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**2023 GOLD COAST  
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**BULLETIN 3**



**YOUR DAILY  
BULLETIN**

**Sunday 19 February**

[Stephen Lester](#) and [Barry Rigal](#)

**Congratulations to winners and leaders**

With one round to go, Liam Milne—GeO Tislevoll are leading the Bobby Richman Open Pairs Final.

Intermediate Pairs leaders are Annie Pilcher—Camilla Boyd.

Restricted leaders are Jenny McGowan—Vanessa Brewis, and Novice leaders are Zac Ross—Kate Macdonald.

The Open Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs was won by Sue Lusk—Viv Wood.

The 0-500 Weekend Matchpoint Pairs was won by Maeve Doyle—Stuart Shon.

The Sunday Rookie Pairs was won by Stella Jansen - Daria Dalley.

**Tables at  
Sunday evening**

**1223**

**760 in 2022**

**UPDATE**



**Monday 20th 1.15pm – 2pm**

**Upstairs opposite Administration office**

Julian Foster will give a short presentation about the latest developments with My ABF and what's planned next for players, clubs and tournament organisers.

- Lots of new management options for clubs
- New congress listing
- Personal results display
- Club session payments

**2024 Gold Coast Congress**

**Venue Gold Coast Convention Centre**

Saturday 17th to Saturday 24th February

Bobby Richman Pairs—one session less

Weekend Swiss Pairs—one session less

No change to any other event

**Congress recent history**

**2020**

Gold Coast Congress a great success. Within a week of the end of the Congress, the country closes down.



**2021**

Gold Coast Congress cancelled – cost to cancel \$25,000 – cancellation of GCCEC contract.

**2022**

A loss of \$147,000 was incurred because we held the GCC however the loss would have been bigger if we had not held it. Thank you to the ABF who allowed us to host online congresses. \$44,000 recovered.

**2023**




All who supported the event in 2022 were given first dibs on the spots, then the Western Australians and New Zealanders who were not allowed to come and then previous participants. We could have had Hall 2 and in the early days, we felt that perhaps we should have due to the interest but as it came closer to the congress, the withdrawals came and we believe 98% of the players who wanted to play have got a spot somewhere. 0-50 events and the Rookie events could not be expanded and there is still a lot on the

waiting list and we unfortunately could not help them. We believe it will be an excellent event and there might even be a very small profit.

**2024**

We have agreed to contract Hall 2 so there will be more room. We cannot have the bump in Friday so we will be reducing the Bobby Richman event by one session and we are still discussing the Week-end Swiss and the Monday Butler but they will be held - format still being decided. It will be Tim and Sue's (current Tournament Organisers) last year and Ray and Kim Ellaway's last year. Ray and



<p><b>All Celebrity Speakers will now be located upstairs opposite Administration office. Min \$5 contribution to ABF Youth Bridge (free for Youth)</b></p>		
<p><b>Monday 20th 9.00am – 9.45am Finn Kolesnik</b> <i>Winning at The Soloway!</i></p>		<p>USA teen sensation Finn Kolesnik takes you through some hands that helped his team in winning the prestigious Soloway KO 2022. <i>Finn Kolesnik is an 18-year-old Bridge Pro from Austin Texas. He is currently a member of the U26 USA 1st Junior Team. His other accomplishments include 1st U21 pairs WC 2022, 1st U26 teams WC 2022, and many other top NABC finishes.</i></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 21st 1.30-2.15pm Andy Hung</b> <i>The Art of Bidding with Bad Hands</i></p>		<p>Ever pick up a near-yarborough hand and find yourself yawning? I hope not, as you can sometimes get creative! Andy will give you the expert insight of when to bid with them, and when to pass. <i>Andy Hung is a professional bridge player and teacher who has represented Australia Open competitions. He has won several Australian National titles and placed third in two previous US Nationals. When he's not competing in tournaments, you will find him teaching at the WABC in Perth, or running bridge holidays in Australia, or overseas - contact him for his holidays this year!</i></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 22nd 9.00am – 9.45am Paul Marston</b> <i>Fit matters – do not hide your minors</i></p>		<p>I will do my best to convince you about one convention you should play, and one you should avoid. <i>Paul Marston has won more than 50 open national titles and his books have sold more than 500,000 copies.</i></p>

Kim have been co managing the event for the past 27 years. Next year the theme will be sports.



**Spare a thought for the dealers!**

**How many boards do you think need to be dealt for the Gold Coast Congress? Answer next week**

Gold Coast Congress

Pairs Qualifying 2

By Barry Rigal

Marlene Watts and Michael Prescott had a very nice second set to make the top final.

**Board 1**

North Deals

Nil Vul

♠ KJ		
♥ K8		
♦ AKT852		
♣ Q87		

♠ AT5		♠ 8643
♥ A75		♥ QJT64
♦ J4		♦ 9
♣ KJ642		♣ 953

♠ Q972		
♥ 932		
♦ Q763		
♣ AT		

On the first deal of the set when Trevor Fuller as North reached 3NT after opening a strong notrump it looks very straightforward to defeat the game – but there was many a slip twixt cup and lip at other tables.

Watts led ♥Q and Prescott played low and encouraged – necessary if declarer had ♥Kxx to encourage him to win rather than duck. Fuller won his ♥K and ran the diamonds.

Prescott pitched an encouraging club and that let East discard down to one spade, one club and four hearts. Declarer advanced the ♠J and Prescott won and played ♥A and another for down one. Looks easy? 47 pairs led a heart against a no-trump game or partscore by North. 32 pairs made at least nine tricks.



**Board 3**

South Deals

EW Vul

♠ J832		
♥ KJ4		
♦ QJT65		
♣ 2		

♠ QT6		♠ 75
♥ AT75		♥ 82
♦ AK98		♦ 743
♣ A6		♣ JT9853

♠ AK94		
♥ Q963		
♦ 2		
♣ KQ74		

The first board had been rotated 180 degrees so Watts found herself in the hot seat again two deals later.

Watts West	Christie North	Prescott East	Fuller South
			1♣
1NT	dbl	rdbl <sup>1</sup>	pass
2♣	all pass		

1. Transfer to 2♣

EW had an excellent system for the deal. I wouldn't have bid 1NT as opposed to doubling, but maybe Watts knows how much better she plays them than her partner?

In 2♣ Watts won ♦Q lead and played ♥A and another, conveniently removing North's entry. Back came ♦J, and the defence might have prevailed had South discarded. When he ruffed the trick and cashed ♠AK that let Watts ruff a heart to dummy and take the club finesse for her contract.

What could South have done? Say he discards a spade (a heart is immediately fatal). Declarer wins the diamond and ruffs a heart to dummy. Then she takes the club finesse (South is marked with 4-4-1-4 or (3-4)-1-5 after showing out on the second diamond). a club to the ace, another heart ruff and a spade up leaves South with two club tricks but eventually he has to lead a spade and let declarer pitch dummy's diamond.

Did anyone find this? If so please tell the bulletin!

It always makes me happy to see a player find a play I wouldn't have thought of. See what you think here and cover up the North and East cards.

Board 8, West deals nil vulnerable

♠ QT964		♠ K53
♥ 54		♥ 72
♦ J9		♦ AKT87
♣ QT86		♣ A52

Take the South cards as you hear West and North pass and East (Sophie Ashton) open 4♥. Yes, you could/should double but you pass and that ends the auction.

You lead a top diamond and when partner encourages what would you do?

At the table you guess to play a trump to partner's queen (ouch!). Declarer draws your partner's trumps in three rounds as you pitch a diamond. Now she leads a low spade towards dummy and you duck smoothly...time for the full hand.

Nice play by Ashton to steal the overtrick. I was sitting behind her and never thought of such an act of larceny. (I guess that is what happens when you spend too much time in Sartaj's company).

<b>Board 8</b>	♠ J82	♠ A7
<i>West Deals</i>	♥ Q63	♥ AKJT98
<i>Nil Vul</i>	♦ Q5432	♦ 6
	♣ 97	♣ KJ43
♠ QT964		♠ K53
♥ 54		♥ 72
♦ J9		♦ AKT87
♣ QT86		♣ A52

<b>Board 15</b>	♠ AJ76	♠ Q852
<i>South Deals</i>	♥ AKQJ8	♥ 3
<i>NS Vul</i>	♦ Q75	♦ K2
	♣ 4	♣ AKJ652
♠ KT94		♠ 3
♥ T62		♥ 9754
♦ J984		♦ AT63
♣ T7		♣ Q983

I watched the relatively unusual sight of two intergenerational family combinations take on one another. Ben and nephew Jamie Thompson (both by now experienced players, who had done well in the mixed teams in Wroclaw) played Nabil Edgton and his father Peter, in his first foray into serious bridge for decades. The former had much the better of the first two deals before Nabil found himself in a very delicate game on the third.

Ben, who had overcalled 2♣ over 1♥, defended 4♥. He led a top club and shifted accurately to his trump. Jamie cooperated by putting in the six, preserving his 10 for a later overruff of dummy. Nabil ruffed a spade, and now to make 11 tricks it is necessary to play ♦A and duck a diamond. That simultaneously prepares a re-entry to hand and sets up a diamond winner. Not unnaturally, he actually ruffed a club to hand and ruffed a second spade. When he led the third club from



Liam Milne and Sophie Ashton


dummy, Jamie has to pitch his ♠K, preventing the spade ruff in dummy, though declarer can still come to 10 tricks if he reads the position. In fact he ruffed the losing club and now declarer was back to 11 tricks when he guessed diamonds.

The most exciting deal of the day was surely board 20.


**Board 20**

West Deals

All Vul

<p>♠ 95</p> <p>♥ A72</p> <p>♦ QJ64</p> <p>♣ KQJT</p>		<p>♠ A8643</p> <p>♥ 965</p> <p>♦</p> <p>♣ 98642</p>
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<p>♠ KJT72</p> <p>♥ 83</p> <p>♦ T9853</p> <p>♣ 3</p>		<p>♠ Q</p> <p>♥ KQJT4</p> <p>♦ AK72</p> <p>♣ A75</p>
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<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Ginsberg</i>	<i>Humphries</i>	<i>Hurwitz</i>
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1♣	pass	1♦ <sup>1</sup>
1♠	dbl <sup>2</sup>	3♠	4♥
all pass			
1. hearts			
2. support			

At the table I was watching events were relatively pedestrian. Helen Hurwitz and Monica Ginsberg played 4♥ on the singleton club lead to make 710. This represented almost a dead average.

27 pairs made 1460 or more – quite a few doubled in slam and one pair (I'll be revealing names unless the usual payment is received played 6NT...on the ♣9 lead...) 15 pairs collected 1430 in hearts; 8 Norths received the lead of the ♠A. One East underled his ♠A but is still waiting for his ruff...

As to the unsuccessful pairs in 6♥. Six Souths were not doubled but unlucky enough to get a diamond lead. Two pairs were doubled as South on the diamond lead for 200, two redoubled down

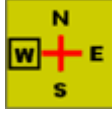
one – once on a diamond lead and once when North declared it on the ♣9 lead. I wouldn't ask South how his partner played it... and finally seven EW pairs made 4♠. One of them wasn't doubled – I'm not sure whether I'd be more ashamed as NS for not doubling it or more embarrassed to have let them play 4♠ in the first place.

I'll present my last deal as a single-dummy problem initially. Focus on the South cards.

**Board 27**

South deals

Nil Vul

<p>♠ AQ9</p> <p>♥ AK95</p> <p>♦ 642</p> <p>♣ 1075</p>		<p>♠ 875432</p> <p>♥ Q1083</p> <p>♦ AQ</p> <p>♣ J</p>
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The auction was enterprising and informative:

West	North	East	South
pass	1♣	pass	1♥ <sup>1</sup>
pass	1♠	pass	2♣ <sup>2</sup>
pass	2♦	pass	2♠
2NT	pass	3♦	3♥
pass	4♥	all pass	

1. Spades
2. Transfer to diamonds

You are playing against one of the event leaders. Your partnership is a firm believer in TTASL – Teach Them A Sharp Lesson. When they reopen you from partscore you must bid game or double them, when they reopen you from game bid slam or double them. That explains why you are in 4♥ on the lead of ♣K and a second club to the ace.

You ruff and finesse in spades; the queen losing to the king. Back comes a diamond and you finesse, losing to the king. When a diamond comes back

you win the ace, lead a spade up, but despite the 2-2 break the spade blockage means eight tricks are the limit.

Was this just unlucky? I think so, since if you had the spade ten in hand instead of the eight you would have bid the same way and would have known to finesse in hearts to make your game. (West's decision to balance in a live auction and East's decision to pick diamonds when holding the ♣A means West must be 6-4. And once he follows to two spades the first round heart finesse against East is the percentage play.

But might North have offered a choice of games over 3♥? Facing what sounded like six spades and four hearts it was almost impossible to visualize the position I think – despite South's

**Board 27**

South deals

Vul Both

- ♠ AQ9
- ♥ AK95
- ♦ 642
- ♣ 1075

- ♠ J6
- ♥ 2
- ♦ K1098
- ♣ KQ8642



- ♠ K10
- ♥ J764
- ♦ J753
- ♣ A93

- ♠ 875432
- ♥ Q1083
- ♦ AQ
- ♣ J



**One of my faves**

by **Barbara Travis**



This hand was written up by Alan Truscott in The New York Times, January 1982. The article was titled, "When a Lack of Disciplines Goes With Talent, It Helps" and related to a hand from the Far East Bridge Championships (now the Asia-Pacific Bridge Federation Championships) which were held in Taipei in December 1981.

"The Australian women have plenty of talent, but a certain lack of discipline that may be remedied with the passage of time."

"Both aspects are illustrated by the diagrammed deal, in which the South cards were held by 22-year-old Barbara Gill Travis of Adelaide. Her final bid of 4♠ was wildly optimistic, but such efforts sometimes pay off."

- South deals    ♠ 9 8 6 4  
 All Vul        ♥ A 7 5 4 2  
                   ♦ 8 6 5  
                   ♣ 6

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

- ♠ K J 10 2
- ♥ K 8
- ♦ K 4
- ♣ A 10 8 7 5

West	North	East	South
	Sue Edwards		Barbara Travis
			1♣
pass	1♥	pass	1♠
pass	2♠	pass	4♠
all pass			



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“A routine lead of the unbid diamond suit would have defeated the contract and, even after the lead of ♣K, declarer’s difficulties might seem insuperable. However, East helped a little by dropping ♣9, and declarer won the ace.

♣10 was led, and West covered with the Queen, which was ruffed in dummy. A diamond was played and, when East ducked, the King won.

“South exited with a diamond, and East overtook her partner’s Queen in order to lead a small trump.

“South guessed right by putting up the King and led another club. West refused to cover so the remaining diamond was thrown from dummy. After East ruffed, the position was this:

<p>♠ 9 8 ♥ A 7 5 4 2 ♦ --- ♣ ---</p> <p>♠ Q ♥ J 6 ♦ 9 7 ♣ J 3</p>	<p>♠ A ♥ Q 10 9 3 ♦ J 10 ♣ ---</p>
<p>♠ J 10 2 ♥ K 8 ♦ --- ♣ 7 5</p>	<p>♠ A 7 3 ♥ A K Q ♦ A Q 7 3 ♣ A 6 3</p>

“East cashed the ♠A, making life easy for South. However, no defence could succeed. If East had played a diamond, South would have ruffed in her hand and played a trump. The honours would crash in the defenders’ hands, and the ♣J would be ruffed out to bring home a most implausible contract.”

That’s Alan Truscott’s version of the story, with the reporting of the card play correct. However, he missed some pertinent points. My wild jump to 4♠ was based on the belief that partner would pass my 1♠ bid with the hand she held. However, despite having played together for two years, we had a major system omission. My partner believed my 1♠ bid was forcing, whereas I was of the opinion that my bid was non-forcing (and play it that way to this day!).

My line of play was based on some remarkably clear analysis. Firstly, I needed ♦A to be onside. Secondly, when East led a trump through, I rose with the King because I believed I couldn’t afford two or three rounds of trumps to be led. If that happened, I would be unable to trump the clubs. So, I figured that I needed East to hold A-x-x and West to hold Q-x in trumps. Then I could trump more clubs and, if East over-trumped, I had determined that both spade honours would fall – exactly as happened!



There are many great problems if you care to go over the hand records when you play, often via the deep finesse analysis box.

### Deep Finesse Problem 3

<p>♠ Q 9 6 ♥ 10 8 4 ♦ J 4 ♣ K Q J 10 2</p>	<p>♠ A 7 3 ♥ A K Q ♦ A Q 7 3 ♣ A 6 3</p>	<p>♠ J 8 ♥ J 9 6 5 ♦ K 9 6 5 2 ♣ 7 2</p>																														
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South declares 4♠. Try it on the ♣K lead.

Answer tomorrow in bulletin 3.

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## Gold Coast 2023

## Bobby Richman Open Pairs Finals 1

by Barry Rigal

My plan today was to sit at table 6 and see as many different pairs for three deals as I could (this location would get me different pairs for the first 12 rounds as NS pairs went up and EW pairs travelled down the 14-table section.)

<b>Board 1</b>	♠ K4		
<i>Dealer North</i>	♥ T73		
<i>Nil Vul</i>	♦ KT963		
	♣ Q97		
♠ Q98		♠ AJT5	
♥ A9		♥ KQ52	
♦ 2		♦ J854	
♣ AKJT854		♣ 3	
	♠ 7632		
	♥ J864		
	♦ AQ7		
	♣ 62		

First deal out of the box saw a large number of matchpoints changing hands after a natural auction gave the defenders a real problem.

<i>Milne</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Tislevoll</i>	<i>Hunt</i>
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	pass	1♦	pass
2♣	pass	2NT	pass
3NT	all pass		

Tislevoll's 1♦ opening guaranteed four diamonds: Milne contemplated doing more over the 2NT rebid, showing 12-14 balanced, but settled for game. The opening lead was a third and fifth ♥6 to the ten and queen. Now when the club finesse lost Sheila Bird had to guess whether to play a diamond or heart and got it wrong.

Declarer ran the clubs and tried ♠Q, covered. That let declarer claim 490). After a diamond shift declarer would doubtless have ducked and made 400 but half a top was riding on this shift.

I suppose using the Smith Echo asking for a shift would do the trick – but this may be more common in the USA than Australia. Declarer's first round club finesse argues that he has a singleton, so partner did have two clubs (echoing with a singleton is harder unless you can use your left hand...).

On the third deal of the set Bird had another horrid problem. She held ♠Q, ♥9854, ♦KQ982, ♣1073

She heard:

<i>Milne</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Tislevoll</i>	<i>Hunt</i>
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1♦
1♠	dbl	2NT <sup>1</sup>	pass
4♠	??		

1. Four-card limit+ raise

She elected to save – and that would surely have been sensible if the opponents had what they promised. This was the full hand:

<b>Board 3</b>	♠ Q		
<i>Dealer South</i>	♥ 9854		
<i>EW vul</i>	♦ KQ982		
	♣ T73		
♠ AJT3		♠ 9642	
♥ 62		♥ JT73	
♦ J54		♦ A	
♣ AK98		♣ QJ62	
	♠ K875		
	♥ AKQ		
	♦ T763		
	♣ 54		

If the spade five and diamond five were switched, as the auction surely demanded they should be, this would have been an excellent save. But Milne's combination of actions earned him a clear top – 4♠ was going down, thanks to the bad trump break of course.



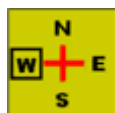
Jan Cormack found herself in a sensible spot on the next round but ran into a hot defence, and did not make the most of her chances.

**Board 4**

West Deals  
All Vul

♠ —  
♥ AQJ3  
♦ T965  
♣ JT543

♠ J72  
♥ 86  
♦ A873  
♣ AQ72



♠ AKQ65  
♥ T952  
♦ Q42  
♣ 9

♠ T9843  
♥ K74  
♦ KJ  
♣ K86

She opened 1♠ in third seat and heard her partner respond 3♥ -- by a passed hand showing a three-card limit raise (I'd say this was the silliest convention I've seen at the Gold Coast but alas, it is on my card for the teams though not by a passed hand).

She played 3♠ after a heart to the ♥A, ♥Q and a diamond shift. She put up the queen, covered, to the ace. A trump to the ace brought the bad news; what now?

Given that going down three won't be much worse than down two, it must be best to finesse the club, cash the ace, ruff a club, ruff a heart, ruff a club high, then ruff a heart with ♠J, and that is nine tricks. Cormack instead ruffed a heart before playing clubs and finished with seven tricks – the difference between a 20% board and a tie for top.

**Board 6**

East deals  
EW Vul

♠ Q54  
♥ AJT6  
♦ K65  
♣ T83

♠ AT97632  
♥ Q4  
♦ 842  
♣ J



♠ 8  
♥ 532  
♦ AQJT3  
♣ AKQ4

♠ KJ  
♥ K987  
♦ 97  
♣ 97652



Pam Nesbit and Jan Cormack face Paul Gosney—Tony Leibowitz

Two boards later Nisbet had seven spades to the A109, a doubleton ♥Q and stiff ♣J. After the unopposed auction 1♦ – 1♠; 2♥ she rebid 2♠ of course, and played there.

Dummy put down a small singleton spade in a 1-3-5-4 16-count (with ♦AQJxx and ♣AKQ4). How many tricks would you expect to take?

After a club lead both hearts went away, the defenders managed to crash their spade honours and the ♦K was onside – so that was +230. Cormack remarked that she had nearly made a slam try...

The boards turned quiet now – either that or the action were best left unrepeated. But eventually we came to a deal where declarer was faced with a choice of technical or psychological play.



**Board 16**

*West Deals*

*EW Vul*

- ♠ T543
- ♥ AQ
- ♦ JT4
- ♣ AJ93

- ♠ A862
- ♥ KJ9872
- ♦ K2
- ♣ 4



- ♠ KQJ9
- ♥ 6
- ♦ 863
- ♣ KT762

- ♠ 7
- ♥ T543
- ♦ AQ975
- ♣ Q85

<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Kozakos</i>	<i>Humphries</i>	<i>Fischer</i>
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♣	1♥	dbl	3♦
pass	4♥	all pass	

On the spade king lead declarer won and had to decide how to go for 12 tricks. If you want the technical line, play three rounds of diamonds and wrap up 480. If you want a psychological line lead



GeO Tislevoll—Liam Milne, leaders of the Bobby Richman Open Pairs

a diamond to the ♦A and play a trump to the king. But even as the cards lie Kozakos' choice of ruffing a spade and playing a trump might have worked. I think Whibley did very well to win the ace and cash ♣A. Holding declarer to 450 turned a 31% board into a 73% result.

The importance of giving count when it is needed could not have been better exemplified than the following deal

**Board 21** ♠ 92  
 North Deals ♥ AQJT98  
 N-S Vul ♦ 76  
 ♣ AQ4

♠ A3		♠ KJ765
♥ K53		♥ 64
♦ T983		♦ A52
♣ 9732		♣ KJ8
		♠ QT84

♥ 72  
 ♦ KQJ4  
 ♣ T65

Tony Nunn played 2♥ from the North seat and Liz Fisher had a horrible lead problem. She led a trump. Declarer won and led a diamond to dummy and repeated the heart finesse then drew the last trump.

When he led a diamond up, East did not know whether to win or duck (if you trust West to give count here, then you know who to blame if you go up with the ace and it is wrong).



Tony Nunn

When she ducked, Nunn won, ruffed a diamond dropping the ace, and exited in spades. Blair Fisher won the ♠A and shifted to a club. Nunn ducked, holding the defenders to two spades and a club for +170. That was a 92% board instead of an average.

**Board 22** ♠ Q9854  
 Dealer E ♥ QJ7  
 Vul E-W ♦ 7  
 ♣ AK87

♠ KT7		♠ AJ6
♥ 63		♥ AK5
♦ AJ843		♦ KQ2
♣ T96		♣ Q432
		♠ 32

♥ T9842  
 ♦ T965  
 ♣ J5

Russell Harms was in the hot seat as East here. He played 3NT like just about everyone, after North had come into the auction with a 1♠ overcall. He won the spade lead cheaply and had 10 top tricks. How to play for an extra trick?

Best to me looks to lead a diamond to the ace and a club to the queen. North is more than likely to have the top clubs, and the defenders surely will not be able to cash out four club tricks? Harms actually did this – but he crossed to dummy with a spade not a diamond, and now North, Chris Ingham, could have foiled the plan by winning the club and clearing spades. But he didn't and everyone did their best Officer Barbrady impersonation. "move along everyone nothing to see here..."



**Problem 3****What do you do?****by Ron Klinger***East deals, all vulnerable**North*

♠ 6 5  
 ♥ 6 4 3  
 ♦ Q 9 8 7 5  
 ♣ 9 6 3

*East*

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

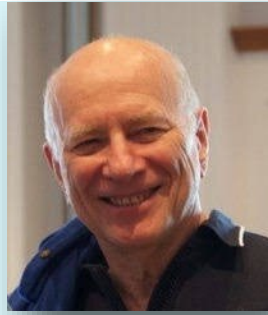
West	North	East	South
		pass	2♣ (1)
pass	2♦ (2)	pass	2♠
pass	2NT (2)	pass	3♥
pass	3NT	pass	6♠

all pass

(1) Artificial, game-force

(2) Negative or waiting

You do not have to like the bidding, but that is how it went. West leads ♣2 (fourth-highest). Plan the defence for East.

*Solution overleaf*

Ben Thompson, President Zone 7  
declares GCC open

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Daria Dalley, winner Sunday Rookie Pairs with  
Stella Jansen



**Solution to Problem 3****What do you do?****Count it out**

From the bidding you can judge that South has six spades ( $2\spadesuit = 5$  and  $6\spadesuit = 6+$ ) and four hearts.

From West's  $\clubsuit 2$  opening lead, you can judge that West began with three or four clubs. As 10 of South's cards have been accounted for, South has three clubs and West four.

You can thus place South with a 6-4-0-3 pattern. West's  $\clubsuit 2$  lead should promise an honour. Since declarer has no entry to dummy, it does not matter which three clubs declarer has. The defence can always come to two club tricks as long as West does have a club honour and East plays  $\clubsuit 10$  at trick 1. The trap is to play the  $\clubsuit A$ . This allows South to make the slam.

The full deal:

*East deals, all vulnerable*

$\spadesuit$ 6 5	$\spadesuit$ 8 7 2
$\heartsuit$ 6 4 3	$\heartsuit$ 8 5 2
$\diamondsuit$ Q 9 8 7 5	$\diamondsuit$ A 10 6 3
$\clubsuit$ 9 6 3	$\clubsuit$ A 10 5
$\spadesuit$ 10 3	$\spadesuit$ A K Q J 9 4
$\heartsuit$ 10 9 7	$\heartsuit$ A K Q J
$\diamondsuit$ K J 4 2	$\diamondsuit$ ---
$\clubsuit$ J 7 4 2	$\clubsuit$ K Q 8

South can capture East's  $\clubsuit 10$ , draw trumps, cash the hearts and some spades, but South always has two club losers. Unlucky for South. A decent North would have provided  $\clubsuit J$  rather than  $\diamondsuit Q$ .

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## Two women's journey

Our bridge journey began with beginner lessons at the Adelaide Bridge Centre with Phil Gue. We thought we would know how to play bridge after the beginner course!!

We quickly realised there was so much more to learn and we appreciated the lessons before our weekly game. We are very enthusiastic students and have a reputation for asking questions but by asking lots of questions we are able to consolidate our thinking.

Our next realisation was that we needed to play more regularly than once a week if we wanted to improve. So we started playing more and working less! Joel Gue convinced us that after nearly two years playing at a stationary table it was time to take the plunge and play with the "grown ups" at the moving tables within the supervised sessions.

That advice, combined with our relentless passion for asking questions led to better results and we were then encouraged to play in the duplicate sessions.

We were so nervous, but everyone was very helpful and encouraging, often explaining how we could have played our hand differently or what might have been a better bid.

David Gue, director of the Adelaide Bridge Centre has been an enormous support through his lessons and patience in answering our many questions. He has been amazing, especially responding to questions via late night texts when our overactive minds are still wondering how that 3NT should have been played!

David also encouraged us to participate in competitive events so we began with the Tasmanian Festival of Bridge as rookies. Then in 2022 we attended our first Gold Coast Congress and because it was so much fun we decided to try our luck again this year. We love the social part of bridge so we always play face to face rather than online.

We have adopted the Ash Barty philosophy "If you are not winning, you are learning" We have done lots of learning!

Cheers, Michelle and Megan



Keen novices, all from Adelaide: Megan Edwards - Ruth Hemmerling - Michelle George - Pip Burnett



Will Jenner O'Shea,  
Celebrity speaker



Jenny Thompson and Mark Guthrie,  
Online Bridge Survey

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**Solution to Deep Finesse Problem 2**

♠ A Q 3  
♥ K Q 9 2  
♦ A J 8 3  
♣ A 6

♠ 7  
♥ A 8 6  
♦ 10 7 6 5  
♣ K Q J 8 7

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

	♠	♥	♦	NT
N	-	-	5	4
S	-	-	6	4
E	-	1	-	-
W	-	1	-	-

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

South can make 6♠, but not North. But how? Try it on ♣K lead, and on ♦5 lead.

What lead defeats North in 6♠?

On ♣K lead, win ♣A, and ruff three hearts using the two spade entries. Now cross the ♦A, and discard the ♦4 on the ♥K. Now ruff a diamond and exit the ♣10.

On the ♦5 lead, duck, and East may as well win ♦K. Now cash ♦Q, draw trumps, and discard to clubs on ♦AJ. The run of the trumps squeezes West in hearts and clubs.

If North is declarer a club lead defeats 6♠. The vital club entry is removed, leaving declarer with no resource.



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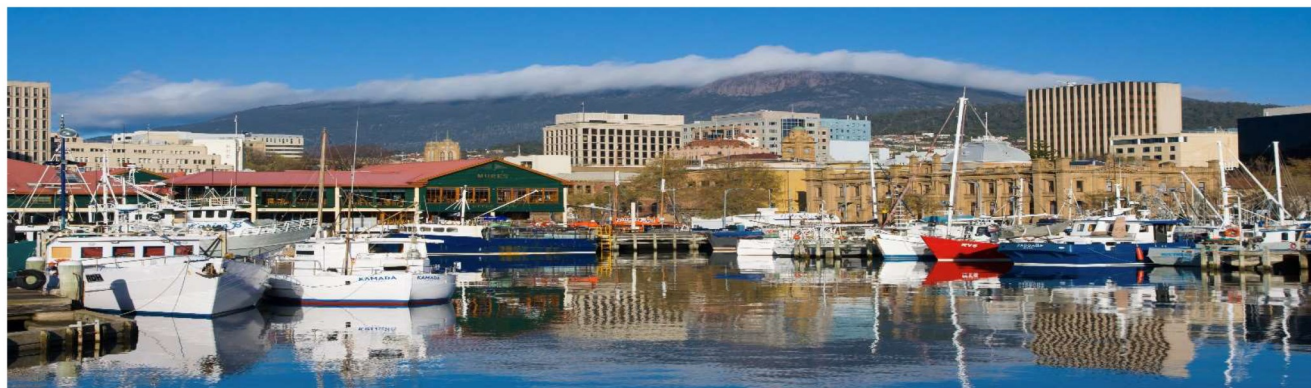
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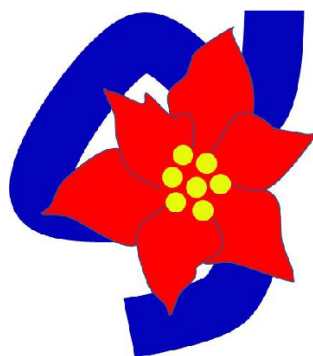
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