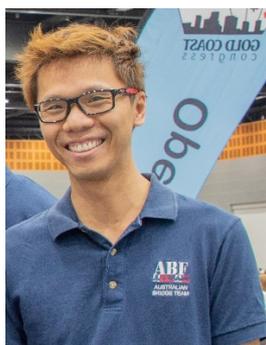




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AAAND WE'RE BACK!



Welcome to the 60th anniversary of the Gold Coast Congress (GCC). What a year, no, two years it has been since our last congress with major world events that have occurred, ranging from a new US president, to a vaccine created in record history, to the launch of The James Webb Telescope, successor of the Hubble Telescope.

The very first GCC was played in 1962, with sixty or so participants. Fast forward to now, and the GCC is renowned for being a World Class standard of how a Bridge Tournament should be run. The organisers and staff have been working around the clock throughout the year to provide us with a top quality congress, and it will certainly be the first 'big' face-to-face tournament in Australia since our last one – which was the 2020 GCC! (Although the ANOT did run last year.)

Given that we are all still riding out this pandemic, please be mindful and respectful to the staff as well as to each other. Don't forget to download the "Check In QLD" app on your phone as you will need to check in whenever you enter the venue. You can also link your Medicare vaccination certificate to the Check In QLD app. You may be asked to show these - please remember the staff are doing their best to ensure a smooth experience for all.

Unfortunately we will not be seeing (much of) our friendly neighbours from New Zealand, WA, as well as our international guests due to the border closures. Let's all do our best by washing our hands frequently, using hand sanitisers, wearing masks (rules may change at any time), and if you need to cough do not take your mask off to cough (and don't cough onto your hands/cards!).

Please be courteous to everyone, and I hope you all have a fantastic week!

Andy Hung
Bulletin Editor

COVID VACCINATION POLICY

- ✓ You must be double vaccinated in order to attend the Gold Coast Congress
- ✓ You must Check In using the "Check In QLD" app upon entering the venue every day (or write your details down)

CHECK IN QLD APP



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Saturday's Celebrity Speaker:

1:30pm – 2:15pm

Peter Gill on "Which Suit to Play When You Declare 3NT" (Celebrity flyer on [page 23](#))

Daily Bulletins Electronic Only

Weather (Sat): 20-29°C, 40% chance 0-2mm

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Friday 18th Feb

6:00pm ♠ No Frills Walk-In Pairs

Saturday 19th Feb

10:00am ♠ Pairs (O, I, Re, N) Qualifying 1/2

♠ Mecca Bah Walk-In Pairs

2:30pm ♠ Pairs (O, I, Re, N) Qualifying 2/2

♠ Weekend M/P (O) Session 1/3

♠ Mecca Bah Walk-In Pairs

O=Open, I=Intermediate, Re=Restricted, N=Novice

For the full schedule, see [page 25](#)
(clickable link if viewing online)

WELCOME FROM JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP
Co-Patron 2022 Gold Coast Congress



As the State Member for Surfers Paradise and patron of the Surfers Paradise Bridge Club, I am pleased to welcome you to the sunny Gold Coast for the 60th Annual Bridge Congress.

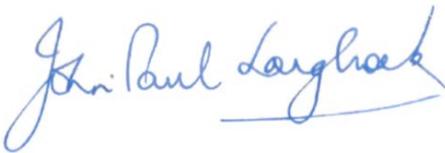
The Annual Bridge Congress is always a wonderful event here on the Gold Coast, and that's why so many competitors keep coming back. Congratulations to your organising committee!

Whether you're a first time visitor, or a local, I hope you take the time to explore and enjoy the fabulous Gold Coast when you are not competing. The Gold Coast has something for everyone. We're home to golden beaches, world-class entertainment and shopping, a beautiful hinterland, and famous attractions.

The Gold Coast is no stranger to friendly competition. We hosted the Commonwealth Games in 2018, and are currently preparing to host a number of events during the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. We are also home to the Gold Coast 600 which is set to return this year, and the World Bowls' Championships, just to name a few events. The Annual Bridge Congress is another fantastic event that shows our City's commitment to fostering a sense of community through sport and recreation.

I wish you a very successful tournament, and a wonderful celebration of the Gold Coast Bridge Congress' 60th anniversary. Thank you for choosing the fabulous Gold Coast for the 60th Annual Bridge Congress and I hope you have an enjoyable stay.

Yours sincerely



The Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP

Member for Surfers Paradise
Shadow Minister for Seniors, Communities and Disability Services
Shadow Minister for Multiculturalism and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

WELCOME FROM ALLISON STRALOW
President Australian Bridge Federation



On behalf of the Australian Bridge Federation, I welcome players to Broadbeach for the 60th Gold Coast Congress. The diamond anniversary was due to be held in 2021 but was postponed because of Covid-19. It is now time to celebrate as diamond means unconquerable and enduring which is symbolic of the bridge community during these unprecedented times.

Thank you to the Tournament Organiser, Tim Runting and his team of tireless workers for the many hours of work that they have put into the planning and running of this event. The GCC Team has had to constantly seek advice and updates from the Queensland Government and the Gold Coast Convention Centre to make sure that all protocols are adhered to for the safety and well-being of all players and officials. Please be respectful and patient with the team as they implement the new Government-mandated conditions of entry.

I encourage players to support the sponsors of the Gold Coast Congress. Retaining sponsorship for cancelled events or events that have shifted online is difficult: however, many of our loyal sponsors have continued to support bridge during the pandemic.

I look forward to seeing many of you as the bridge community reunites to celebrate the 60th running of this world class event.

Allison Stralow
President Australian Bridge Federation

WELCOME FROM RICHARD WARD

President Queensland Bridge Association



Welcome to the 60th Gold Coast International Congress – our Diamond Jubilee which was postponed in 2021. It has been quite a challenge to stage this event in 2022 with pandemic-associated uncertainties casting an ominous shadow over the organisers in the months leading-up to today's opening sessions. We are so very grateful to all of you who have been determined not to let Covid-19 deter you from entering this congress which remains the largest in the southern hemisphere and a significant bridge occasion world-wide.

The success of the GCC is also due in no small part to the ongoing support of our sponsors – Tony Bemrose Insurance Brokers, Australian Bridge Magazine, Paul Lavings Bridge Books and Supplies, Penline, NSWBA Spring Nationals, Stepbridge, The Oasis Shopping Centre, Two Men and a Truck, Stepbridge, Annette Maluish, David Stern, Jim Evans, Vanessa Brown plus others who wish to remain anonymous. They provide funding, prizes and goods and services. I would like to thank them for their partnership as well as their foresight in seeing the pre-eminence which the Gold Coast Congress holds in terms of being deserving of that support. Thanks also to the Australian Bridge Federation, any loyal overseas players who have somehow made their way into Australia and also our long-time participants for whom the GCC has always been the highlight of their bridge year.

Few of us would be aware of all that goes on behind-the-scenes to ensure that an event of this size and complexity runs so smoothly. The GCC team roles range from the administrative staff, directors, bulletin editors, floor staff, caddies, board dealers, drivers, coffee-makers and others who help throughout the week, but, equally importantly, before and after the tournament. There are at least 80 people who make this all happen and approximately 40,000 boards are pre-dealt for the tournament.

The GCC has zero tolerance for unacceptable behaviour. Please help us to ensure that everyone enjoys their time here by treating their partners, opponents, directors and other staff with respect at all times. Be kind to each other! Your plan should be to sit back, relax, enjoy your bridge and the tournament whilst also experiencing all that the Gold Coast has to offer. May you have a happy and successful event.

Richard Ward – President Queensland Bridge Association

WELCOME FROM TIM RUNTING

Gold Coast Congress Tournament Organiser



Welcome to the 60th Annual Gold Coast Tournament! Without a doubt this edition will go down as probably the toughest ever to organise, given what we have all experienced over the last 2 years!

Whilst we know our numbers were always going to be down, it gives me great pleasure to see the number of players supporting our great game by being prepared to play face-to-face Bridge at the National level. This is an event that is widely regarded as one of the world's best Congresses to attend.

Open Team numbers have been split this year with the addition of a new section, the Under 1500 Masterpoint category. I am sure this event will become a highlight, just as the Under 750 MP (Intermediate) section was when it was first introduced. The Gold

Coast Congress has always been a place where players return to catch up with old friends and do battle at the table with new ones!

A very big thank you again to my partner Sue, who has provided another entertaining Bridge Widows programme along with several social activities to keep everyone involved throughout the duration of the event. We have also brought on board several new restaurants in the Broadbeach area that are sponsoring the Walk-In events. Please support those that support us! A full listing is available in this Bulletin and on the screens throughout the centre.

The Bulletins are your greatest source of information, for the first time this will now only be available online, but once again Andy Hung will be heading our team, together with Liam Milne, whilst welcoming Nick Jacob who has just moved over from NZ to take up residence in Oz.

The theme this year being our 60th is "Diamonds" – please wear something sparkly or encrusted with "bling" on Wednesday our theme day, as in the past I am certain it will be a fun event for all those that get involved!

Lastly, please again support our Celebrity Speakers program with all proceeds going to the Friends of the Youth Bridge fund!

Happy Bridging,

Tim Runting
Gold Coast Congress Tournament Organiser

Dealer: West
 Vul: None
 Brd 24

♠ K J 9 6
 ♥ A 9 8 6 2
 ♦ 10 7 2
 ♣ 7

♠ 5
 ♥ 5
 ♦ A K Q 6 4 3
 ♣ Q 8 6 4 3

♠ A 7 3
 ♥ K Q J 4
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ A K 9 2

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

West North East South

Makeable Contracts

-	6	-	6	NT
1	-	1	-	♠
-	1	-	1	♥
-	6	-	6	♦
-	6	-	6	♣

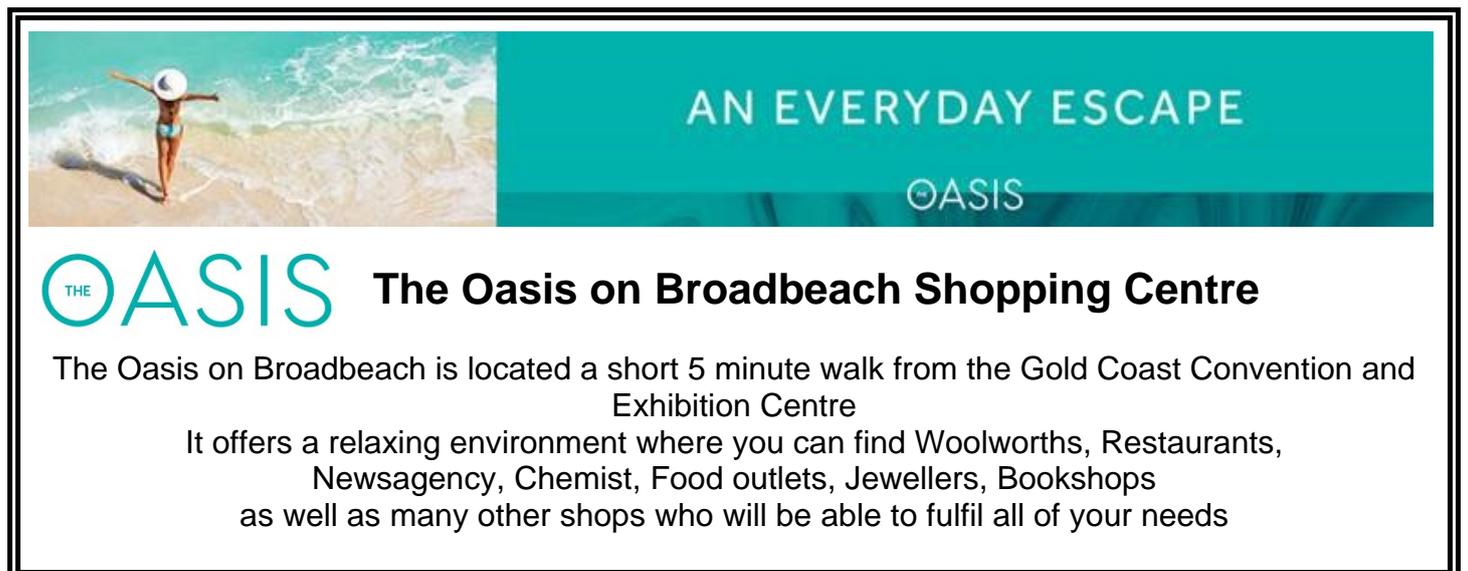
West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>Wiltshire</i>	<i>Bach</i>	<i>Henbest</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♣
Pass	7♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Ware</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Jacob</i>	<i>Brown</i>
	1♦	1♠	Dbl
3♦ ^{10+ 4+}	5♣	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

I'm not sure why Brown tempted fate by bidding 5♥ not 5♠ but Whibley could be sure that if the grand slam was making his partner would have bid it holding four key cards.

In the other room everything up to 4♣ is clear. Thereafter, a few cuebids were exchanged and 4NT was RKCB. Henbest asked for the ♣Q and because the call was higher than 5♣, North thought he was being invited to 7. Henbest had explained that he was trying for 6NT had the partnership been missing the ♣Q (since he only knew about a 4-4 fit), though without clear agreements, North had assumed he was invited for the grand.

West doubled 7♣ and hoped it was Lightner - not just 'I have an ace'. Bach certainly read it that way, and Cornell had the title by 12 IMPs thanks to that 14 IMP swing. His team were unanimous that he was due the lion's share of credit for not attending; and congratulations to Alex Antonios, collecting his first masterpoints for winning a national title. I'd be surprised if that has ever been done before.



THE OASIS The Oasis on Broadbeach Shopping Centre

The Oasis on Broadbeach is located a short 5 minute walk from the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre

It offers a relaxing environment where you can find Woolworths, Restaurants, Newsagency, Chemist, Food outlets, Jewellers, Bookshops as well as many other shops who will be able to fulfil all of your needs

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

PROBLEMS

Tim Runting is the Tournament Organiser, and Kim Ellaway is the Manager of the event. If you experience any problems with the events see one of them. Kim can be contacted on 0412-064-903 at any time during the congress or Tim on 0458-448-765.

COVID – CHECK IN APP

As part of GCCEC Safeplan, upon entry into the GCCEC building, every guest attending the Gold Coast Congress will need to be double vaccinated, and check in using the Queensland (QLD) Government **Check In QLD App**. You can download this app on Apple Store by clicking [here](#), or the Google Play Store by clicking [here](#). Don't forget to link your Medicare vaccination certificate for easier viewing. Any guest that does not have a mobile phone - the GCCEC will offer Check-in facilities for the guest to enter their details. Should any guest refuse to provide their details, they will be refused entry into the Centre. GCC's Player Covid Safety Protocols can be found by clicking [here](#).

ENTRY FEES

Entry Fees – A few players, because of extenuating circumstances, have not been able to pre-pay their entry fee. If this means YOU, then please proceed to Bridge Administration Desk and take care of the matter.

Your team or pair cannot commence play if an entry fee is unpaid.

- Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs (3 Sessions) \$260 per pair (\$240 if paid by 7/2)
- Bobby Richman Open Intermediate Restricted or Novice Pairs \$310 per pair (\$290 if paid by 7/2)
- Monday Swiss Butler Pairs (2 Sessions) \$150 per pair (\$130 if paid by 7/2)
- Teams: Open, U1500 MP's, Intermediate, Restricted or Novice \$740 per team (\$700 if paid by 7/2)
- Rookie (0-10 MP's) Pairs Sunday or Thursday (1 Session each) \$50 per pair per session
- Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs Tuesday (Single Session) \$50 per pair
- Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs Wednesday (Two Sessions) \$90 per pair
- Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs Thursday (Two Sessions) \$90 per pair
- Seres-McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs (Two Sessions) \$150 per pair (\$130 if paid by 7/2)
- Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs Open or Restricted (3 Sessions) \$210 per pair (\$190 if paid by 7/2)
- Friday Novice Pairs (Two Sessions) \$150 per pair (\$130 if paid by 7/2)
- Holiday Walk-ins \$15 per session per player payable at the table before each session

CALENDAR

Friday 18th Feb	Saturday 19th Feb	Sunday 20th Feb	Monday 21st Feb	Tuesday 22nd Feb	Wednesday 23rd Feb	Thursday 24th Feb	Friday 25th Feb	Saturday 26th Feb
	Bobby Richman Pairs Championship							
	Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs		Monday Butler Pairs					
		Rookie Pairs				Rookie Pairs		
No Frills Pairs	Walk-In Pairs x2	Walk-In Pairs x2	Walk-In Pairs x2	Walk-In Pairs x2	Walk-In Pairs x2	Walk-In Pairs	Walk-In Pairs x2	Walk-In Pairs
				Teams Championship			Teams Finals	Open Team Final
				0-50 MP Pairs	0-50 MP Pairs	0-50 MP Pairs	Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs	
							Seres McMahon MP Pairs	
							Friday Novice Pairs	
								Dinner Dance

SESSION TIMES

All session times are shown daily in the Bulletin.

LATE ENTRIES IVY DAHLER BUTLER PAIRS, SERES-MCMAHON MATCHPOINT SWISS PAIRS AND FRIDAY NOVICE PAIRS

Entries for the end-of-week events close:

Butler Pairs	Thursday 2:30pm 24 th February
Seres-McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs	Thursday 2:30pm 24 th February
Novice Pairs	Thursday 2:30pm 24 th February

To relieve the pressure on the Administration Desk at this time and to cut down on the queues, we are leaving the web site on-line entries open right up until 2:30pm Thursday 24th February closing time for players wishing to enter and pay on MyABF.

You will still be able to pay at the Administration Desk using cash, cheque or credit card. Changes to existing entries (different players, changing events, cancellations etc.) will need to be made at the Administration Desk. Any changes to entries to these events will be charged an administration fee of \$10 per player.

YOUTH, STUDENT AND OTHER CONCESSIONAL ENTRY FEES—ADVISE WHEN ENTERING

- In accordance with Australian Bridge Federation policy, all players born on or after 1st January 1997 (under 25) are entitled to a 50% discount on entry fees.
- Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, all players born on or after 1st January 2004 (Under 18 years), or before 1st January 1922 (over 100 years) are entitled to free entry except for Walk-Ins.

PARKING

Parking will be available for \$12 per entry per day or \$60 for a weekly pass with unlimited entry from Saturday 19th February to Saturday 26th February inclusive.

The Bridge Administration Desk is the ONLY place you can obtain a weekly pass. It will be open on Friday 18th February from 3pm until 6pm then from Saturday one hour before play to half an hour after play finishes. Weekly passes can only be used from Saturday to Saturday inclusive.

For those requiring casual day parking, a one entry one exit ticket will be available from the machine upon entry. Those parking will need to pay \$12 on departure at the pay stations which are located at the lifts as you are exiting. Note that the \$12 ticket is a one entry and one exit ticket so if you intend to leave between sessions you will be required to pay a second \$12 parking fee.

EVENT INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

OPEN Carries ABF Open Playoff Points. Swiss Pairs Events do not carry playoff points.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

NZ ELIGIBILITY

ROOKIE Under 10 MPs as at 30-Sep-2021

Novice as at 30-Sep-2021

UNDER 50 Under 50 MPs as at 30-Sep-2021

Certificate of Proficiency or lower as at 30-Sep-2021

NOVICE Under 100 MPs as at 30-Sep-2021

Club Master or lower as at 30-Sep-2021

RESTRICTED Under 300 MPs as at 30-Sep-2021

Provincial or lower as at 30-Sep-2021

INTERMEDIATE Under 750 MPs as at 30-Sep-2021

Master or lower as at 30-Sep-2021

0-500 MPs** Under 500 MPs as at 30-Sep-2021

Master or lower as at 30-Sep-2021

** Update: Due to the lack of entries in the Weekend Matchpoint 0-500 and the Monday Butler 0-500 – the two events were cancelled. Players were given the option of playing in the Open Field of the same name or moving to the Bobby Richman Restricted or Novice Pairs. Prizes will still be given to the best 0-500 pair.

0-1500 MPs Under 1500 MPs as at 30-Sep-2021

Life Master or lower as at 30-Sep-2021

SENIORS Must be born prior to 01-Jan-1961

YOUTH Born on or after 01-Jan-1997

TEAM CATEGORIES

All teams should have nominated their categories when submitting their entry. The lists of categories received will be published at various points around the Convention Centre. Please check to see you are entered correctly into the various categories as once winners are announced no correspondence will be entered into.

ROOKIE (0-10), 0-50, AND NOVICE HELP

Help will be available as follows:

Rookies Sunday 20th February play starts 10.00am help from 9.00am onwards
Thursday 24th February play starts 10.00am help from 9.00am onwards

Under 50s Tuesday 22nd February play starts 10.00am help from 9.30am
Wednesday 23rd February play starts 10.00am help from 9.30am
Thursday 24th February play starts 10.00am help from 9.30am

Novices Saturday 19th February Novice Pairs starts 10.00am help from 9.30am
Tuesday 22nd February Novice Teams starts 10.00am help from 9.30am
Friday 25th February Novice Pairs starts 10.00am help from 9.30am

Assistance will be available for filling out system cards, helping you find your seat and working out where you go, where the boards move and using Bridgemates etc. We can also assist with any queries regarding alerting or anything else you might like to know, but also refer to the timetable of activities. Helpers can be identified by their bright yellow fluorescent jackets.

Our thanks to our helpers: Carmel Martin, Abby Wanigaratne, Mick Fawcett, Phil Hale, Lyn Tracey, Richard Fox, Kathy Males, Warren Males, Jim Evans, Pamela Evans, Rachel Langdon.

WITHDRAWALS

Players are permitted to withdraw from all divisions of the Championship Pairs (Open, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice) Finals (Sunday 20th February and Monday 21st February) at the end of the qualifying rounds, provided that they notify the Chief Director or Bridge Administration Desk within **ONE HOUR** of the qualifying scores being posted. No portion of the entry fees will be refunded.

MASTERPOINT AWARDS – WALK-IN PAIRS ARE RED MASTERPOINTS - ALL OTHER EVENTS INCLUDING ROOKIES AND 0-50MPS ARE GOLD MASTERPOINTS

Weekend Matchpoint Open Swiss Pairs	0.36 gold masterpoints for each win
Monday Butler Swiss Pairs	0.36 gold masterpoints for each win
Open Teams	1.12 gold masterpoints for each win
Under 1500 MPs Teams	0.56 gold masterpoints for each win
Intermediate Teams	0.50 gold masterpoints for each win
Restricted Teams	0.41 gold masterpoints for each win
Novice Teams	0.36 gold masterpoints for each win
Open Butler Swiss Pairs	0.64 gold masterpoints for each win
Intermediate Butler Swiss Pairs	0.29 gold masterpoints for each win
Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs	0.23 gold masterpoints for each win
0-50 MPs Butler Swiss Pairs	0.16 gold masterpoints for each win
Seres-McMahon MP Swiss Pairs	0.32 gold masterpoints for each win
Friday Novice Pairs	0.21 gold masterpoints for each win

Substantial awards for outright places (top half of field in pairs, top third of field in Teams and Swiss pairs). All masterpoint awards are subject to final field size.

SUBSTITUTES

If you do not feel well and require a substitute, see Toni Bardon at the Scoring Desk (or call Tim or Kim). Please use this service only when essential.

STAFFING

Our Floor Managers, Kim, Amber, Scott, Jinny and Jessie are dressed with in light blue vests. Our Caddies are in purple however they are only here to caddy – see our floor managers if further assistance is required. Also, our Directors led by Laurie Kelso have the navy vests with blue undershirts.

Our Scoring Staff are led by Matthew McManus and can be found wearing Black Shirts. However all scoring issues should be addressed to the Scoring Enquiries Desk outside the scoring room just inside the doors in the centre of the playing area.

Please do not hesitate to ask any questions at the Bridge Administration Desk where there is a team of people only too willing to help.

DRESS UP THEME DAY (WEDNESDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEAMS SESSIONS)

Diamonds

PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED GROUP IN “Diamonds”



We encourage all players to dress in keeping with the Gold Coast Annual Theme for Wednesday Teams Sessions. The theme is “Diamonds”! Please celebrate our 60th year and wear your most glittering costume. The photography will commence when play finishes and the parade from 2:00pm to 2:15pm Wednesday 23rd February. Prizes will be available for some combination of groups, pairs or individuals. Next year’s theme will be “Mad Hatters Day” for the 61st Anniversary.

POST MORTEM BY TOP PLAYERS

Come to the ABF stand and join a Q&A session on how to bid, play and defend the previous match.
Bring your hands with you to ask questions.

Saturday 1.15pm & 5.45pm - Sunday 9.15am, 1.15pm & 5.45pm

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BULLETIN

Andy Hung, Liam Milne and Nick Jacob are the Bulletin co-editors. The quality of the Bulletin is enhanced with contributions from players of all standards. Quality play, defence or bidding or humorous stories from the tournament or even general comments or criticisms are greatly appreciated. There are many ways to make a submission including:

- See a Bulletin Editor – there is almost ALWAYS one at the venue at any given time
- (Preferable) Send an email to the address on the front page of Daily Bulletin (andygccbulletin@gmail.com)
- Put a submission in the Bulletin Submission box opposite the Administration desk
- Phone or SMS the number on the header of the Daily Bulletin (0425-101-094)

PENS

Pens will be issued at the start of the Pairs and start of the Teams and belong to the players who are responsible for carrying their own pens from table to table.

ROOM SETUP - COLOUR CODING

Coloured flags will identify your section, results and playing areas. For the whole event, the room tablecloth colours will be:

Open — Light and Dark Blue

Intermediate — Yellow and Dark Yellow

Restricted — Green and Dark Green

Novice Pairs/Teams & Friday Novice — Maroon

Under 1500, Seres McMahon — Pink

Rookies — Fuchsia

0-50 Events — Fuchsia

Weekend Swiss Open & Monday Butler Open — Orange

BRIDGEMATES

If you have never used the Bridgemate Scoring Units we suggest you arrive a few minutes before your first session and ask a Director for a quick tutorial. We are confident that your opponents will also help you to use this user friendly technology.

PLAYER NUMBERS FOR THE TEAMS USING BRIDGEMATE II

During the team events, when you turn on the Bridgemates, you will be asked to enter your player numbers. This is NOT your ABF number. Each player in every team has been assigned a number. These will be found on the bright orange sheet which will be on your table at the start of play. NS at the home table should enter the player numbers for the players in your own team.

The reason for this is that, if done correctly, the scoring team will produce a summary of the results for each pair in your team, comparing their results against the average score across your section on each board (the datum). These results have no official status and are just for your own interest. It is a service we are happy to be able to provide, but in order to take advantage of it, it is important that the player numbers are accurately entered each round.

Our observations from recent years show that over 90% of teams sit in the same seats for the whole event. To simplify the process for entering player numbers for these teams, from Round 2 onwards if your team is sitting in the same seats as in Round 1, you may just enter "1" for all four players. The unit will display "same as Round 1" as the player names and the system will correctly record the pairs.

RESULTS AND DRAWS VIA MOBILE

If you wish to receive your results or draw via your mobile, follow these instructions: (1) Log in to your MyABF account, (2) go to your settings by clicking the icon on the top right hand corner of the page (either a person or three horizontal bars), (3) Tick the box under Personal Notification. (Note 1: If you have previously chosen to receive SMS notifications, this setting should be applied already; Note 2: You must have your current mobile phone number entered in your MyABF profile - Australian mobile numbers only.)

IF YOU ARE "CONNECTED"

The draw for the next round in the Teams and Swiss Pairs events will be published on the web at exactly the same time it is displayed on the projector screens at the venue. So if you are "[connected](#)" you can check your standings and the draw online.

LUNCHES

The Convention Centre Kiosk, The Combi, will sell a few sandwiches, salads and sausage rolls. We recommend you pre-order lunch to avoid long queues or BYO.

COFFEE AND TEA

As a service to participants the event will be operating by volunteers a tea and coffee service. Coffee is made from ground coffee beans with fresh milk and will cost \$4 a cup. The service will start around one hour before play and continue until late into the last session. Please understand that the service is run by volunteers. There will be \$20 vouchers and \$40 vouchers available for purchase from the Bridge Office. \$20 entitles you to 5 coffees without handling any money apart from payment (but cash will still be accepted). \$40 entitles you to 11 coffees. As we are not allowed to run the free water service in the playing area this year we will be selling bottles of water at \$2.00 from the coffee shop. These can be purchased via voucher in lots of 2's. We cannot under any circumstance give free – a cup of hot water so please don't request – it is a public liability issue. We will not be doing double shots this year. **VOUCHERS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE BRIDGE OFFICE VIA EFTPOS OR CASH.**

ON-SITE PERSONNEL

Attending the congress during the tournament will be:

Australian Bridge Federation

Allison Stralow – President
Kim Frazer - Secretary
Ian Thompson – Treasurer
Rob Ward – Management
Peter Cox - Head of Marketing

Dr. Laurie Kelso – Joint National Event Coordinator and Secretary of WBF Laws Committee

Matthew McManus – Joint National Event Coordinator

Andy Hung – Bulletin Editor, ABF What Should I Bid

Liam Milne – Executive member of the International Bridge Press Association, Bulletin Editor

Richard Ward – QBA President

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David Appleton, Neville Francis – To be confirmed

Chief Scorer:

Matthew McManus

Recorders:

Richard Ward, Jodi Tutty, and Liam Milne

Rookie and 0-50 Player Liaison:

Mick Fawcett, Lyn Tracey, Richard Fox, Kathy Males, Warren Males,

Rachel Langdon, Carmel Martin, Jim and Pamela Evans, Abby Wanigaratne, and Phil Hale

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR

- Bobby Richman Pairs Final Session 3 is at 10.00am
- All morning sessions start at 10.00am
- Afternoon sessions start at 2.30pm, except Monday and Friday – 2.00pm
- All Rookie and 0-50 events commence at 10.00am
- There is a new division in Teams Championship – Under 1500 masterpoints
- All players have to be double vaccinated (GCCEC COVID Conditions of Entry)
- Full refunds will be given to all entries if the event is cancelled for Pandemic reasons or border closure reasons
- Theme Wednesday 23rd February - "Diamonds" (parade at 2:00pm-2:15pm in Foyer GCCEC)

DINNER DANCE SATURDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 7.30PM – NUMBERS ARE LIMITED - DON'T DELAY

Table Lists can be collected from the Dinner Dance Table located next to the scoring area. Table sizes are for 10 guests and unfortunately we are unable to accommodate larger tables than 10. Please advise us of any special dietary requirement when making your booking.

Please return your form before Wednesday 23rd February @ 5:00pm and seating allocation will be based on the time of lodgement of your form.

To help us in providing you with the best possible food, wine and entertainment at the GCC, as well as eliminating the waste of no shows, we are asking all of the Gold Coast Congress participants (which excludes Walk-In Duplicates) to contribute \$20. Walk-In Duplicate players as well as non-players are asked to pay \$50. No tickets will be issued. Your table allocation will be posted on boards next to the dining hall doors.

The evening includes a 2 course meal and drinks, prize giving and the return of the fabulous Captain Wow to dance the night away.

Only first prizes to be presented and only for: Pairs Championships (4 divisions), Teams Championships (5 divisions) and Ivy Dahler (3 divisions). First in Open Pairs and Open Teams will be announced even if players not there to collect.

The GCCEC has strict guidelines regarding its liquor licence and the responsible serving of alcohol. Under no circumstances can alcohol be brought onto the premises for consumption at the dinner dance, nor can any alcohol purchased at the GCC Dinner be taken from the premises during or after the event. No alcohol will be served to those under 18, or the drunk and disorderly. Please refer to GCCEC website for its policy on the responsible serving of alcohol. <http://www.gccec.com.au/> responsible service alcohol.

Should you have any further questions regarding the dinner dance, please see Gerald at the Dinner Dance desk

WINNERS – SPRING NATIONALS FREE ENTRY TO GCC

- The winners of the Team Entry to the GCC as a result of their win in the 2021 Spring Nationals TBIB Open Teams were Sophie Ashton, Sartaj Hans, Andy Hung, Geo Tislevoll, Nick Jacob, Geeske Joel.
- Winners of the Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs Entry to the GCC Bobby Richman Open Pairs were Patrick Jiang and Hui Li.
- Winners of the Bridgegear Intermediate Teams were Patrick Jiang, Hui Li, Sherlock Shao, Wei Zhang get free entry into the Intermediate Teams.

If you are a restricted player then consider entering the 2022 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams for your opportunity to win free entries for the 2023 Gold Coast Congress!

CORRECTING SCORES

Scoring Area Phone Number is 0456 587 765 – accepts text messages only

After each session, a printout of the results for each pair or team will be made available. For the last session of a stage of an event, you may obtain a copy on request from the Scoring Enquiries Desk located next to the Scoring Room.

If you believe that there is a mistake, you need to follow this procedure:

1. On the board where you believe that there was an error, agree with your opponents that the score was entered incorrectly;
2. Make the correction on your printout and have them sign it;
3. Give the corrected printout to the Scoring Liaison Officer, Toni Bardon, under the sign “SCORING ENQUIRIES” next to the Scoring Room. She will check that you have provided all the necessary information. The correction will be made by the scorers during the following session and a new personal printout will be made available for you to collect.

Agreed scoring errors need to be advised within the scoring correction period for the session in which the error occurred. The scoring correction periods are displayed prominently near the scoreboards. At the conclusion of the scoring correction period, scores become final and, under the Laws of Bridge, no further changes can be made. **This is critical for the last rounds when the correction period is limited and scorers may not pick up anomalies. You are responsible for your own actions - or lack thereof.**

The Scoring team may be advised of potential scoring errors via text to: 0456-587-765 (receives texts **only**). Include the following information: Event, Session/Match, Pair number, Board number, Contract, Declarer, Score, What you believe is correct. The scoring team has a protocol to follow to determine if a result is manifestly wrong.

If it is not accepted or if the error relates to the number of tricks taken, you will need to obtain written confirmation from your opponents as described above.



SCORE CORRECTION PERIODS

Errors in scoring must be advised to the Scoring Enquiries desk before the following times:

Pairs Championships

Qualifying One	7:00pm Saturday
Qualifying Two	One hour after scores are posted
Final One	7:00pm Sunday
Final Two	10:00am Monday
Final Three	One hour after scores are posted

Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs

Matches 1-3	11:30am Sunday
Matches 4-6	4:00pm Sunday
Matches 7-9	One hour after scores for Match 9 are posted

Monday Butler Swiss Pairs

Matches 1-3	2:00pm Monday
Matches 4-6	One hour after scores for Match 6 are posted

Teams Championships

Matches 1, 3, 5, 7, 9	One hour after the end of the next even numbered match
Matches 2, 4, 6, 8, 10	At the start of the next even numbered match
Matches 11, 12	8:30pm Thursday for corrections affecting Final series qualification. Midnight, Thursday, for all other corrections

Ivy Dahler Open, Intermediate and Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs

Matches 1-3	3:00pm Friday
Matches 4-7	11:00am Saturday
Matches 8-10	One hour after scores for Match 10 are posted

Seres-McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs and Friday Novice Pairs

Matches 1-3	3:00pm, Friday
Matches 4-6	20 Minutes after scores for Match 6 are posted

All Other Sessions

Sessions Not Listed Above	20 minutes after scores for the session are posted
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World Championships have been awarded based on scoring errors. E/W Pairs should not simply acknowledge the scores on the Bridgemate, but should check them carefully. Incorrect scores can change the result of an event even though the relevant pairs may have nothing to do with the scoring error. They may also affect: draws for Teams and Swiss Pairs events, Masterpoints, Playoff Qualifying Points.

SYSTEMS - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

[System regulations](#) are published on the GCC MyABF website.

Each pair is required to have two current ABF approved, systemically identical system cards on the table for the opposing pair before the start of each round. Overseas players will be permitted to use New Zealand and WBF system cards in addition to ABF cards. ABF system cards and guide to completing them are available at this site: <http://www.abf.com.au/member-services/system-cards/>

Subject to protection, **GREEN**, **BLUE** and **RED** systems as well as **BROWN** Sticker conventions may be in all events except for Restricted and Novice Pairs and Teams Championships, all 0-50 Masterpoint events, Rookie Pairs, Friday Novice Pairs and Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs. In addition, in these events, the CTD may also further restrict a pair from playing any method which the director judges may not be readily understood by a significant proportion of players in the field. **YELLOW** systems will only be permitted in the Open Teams from Round 3 onwards and not against teams with a current position in the lower two thirds of the field (decimals rounded up).

Teams proposing to use **YELLOW** systems should have already lodged an adequate copy of their system (including a bona fide suggested defence) with the CTD before 10:00am on 11th February 2022. Such systems are available for inspection as well as posted on the GCC website using the information tab.

BROWN STICKER

Some overcalls and 2-level openings attract a **BROWN sticker**. Weak 2-level openings without an anchor suit (RCO and Myxo Twos, etc.) are **BROWN sticker**. Pairs should attach **BROWN** spots to their cards. Also, multi one-level overcalls are **BROWN**, though gadgets used over 1NT or a strong 1♣ are not. Please also note that a Multi 2♦ (or 2♣) showing a Weak Two in either major is an exemption from the **BROWN Sticker** category.

PROTECTED PAIRS

Pairs playing a **GREEN** system can apply for an Orange sticker if both are below Life Master or one is below State Master. This affords protection from **BROWN Sticker** conventions in all events where they are permitted with the exception of the major Final of the Open Pairs.

ALERTS - SUMMARY

PRE-ALERTS

List your unusual or complex treatments in the pre-alerts section of the system card. For instance – RCO 2's, Bergen raises, DONT Dbl vs 1NT, unusual carding (leading low from doubletons, etc).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announce the number of clubs contained in a 1♣ opening and the HCP range of a 1NT opening. Those playing a strong club system just need to announce 1♣ as "Strong 16+".

ALERTS DURING THE AUCTION

Alert by circling partner's call and saying "Alert" but don't offer an explanation unless asked (then aim to be concise, yet complete).

DON'T ALERT:

- Any double or redouble
- Any call beyond 3NT, except a conventional opening bid
- A bid of a suit *bid or shown* by an opponent
- Any 2♣ response to a 1NT opening bid in an uncontested auction (*e.g. Stayman*)

For our New Zealand and international players: We do **NOT** use STOP Cards

DO ALERT:

All other conventional calls (such as *Transfers*, 2♥=hearts and *a minor etc.*)

'Unusual' natural bids. These include: weak jump shift responses, pre-emptive jump raises, inverted minors, canapé tendency, negative free bids, transfer accepts that deny four trumps, etc.

At the end of the auction, the declaring side should mark any unusual calls that weren't alerted at the time. Do this with a plus sign (+).

IF PARTNER STUFFS UP

Declarer/Dummy: If partner fails to alert or provides a wrong or misleading explanation, you should wait until the *end of the auction* before calling the Director and correcting.

Defenders: wait until the *end of the hand* before piping up.



VANESSA BROWN: Could you imagine a "tv show" about bridge? You might like to check out [twitch.tv/v8mama](https://www.twitch.tv/v8mama) to watch her play bridge with viewers who drop in to play. Many viewers from around the world drop in to just say hi, ask questions or give advice in a very relaxed sociable friendly afternoon of bridge. v8mama is an experienced Sydney based player, who loves to encourage people of all levels to share their passion for the game and help each other with bidding and play advice. Twitch is an interactive platform to watch, join in the play or chat with others. You can do this from your own computer, tablet, or phone just by going to [twitch.tv/v8mama](https://www.twitch.tv/v8mama). v8mama is sponsoring the Gold Coast Restricted Pairs.

DEFENCE IN DETAIL 1

Liam Milne



Back again in 2022, Defence in Detail looks at real-life hands from the last six months with a focus on practical plays, counting the hand and logical thinking. These deals are designed to be solvable, so put on your thinking hat and play along as we defend the hand together.

Our first hand shows the importance of thinking about the whole hand rather than just the trick in front of you. Sitting West and playing matchpoints, you pick up the following:

♠ K96532 ♥ 62 ♦ A83 ♣ J8

The opponents have the following auction:

West	North	East	South
			1NT ¹⁵⁻¹⁷
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

You see no reason not to lead your fourth highest spade, and the following dummy appears:

Dir: South	♠ J 10 8
Vul: Nil	♥ K Q 8 7
	♦ K 10 7 5 2
	♣ 7
You (W)	
♠ K 9 6 5 3 2	
♥ 6 2	
♦ A 8 3	
♣ J 8	



The first trick goes ♠5, J, Q, A. What are you thinking about at this point?

You should be thinking about dummy's long suit, diamonds. Your major problem will be when to play the diamond ace, seeing as it is your main card outside spades and is in the suit that declarer is likely to play soon to establish some tricks.

At trick two, declarer plays the ♥10 over to dummy's ♥K in order to lead a low diamond to partner's ♦9 and their ♦Q. Do you duck or do you win? What is declarer's likely diamond holding?

Solution:

In general, we like to play our aces on the opponents' kings or queens, but there might be more to think about here. Given how many spades we can see, if we take our ace and set up the spades, partner won't have any more to play to us later.

It also looks like partner has the ♦J – otherwise, why would declarer bother to cross to dummy in hearts when they could have led diamonds from their hand?

The defence's best chance is surely to hope to establish the spades while we still have an entry. It's not clear what will happen next, but you must duck your ♦A *smoothly* and duck again if declarer plays another diamond.

As long as partner gets in before you do and has a spade to play, the defence will be in good shape.

The full deal:

Dir: South	♠ J 10 8		
Vul: Nil	♥ K Q 8 7		
	♦ K 10 7 5 2		
	♣ 7		
You (W)			
♠ K 9 6 5 3 2		♠ Q 4	
♥ 6 2		♥ 9 5 4 3	
♦ A 8 3		♦ J 9	
♣ J 8		♣ A 10 6 5 4	
	♠ A 7		
	♥ A J 10		
	♦ Q 6 4		
	♣ K Q 9 4 3		

If you are able to duck smoothly twice, declarer is very likely to finesse the ♦10 on the second round, on the assumption that you might have taken the ace if you had it. In with the ♦J, partner can return their spade and establish the suit while you still have the ♦A.

If you take the ♦A, that is the end of the defence no matter how declarer plays the diamond suit.

Point to remember: It is often easy to foresee the major decisions you will have early in the defence. Advance planning at trick one can help you make the best play without giving anything away.

WELCOME TO NEW PLAYERS AT THE GCC

Andy Hung



A very warm welcome to the Gold Coast Congress. If this is your first time at the GCC, be prepared for a World Class run tournament. I've been competing in tournaments around the globe for 17 years. The Gold Coast Congress is by far my favourite one as the organisation, the preparation, the staff, the location, the bridge all combine to make this a very successful and most enjoyable tournament.

Whether you've come as a veteran player, or a rookie player, there is always section that will suit your needs. But always remember, bridge is just a game so try and be nice and polite not only to your partner, but your opponents as well.

Being a Better Partner

Some might say that Bridge is just a card game, but all bridge players know that it is more than that – it is also a psychological game. Board after board, mistakes after mistakes, bridge is a mentally challenging game that requires you to manage your emotions at (and away from) the bridge table.

Being a better partner can have a twofold effect – it keeps the partnership trust at bay, and it allows your partner to play at their best potential which must be good for you as well. We all know mistakes will happen, but it is how you react to it that defines you as a bridge player. Are you the type to immediately question your partner “why did you play a club?”, or are you the passive aggressive type and say in a gentle voice “we missed out on an easy game, but good thing you forgot to bid 4♠ as the play was not optimal”, or are you the smile sweetly type and say “bad luck” or not saying anything at all?

On paper, it seems wise to be in the latter camp as we think that's the ‘normal’ thing to do, but the urge to say something (negative) can be quite strong as it makes us feel good to be seen as the “better player”. Not only will this make the whole experience very unpleasant, but this negativity will more than likely induce more mistakes for the boards yet to be played.

Throughout my bridge career, I have experienced both sides of that coin, and I like to believe I have become wiser! My last big international tournament was the 2019 US Nationals where I played with Liam Milne. Playing in the Reisinger (one of the toughest events in the world), although most of the time I kept to myself, I must admit there was a time where I questioned my partner implying he made a huge mistake. Immediately realising what I had just done, I apologised for bringing it up and encouraged the both of us to keep focused because other (world class) players were also making lots of mistakes. Prior to the final session, a simple gesture of bringing my partner a cup of coffee (he loves coffee), unbeknownst to me, made him feel very happy and as a result he played at his best, which also allowed me to play at my best. Our team came third, amongst a field of only top players that have World Championship medals under their belts.

Give compliments from time to time (too many would make it feel superficial) , don't dwell on the bad boards, don't discuss hands during the session but after the session and in a productive way – they are just some simple things you can do to be a better partner. Oh, and bring your partner a cup of coffee!

Good luck at the tables during this tournament.

MEMES

An Internet meme is a type of meme which is spread via the Internet. Memes, traditionally but not exclusively, is a format that combines an image or a gif with a concept or catchphrase.

They are very simplistic, often a single word or phrase and sometimes with intentional misspellings. Here are some bridge memes for you to enjoy throughout the week – first one is below!

MY HEART

Resting



Exercising



Having to answer to
RKCB when I
don't know what
is the fit





GOLD COAST CONGRESS PRIZES

Out of all of the bridge tournaments in Australia, the GCC is well known for its largest pool of cash prizes – a staggering amount of at least \$60k in total!

Whether you're in the Open or in the Novice, it doesn't matter - the GCC will award cash prizes to first to third in most events! In fact, they also award prizes in the Bobby Richman Pairs Qualifying.

If you want to get serious about it, then you can find out the breakdown of the prizes by clicking [here](#):

Personalised Results via SMS Text

If you would like to receive a text message at the end of each match with your result and next round draw, follow these instructions:

<https://tinyurl.com/5dec4nur>

Be mindful of Hygiene

The QBA and GCC are taking every effort to comply with the QLD health and social measures. The GCC are endeavouring to source a supply of hand sanitisers that will be available at the congress for players to have access to.

Please remember to wash your hands, and do not cough on your hands or on your cards!



The Role of the Recorder

The ABF is keen to ensure events are played in the spirit of sportsmanship, and that players have an enjoyable experience at events run under the auspices of the ABF. The recorders at this event fulfil an important role in supporting this objective.

Recorders may receive oral or written communication from players at the end of each session regarding issues that have arisen during the event relating to player ethics or behaviour. Please feel free to consult with them about any concerns you might have.

The Recorders for this event are: Jodi Tutty, Richard Ward, and Liam Milne

THE KLINGER QUIZ

Ron Klinger



This series of quizzes consist of problems that were faced in real life tournaments. Here is the first problem:

As dealer, vulnerable against not, what would you do with?

Teams	West	West	North	East	South
Dealer: West	♠ Q 10	?			
Vul: E-W	♥ 10 9				
	♦ 7 5				
	♣ K Q J 8 6 5 2				

Solution:

The deal comes from Australia vs Japan in an Asia-Pacific Women's Teams. In the old days one would not consider a vulnerable 3-opening with just six playing tricks. These days experts follow the Rule of 3 (bid three more than the number of playing tricks) and both Wests opened 3♣.

Dealer: West	♠ A J 2		
Vul: E-W	♥ J 7 6 2		
<i>Teams</i>	♦ A K 10 8		
	♣ 10 7		
♠ Q 10	♠ 5 4	N	
♥ 10 9	♥ A Q 4 3	W	E
♦ 7 5	♦ Q 5 4 3	S	
♣ K Q J 8 6 5 2	♣ 9 4 3		
	♠ K 9 8 7 6 3		
	♥ K 9 8		
	♦ J 6 2		
	♣ A		

With Japan N-S everyone passed. You can forgive North for not making a takeout double when holding an 8-loser hand, but many would double.

How about South? It was very timid for South not to bid 3♠. Witness the other table where the late Margaret Bourke was in the South seat:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Lusk</i>		<i>Bourke</i>
3♣	Pass	4♣	4♠!
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The ♣K was led and South made 10 tricks, +420, despite losing to the ♠Q. At the other table Barbara Travis was two down in 3♣ for -200, but +6 Imps.

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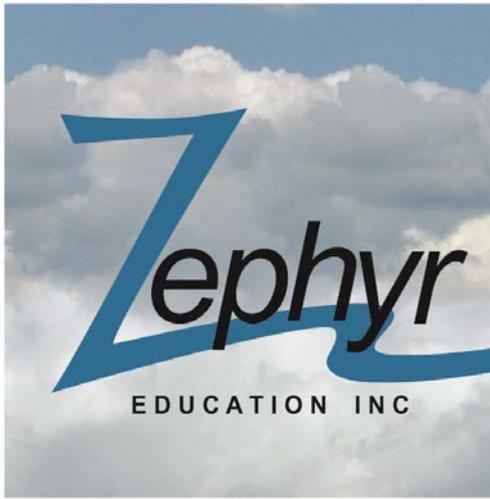
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Guide To Better Duplicate Intermediate \$23.00

Postage for 1 book: \$5; for 2 books \$7.50; for all three, post free.

Order from Suzie Klinger, 0411 229 703 or email suzie@ronklingerbridge.com

Bridge holidays: Currently on hold.



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ZEPHYR EDUCATION INC UPDATE

My name is Carmel Martin, I'm Zephyr's treasurer and Kim Ellaway has asked me to provide you with an update on what Zephyr Education Inc is doing almost 9 years after it began life as Zephyr Foundation. (The change came with incorporation so we could be given tax deductible status.)

QCBC - my home club's management and members, were right there beside me from the very beginning.

The wider bridge community continues to support Zephyr with club charity days and individual donations. The QBA has Zephyr as its charity again at the 2022 Gold Coast Congress. The value of this exposure is incalculable, as it is our hope that someone will want to replicate our model in the remaining 3 States and 2 territories. Our appreciation for your huge support is humbling, overwhelming and gratefully received.

Most of you are familiar with what Zephyr Education is about. For those who are unaware of Zephyr's work - we provide (mostly) children in Domestic Violence shelters, Family Service organisations and outreach services with some or all of their school needs. This is, as and when required – on approval only, which approval is frugally and carefully assessed. We don't pay into any private accounts and often pay directly to the school.

The range of what Zephyr pays for includes:

- The full book list specific to the child's year and school;
- Full uniform including shoes, socks, hats;
- Swimwear;
- Lunchbox and water bottle;
- Resource fees.

And as our funding has become more reliable, we are now providing iPads and laptops - an expensive, yet indispensable learning tool. We respond to requests immediately and we generally provide what's required within 24 to 48 hours.

Our aim is solely to have that child, the saddest and most vulnerable victims of domestic violence, look like every other school child, so they do not feel out of place, nor appear less valuable than others, nor attract the eye of a potential bully and in the hope that they can resume their education **successfully**.

We currently support 111 shelters in Queensland, all 7 in Tasmania and 16 in WA. That is a total of 134 organisations under Zephyr's umbrella. In the 12 months to July 2021 Zephyr supported over 3000 children.

Volunteers packed and distributed: 155 computers, 1776 school bags, 1238 pairs of school shoes, 1365 primary school packs, 400 high school packs;

And paid for uniforms for 1420 children, and resource fees for 172 children.

This amounted to \$467956 worth of cost price stock, uniforms and resource fees. We receive no government funding and yet Zephyr has become an acknowledged game changer in the sector.

We don't meet the children we help or their mothers, so we can't ask them, but from the emails received from the managers of the organisations we support, it's plain that Zephyr's role is vital, and, often enough, life-changing.

One shelter manager wrote:

'As always, I am so grateful for the support you provide our families! You should have seen this little boy on his first day of school with his uniform and books ready to go. Instead of being stressed his mum was able to relax and enjoy watching her baby start school. Your support has a huge impact on the lives of women and children and we can't thank you enough!'

Another said this to us:

'Just a brief line Isabella to thank you so much for meeting our request this morning and so promptly too. We are left breathless by the abilities and generosity of Zephyr. Please thank your team.'

And another piece of feedback read:

'A Mother said her kids had never had new uniforms before and that they "won't know themselves in new uniforms." She then broke down and cried.'

The DV shelters and other organisations we help are not funded to supply the educational support we provide. One shelter manager wrote:

'I often wonder what alternative options our families would have if it was not for Zephyr Education as there is very limited support available. As a service that works with the most vulnerable families, we are extremely grateful to be in a position where we can advocate (not have to beg) on behalf of our clients.'

Our focus is, and always has been, on the children and their education. We assist the carers of all children who fall within our scope, including Mothers, Fathers, Grandparents, foster carers and guardians.

Zephyr continues to be supported by a growing number (40), of talented and dedicated volunteers. None of our members or other volunteers receives any remuneration or allowances for their work. We operate from rent free premises and last year our unavoidable expenses, such as insurance, amounted to 1.6% of donations.

We didn't start Zephyr for 'feel good' reasons – My sister Isabella saw the need and marshalled a small army to make it happen. As I keep telling people, I just want to play bridge –that's the truth, but as Isabella mistook my reluctant acquiescence for enthusiasm, I too, within a short period of time, became a convert. Our husbands, David and Terry spend much of their time serving Zephyr as well.

One of the many unexpected joys Zephyr has brought us is the wonder at the enormous generosity of people – such as you. Thank you.

In past years at the GCC, we have run raffles and had specific collection days. Because of Covid restrictions, we won't be doing this but if you would like to make a donation, Kim Ellaway in the main office has kindly volunteered to accept these.

All donations are tax deductible. Details for donations are as follows:

Zephyr Education Inc BSB: 084-004 Account number: 15-629-0526 Ref: Your name

Please Reference Your Name and send an email to admin@zephyreducation.com.au so I can forward your receipt.

And while I've got your attention, there is an effortless way you can also support Zephyr. We have partnered with **iSponsor** who connect local businesses to Zephyr Education through a simple and easy-to-use shopping app. When you make a purchase online (must be done through the app), or at a sponsor's place of business and pay using your registered card, Zephyr will receive a percentage of your purchase. Zephyr earns funds from your everyday transactions at no extra cost to you or us. If you're interested please go to the iSponsor app.

Lastly, have a safe, brilliant congress. We're so lucky to have this fabulous game in our lives - non bridge players have no idea what they're missing.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Carmel Martin

Treasurer

Zephyr Education Inc

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GOLD COAST CONGRESS BUS



The Gold Coast Congress Bus will pick up and return visiting players who are residing within a reasonable distance from the Gold Coast Convention Centre. No pickup from The Star Gold Coast or Freshwater Point Resort.

The bus service is mainly for those who need the service. This year, only pre-bookings will be picked up. To make pre-bookings – contact Barry on 0418 747 078 and book your seat.

Covid Conditions apply.



AIR CONDITIONING AND PLAYERS COMFORT

Remember that there are approximately two thousand players at the venue, ensuring the comfort of ALL players is a challenge.

Over time the organisers have noticed that there are areas where it is particularly cold due to air pockets coming from the air conditioner.

The room sometimes leaks from condensation due to the amount of air conditioning we are using.

What you **CAN** do to improve your personal comfort level:

- as advertised in all communication, please bring a jumper;
- we have a supply of pashminas and wraps so please just ask a caddy who will bring it to you - we do ask that you return these to the caddy at end of the session; and
- if it is obviously too cold for you and those around you please ask the caddy to report the table number and section to Kim Ellaway who will bring her trusted thermometer to see if it can be fixed or perhaps we can move the table.

Things you can do that will **NOT** improve your comfort level:

- discuss the issue with a Director or the Scoring Staff
- discuss it with the Recorder

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**Located upstairs opposite Administration office
Min \$5 contribution to ABF Youth Bridge (free for Youth)**

SATURDAY

Peter Gill

1.30pm – 2.15pm

***Which Suit to Play When
You Declare 3NT***



Lots of people find No-Trumps to be the most difficult contracts to play, and for good reason, we have to think about all four suits! Peter will give you lots of simple tips and ideas, and can be easily implemented in your games.

Peter Gill has won more than 50 open national titles and is frequently in the Australian Open Team, (7 of the last 9 years).

**SUNDAY
(2 Sessions)**

Andy Hung

(1) 9.00am – 9.45am

(2) 1.30pm – 2.15pm

***High Level Competitive
Decisions***



Imagine an auction where you and partner bid up to 4♥ and annoyingly your opponent's bid 4♣... what do you do? This is a common dilemma that every bridge player hates! Come along to Andy's talk for tips that will help you 'guess' better and better.

Andy Hung is a professional bridge player and teacher who has represented Australia in Open competitions. He has won several Australian National titles and a US National in 2019. He will be playing on the Australian Open team for the 2022 World Championships. He also regularly runs bridge holidays - contact him for more info!

Second session is a repeat.

MONDAY

Liam Milne

9.00am – 9.45am

Bid Boldly Like the Pros



Ever noticed that when you play at the top tables, your opponents won't stop bidding? Find out when the pros like to bid a bit more than usual and learn about the modern aggressive competitive style.

Liam Milne has appeared on the Australian Open team several times in recent years. His recent domestic wins include the 2019 Gold Coast Teams, 2019 South West Pacific Teams and 2021 Autumn National Open Teams.

TUESDAY

Nick Jacob

1.30pm – 2.15pm

Looking after Partner



No matter our level or ambitions, we all rise or fall with one person: partner. Whether you want to improve communication, discipline, bidding or defence, there is always something we can improve to get the most out of our partnerships.

Nick Jacob played in New Zealand youth and Open team events and has represented Victoria in the Australian National Championships. He has won numerous National Teams and Pairs events.

THURSDAY

William Jenner-O'Shea

1.30pm – 2.15pm

Improve Your Defence



A few simple tweaks to your leads and signals to help you and partner defend better. Improving your defence is the best way to improve your scores!

Will Jenner-O'Shea has represented Australia in several bridge events, including the World Mind Sports Games in Beijing in 2008. Will has also built a successful career teaching.

CALENDAR OF SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2022

Saturday 19th February Sunday 20th February Monday 21st February Tuesday 22nd February Wednesday 23rd February Thursday 24th February Friday 25th February

NOVICE AND ROOKIE ACTIVITIES

Rookies Help Available	In the Playing Area Rookies Section	9:00am to 10:00am			9:00am to 10:00am
Under 50MPs Help Available	In the Playing Area Under 50s Section		9:30am to 10:00am	9:30am to 10:00am	9:30am to 10:00am
Novices Help Available	In the Playing Area Novices Section	9:30am to 10:00am		9:30am to 10:00am	9:30am to 10:00am

SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Fashion Parade	Change Alley Oasis Level 1 Outside at 'A Little Oasis Café'	2pm to 3pm			
TBIB Daily Prize Wheel You Must be Present to Win. A TBIB lucky star under a chair in main playing area for a spin opportunity	Foyer GCCEC				
No Trivia Night this year					
Youth Bridge Fun night	Gold Coast Bridge Club			7:00pm to 9:30pm	
Parade Entrants Diamonds Theme	Foyer GCCEC			2:00pm to 2:15pm	
Champagne Breakfast For Shoe Shoppers In Her Shoes	In Her Shoes Ground Floor Oasis Shopping Centre		 8:15am local & imported shoes · bags · accessories		

BRIDGE 'WIDOWS' ACTIVITIES

Please note that in 2022, we will have one bus and one people carrier. All events, we require patrons to be fully vaccinated. Numbers limited, pre bookings welcome

Get Together Non-Bridge Playing Partners	Apartment #1902 Air on Broadbeach	10:30am to 12:00 Noon		10:00am to 10:30am
Walk at Natural Bridge, Springbrook, followed by Hinze Dam for lunch/tea Cost \$20.00 each for return bus (lunch/tea not included, café at Hinze Dam)	Depart Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach	10:30am to 5pm latest		
Following Get Together Above Hosted Mt Tamborine Botanic Gardens Cost \$20 p.p. for return bus	Depart Apartment #1902 & Ground Floor Lobby Air on Broadbeach			Depart 10:30am to 5:15pm latest
Unhosted Excursion David Fleay Wildlife Park Cost \$10 p.p. for return bus	Depart Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach			Depart 10:30am Pickup 4:30pm
Hosted Walk at Burleigh Heads National Park, with Paddock Bakery for Lunch/tea (at own expense) Cost \$10.00 p.p. for return bus	Depart Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach			Depart 10:30am return 4:30pm
Unhosted Surfers Paradise River Cruises Cost \$5 bus, \$29 pp for cruise	Depart Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach			Depart 1:15pm return appx 3:30pm
Other Options: Harbour Town, or Skypoint Surfers Paradise	Please contact/enquire			

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GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2022

	Friday 18th Feb	Saturday 19th February	Sunday 20th February	Monday 21st February	Tuesday 22nd February	Wednesday 23rd February	Thursday 24th February	Friday 25th February	Saturday 26th February
OPEN EVENTS									
Open Pairs Championship		10:00am Q1/2 2:30pm Q2/2	10:00am F1/3 2:30pm F2/3	10:00am F3/3	10:00am 2:30pm R1-R2 of 12 R3-R4 of 12	10:00am 2:30pm R5-R6 of 12 R7-R8 of 12	10:00am 2:30pm R9-R10 of 12 R11-R2 of 12	O/F Teams 9:00am 2:00pm S/F Teams 2:00pm 4x12 Brds	Finals Teams 9:00am 4x12 Brds
Open Teams (No final for Women's and Seniors')		2:30pm 1/3	10:00am 2/3 2:30pm 3/3	10:00am 1/2 2:00pm 2/2					
Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs									
Monday Butler Swiss Pairs									
Ivy Dahler Open Butler Swiss Pairs									
Seres/McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs									
Under 1500 MP Teams									
Under 1500 MP Teams									
INTERMEDIATE EVENTS (Under 750MPs)									
Intermediate Pairs Championship		10:00am Q1/2 2:30pm Q2/2	10:00am F1/3 2:30pm F2/3	10:00am F3/3	10:00am 2:30pm R1-R2 of 12 R3-R4 of 12	10:00am 2:30pm R5-R6 of 12 R7-R8 of 12	10:00am 2:30pm R9-R10 of 12 R11-R2 of 12	Under 1500 Teams Final 10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	10:00am 3/3
Intermediate Teams									
Ivy Dahler Intermediate Butler Swiss Pairs									
RESTRICTED EVENTS (Under 300MPs)									
Restricted Pairs Championship		10:00am Q1/2 2:30pm Q2/2	10:00am F1/3 2:30pm F2/3	10:00am F3/3	10:00am 2:30pm R1-R2 of 12 R3-R4 of 12	10:00am 2:30pm R5-R6 of 12 R7-R8 of 12	10:00am 2:30pm R9-R10 of 12 R11-R2 of 12	10:00am 2:30pm 4x12 Brds Final	10:00am 3/3
Restricted Teams									
Ivy Dahler Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs									
NOVICE EVENTS (Under 100MPs)									
Novice Pairs Championship		10:00am Q1/2 2:30pm Q2/2	10:00am F1/3 2:30pm F2/3	10:00am F3/3	10:00am 2:30pm R1-R2 of 12 R3-R4 of 12	10:00am 2:30pm R5-R6 of 12 R7-R8 of 12	10:00am 2:30pm R9-R10 of 12 R11-R2 of 12	10:00am 2:30pm 4x12 Brds Final	10:00am 3/3
Novice Teams									
Friday Novice MP Swiss Pairs									
0-500MP (merged with respective Open section)									
Cancelled - but prizes given for best 0-500									
ROOKIE PAIRS (Under 10MPs)									
Rookie Pairs - Single Session Events			10:00am 1/1						
0-50MP PAIRS									
0-50 Masterpoint Pairs					10:00am 1/1				
WALK-IN PAIRS									
Walk-in Pairs (No Fills only on Friday 18th Feb)	6:00pm (No Fills)	10:00am 2:30pm	10:00am 2:30pm	10:00am 2:00pm	10:00am 2:30pm	10:00am 2:30pm	10:00am 2:30pm	10:00am 2:00pm	10:00am
		Saturday 22nd	Sunday 23rd	Monday 24th	Tuesday 25th	Wednesday 26th	Thursday 27th	Friday 28th	Saturday 29th

Dinner
Dance
7:30pm
for
Drinks
7:30pm
Start
Bookings
Essential
 A popular climax to the week.
 Attendees will be invited to register for this event during the week. The cost will be \$20 to anyone who played in an event (walk-ins not included) and \$50 otherwise.

26TH ANNUAL

BARRIER REEF CONGRESS

TOWNSVILLE 9-13 MAY 2022

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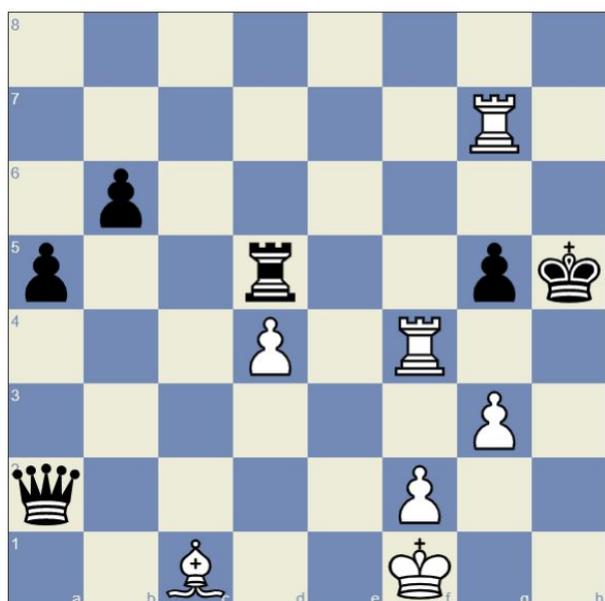
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TODAY'S CHESS PROBLEM



White to move and win

Solutions in the next bulletin issue

TODAY'S SUDOKU [HARD]

	1			4			
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7		9			5		4
8		7			1		
	5						6
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	3		7			2	1
9				4			6
			2				9

SERVICES

If you are in need of a doctor or medical assistance you can contact Kim Ellaway through the Administration Desk or alternatively contact the Broadbeach Medical Centre on 07-5531-6344, Suite GO1, 2681 Gold Coast Highway Broadbeach. Please note that they do not bulk bill. Their After-Hours is handled by National Home Doctors Service on 137425 who do bulk bill.

DIARY OF SELECTED MAJOR NATIONAL EVENTS

Event	Date	Website / Contact / Venue
Tasmanian Festival of Bridge – Launceston	Thursday 24 th March to Sunday 27 th March 2022	Entries: MyABF Catherine Elliot c.elliott@westnet.com.au
Autumn Nationals (ANOT) – Adelaide	Thursday 28 th April to Monday 2 nd May 2022	Entries: MyABF
Barrier Reef Congress – Townsville	Monday May 9 th to Friday May 13 th 2022	Entries: MyABF
River City Gold Mixed Pairs – Brisbane	Saturday May 14 th to Sunday May 15 th 2022	Entries: MyABF
Victor Champion Cup – Melbourne	Thursday 9 th June to Monday 13 th June 2022	Entries: MyABF
Australian National Championships and Butler Pairs.	Saturday 2 nd July to Thursday 14 th July 2022	Entries: MyABF
Spring Nationals – Sydney	Wednesday October 19 th to Friday October 28 th 2022	Entries: MyABF :



Come and see us at the Gold Coast Congress 2022

VISIT THE TBIB TEAM AT TBIB'S KIOSK IN THE FOYER AT THE GOLD COAST CONGRESS ON THE Monday 21st February TILL Friday 25th February 2022.

*The team can talk to you about **ABF Travel Insurance** or any of your insurance matters right there at the GCC*

You can talk to us about

- Travel insurance
 - Home and contents and motor vehicle insurance
 - Insurance for your business
 - Cover for your investment or commercial property
- and,*
- Insurance for your Bridge Club

Try your luck at the TBIB Prize Wheel and the Lucky Star!

Each day, 5 names will be drawn from the congress register and those 5 will get a chance to spin the TBIB Prize Wheel to win Bridge gift vouchers and a bunch of TBIB goodies. Don't miss out!