

2026 Central West Gold

Bulletin 2

Friday April 10th, 2026

We have our Winners from the Swiss Teams.

In the Open, the **Lazer Team** were undefeated after 8 rounds, and were leading for most of the day, but dropped to second with one round to go. They had a small win in their last round to overtake the **Kozakos Team**.



Here we have Andrew Mill declaring 3♦ against Bruce Neill & Sue Lusk from the **Lazer Team**, while Annette Maluish watches on from Dummy.

Andrew Mill made 3♦ for a flat board.

The **McNee Team** won the Intermediate division, playing in a combined Open & Intermediate section.

The Restricted Teams winners were the **Jensen Team** who finished nearly 10 VPs ahead of the **Kathleen Team**.

The Novice Teams was won by the **Dayhew Team**, defending Champions from last year.

Congratulations to all the winners, and second place prize winners.

There were also category prizes for the best Central West area teams in all of the divisions.

Tomorrow the Swiss Pairs begins at 9:30am, with 9 rounds of 9 boards.

A new day. A new event.

Good Luck to all!



Open & Intermediate Top 10

Rank	Names	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	VPs
1	LAZER	8	0	0	159	117.71
2	KOZAKOS	6	0	2	209	116.26
3	SKEATE	6	0	2	129	108.11
4	BLOOM	5	0	3	146	106.92
5	ANDREW	6	0	2	111	105.95
6	RENNIE	5	1	2	132	100.40
7	LAVINGS	6	0	2	76	98.13
8	WILLIAMS	5	0	3	73	96.14
9	HANSON	5	0	3	63	94.71
10	MULCAHY	4	1	3	41	92.34



The winners! The **Lazer Team**.
Warren Lazer, Pauline Gumby
Sue Lusk, Bruce Neill



Runners-Up. The **Kozakos Team**.
Maurits van der Vlugt, Sebastian Yuen
Stephen Fischer, George Kozakos
And mascot Mischa T Panda!

The Lazer Team won the teams last year as well. Can they win three in a row?



Intermediate (Top 5 Ranked)

Rank	Names	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	VPs
11	MCNEE	4	0	4	50	91.29
18	BRADFORD	5	0	3	32	87.11
19	SWAN	5	0	3	27	86.79
20	CARTER	5	0	3	11	84.26
27	BAGG	3	0	5	8	78.61

Here are the top 5 Intermediate Teams from within the combined field. Well done to the **McNee Team** who nearly made the Top 10 of all of the Open Teams!



The winning **McNee Team**.
Craig Mietzke, Glenda McNee, Christine Hanley, Roger McNee.

They started the day in 33rd and had a draw, then three good wins to vault into 11th overall and Top of the Restricted Field.



Second Place. The **Bradford Team**
Elaine McRae, Pam Bradford, Jens Skovgaard, Jim Stroud.

Restricted & Novice Top 10

Rank	Names	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	VPs
1	JENSEN	6	0	2	166	114.12
2	KATHLEEN	7	0	1	124	105.05
3	SUPAKEFI	5	0	3	109	100.88
4	JACKSON	6	0	2	99	100.85
5	QUEREE	5	0	3	82	97.78
6	MOSS	5	0	3	80	93.18
7	BWBC R	5	0	3	49	93.02
8	LEWIS	4	0	4	52	90.99
9	DAYHEW	4	0	4	41	87.03
10	SMUTS	4	0	4	39	85.86



Winners. The **Jensen Team**.
Bronwyn Neal, Simon Hunter, Susan Jensen, Lidy Seysener.

The Jensen Team was leading going into the last round, and suffered a small loss to the Kathleen Team, but managed to hold onto first place.



Second in the Intermediate. The **Kathleen Team**.
James Walcott, Gwenda Bunworth, Kathleen Kenny, David Kenny.



Novice (Top 5 Ranked)

Rank	Names	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	VPs
9	DAYHEW	4	0	4	41	87.03
13	BELL	4	0	4	14	80.93
15	CLARK	4	0	4	-1	80.11
16	SELLICK	3	0	5	-17	77.83
17	FAURBY	3	0	5	-22	77.63

Here are the Top 5 Novice Teams, and their rankings from the combined Restricted & Novice field. Well done to the Dayhew team for coming in the Top 10 in the combined field, and also winning this event last year as well!



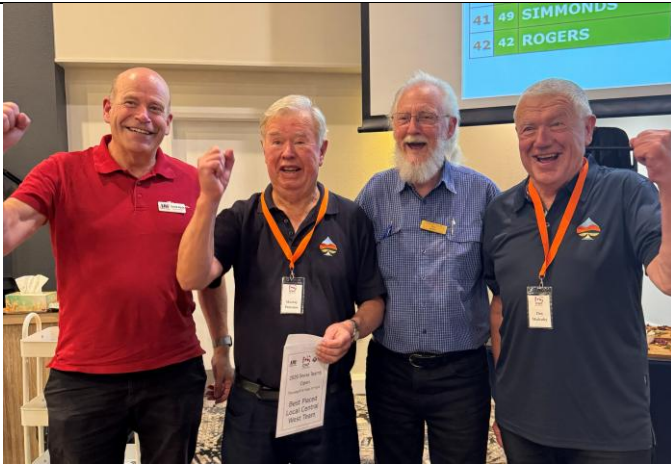
Winners are grinnerers!
The Dayhew Team.
 Miriam Dayhew, Jen Woodhouse, Greg Brackenreg, Peter Dayhew.

The Dayhew Team were in the Top 10 of the combined field for the entire event.



The Novice Teams Runners Up.
The Bell Team.
 Clayton Hitch, Sharon Hitch, Jenny Bell, Belinda Moss.

Best Central West Region Teams



Best Local Placed Team in the Open.
The Mulcahy Team.



Top Local Team from the Restricted.
The Barker Team.



Best Local Team from the Intermediate Division.
The Swan Team.



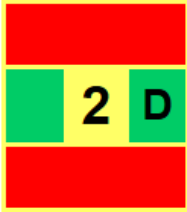
The Best Local Team from the Novice Division.
The Hill Team.

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Winner's Tales

Here is Board 2 from Match 7 where Warren Lazer bid and made 6♠.

Board 2	♠ KJ73	
<i>Dealer E</i>	♥ K632	
<i>Vul N-S</i>	♦ 2	
	♣ KJ73	
♠ -		♠ 982
♥ Q8		♥ AJ954
♦ KT9654		♦ 87
♣ 86542		♣ QT9
	♠ AQT654	
	♥ T7	
	♦ AQJ3	
	♣ A	

W	Pauline	E	Warren
--	--	P	1♠
2NT*	4♦*	P	4NT
P	5♦	P	6♠

South opened a Spade, and when partner splintered 4♦ over West's Unusual 2NT overcall (5/5+ minors), he asked for Keycards and bid to 6♠.

He luckily avoided a killing Heart lead, and instead received a Club lead which he won. He played the Ace of Spades, and then the Ace of Diamonds and ruffed the Three of Diamonds. He played Dummy's King of Clubs to discard a Heart loser, and then ruffed a Club back to hand. When the Queen popped from

East, he could draw trumps, pitch another Heart loser on the Jack of Clubs and just lose one Diamond.



In the last match of the day, the Lazer Team played the Rennie Team. Here Jane Rennie is Dummy, while Warren Lazer and Pauline Gumby successfully defeat Juston Mill's 1NT contract.

The Lazer Team won the match by 7 IMPs and the event by 1.5 VPs.

Open Team Winners Warren and Pauline also had an 'interesting' auction to a slam on Board 14 from match 3 yesterday.

Board 14 ♠ QJ95432
Dealer E ♥ -
Vul None ♦ Q7
 ♣ A752

♠ AT87	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <div style="background-color: #00FF00; width: 100%; height: 100%; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> 14 D </div> </div>	♠ 6
♥ QJ3		♥ AKT9764
♦ JT54		♦ K863
♣ T3		♣ 6

♠ K
 ♥ 852
 ♦ A92
 ♣ KQJ984

W	Pauline	E	Warren
--	--	4♥	P (!)
P	4♠	P	P (!!)
5♥	P	P	6♣

Warren passed over East's 4♥ opening, and then passed Paulines 4♠ bid, but when West finally raised the Hearts, he figured that partner must be very short in Hearts, and have a decent hand outside.

It was now time to bid. He thoughtfully offered Clubs as the trump suit, which was a great idea, since there are two trump losers in Spades.

Although a Diamond lead defeats 6♣ by South, Warren got the Ace of Spades lead and made 12 tricks.

It seems like one part of bridge success is being lucky in avoiding killing opening leads against your slams!

This hand is very similar to one of the boards from yesterday's Expert discussion.

The hand yesterday had North jump overcall Spades while Vulnerable. South had a singleton King of Spades (like this hand), which proved to be extremely valuable.



Here is the photo of last year's winning team.



More Winner's Tales

The Restricted Teams winners were the Jensen Team, and they had a few stories to tell about the successes. They bid and made two slams in Match 6 today.

Board 18

Dealer E
Vul N-S

♠ Q9875
♥ 4
♦ T962
♣ 973

♠ A43
♥ AQ97
♦ A
♣ QJT82



♠ KT2
♥ JT2
♦ KJ4
♣ AK64

♠ J6
♥ K8653
♦ Q8753
♣ 5

Lidy and Susan had a swift auction here, after Lidy opened the East cards 1NT (15-17), Susan jumped straight to 6NT. Only half the field bid this one.

(L-R) Kathleen Kenny, Lidy SEYSENER, David Kenny and Susan Jensen face off in the final round.

Kathleen won the match, but Jensen won the event.

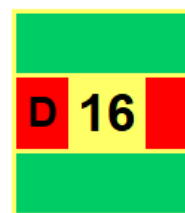
They also bid Board 16 to the making 6♥ here:

Board 16

Dealer W
Vul E-W

♠ 643
♥ 5
♦ QT532
♣ QJ52

♠ J82
♥ KQ32
♦ AJ
♣ AK43



♠ AQ97
♥ AJT986
♦ K96
♣ -

♠ KT5
♥ 74
♦ 874
♣ T9876

Susan	N	Lidy	S
1NT	P	2♦*	P
3♥!	P	4NT	P
5♦	P	6♥	//

Although 1NT is usually 15-17, Susan opened with 18 points, but managed to super accept on the next round then found herself in 6♥. Making!



More Winner's Tales

Novice Teams Runners Up were the **Bell Team**. Their North-South pair were Canberra's Sharon and Clayton Hitch playing against Nowra's Leanne and Philip Sellick.

Board 14

Dealer E
Vul None

♠ T95

♥ T9543

♦ AQ54

♣ J

♠ KJ64

♥ KQJ86

♦ JT

♣ 94



♠ Q8732

♥ 7

♦ 98763

♣ 76

♠ A

♥ A2

♦ K2

♣ AKQT8532

W	N	E	S
Philip	Sharon	Leanne	Clayton
--	--	P	2♣*
2♥(!)	3♦	P	6♣
P	P	P	

When Dummy provided the Ace of Diamonds (pew) and the Queen to

discard his Heart loser, Clayton made 13 tricks.

In the Restricted & Novice field, one pari bid to Grand Slam (well done Diana Waddell and Garth Hogg). There were 10 pairs in small slam, 14 pairs in game, and remarkably, three pairs playing in a Club partscore.

Clayton thought about opening 6♣! You don't get to do that very often, but then decided to open 2♣.

West found a cheeky 2♥ overcall.

North wanted to bid something, and tried 3♦.

South now just bid a very practical 6♣.

In the Open field, there was one pair in Grand Slam (well done Stephen Fischer & George Kozakos).

There were 28 pairs in slam, and 19 in game.

There were a couple of pairs defending East-West in a Doubled contract going down by a lot.

If only we all had Stephen Fischer and Geroqe Kozakos, or Diana Waddell & Garth Hogg as teammates!



Conventions with Will

We have already had a look at using Redouble as a rescue from a poor contract. We also used Redouble as part of the rescue mission from escaping when our 1NT gets Doubled.

There is one common and useful situation where Redouble can be used to help in a competitive auction.

If your opponent opens, and your partner overcalls a suit, and the next opponent makes a Negative Double, it is your bid. If you have a fit for partner's overcall, you shouldn't try to Redouble as an attempt to play. The opponents won't stop and leave you in a low contract like 1♠ XX, they will go off and bid their suits. If you have a nice fit for partner you should just raise the suit, or jump raise, or perhaps cue raise.

You also don't need to use an SOS Redouble in this auction, since their Double was intended to bid on. It wasn't a Penalty Double. Even if you have a poor hand, and a poor fit, you aren't yet in trouble. Simply pass and hope that the opponents keep bidding.

There is a simple and useful convention here called a **Rosenkranz Redouble**. If you Redouble after partner has overcalled a suit, it shows that you have

doubleton in partner's suit (nearly a fit), but that you have a top honour in that suit. This a very useful information for partner for a couple of reasons. If they have a six-card suit, they know that you have a fit, and can compete higher. If they only have a five-card suit, they know that you don't have a fit, and are warned not to complete. The most useful information gained from a Rosenkranz Redouble is that if your team ends up defending, partner knows that they can safely lead their suit, since you have shown a useful honour in that suit. Also, if you lead the suit, partner can be sure that your lead is a doubleton, and they can defend accordingly.

Some people use a Rosenkranz Redouble to promise an Ace or King specifically. Others are happy to have it show an Ace, King or Queen. You might need to agree with your partner.

Originally a Rosenkranz Redouble was used to show three-card support with a top honour, but it wasn't very useful. Just raising the suit immediately was more effective at competing.

For a brief moment in time, bidding theoreticians raised to promise a top honour in the suit, and used the Redouble to deny a top honour. This was called a Guildenstern Redouble but was immediately forgettable.



Youth Bridge: Imagine If You'd Started Earlier?

By Laura Ginnan

What if you had discovered bridge 10 or 20 years earlier than you did?

Would you have travelled more? Met more people? Found a deeper appreciation for partnership, problem-solving, and the quiet thrill of getting it right at the table? Bridge connects us—not just across the table, but across generations. And right now, there's a growing group of young Australians proving just how vibrant and exciting that future can be.

Jasmine Skeate who just placed 3rd in the teams will represent Australia at this year's World Transnational Championships and there are 29 other young Aussies who have just qualified for ABF ratified youth teams ranging from the under 16s-under 31s divisions.

If you caught the expert session with Peter Gill, Paul Lavings, Justin Mill, and Ella Pattison, you would have seen firsthand the passion that bridge creates. If you think that the analysis session was passionate, strike up a conversation with them about youth bridge! Paul has long supported youth through his teaching resources, Peter has championed youth events for decades and one of three members on the 2026 Youth Selection Committee, and Justin—who has played since a very young age—has continued giving back following his own highly accomplished youth career. As outgoing Youth Coordinator, Ella has been instrumental in developing the current generation of players.

This is what youth bridge looks like: energy, mentorship, and genuine connection across generations. As a bridge community, we all want vibrant clubs, and more young faces joining the game. We want to get kids off screens and into something social, challenging,



Ella Pattison and David Fryda talked about how you can support Youth Bridge, especially the five Youth Teams going to China this year, mostly self-funded.



and meaningful. Bridge does exactly that—building friendships, confidence, and real-world thinking skills that last a lifetime.

But it takes all of us to make it happen and Aussie Youth Bridge needs your help. Whether it's financial support—as we fundraise for a full complement of five youth teams at this year's World Championships—or contributing your own skills in marketing, fundraising, organisation or some other super power you can make a difference and every contribution helps!

Find out more about the Aussie Youth Scene and please consider showing your support through volunteering or financial support at:

<https://www.aussieyouthbridge.com/supportaussieyouthbridge>



This big group of players from the Illawarra got together after play and went to dinner together after play. A wonderful bridge community. *Note the Intermediate Teams winners Glenda & Roger McNee 3rd & 4th from the left.*

Open & Intermediate – Top 10 Datums

Rank	Names
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1	Catherine CHAFFEY – Jake ANDREW	181	169.10
2	Stephen FISCHER – George KOZAKOS	138	152.80
3	Ella JACOB – Andrew SPOONER	130	145.10
4	Sue LUSK – Bruce NEILL	91	118.80
5	Tony NUNN – Martin BLOOM	100	115.80
6	Warren LAZER – Pauline GUMBY	90	113.50
7	Jane RENNIE – Justin MILL	103	108.00
8	Sanjay SINHA – Steven SWAN	116	107.90
9	Maurits van der VLUGT – Sebastian YUEN	87	104.10
10	Liz ADAMS – Peter GILL	62	101.50

Intermediate – Top 10 Datums

Rank	Names	Datum	Modified
8	Sanjay SINHA – Steven SWAN	116	107.90
12	Sandy CARTER – Nerida GILLIES	91	70.10
20	Lynda YOUNG – Philip YOUNG	48	55.30
21	David BURTON – Jane BISCOE	90	54.30
22	Martin BROWN – Michael HOGAN	68	53.60
26	Felix SHTEYMAN – Susan FEENEY	39	42.30
34	Glenda MCNEE – Christine HANLEY	26	28.00
40	Roger MCNEE – Craig MIETZKE	30	20.70
42	Glenda MCNEE – Roger MCNEE	36	20.00
52	Jens SKOVGAARD – Elaine MCRAE	18	9.90

Here are the Intermediate pairs and their rankings from within the combined field.



Restricted & Novice – Top 10 Datums

Rank	Names	Datum	Modified
1	Lidy SEYSENER – Susan JENSEN	127	133.60
2	David KENNY – Kathleen KENNY	111	124.10
3	Steve ENGLISH – Michael JACKSON	102	113.10
4	Andy SUNTER – David PAUL	89	99.10
5	Peter DAYHEW – Miriam DAYHEW	57	83.60
6	Vic PIETRASZKIEWICZ – Louise LEWIS	71	80.60
7	Kevin HUGHES – Marcelle GOSLIN	69	76.40
8	Lucy D'AMBROSIO – Shannon QUEREE	73	73.20
9	Bronwyn NEAL – Simon HUNTER	67	72.30
10	Ann BERRY – Bev FURNER	46	53.80

Novice – Top 10 Datums

Rank	Names	Datum	Modified
5	Peter DAYHEW – Miriam DAYHEW	57	83.60
15	David RIESER – Michael GREEN	22	34.60
19	Sharon HITCH – Clayton HITCH	36	29.60
21	Keith HILL – Michelle HILL	13	21.50
22	Lyndall KENNEDY – Kate LATIMER	13	21.00
23	Kent DWYER – Richard JONES	38	20.20
24	Michelle SEALE – William BURNHEIM	21	19.90
27	Paula CORBETT – Lorna O'LEARY	18	14.70
29	Jill JOHNSON – Maria STOPPINI	14	6.90
31	Kate MCCLYMONT – Penny LYSAGHT	9	2.40

The Novice Datums are taken from the combined field.

Great work Peter and Miriam being in the Top 5 out of 56 pairs!

Miscellaneous Extras!



A full and happy playing room!



We have a new Caddy, Patrick!
They have been doing a great job.



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And so many boards!



Canberra bridge teacher, Steve Geddes, got stopped quite a few times with people commenting on his shirt!





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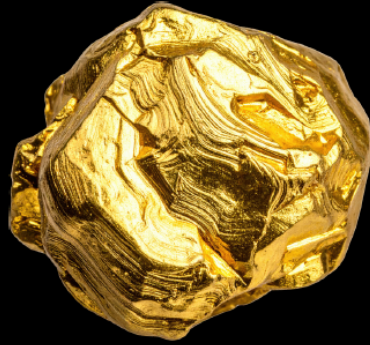
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