (doubleton) and a Club back. Declarer won the King of Clubs, and drew trumps in three rounds, ending in the South hand.

Declarer tried a Heart finesse (♥2 - ♥5 - ♥Q - ♥K)

Here was the position near the end of the play:

♠ — ♥ A J ♦ Q 7 5 ♣ 8		♠ — ♥ 9 4 ♦ A J 8 ♣ 10
♠ — ♥ 10 8 7 ♦ K 9 3 ♣ —		♠ Q 9 ♥ 6 ♦ 10 6 4 ♣ —

East has just won the King of Hearts and then the Jack of Clubs.

East-West have won the Ace of Clubs, King of Hearts and the Jack of Clubs.

That is three tricks for the Defenders so far. Declarer has four tricks already and two trumps and two Hearts ready to go, so can make eight tricks unless the Defenders can take three more tricks.

There is no point playing a Club or Heart back. The defence need three Diamond tricks.

If East plays the Ace, they can win that, and then the King, but Dummy's Queen will prevent a third trick.

East must underlead their Ace of Diamonds! West can win the King, and play a Diamond back for East to win the Ace and Jack. Great defence!

Conventions with Will

In the Pre-Bulletin, we looked at one of the uses of a Redouble, which is the rarest call in Bridge.

There is one situation that does come up commonly, where mastering a Redouble will keep you and your partner safe.

Imagine that your partner opens 1NT, and the opponent Doubles your 1NT, which is usually played as a Penalty Double.

As a quick aside, it is worth treating a Double as a Penalty Double, even if it is a conventional Double. If their Double shows a long suit (like DONT) or some other convention, the other player might choose to Pass and leave the Double in!

(W)	Partner	(E)	You
	1NT	(X)	??

What do you do now?

There are lots of ways of escaping from 1NT when Doubled, but here is what I suggest, which is the simplest of them all. Firstly, after the Double, I recommend that you no longer play Stayman, or Transfers. Systems are off. You need more ways of “running”, and not just to Majors.

Bidding a suit shows a five+ card suit and no interest in playing in 1NT Doubled. Typically this shows 0-4 points if you play a Strong 1NT opening, since your team will be outgunned in high-card points. Note that if you have five Clubs or five Diamonds, you have the ability to ‘run’ to 2♣ or 2♦ to escape from the Double.

If you were to **Pass the Double**, that would show around 5+ points, and **say that you are happy** (for your partner) to play in 1NT, Doubled.

So what happens if you have a very weak hand, but no five+ card suit. Enter the Redouble. If your 1NT gets Doubled, then I recommend that Redouble says: “I want to run, but I don’t know where. You run!” It requests that partner bids their five-card suit if they have one, or to bid their lowest four-card suit. If you are ‘happy’ then you can pass. If you have one or two higher four-card suits, then you could scramble to bid one of them to find the safest place to stop.



Conventions continued

This is a version of an **SOS Redouble**. It asks partner to run somewhere. Once again, you might be in trouble in the contract that you run to, but playing in 1NT Doubled already rates to be a poor contract, so trying might make things better, and probably won't make things worse.

Note that some people swap the meaning of Pass and Redouble. Pass says "I want to run, but I have no five+ card suit". This has the advantage of Opener being able to bid a five-card suit if they have one, and Responder knows that it is a five-card suit. Without a five-card suit, Opener can Redouble to begin the scrambling. Redouble says that "I am happy for you to play in 1NT Redoubled. Good Luck!". Directly Redoubling says "I am happy for you to play in 1NT Redoubled – Good Luck". This has an upside, which is that playing and making 1NT XX scores a game bonus, whereas playing in 1NT X is just a pretty good score. It also has the potential downside that if you fail in your contract, you lose points at a much higher rate!

Summary of the simplest way of handling a Double of our 1NT Opening or Overcall.

1NT (X) ??

Pass. Happy to play.
Usually 5 or 6+ points

Running with a 5+ suit

- 2♣: 5+ Clubs, 0-4 points
- 2♦: 5+ Diamonds, 0-4 points
- 2♥: 5+ Hearts, 0-4 points
- 2♠: 5+ Spades, 0-4 points

Running with no 5+ suit

XX: Running!

Then Opener bids a five+ card suit or their lowest 4+ card suit.

If Responder is happy with the suit, they Pass. If they bid a suit, it is scrambling to find the best fit.

Experts Question and Answer Session

There was an Expert Panel immediately after play finished today.

The audience got to ask questions to four of Australia's top players, and there was a lot of debate and useful tips.

Board 11 from the first match had a few useful discussion points. What would you open and plan to rebid on this hand. You are the dealer and no-one is Vulnerable, though the consensus was that the Vulnerability was not relevant.

♠ J
♥ A
♦ A7642
♣ A98642

There are three ways of opening and rebidding this hand.

Open 1♣ (longest suit) then plan to repeat the Clubs. Not bid the Diamonds next, since that would be a reverse

Open 1♦ (!) planning to rebid the Clubs. This shows both suits and a minimum hand (no Reverse). It does slightly distort the hand shape since you opened your shorter Diamond suit.

Open 1♣ and then bid Diamonds. This will be a reverse, which usually shows 16+ points.

Choose what you think you would do.

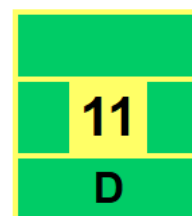
The Panel mostly thought that Opening 1♣ and then bidding Diamonds was the best description of this hand.

Although that is a Reverse, the Panel made a couple of good points. You have a very powerfully shaped hand. You have three Aces. You would prefer not to distort the shape of the hand.

Your partner had 18 points, and will probably take you to slam if you show a good hand.

Board 11 ♠ AK86
Dealer S ♥ Q762
Vul None ♦ KJ3
 ♣ KQ

♠ Q92
♥ 9843
♦ Q85
♣ 753



♠ T7543
♥ KJT5
♦ T9
♣ JT

♠ J
♥ A
♦ A7642
♣ A98642

In the Open & Intermediate 2 pairs played in Grand Slam, needing the Diamond finesse. Both made it.

18 others played in slam with 15 pairs making it. 30 pairs played in Game.

Experts Session continued

This hand also caused some difficulties. Everyone is Vulnerable, and your opponent opens 4♠. What would you do with this hand?

♠ 2
♥ QT8543
♦ KQJ3
♣ KJ

All of the experts, and most of the players choose to pass over 4♠.

Your partner Doubles 4♠, passed back to you. What now?

The first discussion was that a Double of 4♥ or 4♠ is not purely takeout, and not purely Penalties. It shows a good hand.

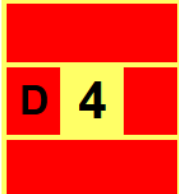
The other discussion was what you should do after the Double.

A few wild bidders tried 6♥! They were rewarded.

Many people bid 5♥.

Partner had a very strong hand this time.

Board 4 ♠ 2
Dealer W ♥ QT8543
Vul Both ♦ KQJ3
♣ KJ

♠ AKJ98643		♠ 7
♥ J9		♥ 2
♦ T8		♦ 9642
♣ 2		♣ T987654

♠ QT5
♥ AK76
♦ A75
♣ AQ3

For those who play Lebensohl, or use 2NT (and 4NT) to show "2 suits" there is a way to show a good Heart hand here.

You can respond 4NT to the Double, and then bid Hearts later to show a "worse way to bid 5♥", and bid 5♥ immediately to show a good hand.

In the Open & Intermediate field 8 pairs bid to 6♥ and 7 made it.

There were 8 pairs defending Spade contracts Doubled (4♠, 5♠ or 6♠!).

There were 28 pairs in Game making which was the average score.

Three pairs in the Restricted & Novice made slam and 3 Doubled Spades for big scores.

Experts Session continued

A lot of hands that were discussed were possible slams, or very shapely hands. Board 28 from match 4 was a far simpler auction with a very useful piece of advice.

Your side is Vulnerable, and your opponents are Not Vul.

Your opponent opens 1♥, and your partner makes a Weak Jump Overcall of 2♠. The next hand passes, and it is your bid.

(Opp)	Partner	(Opp)	You
(1♥)	2♠	(P)	??

- ♠ K
- ♥ 765
- ♦ K96
- ♣ AKQJT7

The Panel all decided that it was worth bidding on, despite the singleton Spade. The key is that your team is Vulnerable against not, and a Jump Overcall needs to be a great quality suit. Your King singleton must be enough to consolidate partner's suit.

The panelists mostly bid 4♠, but Paul Lavings mentioned that you might use

2NT as an enquiry (like you would if partner opened a Weak Two).

If partner shows a singleton Heart, then you would certainly bid game.

Partner had

- ♠ AQJ987
- ♥ 4
- ♦ JT8
- ♣ 985

Making game was easy. Bidding it was much harder.



(L-R) Justin Mill, Ella Jacob, Paul Lavings, and Peter Gill.

These are all Australian representatives, and we were all lucky to be able to hear their thoughts.

Another Expert Question Session will be held on Saturday right after the afternoon session finishes.



Photos



The catered lunch was delicious fresh rolls and soup.



Expert Director Matthew McManus with his excellent scoring and presentation software.



Phil Young is the Tournament Organiser of the upcoming **Gold in the Goldfields** National, and has a great T-Shirt.



Local school kids Jack and Harry have been excellent caddies



Pair Datums from the Teams

Open & Intermediate – Top 10 Datums (After 4 of 8 matches)

Rank	Names	Datum	Modified
1	John LUCK – Ivy LUCK	97	106.70
2	Ella JACOB – Andrew SPOONER	82	88.70
3	Sue O'BRIEN – Paul COLLINS	83	82.10
4	Elizabeth NEIL – Neil WILLIAMS	71	80.10
5	Liz ADAMS – Peter GILL	56	74.50
6	Sue LUSK – Bruce NEILL	61	72.30
7	Tony NUNN – Martin BLOOM	79	71.60
8	Jane RENNIE – Justin MILL	67	62.50
9	Sanjay SINHA – Steven SWAN	64	59.90
10	Stephen FISCHER – George KOZAKOS	41	58.30

Here are the Top 10 Intermediate Pairs from the whole field.

Intermediate – Top 10 Datums (After 4 of 8 matches)

Rank	Names	Datum	Modified
9	Sanjay SINHA – Steven SWAN	64	59.90
11	Martin BROWN – Michael HOGAN	51	56.60
23	Sandy CARTER – Nerida GILLIES	52	33.50
28	Kevin GU – Gayle BAGG	17	26.10
32	Glenda MCNEE – Roger MCNEE	36	24.90
39	Lynda YOUNG – Philip YOUNG	15	17.30
42	Felix SHTEYMAN – Susan FEENEY	10	13.60
51	Mary POYNTEN – Tony WHITE	8	1.80
52	Janet RUSKIN-ROWE – Penny MEERS	-6	0.30
57	Trish BERRY – John SIMMONDS	-2	-3.60



Restricted & Novice – Top 10 Datums (After 4 of 8 matches)

Rank	Names	Datum	Modified
1	Andy SUNTER – David PAUL	102	102.80
2	Anne-Marie KELLY – John FITZPATRICK	93	99.00
3	David KENNY – Kathleen KENNY	69	65.40
4	Peter DAYHEW – Miriam DAYHEW	44	62.90
5	David RIESER – Mandy MACDONALD	56	60.50
6	Vic PIETRASZKIEWICZ – Louise LEWIS	55	55.40
7	Lucy D'AMBROSIO – Shannon QUEREE	54	52.40
8	Lidy SEYSENER – Susan JENSEN	58	49.30
9	Jen WOODHOUSE – Greg BRACKENREG	36	48.50
10	Steve ENGLISH – Michael JACKSON	31	43.00

Here are the Top 10 Novice Pairs from within the combined field.

Novice – Top 10 Datums (After 4 of 8 matches)

Rank	Names	Datum	Modified
4	Peter DAYHEW – Miriam DAYHEW	44	62.90
5	David RIESER – Mandy MACDONALD	56	60.50
9	Jen WOODHOUSE – Greg BRACKENREG	36	48.50
12	Lyndall KENNEDY – Kate LATIMER	45	39.90
14	Paula CORBETT – Lorna O'LEARY	26	26.60
15	Don CLARK – Tom MALCHER	7	22.40
16	Kate MCCLYMONT – Penny LYSAGHT	7	21.60
17	Kent DWYER – Richard JONES	23	19.80
24	Leanne SELICK – Philip SELICK	11	5.50
29	Belinda MOSS – Jenny BELL	-6	0.90





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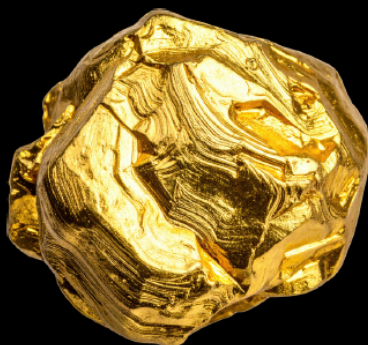


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