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UPWARDS AND ONWARDS TO THE FINALS

The Milne team (Nick Jacob, GeO Tislevoll, Tony Nunn, Liam Milne, Paul Dalley, James Coutts) has had yet another fantastic run, topping the field with 172.05 VPs ahead of team Haffer (Joe Haffer, Jamie Thompson, Andrew Spooner, Phil Markey) who ended up on 170.99 VPs. These two teams advance to the Semi-Finals with 3rd-6th (Teams Fischer, van der Vlugt, Buchen, and Neill) as they fight it out in the Round of 4 for two further teams to advance to the Semi Finals. Due to the lack of resources, unfortunately there will not be any vugraph for the Semi Finals, but hopefully the Finals will be broadcasted on BBO.

In the **Under 1500**, the McMahon team (Jarrad Dunbar, John McMahon, Charles McMahon, Nico Ranson) snatched the first spot after collecting a near-max in the last match, totalling 161.17 VPs, as they will be facing against team Pisko (Frank Hymus, Krystyna Homik, Trish Anagnostou, Margaret Pisko) in the finals.

In the **Intermediate**, the Elich team (Adrian Riepsamen, Jeff Lassman, David Christian, Gabrielle Elich) dominated the field with 10 wins and 2 losses as they ended on 168.46 VPs. They will be up against team Williams (Kevin Murray, Rob Holgate, Neil Williams, Peter Fitzmaurice) in the finals.

In the **Restricted**, team Poynten (Craig Taberner, Mary Poynten, Tony White, Jake Andrew) had a strong finish to edge out on top, as they will face the Thomson team (Sally Hall, Rosemary Thomson, Joyanne Gissing, Raelene Clark) in the finals.

In the **Novice**, team Jia (Jenny McGowan, Vanessa Brewis, Wendy Cuthbert, Lilly Jia) had a fantastic final day adding 69.72 VPs from their last four matches to a total of 159.78. They will be facing team Ryan (Julie Wallace, Susie Willison, Sue Swanell, Robin Ryan) in the finals.

Good luck to all finalists!

Top 2 finishers in the Teams Championships:

Open: 1st Milne, 2nd Haffer

Under 1500 1st McMahon, 2nd Pisko

Intermediate: 1st Elich, 2nd Williams

Restricted: 1st Poynten, 2nd Thomson

Novice: 1st Jia, 2nd Ryan

The top two team qualifiers in Under 1500, Intermediate, Restricted, and Novice play in the Final.

In the Open, the top two qualifiers advance to the Semi-Finals whilst 3rd-6th qualifiers play in the Quarter Finals first to determine the other two semi-finalists.

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Friday 25th Feb

9:00am	♠ Teams QF (O) 2x12 brds
10:00am	♠ Teams Final 4x12 (U1500, I, Re, N) ♠ Ivy Dahler Pairs (O, I, Re) 1 of 3 ♠ Seres/McMahon Pairs 1 of 2 ♠ Novice Pairs 1 of 2 ♠ Paul Lavings Bridgegear Walk-In Pairs
2:00pm	♠ Teams SF (O) 3x12 brds ♠ Ivy Dahler Pairs (O, I, Re) 2 of 3 ♠ Seres/McMahon Pairs 2 of 2 ♠ Novice Pairs 2 of 2 ♠ Paul Lavings Bridgegear Walk-In Pairs
O=Open, I=Intermediate, Re=Restricted, N=Novice	
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PRIZES to be collected at the Office

Open

Best Mens	Team 10	Pollock
Best Mixed	Team 16	Bloom
Best Seniors	Team 5	Krochmalik

Intermediate

Third	Team 6	Van Bakel
Best Same Sex	Team 30	Macey
Best Mixed	Team 16	Rayani
Best Qld	Team 19	Hartwig

Novice

Third	Team 13	Lee
Best Same Sex	Team 2	Vazirzadeh
Best Mixed	Team 1	Sydes

Under 1500

Third	Team 5	Kelly
Best Same Sex	Team 24	Norman
Best Mixed	Team 3	Evans

Restricted

Third	Team 1	Brown
Best Same Sex	Team 23	Carter S
Best Mixed	Team 28	Smuts
Best Qld	Team 3	Markovic

MORE WINNERS



N/S Winners of the Thursday Rookie Pairs:
Marcia Cameron – Barry Braithwaite



EW Winners of the Thursday Rookie Pairs:
Carole Bloomer – Jill Cavanagh



Winners of the 0-50 MP Butler Swiss Pairs:
Louise Bennet – Stephen Bennett



Runners Up of the Thursday Rookie Pairs:
Helen Blake – Jenny Munro

OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING MATCHES SEVEN AND EIGHT

A very particular set of skills

Nick Jacob

The afternoon of the second day of the Open Teams qualifying provided players with the opportunity to showcase skills acquired over very long careers, skills that make them a nightmare for opponents like you and me. Indeed the session was a technical quagmire, featuring challenging contracts, sharp defences and quarrelsome auctions.

Dealer: West ♠ K 10
 Vul: None ♥ 8 7 3
 Brd 8 ♦ 6 2
 ♣ 10 9 8 7 3 2

♠ Q J 7 6 4
 ♥ J 4
 ♦ 10 9 4
 ♣ A K J

♠ A 5 3
 ♥ A K Q 10 6
 ♦ K 7 3
 ♣ 5 4

♠ 9 8 2
 ♥ 9 5 2
 ♦ A Q J 8 5
 ♣ Q 6

West	North	East	South
Leibowitz		Hung	
1♠	Pass	2♣*	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Makeable Contracts				
5	-	5	-	NT
4	-	5	-	♠
4	-	5	-	♥
2	-	3	-	♦
2	-	2	-	♣

Several tables began with an artificial 2♣ response to the 1♠ opening, which gave South the opportunity to dip their oar in with a leaky 2♦ call.

Andy Hung has made a career out of this sort of auction, sniffing out the objective of the hand and backing his judgement. Tony Leibowitz came to the party with a thoughtful 3♣ call, describing the key feature of his hand that enabled Andy to declare an unassailable 3NT from East. With their teammates defeating 4♠ at the other table, Andy and Tony won 11 IMPs for their side.

Many Wests in the same position had to declare 4♠ on the challenging lead of a diamond from North. The immediate taking of the diamond ruff (diamond jack, diamond ace, diamond ruffed with the spade 10) allows declarer to play spades for no loser, but in practice the spade queen was advanced, covered perforce, and South's 9-8-x of spades were promoted into a trump trick.

At your humble editor's table, the diamond jack took trick one and the club six was returned. Declarer can lock up the contract by taking a spade finesse, but does the diamond overcall on the right make the spade king more likely to be offside? Naught can be done if South holds king-doubleton in spades, but if South holds king-third, ace and another spade will do the trick.

Declarer should take the spade finesse, because with king-third of spades, South would have tried for a diamond ruff instead of switching to this club. When declarer played a spade to the ace and another to North's king, North was at the crossroads. Was it time to deliver a club ruff or was it time to cash two diamonds?

There are several clues. First, with a singleton club, South may have won the diamond Queen at trick 1, convincing North that there can be no benefit to continuing diamonds through dummy's King. Second, in what order did South play their trumps? Does high-low show three, and hence the ability to trump a side suit? Or is it suit-preference, asking for a return in the higher suit?

"I don't even know what that means."

"Nobody knows what it means, but it's provocative. It gets the people going!"

Return a club and concede -450. Return a diamond and win +50.

Dealer: East
 Vul: N-S
 Brd 18

♠ Q 7 6 5 4 3
 ♥ 9 5 2
 ♦ J 3
 ♣ 5 2

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

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

♠ A 8
 ♥ A K J 10 8 6 4 3
 ♦ ---
 ♣ K J 9

West Kanetkar	North Tislevoll	East M. Thomson	South N. Jacob
2♦	4♦	2♣	Pass
5♥	All Pass	4♥	5♦

Makeable Contracts				
-	-	-	-	NT
1	-	1	-	♠
4	-	4	-	♥
-	6	-	6	♦
-	4	-	4	♣

The wildest board of the day saw most Easts open a game-forcing 2♣ when North/South were cold for slam. This looked like a good result for Avi Kanetkar and Matthew Thomson, who successfully convinced Nick Jacob and GeO Tislevoll that the hand belonged to East/West. Your editor went gently into the night with the South cards. Perhaps a stronger call of 4NT over 4♥ would have pushed the auction to the six level. 5♥ was not without chances. King-third spade onside and the contract is cold. Even at the end, Matthew could have made had North been dealt ace-queen or queen-ten doubleton in clubs. As it was, he was two off for -100. At the other table, the bidding was identical until 4♥, but there the auction rested. A difference in philosophies in the partnerships' defensive approaches against 2♣ openings, perhaps. If you are an obstruction-purist, the vulnerability shouldn't sway you greatly, and South should give North a little leeway. If you are a description-purist, the vulnerability should declare to South that North does have a reasonable hand for this 4♦ call. In any case, that was +420 for 11 IMPs to MILNE. Well done to all those who found the excellent 6♦ contract.

The obstruction-purists suffered again on the following board.

Dealer: South
 Vul: E-W
 Brd 19

♠ A 5
 ♥ K 10 5
 ♦ Q 8 7
 ♣ A Q 9 7 3

♠ K 10 8 7
 ♥ J 7 2
 ♦ K 10 3
 ♣ 6 5 2

♠ J 4 2
 ♥ 9 4 3
 ♦ J 6 5 4 2
 ♣ 10 8

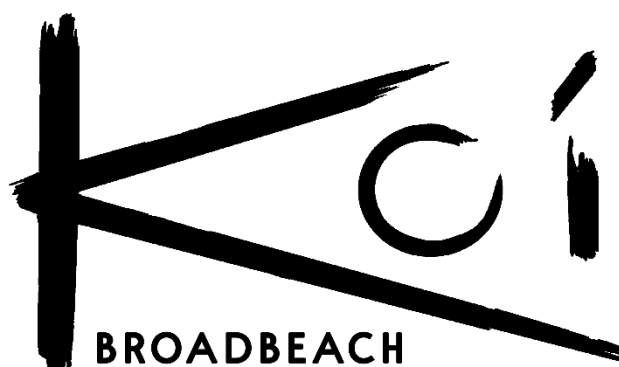
♠ Q 9 6 3
 ♥ A Q 8 6
 ♦ A 9
 ♣ K J 4

West P. Evans	North Humphries	East Hooykaas	South J. Brake
2NT	3♦!	Dbl	2♦!
3NT	Pass	6NT	Pass
			All Pass

Makeable Contracts				
6	-	6	-	NT
5	-	4	-	♠
6	-	6	-	♥
3	-	3	-	♦
6	-	6	-	♣

Peter and Paul passed up a profuse penalty to pursue a prickly slam. The obstruction purists will point to the fortune of this contract, which needs four heart tricks and a successful guess in one of the rounded suits. Peter didn't know which of his opponents to believe, so he trusted neither of them. He led towards the spade Queen and soon had his twelfth trick for a perfect +1440.

Andrew Spooner goosed one two days ago; here was his chance for redemption.



Dealer: North
 Vul: N-S
 Brd 21

♠ K
 ♥ 10 8 6
 ♦ A 10 6
 ♣ K 10 9 5 4 3

♠ J 10 6
 ♥ 7 3 2
 ♦ K Q J 5 3
 ♣ 6 2

♠ 8 4 3
 ♥ K Q 4
 ♦ 9 7 2
 ♣ A Q J 7

♠ A Q 9 7 5 2
 ♥ A J 9 5
 ♦ 8 4
 ♣ 8

West	North	East	South
Markey	Harrison	Spooner	Bloom
	1♣	1♠	2♠
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Makeable Contracts				
-	-	-	-	NT
3	-	4	-	♠
1	-	1	-	♥
1	-	1	-	♦
-	3	-	3	♣

Martin Bloom found the highly deceptive lead of the diamond 7, covered by the king and ace, with Andrew Spooner contributing the equally deceptive 8. Now the diamond 6 was returned to the 4, 2 and queen. Andrew advanced the spade jack, covered by Shane Harrison with the king and taken with the ace.

How could declarer handle the apparent 4-2 diamond break, with the opening leader clearly holding a doubleton? He needed one entry to dummy to trump a diamond high and a second entry to dummy to cash the diamond Jack and the long diamond winner. With spades 2-2 it would be easy enough - just cross to the spade 10, saving the deuce to cross to dummy's 6. But why would an experienced operator like Shane cover the spade jack with king doubleton, gaining nothing and losing when partner has a stiff honour?

He wouldn't, reasoned Andrew. So he finessed the spade 6, trumped a diamond with the queen and found out the suit was 3-3 all along, and crossed to the spade 10 to cash his two diamonds. An admirable 10 tricks for +420 and 6 IMPs to HAFFER.

OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING MATCHES NINE

Attack on Titans

Liam Milne

In the top-of-the-table clash first match in the morning, HAFFER drew MILNE. Jo Haffer and Jamie Thompson played North-South against James Coutts and Liam Milne, while Nick Jacob and GeO Tislevoll sat North-South for MILNE against Andrew Spooner and Phil Markey.

Dealer: East
 Vul: N-S
 Brd 2

♠ A Q 7
 ♥ K Q J 8 6 4
 ♦ J 10 4
 ♣ J

♠ 9 8 5
 ♥ A 10 5
 ♦ 9 3 2
 ♣ A K 10 8

♠ K 10 6 4 3 2
 ♥ 9
 ♦ 5
 ♣ Q 7 6 5 4

♠ J
 ♥ 7 3 2
 ♦ A K Q 8 7 6
 ♣ 9 3 2

West	North	East	South
Milne	Thompson	Coutts	Haffer
		1♦	2♠
3♦	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Makeable Contracts				
1	-	1	-	NT
-	4	-	4	♠
-	-	-	-	♥
5	-	5	-	♦
1	-	1	-	♣

Over 2♠, West has a difficult problem. Milne opted for a heavy 3♦ raise and caught up by doubling 4♠ for penalty later. The defence led a trump and Haffer ran it to the jack and his king. A heart up was taken by the king.

Milne cashed the club king and led a diamond to Coutts. He found the only defence to beat the contract by returning a club, forcing off one of dummy's high trumps. Declarer could only cash three hearts throwing clubs, but West was due a trump trick.

Double dummy, the only way for declarer to make this one is to play a diamond at trick two, breaking the defensive communications. That kills the entry to the East hand before dummy gets tapped in clubs.

West	North	East	South
Markey	Tislevoll	Spooner	N. Jacob
		1♦	2♠
Dbl	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	5♦	All Pass

At the other table, Spooner ended up in the hopeless-looking 5♦ contract after Markey took a more aggressive line in the bidding than Milne. Jacob led a heart, and Spooner needed to pick the clubs for four tricks, drawing trumps en route. He opted instead to win the heart and lead a spade from the dummy, hoping North would not fly with an honour, but Tislevoll was happy to cash three tricks for +50 and 6 imps to MILNE.

Dealer: South
 Vul: E-W
 Brd 3

♠ 7 3
 ♥ A 9 6 5
 ♦ K J 8
 ♣ J 10 9 7

♠ J 10 2
 ♥ J 7 2
 ♦ A Q 10 6 3
 ♣ 6 4

♠ Q 8 6 5 4
 ♥ Q 10
 ♦ 9 5 2
 ♣ Q 3 2

♠ A K 9
 ♥ K 8 4 3
 ♦ 7 4
 ♣ A K 8 5

West Markey	North Tislevoll	East Spooner	South N. Jacob
Pass	3♣ ^{5cM ask}	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♦ ^{1 or 2 x 4M}

West Milne	North Thompson	East Coutts	South Haffer
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

A tiny difference in the defence led to a game swing on this hand. At both tables West led the jack of clubs and East encouraged. Markey continued with the club ten and Spooner unblocked the queen; Milne opted instead for the seven to the queen.

Both declarers played a diamond up, West inserting the king and being allowed to hold the trick. Both Wests continued clubs, Markey giving away the ninth trick and Milne setting up a trick.

Jacob cashed out for nine tricks and +400. Haffer ran the diamonds on which Coutts discouraged spades and Milne encouraged spades. Needing to guess which major suit to finesse, he went for hearts in the end and that was down one and another 10 imps to MILNE.

Dealer: West
 Vul: Both
 Brd 4

♠ Q 9 8 2
 ♥ Q 10 4 3
 ♦ 8 7 3
 ♣ K 2

♠ A K J 10 7 4
 ♥ 9 8 2
 ♦ 9
 ♣ A 9 7

♠ 6
 ♥ J 7 6 5
 ♦ Q 6 5
 ♣ J 10 8 6 5

♠ 5 3
 ♥ A K
 ♦ A K J 10 4 2
 ♣ Q 4 3

West Markey	North Tislevoll	East Spooner	South N. Jacob
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West Milne	North Thompson	East Coutts	South Haffer
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dbl
Pass	2♥	2♠	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

HAFFER struck back on the very next board. Spooner led out ace, king, ten of spades. When Markey won the diamond queen, he returned a club for Spooner to cash the rest of the spades; NS -300.

Coutts led the spade king then switched to a diamond, hoping for partner to get in and return their hoped-for remaining spade. Partner did have an entry but didn't have a spade: NS +600 and 14 back to HAFFER.

Dealer: East
 Vul: Both
 Brd 10

♠ Q 9 7 5 3
 ♥ 10
 ♦ 8 6 3
 ♣ K 9 4 3

♠ K 6
 ♥ 2
 ♦ A K Q J 7 4
 ♣ 10 7 6 2

♠ A 4 2
 ♥ A K 9 7 6 4 3
 ♦ 10
 ♣ Q J

♠ J 10 8
 ♥ Q J 8 5
 ♦ 9 5 2
 ♣ A 8 5

West Markey	North Tislevoll	East Spooner	South N. Jacob
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass	3♦	Pass

West Milne	North Thompson	East Coutts	South Haffer
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
4♣♥ ^{slam try}	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♦ Pass
6♥	All Pass	5NT ^{Pick a slam}	Pass

Spooner-Markey had a conservative auction to 4♥. Tislevoll had to guess the lead and chose a spade. No good this time and East-West had 650.

Milne-Coutts had a much more aggressive auction. They also escaped the club lead and Milne was in with a chance, but when trumps did not split the dream was dead; -100 and 13 imps to HAFFER.

Dealer: East
 Vul: None
 Brd 14

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

♠ K 5
 ♥ Q J 9 4
 ♦ K Q 8 5 4
 ♣ 7 4

♠ A 8
 ♥ A K 5
 ♦ J 6 3
 ♣ K Q 6 3 2

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

West Markey	North Tislevoll	East Spooner	South N. Jacob
1♦	1♥ ^{spades}	2♦	3♦ ^{ART forcing}
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
West Milne	North Thompson	East Coutts	South Haffer
1♦	1♠	Pass	1♣
3♥	3♠	DbI	2NT ¹⁷⁻¹⁸
All Pass			

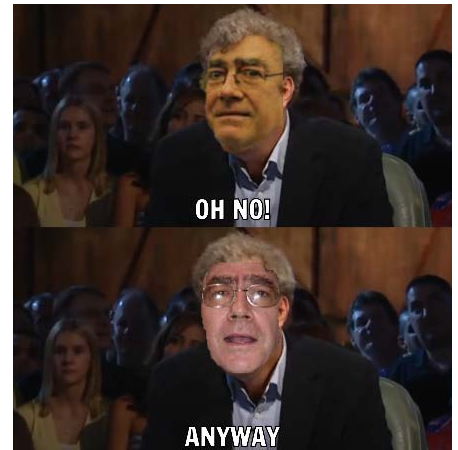
Jacob could have doubled 2♦ as a support double, so he trusted that Tislevoll's 3♠ was based on a six-card suit. Spooner needed to cash two diamonds on the go, but understandably he didn't want to lead an unsupported ace. On a club lead declarer was able to discard a diamond on the hearts and claim +420.

Haffer showed a diamond stopper with ♦Jxx then emphasised it by repeating the notrumps. Milne was convinced and led a heart. Haffer ran his clubs and tried to make a diamond trick by crashing the defensive honours, but the endgame fizzled out. MILNE won 10 imps to win the match.

In a match with plenty of opportunities, MILNE and HAFFER eked out a 43-43 draw to head into the next round in second and third position respectively.

In the POLLOCK vs ASHTON hoedown, Simon Andrew opened 1NT, 14-16, and Michael Courtney found a mainstream Courtneysque bid by jumping to 4♠. Hung led the normal heart and that was that, NS +420.

At the other table, Peter Gill opened a strong club and ended up as declarer in 4♠. West led a diamond honour and again, that was that, NS -50 and 10 imps to POLLOCK. That was on the way to a 5.81 VP loss for the pre-tournament favourites ASHTON, now looking in danger with three matches to play.



OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING MATCH TEN

Remember The Titans

Liam Milne

Dealer: North
 Vul: None
 Brd 17

♠ A J 9 8 7 6 5 4
 ♥ Q 5
 ♦ 3 2
 ♣ 8

♠ 2
 ♥ A K 10 4 2
 ♦ 8
 ♣ K J 10 9 6 2

♠ K 10
 ♥ 9 6 3
 ♦ Q J 10 7 6
 ♣ Q 7 5

♠ Q 3
 ♥ J 8 7
 ♦ A K 9 5 4
 ♣ A 4 3

Makeable Contracts				
-	-	-	-	NT
-	4	-	4	♠
1	-	1	-	♥
-	1	-	1	♦
3	-	3	-	♣

This deal was all about dealing with North's 4♠ preempt. West at many tables competed with a 4NT takeout/two-suited manoeuvre. Should East bid 5♣ or 5♦? Surely 5♦ is the better call, winning big when partner has both minors but losing when partner has their actual hand.

This time, 5♦ gets South into the doubling mood. West corrects to 5♥, South doubles again and North leads their singleton. If North-South get all their tricks, that is a juicy +800 against their non-vulnerable game.

29 of the 70 tables in the field competed to 5♠, almost always losing a swing of some sort. With no double fits or voids floating around, this was not the sort of hand to be venturing five over five.

Dealer: North
 Vul: E-W
 Brd 25

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

♠ K J 3
 ♥ K Q J 10 8 7 4
 ♦ A K
 ♣ Q

♠ 9 6 2
 ♥ 9 5 3
 ♦ 10 6 4 2
 ♣ 10 6 4

♠ A 8 7 4
 ♥ A 6 2
 ♦ Q J 8 3
 ♣ A 9

West Gosney	North Prescott	East Lampart	South Watts
	3♣	Dbl	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

Makeable Contracts				
7	-	7	-	NT
6	-	6	-	♠
7	-	7	-	♥
7	-	6	-	♦
1	-	1	-	♣

North preempts in clubs, East doubles and West has to handle a rock-crusher. Brisbane expert Paul Gosney found a cute way to handle the problem. He bid 4♣ to ask partner to name a suit, then he could keycard on spades to find out about partner's three aces and bid to the cold grand slam. Observe that it did not matter which suit Anne Lampart chose; Gosney held the kings of all of the relevant suits so would always be able to find out about aces.

Andy Hung-Nabil Edgton had an almost identical auction with Nabil choosing 7NT instead.

David Fryda-David Hudson had a more energetic auction to the grannie:

West Fryda	North Strong	East Hudson	South Magee
	3♣	Dbl	Pass
6♥	Pass	...7♥	All Pass

Fryda showed where his home was with his first bid.

Normally it is not an advised strategy to raise partner's slam leaps to seven; they can be gambling with extreme shape and not need your aces. But with three aces, even if the club ace was wasted, Hudson eventually decided to "risk it for the biscuit" and boost to 7♥. He was rewarded for his enterprise with a swift claim from partner.

Dealer: South
 Vul: None
 Brd 27

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

♠ J 8 7 4
 ♥ A 10 5
 ♦ A Q 8 6 4
 ♣ 7

♠ ---
 ♥ K Q J 9 6 2
 ♦ 2
 ♣ A K 9 5 4 2

♠ A Q 10 9 5 3
 ♥ 7
 ♦ K 7 3
 ♣ 8 6 3

West Kozakos	North Milne	East Smolanko	South Coutts
			1♥
2♦	2♥	2♠	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♣
5♠	Pass	Pass	6♣
Dbl	All Pass		

Makeable Contracts				
1	-	1	-	NT
6	-	6	-	♠
-	4	-	4	♥
4	-	4	-	♦
-	3	-	3	♣

It is not that common that you pick up a 6-6 shape hand. In a hotly contested auction, South usually bid to at least 5♣ or 5♥ and East-West had to somehow judge that this was the time to try bidding "five over five". That is surely a difficult task.

George Kozakos did very well on the hand, overcalling 2♦ then raising spades to the four-level. Over 5♥, he judged that with his club shortage and partner's marked heart shortage 5♠ would have a play, and he was right. Coutts guessed to bid 6♣; operation successful, but the patient died as the other table bought it in 5♥ for 11 imps in the out column.

Technically 5♥ can be defeated by a club lead, heart won and a diamond to partner for a club ruff. This precision defence was not found at any table where North-South played in 5♥.



GOLD COAST RESCUE

SERIES ONE

GOLD MASTERPOINTS

Saturday 5th March

Open and Restricted (Under 300 at 31/12/21)

Butler Swiss Pairs

Sunday 6th March

Open Swiss Teams

Two sessions each day: 9 am and 1 pm AEST
(Queensland Time)

All entries and payments on  \$40 per player per day

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ABF Regulations as modified by the Supplementary Regulations apply.
Green and Blue systems only in Restricted. No Yellow systems in Open.



The Tale of the 2021 and 2022 Gold Coast Congress



In January 2020 Covid hit the world but not the Gold Coast. When players rang to discuss this new disease and the impact on the Congress, I thought it's only a flu. The 59th Gold Coast Congress went ahead without any problems or cases and then a week after, bridge stopped in Australia. The Gold Coast Committee headed by Tim Runting met and agreed they would decide in September the fate of the 2021 event. At this stage a \$30,000 non-refundable deposit was paid, as who would have thought the unthinkable could happen. Prior to the second deposit being paid, a second Gold Coast Committee meeting was held and with much regret the 2021 event was cancelled and the initial deposit lost.

In June 2021, we wrote to players on our data base and asked them "Would they support the 2022 event if borders were open and the thought of lockdowns gone" and players said yes. Hence we entered into a contract with the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre (GCCEC) with the proviso that if borders closed our deposit would be returned. The steering committee proceeded with their organisation of the 2022 event but with reduced numbers - Hall 1 was unavailable as Eurovision was going to be held and they had booked the room for makeup/rehearsals etc. By August 2 deposits had been paid and our organising was in full swing. Two new things were going to happen - a 0-1500 masterpoint section in the teams and the use of MyABF, which 95% of our players had never used.

After the 3rd deposit had been paid, making a total \$180,000 non-refundable deposit, the omicron strain of Covid hit Australia. On December 24 we were nearly full to capacity with players BUT the withdrawals started to happen. By the end of January, over half the entries had withdrawn. We no longer needed Hall 2 and we realised that the dinner would not be well supported. Entries continued to drop. I was now talking to Tim on a daily basis, I cried every time a withdrawal came through and I was vomiting due to worry on a daily basis. Meetings with the ABF occurred weekly with the ABF giving us advice and financial and administrative support. The GCCEC allowed us to reduce our dinner dance numbers to 200, a saving of \$15,000, and we relinquished Hall 2 but at a cost - over \$30,000. The President of the QBA took me aside and said "It is what it is and it was not my fault or Tim's fault or anyone's fault and let's give those bridge players who were coming a memorable time". We decided against reducing the prize money because it would only punish those who were supporting us and we forged ahead.

We have tried to make the 60th event FABULOUS, FANTASTIC AND MEMORABLE. We have tried to make the event memorable for you, our supporters. The QBA will lose a lot of money because we have hosted the event but we were going to lose more, and not only money, by not hosting it. We will be back in 2023 bigger than ever.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU TO MY STAFF WHO STUCK WITH ME AND A BIG THANK YOU TO MY HUSBAND WHO HAS BORNE THE BRUNT OF ALL MY STRESS AND FRUSTRATION.

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OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING MATCH TWELVE

Ah ****, here we go again...

Nick Jacob

The qualification for the Open Teams had been a slugfest. Favoured squads had fallen, battling heroes had risen, and all were looking forward - some with relief, some with hope, some with disappointment - to the final score up.

After a gruelling qualifying run in which the BUCHEN team had played seeds 6, 2, 8, 3 and 7 in their past five matches, they had run into the nightmare of all draws: number 1 seed, ASHTON, who were galloping towards qualification.

Avi Kanetkar could be seen shaking his head after match 11, muttering away about missing slams. Anyone who knows him knew he would be taking things into his own hands during match 12.

Dealer: West ♠ 10 3
 Vul: Both ♥ Q 10 9 8 6
 Brd 20 ♦ 9 6 2
 ♣ 6 5 3

♠ A Q 9 7 6 2
 ♥ K 7
 ♦ A Q 8 5
 ♣ 10

♠ K J 4
 ♥ J 4 2
 ♦ K 7 3
 ♣ A 9 7 2

♠ 8 5
 ♥ A 5 3
 ♦ J 10 4
 ♣ K Q J 8 4

West Kanetkar	North	East M. Thomson	South
1♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Makeable Contracts				
5	-	5	-	NT
6	-	6	-	♠
2	-	2	-	♥
6	-	6	-	♦
1	-	1	-	♣

Avi Kanetkar does not like to miss slams. For most players, a three card limit raise might inspire a mild slam try. Avi Kanetkar is not most players. He was fed up with missing slams.

This slam wasn't particularly good, but it was playable. And, most importantly for Avi, it was cold. Sartaj Hans's heart 10 lead solved that suit and Avi only needed one favourable break in the pointed suits. +1430 was worth a crucial 12 IMPs to Avi and team BUCHEN.

A few boards later and the tide had turned. The winds had picked up and ASHTON was bringing the storm.

Sitting South, Ian might have hoped for a cold game or a quiet partscore on the last board of the qualifying. His team could perhaps qualify with a small loss, but nobody wants that nervous sweat.

Sitting in fourth seat, vulnerable against not, Ian Thomson knew it wasn't going to be a quiet hand.

He held: ♠A64, ♥AKQJ42, ♦AJ6, ♣A.

The mainstream auction proceeded: 3♣ from Nabil Edgton on his left, pass from partner, 4♥ natural(!) from Andy Hung on his right.



Dealer: West ♠ 9 7 3
 Vul: N-S ♥ 10 9
 Brd 28 ♦ K Q 10 9 7 3
 ♣ Q 4

♠ J 10 8
 ♥ 7 5 3
 ♦ 4 2
 ♣ K 8 6 5 2

♠ K Q 5 2
 ♥ 8 6
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ J 10 9 7 3

♠ A 6 4
 ♥ A K Q J 4 2
 ♦ A J 6
 ♣ A

West Edgton	North Buchen	East Hung	South I. Thomson
3♣!	Pass	4♥!	Dbl
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Makeable Contracts				
-	7	-	7	NT
-	2	-	2	♠
-	7	-	7	♥
-	7	-	7	♦
-	1	-	1	♣

There's no science to deal with a natural preempt and a wild psyche in your solid six-card suit. Ian did what we all would have done, shrugged his shoulders and guessed to bid 6♥.

The missed grand slam unfortunately cost the BUCHEN team 12 IMPs (as the other table the grand slam was bid uncontested) and gave Ian and his team an awful sweat. When everything was tallied up, ASHTON had beaten BUCHEN 16.03-3.97, but the charge by ASHTON had fallen short. BUCHEN had survived and were in the knockouts.

A few pairs made light work of this one. Maybe the briefest auction was achieved by Rakesh Kumar and Jenny Michael.

West	North Michael	East	South Kumar
Pass	3♦	Pass	7♦
All Pass			

Perhaps this hand falls short of a few players' standards for a second seat, vulnerable against not preempt, but Jenny and Rakesh have discussed that this preempt must be sound and have "some useful shape" - not that Jenny seemed to mind here. So Rakesh flamboyantly raised to the cold grand.

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Thank you for joining our 60th birthday celebration of the Gold Coast Congress 2022. As we scale up towards 2023, we would value your ideas and suggestions as we make the GCC bigger and better than ever.

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A Big Thank You



Jinny Fuss has been a part of the GCC team for 7 years as one of the Floor Managers. Jinny comes from Adelaide and rang Kim in 2015 saying she would like to shadow one of the Floor Managers to see how the GCC manages such a high class organisation.

Kim said she could do one better, in that Jinny could be a Floor Manager and can learn the ropes first hand! Seven years later and she has certainly learnt the ropes however it's time to hang up the boots. She promises to be back as a player in the future.

Thank you Jinny

PHOTOS: DAY SIX



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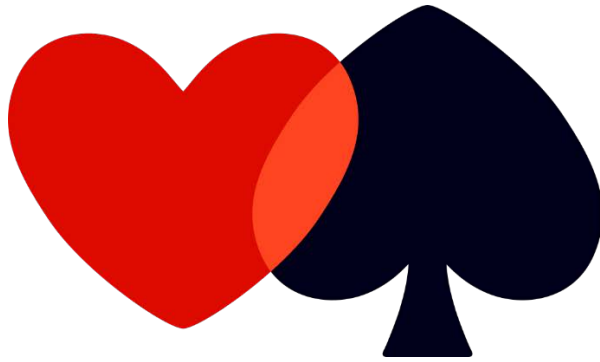
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REAL DEAL BRIDGE

Most players get this wrong, will you?
Same hand different situation 3 (red)

A new same hand, different situation problem will be on your table at the start of each day. Yesterday's hand came from match 6 of the teams but the vulnerability was presented as nil rather than vul vs not to create some volatility. Will Jenner-O'shea delivered a fantastic talk at lunch time yesterday on defence and followed it up with his insight into this hand just before the end of the lunch break.

♠ J
♥ 6
♦ T 9 8 7
♣ A K T 8 7 6 5

- **What would you do if you were the dealer?**
“Even though this hand nearly meets the rule of 20, it's not one to open at the 1 level. It is offensive and it looks like the opposition could easily have 4♥ or 4♠ on and you might feel like you want to bid on to sacrifice over that! 4♣ or 5♣ are my choices. 11+ cards in two suits is always extremely powerful and the 'normal' rules of pre-empting don't really work”
- **What would you bid if partner opened 1NT?**
“Ideally you want to show your clubs and keep partner involved in the decision. Depending on your agreements this might involve bidding 3♣ initially or transferring (and then possibly showing a heart shortage). If partner offers 3NT along the way you might choose to pass it. If partner is happy with clubs it's easy to visualise hands where slam could even be possible!”
- **What about if your opponent opened 3♥?**
“This one is a very prickly problem. You don't pre-empt over a pre-empt so you wouldn't call 5♣. This hand is hard, bidding 4♣ could easily go poorly if you get doubled or if 3NT would have been a great spot. You only have 8 HCP and your RHO pre-empted. It's a good idea to sit back for now and pass. That way you will find out if your partner or if your left hand opponent has a good hand.”

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DEFENCE IN DETAIL

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. Paying attention to declarer's problems can often steer you off the 'obvious' yet unsuccessful line of defence.

Sitting East in a national teams knockout match, you are able to mention your only asset:

♠ 9 7 5 ♥ 9 8 ♦ A Q 8 7 5 ♣ K 7 6

Your opponents are playing the Precision system which gives your side a chance to interfere with their revealing auction.

West	North	East	South	
Pass	1♣ ¹	1♦	Pass	1. Precision, 16+ any shape
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♣	2. 5-7 and shape
Pass	2♥ ³	Pass	3NT	3. Asking for heart stopper
Pass	Pass	Pass		

Partner dutifully leads the two diamonds and a fair, but minimum, dummy appears:

	♠ A K J 8 4													
Dir: South	♥ 3													
Vul: All	♦ K J 10 4													
	♣ A J 2	You (E)												
Lead: ♦2	<table border="1" style="width: 100px; height: 100px; background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 7 5			
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		♣ K 7 6												

At trick one, dummy plays low and you win the diamond queen as declarer follows low. When you switch to the nine of hearts, declarer's queen loses to the king. Partner now surprises you by shifting to the queen of clubs!

Declarer wins dummy's club ace and leads another diamond at you. As you win your ace, partner discards the seven of hearts (discouraging).

What is going on, and how do you plan the rest of the defence?

Solution:

Partner's lead of a singleton diamond rather than their long heart suit suggests that their suit is poor. Their failure to return a heart and their discouraging discard confirms this, so declarer looks to hold at least ♥AQxx.

Because declarer has announced a 5-7 point count, we can assume that partner has the spade queen, and at least three cards in the suit given declarer's failure to support their partner. This means that dummy's long spades present no threat as long as we can prevent declarer getting to their hand. If we return a heart now, we risk declarer winning some heart tricks and taking a spade finesse. Instead, our goal must be to continually endplay dummy and keep declarer's hand out of the game. We have four tricks already and as long as partner wins a spade at some point, 3NT is headed for defeat.

We have an easy exit of a diamond back to dummy on this trick. When declarer later plays a club, we must make sure that declarer can't win a trick with their hypothetical ♣10; if declarer leads the ♣J off the dummy, we will duck, while if they try to sneak a low one past us we will rise king to block the suit before returning a minor suit back to dummy. Note that we cannot cash the club king after winning the ace of diamonds. If declarer has the club ten, they will be able to unblock dummy's jack under our king to build an entry.

Here is the full hand:

Dir: South	♠ A K J 8 4												
Vul: All	♥ 3												
	♦ K J 10 4												
	♣ A J 2	You (E)											
♠ Q 10 6 2	<table border="1" style="width: 100px; height: 100px; background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 7 5		
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W		E											
	S												
♥ K 7 6 5 4 2		♥ 9 8											
♦ 2		♦ A Q 8 7 5											
♣ Q 10		♣ K 7 6											
	♠ 3												
	♥ A Q J 10												
	♦ 9 6 3												
	♣ 9 8 5 4 3												

If you return a heart, declarer has an easy time making three spades, three hearts, two diamonds and one club for their nine tricks. A minor suit return gives declarer no chance. North-South must lose a spade, a heart, two diamonds and a club.

Point to remember: When a weak dummy is on display, it is easy to realise that we should hold up our stoppers and deny dummy any entries. Exactly the same tactics can be applied when the weak hand ends up as declarer, but it is often harder to find.



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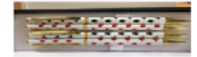
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ACT 33	NSW 295	VIC 152	QLD 663	SA 45	WA 4
TAS 8	NT 3	Foreign 5	NZ 2	Youth 13	

THE KLINGER QUIZ

Ron Klinger



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

You are sitting as West, declaring in 3NT after the following auction below. North leads the ♠9.

Teams
Dealer: South
Vul: Both

West
♠ A J
♥ A J 6 2
♦ Q
♣ K Q 6 4 3 2



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

West	North	East	South
--	--	--	2♠ ¹
Dbl	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
(1) Weak two, 6+♠, 6-10 points			

Contract: 3NT by West

Lead: ♠9 by North, two from East, three from South (low-like), won by your ♠J.

Plan the play. Clubs are 2-2.

Solution:

This deal was from a Summer Festival of Bridge National Women's Teams / National Seniors' Teams.

Dealer: South	♠ 9 8				
Vul: Both	♥ K 10 7 5 4				
Teams	♦ J 9 3 2				
	♣ A 7				
♠ A J		N		♠ K 2	
♥ A J 6 2		W	E	♥ Q 8 3	
♦ Q		S		♦ K 8 7 5 4	
♣ K Q 6 4 3 2				♣ J 9 5	
	♠ Q 10 7 6 5 4 3				
	♥ 9				
	♦ A 10 6				
	♣ 10 8				

Some East-West pairs were -400 in 3NT. West won the ♠9 lead and played the ♣Q. North won and played a second spade, taken in dummy. Declarer then took the heart finesse. North won and switched to the ♦2. South took the ♦A and five spades for four down.

The ♠9 lead looks like top from a doubleton. That gives South seven spades headed by the Q-10. South is highly unlikely to have both missing aces and probably not one ace and the ♥K as well.

Declarer is always OK if North began with a doubleton spade and both minor-suit aces. As the cards lie, declarer can succeed by playing the ♦Q at trick 2, but that would be silly if the minor-suit aces were in opposite hands.

Declarer wins the first spade and tackles clubs. That would be fine if South had the ♣A and North the ♦A. When North wins with the ♣A and continues spades, declarer wins and should play off five rounds of clubs. That is seven tricks. West then plays the ♦Q. If North has the ♦A, the contract is now secure. When the ♦A is with South, at least you are not so many down.

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Final Qualifying Scores After 12 Rounds – OPEN

Place	No.	Team Members	Score
1	2	N Jacob - G Tislevoll - T Nunn - L Milne - P Dalley - J Coutts	172.05
2	6	J Haffer - J Thompson - A Spooner - P Markey	170.99
3	8	M Doecke - S Fischer - D Hoffman - J Tutty - W Jenner-O'Shea - P Reynolds	150.63
4	3	M Lewis - M Van Der Vlugt - C Hughes - K Morrison	150.28
5	4	A Kanetkar - I Thomson - M Thomson - P Buchen	147.60
6	7	A Watson - R Roeder - P Fordham - M Hughes - B Neill	147.18
7	16	L Adams - A Peake - S Harrison - M Bloom	146.97
8	15	J Mill - M Watts - M Prescott - S Crompton	146.12
9	5	G Smolanko - P Lavings - A Braithwaite - A De Livera - R Krochmalik - G Kozakos	144.67
10	1	N Edgtton - S Hans - A Hung - S Ashton - P Gill - T Leibowitz	144.23

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	24	Wilkinson	141.24	41	22	Dobes	115.39
12	18	Frazer	140.67	42	54	Arul	115.20
13	19	Lu	138.28	43	55	Perrin	114.12
14	25	Askew	137.61	44	46	Bodycote	114.01
15	58	Moore	133.73	45	44	Van Vucht	112.94
16	20	Richman	133.34	46	42	Wilks	112.29
17	12	Humphries	133.18	47	45	Mangos	111.66
18	9	Hutton	133.05	48	48	Rutkowski	111.18
19	27	Parker	131.90	49	63	Varga	110.31
20	28	Mayo	131.75	50	36	Moses	109.85
21	14	Gue	131.38	51	56	Stralow	109.55
22	26	Hoffman	130.17	52	30	Allan	109.05
22	10	Pollock	130.17	53	69	Flicker	106.40
24	21	Bird	128.96	54	52	Hill	106.29
25	38	McGrath	127.48	55	51	Kumar	105.89
26	43	Martin	127.35	56	47	Barwick	105.81
27	23	McLeish	125.85	57	34	Wallis	105.38
28	13	Magee	125.47	58	29	Walters	104.22
29	17	Ward	124.67	59	41	Fanos	104.17
30	50	Schoutrop	124.53	60	35	Tillotson	103.35
31	59	Klugman	123.17	61	68	O'Reilly	102.48
32	40	Goodman	122.75	62	49	Hackett	99.36
33	11	Smith	121.45	63	62	Young	98.45
34	32	Maluish	119.25	64	65	Lindsay	97.49
35	31	Collins	119.05	65	53	Van Wyck	95.87
36	67	Ajzner	118.80	66	60	Mill	86.64
37	33	Berger	118.52	67	57	Tait	80.07
38	37	Kingham	118.50	68	70	Procel	79.91
39	39	Lamport	118.07	69	64	Cordiner	70.97
40	61	Hyland	117.72	70	66	Clarke	56.09

Final Qualifying Scores After 12 Rounds – Under 1500

Place	No.	Team Members	Score
1	1	J Dunbar - J McMahon - C McMahon - N Ranson	161.17
2	6	F Hymus - K Homik - T Anagnostou - M Pisko	149.26
3	5	B Assaee - B Bolt - J Kelly - D Kwok	148.79
4	24	A Corkhill - W Gibson - L Norman - C Newbery	145.97

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
5	3	Evans	145.80	18	8	Ranke	118.20
6	2	Li	139.01	19	26	Swanson	117.73
7	4	Hamilton	138.04	20	13	Rigano	116.69
8	15	Guthrie	133.60	21	10	Nunn	116.54
9	28	Baldwin	130.48	22	27	Nothing	112.53
10	11	Davies	128.40	23	14	Litzow	111.89
11	9	Wood	124.18	24	25	Huddart	107.45
12	21	Van Weeren	123.92	25	17	Eastman	105.97
13	30	Johnson	123.81	26	7	Thatcher	98.77
14	19	Wanigaratne	123.73	27	12	Boyce	94.68
15	20	O'Donohue	120.62	28	29	Burrie	85.62
16	16	Brown	118.84	29	22	Crawt	73.25
17	23	Chaffey	118.76	30	18	Palmer	66.30

Final Qualifying Scores After 12 Rounds – Intermediate

Place	No.	Team Members				Score	
1	3	A Riepsamen - J Lassman - D Christian - G Elich				168.46	
2	22	K Murray - R Holgate - N Williams - P Fitzmaurice				152.24	
3	6	G Azar - R Gryg - M Byrne - W Van Bakel				142.88	
4	19	J Churchett - T Henderson - M Simpson - D Hartwig				141.66	
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
5	15	Bradshaw	140.36	24	13	Jenkins	117.32
6	16	Rayani	140.31	25	17	Barfoot	115.52
7	30	MacEy	139.51	26	18	Lloyd	112.15
8	41	Meyers	139.50	27	21	Peacock	111.69
9	20	Sutherland	136.55	28	10	Koster	110.51
10	40	Ramsund	136.52	29	1	Kelley	110.20
11	8	Roark	135.54	30	2	Robinson	105.48
12	4	Argent	133.63	31	23	McClintock	105.46
13	5	Chamberlin	133.31	32	9	Gibson	102.87
14	31	Glover	124.73	33	39	Treloar	102.25
15	26	Eastman	123.41	34	25	Rosetta	99.65
16	33	Stevens	123.12	35	29	Willcocks	99.28
17	14	Williams B	122.80	36	34	Beckman	98.50
18	32	Weber	121.72	37	28	Coppin	95.54
19	27	Walsh	121.35	38	38	Hegarty	92.84
20	37	Boyd	120.79	39	36	Nadebaum	92.58
21	11	Powis	120.11	40	35	Van Kruistum	81.92
22	12	Delorenzo	118.21	41	42	House	37.97
23	24	Ward	117.65	42	7	Cameron	35.25

Final Qualifying Scores After 12 Rounds – Restricted

Place	No.	Team Members				Score	
1	11	C Taberner - M Poynten - T White - J Andrew				168.08	
2	26	S Hall - R Thomson - J Gissing - R Clark				158.30	
3	1	G McKenzie - M Brown - J Parsons - J Russell				147.56	
4	28	A Smuts - H Henn - F Trescowthick - S Acton				146.52	
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
5	2	Stammel	146.08	27	48	Bonic	117.54
6	3	Markovic	144.76	28	31	Moss	116.83
7	45	Leiba	142.93	29	27	King	116.34
8	23	Carter S	142.37	30	34	Hooper	116.13
9	14	Males	141.41	31	39	Jaffe	115.50
10	46	Smith A	136.26	32	42	Bickford	114.01
11	35	Clarke	135.46	33	18	Ledger	113.88
12	9	Petterson	133.60	34	38	Innes	112.81
13	12	Barnes	133.14	35	6	Hamilton-Reen	110.25
14	36	Speller	131.72	36	7	Knight	109.38
15	30	Clarebrough	131.57	37	32	Gilmour	108.14
16	4	Mladen	127.87	38	33	Blair	106.15
17	47	Carter J	127.55	39	41	Anderson	104.41
18	43	Williams	126.37	40	15	Love	100.56
19	16	Stoney	125.06	41	44	Sheldrake	96.45
20	19	Sharp	124.25	42	22	Carter B	94.43
21	10	Ting	123.10	43	17	Sharp	94.40
22	8	Junge	122.91	44	24	Howard	91.72
23	13	Acworth	121.30	45	20	Brink	91.50
24	5	Neary	121.28	46	21	Nugent	91.24
25	29	Howitt	119.23	47	25	Smith M	77.45
26	40	Pappas	117.81	48	37	Sargent	65.87

Final Qualifying Scores After 12 Rounds – Novice

Place	No.	Team Members				Score	
1	10	J McGowan - V Brewis - W Cuthbert - L Jia				159.78	
2	8	I Van Altena - H Bridgman - D Niesler - D George				149.03	
3	13	P Harnack - M Harnack - L Lee - G Dobson				141.42	
4	2	I Franklin - J Borg - J Vazirzadeh - D Chatman				132.07	
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
5	1	Sydes	131.91	12	6	Whelan	118.01
6	18	Douglas	129.03	13	7	Green	110.97
7	9	Burley	128.59	14	15	McIntosh	105.93
8	17	Edwards	125.93	15	5	Mathieson	101.13
9	16	Morris	122.82	16	4	Barrett	93.33
10	3	Bennion	122.58	17	11	Friedlaender	85.16
11	12	Ryan	120.44	18	14	Stockley	81.87

0-50 MP Butler Swiss Pairs

Rank	Pair	Names	Total	Rank	Pair	Names	Total
1	3	Louise Bennett - Stephen Bennett	90.54	13	23	Tracey Sisson - Andrew Sisson	61.02
2	22	Jenny Munro - Helen Blake	80.05	14	19	Gwynne Harris - Mike Martin	57.17
3	15	Faye Fatseas - Jacqui Dudurovic	75.18	15	21	Philip Kerr - Ange Kerr	56.87
4	10	Linda Neil - Sue Calthrop	73.06	16	13	Jan Ford - Kathryn Kelly	54.58
5	1	Tom Ferris - Lee Chenoweth	71.31	17	6	Marie Downing - Selby Downing	54.17
6	5	Julie Navruk - Jenny Thompson	67.59	18	16	Neil Sadler - Cia Adermann	51.90
7	11	Debbie Carroll - Jacinta Lee	66.23	19	24	Wandini Noal - Ken Greig	51.77
8	18	Peter Green - Sue Green	65.27	20	9	Irene Hayward - Lois Munro	50.19
9	7	Lesley Rouse - Kim Rouse	64.58	21	8	Margot Mckellar - Julia Caldwell	49.57
10	4	Althea Crowley - Persephone Lobb	64.50	22	20	Jo Keylar - Chris Trimblett	41.99
11	17	Peter Leggo - Daphne Leggo	63.49	23	12	Anna De Borah - Anna Oprysa	37.88
12	14	Cheryl Bell - David Phillips	62.80	24	2	Beth Randall - Margaret Wayland	28.29

Thursday Rookie Pairs

Place	North-South	%	Place	East-West	%
1	Barry Braithwaite - Marcia Cameron	71.13	1	Carole Bloomer - Jill Cavanagh	59.52
2	Ria Mylrea - Maureen Mcnamara	59.82	2	Richard Huysmans - Chris Pohle	56.55
3	Marjory Harms - Jane Gordon	52.38	3	Linda Mortimer - Adam Marks	51.79
4	Lorraine Launer - Sylvia Ricketts	51.49	4	Thomas Block - Joy Block	50.89
5	Christine Jensen - Sandra Lawrence	45.54	5	Mary Flint - Debbie Adams	50.30
6	Lynne Henderson - Susan Green	44.64	6	David Baru - Gary Rickard	49.70
7	Marie Low - Sandy Spies	43.75	7	Maryann JAMES - Virginia PROWSE	47.32
8	Ros Arthur - Andrew Gordon	42.56	8	Leonie Swann - Kathy Van Geest	44.64
9	Jenni Hansen - Linda Gough	38.69	9	Debbie Usmar - Lexie Yeates	39.29

Sage Thursday PM Walk-In Pairs

	N-S	Score		E-W	Score
1	Tony Thorne - Elizabeth Thorne	65.43	1	Lavy Libman - Tomer Libman	63.27
2	Margie Hullah - Nick Hullah	60.49	2	Eva Shand - Les Varadi	59.41
3	James Williamson - Janelle Williamson	59.26	3	Kevin Ridgway - Peter Neil	55.25
4	Pauline Erby - Gil Clarke	58.80	4	Adele Harington - Nev Harington	54.48
5	Kerry Flanagan - Helen Andrew	53.09	5	Robyn Carroll - Jenny Walpole	53.86
6	Pat Sleat - Ray Ingielewicz	49.85	6	Jenny Paterson - Max Paterson	49.23
6	Lise Allan - Rilla England	49.85	7	Claire Vanderloos - Clemens Vanderloos	48.92
8	Colleen Berry - Val Dawson	46.30	8	Steve Murray - Ann Murray	47.53
9	Sydney Rowan - Jayne Francis	45.99	9	Helen Zerphey - Ada Krawczyk	46.91
10	Robert Morton - Matthew Roberts	43.83	10	Rozalyn Wright - Lesley-Ann Parry	46.76
11	Bob Davies - Siobhan Davies	39.35	11	Anka Saundry - Peter Saundry	46.14
12	Leif Michelsson - Hanna Majewski	39.04	12	Robyn Stanhope - Pauline Lane	43.52
13	Carol Sheldrake - Helen Hobbs	38.73	13	Heather Douglas - David Douglas	34.72

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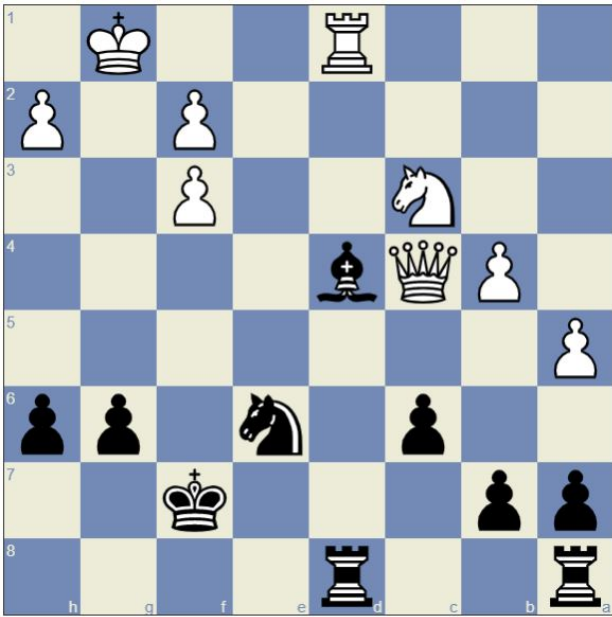
	Friday 25th February	Saturday 26th February		
OPEN EVENTS				
Open Pairs Championship	Q/F Teams S/F Teams	Finals Teams	Dinner Dance 7:00pm for Drinks 7:30pm Start Bookings Essential <small>A popular climax to the week. Attendees will be invited to register for this event during the week. The cost will be \$20 to anyone who played in an event (walk- ins not included) and \$50 otherwise.</small>	
Open Teams (No final for Women's and Seniors')	9:00am 2:00pm 2x12 Brds 3x12 Brds	9:00am 4x12 Brds		
Ivy Dahler Open Butler Swiss Pairs	10:00am 1/3 2:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3		
Seres/McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs	10:00am 1/2 2:00pm 2/2			
Under 1500 MP Teams	Under 1500 Teams Final			
Under 1500 MP Teams	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final			
INTERMEDIATE EVENTS (Under 750MPs)				
Intermediate Teams	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final			
Ivy Dahler Intermediate Butler Swiss Pairs	10:00am 1/3 2:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3		
RESTRICTED EVENTS (Under 300MPs)				
Restricted Teams	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final			
Ivy Dahler Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs	10:00am 1/3 2:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3		
NOVICE EVENTS (Under 100MPs)				
Novice Teams	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final			
Friday Novice MP Swiss Pairs	10:00am 1/2 2:00pm 2/2			
WALK-IN PAIRS				
Walk-in Pairs (No Frills only on Friday 18th Feb)	10:00am 2:00pm	10:00am		
	Friday 28th	Saturday 29th		

CALENDAR OF SOCIAL AND OTHER

	Venue	Friday 25th February
NOVICE AND ROOKIE ACTIVITIES		
Novices Help Available	In the Playing Area Novices Section	9:30am to 10:00am
SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES		
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	
Champagne Breakfast For Shoe Shoppers In Her Shoes	In Her Shoes Ground Floor Oasis Shopping Centre	8:15am
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		
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	
Contacts: Sue 0424830158 • Lana 0481187578 • gcchospitality@qldbridge.com.au	Golf Enquiries: Ian Wright 0417194347 • ian83@me.com	Friday 25th February

SOLUTION TO YESTERDAY'S CHESS PROBLEM

SOLUTION TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU [MEDIUM]

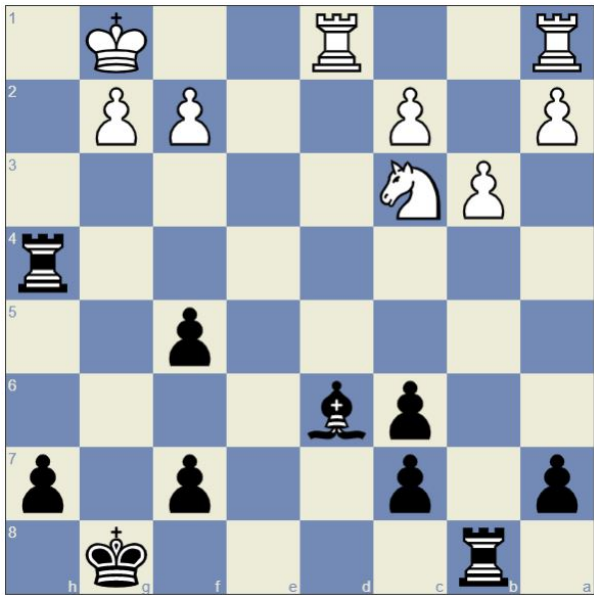


Black to move and win

1. gxf3 Bxc3
2. Rxd8 Rxd8
3. Qxc3 Rd1+
4. Kg2 Nf4+
5. Kg3 Ne2+
6. Kh3 Nxc3

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

TODAY'S CHESS PROBLEM



Black to move and win

TODAY'S SUDOKU [HARD]

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	9						3	
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	4		9			5		
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Solutions in the next bulletin issue



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