

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS



1. Wed 3RD Monthly Shield
2. Wed 10th Presidents Cup (r)
3. Mon 15th June: Winter Prs (r)
4. Tues 16th all day GNOT (Q)
5. Thurs evgs 18th & 25th Club Restricted Teams inc State Under Grand (Q) Teams
6. Fri 26th High-Low Teams (P) Sponsored by David Snow. Draw for partners



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

The following members have birthdays in June: Tony Burke, Wendy Byrne, Penny Dilworth, Patrick Gallagher, Chris Hannan, Henrietta Hohnen, Liz Langmead, Di March, Helen Milward, June Noble, Jan Oitmaa, David Roberts, Geoffrey Sadler, Tony Sappideen, Robyn Smith, Alma Van Der Walt, Brian Warburton, Ellen Williams, Richard Wydell.



Don't forget no regular bridge May 26-29



Early reminder that our AGM is due to be held on Tues 28th July. It's weeks ahead yet but deadline for Motions to be received by Secretary, is 21 days in advance

Do you need a JP? Leonie Lovell is available before or after the afternoon sessions on Mondays & Wednesdays





ZELDA OVERALL CUP

The Zelda Overall Cup was held on Thursday 14th May with 7 tables competing. Zelda had a long connection with both teaching & playing bridge. She was both supportive & inspirational for developing players, ie those who compete for this Cup. She was also our Club Patron for a number of years.



**Winners of Zelda Overall Cup:
Tony Crehan & Stuart Gibson**



**Winners of the Special
Prize: Trish Howard &
Cheryl Davison**

Other coming events in our calendar specifically for developing players.

- ☐ June 18th & 25th Club Restricted Teams Teams inc State Under Grand (Q) Teams
- ☐ July 23rd & 30th Club Restricted Pairs



BRIDGE FOR ALL PLAYERS

FOR THE DEVELOPING

Introducing the Starter Congress

Starter Pairs Congress 2021

**Sunday
9 August
9.30am-4pm**

Bridge NSW is excited to announce an initiative to support new and developing players who have little or no experience playing...

[Read more](#)

This should read Starter Pairs Congress.

& FOR THOSE WHO MIX BRIDGE WITH SEEING NEW PLACES

Taken from the BridgeNSW Newsletter. Both ABF & BridgeNSW publish Newsletters – available from their websites. A Starter Congress provides a comfortable introduction to playing in Congresses .

TO THE WELL ESTABLISHED

NSW and Victoria collaborate to host top-level bridge online



The two largest bridge communities in Australia are coming together to offer a unique cross-border collaboration. By opening their flagship online events to each other, Bridge NSW and Bridge Victoria are creating a new opportunity for players...

[Read more](#)

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GOLD IN THE GOLDFIELDS

18-22 NOVEMBER 2026



A New National Gold Point Tournament

Taking place in the heart of the historic Goldfields district in central Victoria.



Tournament Director
Laurie Kelso



Tournament Organiser
Phil Young, 0419 338 798

TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

Wed 18 Nov	7:00pm	Walk-in Pairs
Thu 19 Nov	9:30am	Swiss Teams
Fri 20 Nov	9:30am	Swiss Teams
	7:30pm	Trivia Night
Sat 21 Nov	9:30am	Swiss Pairs
Sun 22 Nov	9:30am	Swiss Pairs

Enter at MyABF:



All Seasons Resort Hotel, Strathdale, BENDIGO



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STATE MIXED PRS

... was held on 16th & 17th May,
at Goulburn St, Sydney.

Both Metropolitan & Country
pairs played qualifying rounds
on the Saturday with the top
14 going to the final on
Sunday.

On Saturday the following
Central Coast players
contended: Dorothy Berzins &
Larry Byrant; Louise Lewis &
Vic Pietraszkiewicz ; Donelle
Foate & Chris Hasemore;
Dasha Brandt & David
Bowerman; &, Lucy
D'Ambrosio with Michael
Jackson.

On Sunday, Larry & Dorothy
were awarded the medal for
2026 Country Pairs.

Dasha & David finished in 2nd
place in the Country
contenders. It's good to see
our players do so well.

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**Larry Byrant & Dorothy Berzins –
Country Champs. Photo from
BridgeNSW website**

**David Bowerman & Dasha
Brandt, second placed
Country Pr**

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CLAIMING – bridge Law 70D1 as applied in 2 instances
at the Autumn ANC in Adelaide recently

In the Blue Ribbon Open Pairs, South is Declarer in 5H and, with seven tricks to go, Claims "giving you a Heart".

The remaining cards are:

North	
♠-	
♥J9	
♦AT87	
♣7	
West	East
♠9876	4
♥-	♥-
♦K5	♦963
♣7	♣942
South	
♠-	
♥KT8	
♦QJ42	
♣-	

As you can see, there are no Hearts to be given! But what about the ♦K? Is there a normal line of play in which the declarer loses a Diamond? Not on that layout for the class of player involved, but what about that Claim? The Chief Director suggested that a 'strange' Claim often reveals something about what the claimant is thinking... in this case they thought they had one red King rather than the other. Now a normal, if careless, line of play is to run Diamonds from the top until you get ruffed. One trick to the defence, just not the one Declarer thought they were giving!

(Second instance

In the Blue Ribbon Under-Grand Pairs, Declarer in 4H as South held ♠K ♥K ♣xx opposite ♠63 ♥85, with the lead in Dummy, and claimed the rest saying "ruffing two Clubs". A Spade lead and cross-ruff seems uncontroversial, but the defence had asked how Declarer was going to play...

For reasons best left with this Declarer, they said "Heart to the King" - a line of play that gives a trick to the defence! Law 70D1 is clear that the claimer cannot amend their original clarification

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statement to create a successful line of play if there is an alternative normal line of play that would be less successful, but what about amending the original with a less successful line of play? Unfortunately for the defence in this case, no amendment of the original clarification statement is allowed, so the Claim of four tricks was upheld.

Law 70 deals with Contested Claims or Concessions & D1 covers Director's Considerations. If you ever you do want to read the Laws they are available online but be sure they are current.



HOT OUT OFF THE PRESS

MAITLAND SWISS PAIRS CONGRESS WAS HELD TODAY, 24/5/26

There was a field of 48 & winners were:-

David Bowerman & Dasha Brandt who won 5 of their 6 matches. Well done to you both, CONGRATULATIONS. For a photo see p4. It's the same Dasha & David

Several others from the Central Coast also competed including Roy Cotton & Stephen Calcroft; Sharon Mayo & Sally Clarke; Vic Pietraszkiewicz & Louise Lewis; and, Tracey Dillon & Carolynne Mucharsky.