

61ST International
**2023 GOLD COAST
BRIDGE CONGRESS**
PRE BULLETIN

**YOUR DAILY
BULLETIN**

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with link sent daily

Monday 13 February

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

**From Tim Runting, Tournament Organiser and
Richard Ward, QBA President**

Welcome to the 61st Gold Coast International Congress and congratulations on making the deadline before entries closed late last year. Whilst it has been most gratifying to see the enthusiasm with which this prestigious international event is regarded, it is regrettable that some late players have missed out. Rest assured, every available booked space has been used to minimise any disappointment.

We have the pleasure of meeting newly elected WBF President, Jan Kamras, who is in attendance for the inaugural WBF World Tour together with world mixed teams champion Daniella



Von Arnim from Germany along with a strong USA Youth team comprising Adam Kaplan, Amber Lin, Kevin Rosenberg and Finn Kolesnik.

Finn has kindly agreed to be one of our celebrity speakers, whereby he will take you through some

hands that helped his team win the prestigious Soloway KO 2022. Finn is an 18-year-old bridge pro from Austin, Texas. He is currently a member of the U26 USA 1 Junior Team. His other accomplishments include 1st in the U21 Pairs World Championships 2022, 1st in the U26 Teams World Championships 2022, and many other first five NABC finishes. Please support Finn by attending his talk on Monday 20th at 9am. This is a truly great opportunity to see the future of the world's youth at it's very best!

A warm welcome to all our other international guests – at last count we have 190 of our friends from New Zealand. Welcome back, along with another 30 international players from 10 other countries. We also welcome back all our regulars, as you are the backbone of our tournament – and to all first-timers and especially novices.

A very big thank you again to Sue Ziegenfuss, who has provided another fantastic Bridge Companions programme, along with several social activities to keep everyone involved throughout the duration of the event. Please support those who support us! A full listing is available in this pre-Bulletin and on the screens throughout the Convention Centre.

What's coming up

First Celebrity Speaker: Liam Milne on Saturday 18 February at 1.30 - 2.15

Topic: Trusting Partner on Defence

First Walk-In: No frills, \$15 entry, Friday 17 February from 6.00pm

Meet the Bulletin Team: Stephen and Barry will be in the playing area at the start of play, and written stuff can be left in the bulletin box at the Admin Desk.



The bulletins are your greatest source of information. This year we welcome new Editor Stephen Lester heading our team with world renowned bridge expert and columnist Barry Rigal, who is back again. Thank you, Barry!

The theme this year is "Mad Hatter:" please come on Wednesday in your best attire. As in the past I am certain it will be a fun event for all who get involved!

Few of us are 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 includes the administrative staff, directors, bulletin editors, photographers, floor staff, caddies, board dealers, drivers, baristas, 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 ensure everyone enjoys their time here by treating their partners, opponents, directors, and all 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.

Happy Bridging!



Barry Rigal



Tim Runting



Richard Ward

Welcome from the Editor

What an honour it is to be presenting the 2023 Bulletin for the first time. With Co-Editor Barry Rigal, we hope to bring depth to our hand and match reports, while showcasing all manner of player, novice to veteran, bringing their faces - and actions - to you.

The nature of bridge is such that the more famous are not always recognized; I was told the story of the young lady who hardly noticed the gentleman to her right. When her friends asked her how she had gone against Ron Klinger, she blinked, saying she would have been nervous if she had known who he was, and might not have bid her thin vulnerable game!

The superstars of today are both young and old, but youthful players are unsurprisingly featuring more and more on the victory dais. Last year, the Bobby Richman Pairs was won by Tony Nunn - Paul Dalley, and the teams by Liam Milne, James Coutts, Paul Dalley, Tony Nunn, GeO Tislevoll and Nick Jacob. This year Nick is not coming, so in the pairs GeO and Liam are playing together, while James is playing with Kiwi Matthew Brown. As a veteran, I consider only GeO and Tony to be older and vastly experienced in bridge terms.

Please feel free to use the links at the top of the first page to share anything you think may be of interest. Your boo boo, or partner's brilliancy, bring 'em all, the good, the bad and the Brave!

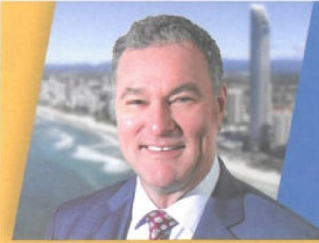
There is also a bulletin box near the admin office for you to drop off copy, and I will be there at the start of play each day.

Stephen Lester, Editor



Stephen Lester





John-Paul LANGBROEK MP

Member for **Surfers Paradise**



Welcome to the 61st Gold Coast Bridge Congress
February 17 to February 23, 2023

Dear Participants

As the State Member for Surfers Paradise and patron of the Surfers Paradise Bridge Club, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 61st Annual Bridge Congress on the fabulous Gold Coast!

The Bridge Congress grows bigger and better every year and I'm proud to have such a wonderful event in my electorate of Surfers Paradise.

Whether it's your first time on the Gold Coast, or you're a return visitor, there's no shortage of things to see and do in our city. From exploring the natural wonders to checking out our theme parks, there's plenty to keep you entertained during your stay here.

With the combination of many wonderful attractions, perfect weather, world-class entertainment and spectacular scenery for all of the Congress participants to enjoy it is no wonder that this tournament is one of the largest annual bridge festivals in the southern hemisphere and one of the largest in the world.

Locals will agree that our greatest asset on the Gold Coast is our community.

Our Bridge clubs are an important part of the fabric of our community. It's a place to forge new friendships, engage in some friendly competition, and learn new skills.

That's why I have always supported the Annual Bridge Congress here on the Gold Coast.

I wish you a very successful tournament. I hope you enjoy your stay on the sunny Gold Coast and that you take the time to experience all that our city has to offer.

Yours sincerely

JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP

Member for Surfers Paradise

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Welcome by ABF President

On behalf of the ABF, I welcome you to the Gold Coast Congress, 2023. I look forward to another spectacular nine days of bridge and of course the Dinner Dance.



This year 191 New Zealand and 28 international players have made the journey to compete in this wonderful event. To all the Australian players who make the annual trip to the Gold Coast, thank you for your ongoing support.

This year, I have much pleasure in welcoming the President of the World Bridge Federation, Jan Karmas to the Gold Coast. It is especially pleasing to have Jan at the congress as the WBF has approved the Gold Coast Congress Open Pairs and the Gold Coast Open Teams for inclusion in the 2023 dry run of the World Bridge Tour. It is very exciting for us all to be playing in not only an ABF but also a WBF event.

Tim Runting and his team have again put in hours of work to make sure we can all sit at the table and enjoy our bridge. Every bit of his team's planning is aimed at making playing the Gold Coast Congress a memorable experience for all.

Tony Bemrose Insurance Brokers, will be onsite during the event so please take time to chat to them about their services. I encourage you to support all the sponsors of the event; *Stepbridge, Paul Lavings Bridge Supplies, Penline, Two Men and a Truck* and the *Oasis Shopping Centre*.

Events such as this are very important to me as they give me the opportunity to talk to a large section of the bridge community. I look forward to catching up with you all during the team week.

Allison Stralow,
President ABF

Help before Play 2023

From Mick Fawcett, Lyn Tracey, Andrew Sharp, Susan Sharp, Sameer Pandya, Richard Fox, Graham Rusher, Kathy Males, Warren Males, Michelle Radke, Phil Hale, Jim Evans, Pamela Evans & Rachel Langdon

The idea behind this is the above players will help Rookies and Novices in respect to questions about scoring, the use of Bridgemate or help with their convention card.

One person will remain in the foyer to help pairs/players to their designated areas:

Novice colour = Maroon table clothes

0-50's = Fuchsia table clothes

Rookies = Fuchsia table clothes

Future of online bridge

Following the very successful face-to-face discussion session at the Summer Festival of Bridge in Canberra we will be running another one at the Gold Coast after play on 19th February. The session will run approximately one hour and be held in Rooms 10,11 & 12, upstairs close to the admin office. We thank everyone who has completed the player survey emailed on 5th February. Below is the link if you have not had an opportunity to complete it or for some reason did not receive it. We would like responses by 28 February.

Player Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H3YWWGB>

Thank you for everyone's feedback to this very important topic as it is essential for the Online Bridge Committee to hear back from as many stakeholders in our community as possible.



Gold Coast Congress Celebrity Speakers 2023



Located upstairs opposite Administration office.
(Saturday to Monday).
Tuesday to Wednesday located in the Foyer,
(Location TBA)



Min \$5 contribution to ABF Youth Bridge (free for Youth)

Saturday 18th

1.30-2.15pm

Liam Milne

Trusting Partner on Defence



The most satisfying moments on defence come when both defenders are on the same wavelength and trusting each other. Come along and discover a few situations where you and your partner can build that trust together

Liam Milne has appeared on the Australian Open team several times in recent years. His recent domestic wins include the 2022 Gold Coast Teams, ANC Open Teams, Victor Champion Cup and Spring National Open Teams.

Sunday 19th

1.30-2.15pm

William Jenner-O'Shea

Counting The Opponent's Hands



Working out Where the missing Cards are
Counting the length of the Opponent's Suits
Improve your guesses!

These are some of the most important aspects of Bridge.
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.

Monday 20th

9.00am – 9.45am

Finn Kolesnik

Winning at The Soloway!



USA teen sensation Finn Kolesnik takes you through some hands that helped his team in winning the prestigious Soloway KO 2022. **Finn Kolesnik** is an 18-year-old Bridge Pro from Austin Texas. He is currently a member of the U26 USA 1 Junior Team. His other accomplishments include 1st U21 pairs WC 2022, 1st U26 teams WC 2022, and many other top NABC finishes.

Tuesday 21st

1.30-2.15pm

Andy Hung

The Art of Bidding with Bad Hands



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.

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!

Wednesday 22nd

9.00am – 9.45am

Paul Marston

Fit matters – do not hide your minors



I will do my best to convince you about one convention you should play, and one you should avoid.

Paul Marston has won more than 50 open national titles and his books have sold more than 500,000 copies.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – 2023

Tim Runting is the Tournament Organiser and Kim Ellaway the Manager. Any problems with the event see either one of them. Kim can be contacted on 0412 064903 at any time during the congress.

Colour Coding – Open = Light and Dark Blue, Under 1500 = Orange, Intermediate = Light and Dark Yellow, Restricted = Light and Dark Green, Novices = Maroon, Open Matchpoint Swiss Pairs and the Open Monday Butler Pairs = Orange, 0-500 Matchpoint Swiss Pairs and the 0-500 Monday Butler Pairs = Purple. Rookie/0-50/Walkins = Fuchsia. Coloured Flags will identify your seating, section results and the areas that you play within.

Entry Fees – Entry Fees for the events are as follows – Pairs Championship: \$165 per player, Teams Championship: \$780 per team, Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs: \$130 per player, Monday Butler Swiss Pairs: \$75 per player, Rookie Pairs: \$25 per player, Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs (1 session): \$25 per player, Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs (2 sessions) \$55 per player, Under 50 Butler Pairs (2 sessions) \$55 per player Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs: \$105 per player, Seres McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs \$75 per player, Friday Novice Swiss Pairs: \$75 per player. If you have not paid, you must see Pele at the Bridge Administration Desk before play starts. **It is not too late to enter the Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs, Friday Novice Pairs, Seres McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs, however entries for these events close 2.00 pm Thursday.**

Session Times – all finishing times are approximate. No night bridge except No Frills Walk In.

Pairs Championship – Open, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice

Saturday - Sunday (Sat) 10.00 am and 2.30 pm finishing time 5.45 pm

(Sun) 10.00 am and 2.30 pm finishing time 5.45 pm

(Mon) 10.00 am – 1.30 pm

Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs

Saturday 2.30 pm – 5.45 pm

Sunday 10.00 am and 2.30 pm finishing time 5.45 pm

Monday Butler Swiss Pairs

Monday 10.00 am–1.15 pm and 2.00 pm – 5.15 pm

Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs – 1 session

Tuesday 10.00 am – 1.15 pm finish

Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs – 2 sessions

Wednesday 10.00 am and 2.30 pm – finishing time 5.45 pm

Under 50 Butler Pairs – 2 sessions

Thursday 10.00 am and 2.30 pm– finishing time 5.45 pm

Rookie Pairs – two separate events

Sunday 10.00 am – 1.45 pm finish – there will be a short coffee break during session

Thursday 10.00 am – 1.45 pm finish – there will be a short coffee break during session

Teams Championship

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10.00 am – 1.30 pm 2.30 pm – 6.00 pm

NOTE – The top 2 from each field of 0-1500, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice teams within the Open Field will play in the finals beginning at 10.00 am on Friday 25th February. The top 6 in the Open Field will play finals on Friday and then the top 2 on Saturday.

Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs

Friday 10.00 am - approx. 1.30 pm 2.00 pm – approx. 6.00 pm

Saturday 10.00 am – finished by 1.30 pm

Seres-McMahon Matchpoint Swiss and Friday Novice Pairs

Friday 10.00 am – approx. 1.30 pm 2.00 pm – approx. 5.00 pm

Walk In Pairs – Every session except Thursday Morning – Tables are limited

No Frills Walk-In Friday 19th – starting time 6.00 pm to 6.15 pm. Staggered start.

ALL WALK INS \$15.00 PER PLAYER PER SESSION – TO BE PAID AT TABLE.

Scoring Issues - “The Scoring Liaison Officer is Toni Bardon. She will act as liaison between players and the Scoring Unit. Any problems and concerns you have about scoring and results should be addressed to Toni – she has a desk outside the Scoring Room. Scoring Area Phone Number is 0456587765 – accepts text messages only.

Substitutes – If you need substitutes during the week, please contact Toni at the Scoring Desk.

Dinner Dance – Saturday 25th February 7.30 pm – there will be 10 people to a table. Music will be provided by the band “CAPTAIN WOW”. Players must make their own arrangements to obtain a ticket for the Dance. Pick up a table list from the Dinner Dance Table located next to the Scoring Area and return as soon as possible. Dinner Dance bookings close 5.00 pm Wednesday. All players will be charged \$20 to attend the dinner dance and to non-bridge players \$50.00. From Match 11 in the teams, table allocation will be available. Numbers are limited so don't delay.

Coffee – We run a small Coffee ‘outlet’ for your benefit. It is situated in the main foyer to the right of the main entrance. Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate is \$4.00 a cup. The coffee is made from freshly ground coffee beans, it is not instant coffee. The Bridge Coffee outlet is run by volunteers (usually friends and family of the Organizers) – so please bear this in mind.

Lunches – The Convention Centre Kiosks will sell a few sandwiches, salads and sausage rolls.

Courtesy Bus – One Courtesy Bus will be available to take you to and from the Convention Centre. Book through the Bus Driver Barry (onsite) or ring 0418 747 078. 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. The bus service is mainly for those who need the service. The bus will loop from the Convention Centre up Surf Parade to Wharf Road then Old Burleigh Road, Broadbeach Boulevard to Alexandra Avenue then Surf Parade then to Convention Centre however a call to Barry is best so he can keep an eye out for you.

Teaching Sessions – Any Celebrity Teaching Session held will be publicized in the Bulletin or on our website so keep an eye out for these.

Parking - You can get weekly tickets from the Bridge Administration Desk for \$60.00 – that's a saving of \$36.00 if you plan to play all 8 days. If you wish to park and pay daily, it will cost you \$12.00 a day and you can do it from the machines. We will be selling weekly parking tickets from latish Friday 17th February if you wish to take advantage of this fabulous deal. A weekly parking ticket also gives you multiple entries within the day.

HATS – 61st CELEBRATION – Wednesday Morning and Afternoon SESSIONS - We have had such fun with this over the years that theme session is here to stay.

Bridge Companions – yes this will certainly be happening. If interested, contact Sue on gcchospitality@qldbridge.com.au or 0424 830 158. Trips will be published at a later date.

Recorders - Bob Sebesfi, Richard Ward, Liam Milne, Jodi Tutty.

2024 dates are 17th February – 24th February – note starting on Sunday not Saturday as in the past 61 years.





***Helping children affected
by domestic violence
get back to school***

Zephyr Education INC Update

My name is Carmel Martin, a co-founder of Zephyr Education and its treasurer.

For the few who don't know, Zephyr helps those affected by domestic and family violence to resume their education – usually within 24 to 48 hours of receiving a request for assistance.

We provide (mostly) children in Domestic Violence shelters, Family Service organisations and outreach services with some or all of their school needs - 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, iPads and laptops - an expensive, yet indispensable learning tool.

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.

Our strong belief is that education is the only way through this scourge of violence that touches so many. My friend, Bill Morgan said that Zephyr resonated with him because it brought to mind his grandfather's words that you owed your children two things – a good upbringing and an education – the rest was up to them. Zephyr can't do much about

their upbringing but we can certainly make the possibility of being educated, a reality for the children who come into Zephyr's orbit - from those tiny preppies to big kids needing size 12 shoes.

This is the 10th year Zephyr has been in operation and the bridge community has been right beside us from the very beginning starting with my home club QCBC. The wider bridge community continues to support Zephyr with club charity days and individual donations. The QBA again has Zephyr as its charity

at the 2023 Gold Coast Congress. The value of this exposure is incalculable and I can't begin to thank you for the support you give us.

When my sister Isabella – Zephyr's president, promised to stop registering shelters once we reached the magic number of 25, she lied!

We now support 128 in Queensland, 12 in Tasmania, 24 in Western Australia, 5 in NSW, 1 in Darwin and three in the ACT – that's 170 domestic and family violence shelters and outreach organisations.

Last financial year we spent \$560,000 providing support. This represented an increase of 19% on the previous year. For the six weeks from 1 December 2022 we had spent \$190,000 - \$87,000 of which was on uniforms, and we distributed over 100 laptops in that period. We know that Zephyr now supports more than 3000 children each year. 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 nor their mothers, 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 wrote: 'Thank you so much Zephyr for the work that you do... It is an absolute privilege to be able to give a Zephyr laptop to this young person who has had such a tough few years, it will truly make her Christmas and it's all because of the work you do.'

"I hope you know what a massive impact your work has on the families we support. Giving young people the uniforms and supplies they need to attend school enables them to have a level playing field, build their confidence, self-esteem and opportunity to receive an education and create friendships that can be life changing. Our mums are truly grateful that they do not have to worry that their children are starting school with obvious deficits and they can focus on rebuilding their ruptured relationships... I am witnessing it and t's fantastic...thank you!"

And another:

"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."

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.

And this:

"Thanks Barb, for everything. Kelsey, Isabella and yourself have been amazing. Myself and the family have been very grateful. Wish you could have been there to see the smile of the youngest girl when she tried on her uniforms.

I hope you could feel it though, I'm sure it beamed all around the world."

As they say, praise is worth more coming from others and these quotes provide an insight into exactly what you are helping to achieve. 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, (over 40), talented and dedicated volunteers. We are *all* volunteers. No one 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 1.9% of donations making virtually all of your tax deductible donation work for our cause. We were-

n't looking for something to do – we stumbled on the need and thought we could do something. You've all got behind us and huge numbers of children have felt less alone and a little more loved.

If you would like to make a donation, we will be rattling collection boxes and have eftpos machines on hand. Kim Ellaway in the main office has kindly volunteered to accept donations as well.

All donations are tax deductible and for those of you who may wish to donate by bank transfer – Zephyr's bank account details are: NAB Zephyr Education Inc BSB: 084-004; ACC: 15-629-0526 Please reference your name and send your email address to admin@zephyreducation.com.au so I can forward your receipt.



GCC Congress and QBA are supporting Zephyr Education Inc again in 2023.

A huge thank you to the many bridge players who continue to support Zephyr Education.

Zephyr provides the full educational needs of children affected by domestic and family violence in 128 Queensland shelters and associated organisations, as well as 12 in Tasmania, 24 in WA, 5 in NSW, 1 in Darwin and three in the ACT – that's 170 in total.

They are *all* volunteers at Zephyr and no one is reimbursed for personal expenses - let alone paid a wage. No rent is paid for premises and overheads are minimal, so virtually all money donated by you is spent helping these vulnerable children fit in and be given the opportunity of a full education.

Collections will be held during the congress before play and after lunch so please give generously to this very practical and worthwhile charity. I will also take donations at the office.

Carmel Martin is available to answer any questions you may have.

Kim Ellaway

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

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Air Conditioning

Player Comfort

There are approximately 2,000 players at the venue, and ensuring the comfort of *all* players can be 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 or something to keep you warm;
- ◆ 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 the end of the session.
- ◆ 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 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.



IT'S GREAT TO BE TRAVELLING AGAIN!

Come and see us at the TBIB kiosk at the Gold Coast Congress from Monday 20th till Friday 24th February.

The ABF Annual Multi-Trip insurance policy for 2023 commences on 1st March 2023 so if you plan on taking an international trip or two this year or just travelling around Australia, talk to us about your travel insurance needs.

The TBIB Lucky Prize Wheel is back!!

Fill out the entry form on your table and drop it in to us at the TBIB kiosk and win!



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 1

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♥ —	
♦ A Q 10 4	
♣ Q 7 4 2	
♠ 6 5 4	♠ —
♥ A 9 7 5 4	♥ Q 10 8 6 3
♦ 7	♦ J 5 3 2
♣ K J 10 5	♣ A 8 6 3
♠ A Q J 8 3	
♥ K J 2	
♦ K 9 8 6	
♣ 9	

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	4	-	6	-
S	-	3	-	6	-
E	2	-	4	-	-
W	2	-	4	-	-

West leads ♦7 to your 6♠. How do you make 12 tricks?

Answer on Saturday in Bulletin 1.

To go to Paul Lavings website with thousands of books not only on bridge, click [here](#).

For giftware with postage capped at \$9, click [here](#).

Perennial champion

When I started writing copy for the 2023 Gold Coast Bulletin towards the end of 2022, I was interested in looking more fully into the tournament with 61 years of history.

Thus, I decided I would look for the earliest living winners of the Open Pairs, now the Bobby Richman Open Teams, with its own pride of place as a vaunted venue for the World Bridge Tour, 2023.

The earliest name was Dr Ian McCance, 1975, so I prepared a tribute to Ian, only to mourn his passing

in January. I was able to use this material in the 2023 Summer Festival bulletin.

Next cab off the rank is Paul Lavings, author of the column at left. Paul won the 1978 Open Pairs in partnership with the enigmatic Don Evans.

Paul and Don took out the double gold that year, winning the Gold Coast Teams in partnership with Frank Theeman and Tony Ong.



Paul Lavings

Does a 1979 win sound that long ago? 45 years ago sounds longer, especially when you remember that the young girl called Miss Barbara Gill won the Open Pairs in 1979. She has to share the accolade, however, with Peter Jamieson, who is still very much with us.



Barbara Travis (Gill)

The biggest star of the modern game, however, was Bobby Richman, who notched up 17 wins in the pairs and teams, just 2 wins short of Tim Seres' record of 19 wins.




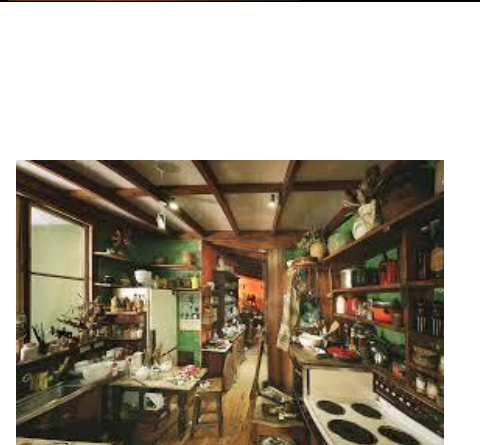


Bobby Richman


ABF
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 Supporting the future of bridge

2023 Bridge Companions Programme

Hello and a huge welcome back to our **2023 Bridge Companions** programme
 We look forward to meeting you all – having a little fun – and visiting spots along our famous Gold Coast. Below, please find the organised activities for the week.

Here's to a fun week, Sue, and Lana

Location	Dates	Event	Meeting	Depart	Costs
	<p>Saturday 18th</p>	<p>Get together Non-Bridge Partners.</p> <p>Golf days will be discussed at the same time. Arranged by Ian Wright</p>	<p>Apartment 3005 Air on Broadbeach 11am-12:30pm</p>		
	<p>Sunday 19th</p> <p>Tweed Regional Gallery and Margaret Olley Art Centre</p> <p>https://gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au/visit/margaret-olley-art-centre</p> <p>Lunch</p>  <p>Apex Dining Menu Spring 23_09.docx (2)</p>	<p>The Margaret Olley Art Centre (MOAC) is the third and final stage of the Tweed Regional Gallery.</p> <p>MOAC celebrates the career, life and legacy of its namesake, Margaret Olley – Australia's most celebrated painter of still life and interiors. Central to MOAC is the recreation of areas of Olley's famous home studio, principally the Hat Factory and the Yellow Room.</p> <p>Lunch at the Apex dining tearoom</p>	<p>Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach</p>	<p>11.00am – 4:30pm latest</p>	<p>Lunch and tea costs to be incurred by self</p> <p>\$25 bus</p>
	<p>Monday 20th</p> <p>Fashion Parade</p>	<p>Fashion Parade, at the Oasis Shopping Centre, Level 1.</p> <p>Wraps, sandwiches, and Champagne served</p>	<p>Meeting at Change Alley Level one at the "A Little Oasis Café" 2pm –3pm.</p>		<p>No cost to self</p>



Tuesday 21st

Get together for Non-Bridge Partners

Apartment 3005 Air on Broadbeach

09:45am-10:30am



Tuesday 21st

Curtis Falls

<https://www.aussiebushwalking.com/qld/se-qld/tamborine-np/curtis-falls>

<https://witcheschasecheese.com/our-story/>

The Curtis Falls track at Mt Tamborine National Park is a lush waterfall hike that is easily accessible and features arguably the most beautiful waterfall in the area.

Lunch at Witches Chase Cheese

Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach

Leave 10 :30 am
Bus to be back by 17:00 latest

\$25 bus,
Lunch at own cost.
The owner will put a cheese board menu together for us in the new year.



Wednesday 22nd

David Fleay Wildlife Park

<https://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/parks/david-fleay/>

David Fleay Wildlife Park is a wildlife park with a difference! You can stroll through natural habitats and visit a nocturnal house to see some of Australia's most iconic wildlife. You will meet crocodiles, koalas, emus, brologas, dingoes, dunnarts, bilbies, and kangaroos, as well as platypus

Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach

10:45am - 4:30pm.

\$15 bus,
Adult \$26.15
Senior \$17.20



Thursday 23rd

Burleigh Heads National Park.
Walking trails. Map below

https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/162512/burleigh-head-webmap.pdf

The **Paddock bakery** for tea/lunch
<https://www.paddockbakery.com/>

Burleigh Heads National Park offers perfect views of the Gold Coast City skyline, access to remote beaches and creeks, native rainforest, and several unique viewpoints. Please see map for different trails

Paddock Bakery

Delicious food, with great atmosphere, set in an old weatherboard home with a leafy garden. Renowned for their award-winning breakfasts, lunches, and delicious treats such as the crème brulee donut.

Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach

10.45am – 4:30pm
Approx.

\$15 bus

Lunches at own expense.



Friday 24th

Champagne and Nibbles

All welcome to **champagne and nibbles** where you will receive a 10% discount on certain items.
Enter a free draw to win a pair of shoes, to be drawn that morning

Meeting at In-Her Shoes Oasis Shopping Centre, 8.15am

No cost



Fri 24th

Aquaduck

<https://www.aquaduck.com.au/gold-coast-river-cruise/>

Aquaduck experience begins in the heart of Surfers Paradise on Cavill Avenue. From Surfers Paradise beach towards the glamour and beauty of Main Beach. Along the way, the Pacific Ocean, Southport Yacht Club, Marina Mirage, Palazzo Versace. That's where the Aquaduck gets to show its true colours splashing into the water for a scenic cruise of the spectacular river and Broadwater. The key sights from the water, wildlife and all the activity of surrounds

Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach

Bus leaves at 11:30am for a tour start time of 12:15pm

\$10 for bus

Lunch at own expense

\$36.55 (RPP \$43)



Other Options
Harbour Town

Visits are also available to Harbour Town, one of Australia's largest outlet shopping centres with over 240 stores, as well as providing alfresco dining.
Harbour Town have their own shuttle buses to and from the Convention Centre at 9.15am & 10.30am, returning 2pm & 5pm.
VIP invitations to Harbour Town are available at the get together at apartment 3204, Air on Broadbeach.



SkyPoint Observation Deck
<https://www.skypoint.com.au/>

SkyPoint Observation Deck offers panoramic views of the Gold Coast, 230m above sea level, located atop the iconic Q1 building in Surfers Paradise. SkyPoint's unique vantage point lets you take in the entire city from the 77 floor.

\$29 pp one time entry

Any expressions of interest or pre-bookings would be very welcome.

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What to expect in each bulletin

As well as current reports from the week's play, we will present an article by Barry Rival about deals from 2013, 10 years ago, and other articles of interest.

For the average player is a series of hands on declarer play by Barry, while there is a daily deal by Ron Klinger focusing on how you would solve a problem posed in defence and play.

If you have something to contribute we would love to hear from you!

2023 - 20 years ago

Sun and surf beats fire and smoke

Beautiful one day, perfect the next!

After the smoke and heat of the 2003 Summer Festival in Canberra, the sun and surf at the Gold Coast Congress was a delightful contrast.

Gold Coast Pairs

As befits a beach lifestyle, the pairs is a leisurely event. Two qualifying rounds on Sunday afternoon and evening produced a field for the final including 2001 winners, Kiwis Tom Jacob - Richard Jedrychowski, and 2002 winners, Poms Mike Pomfrey - Howard Melbourne.

Other more familiar names included Tim Seres - Zolly Nagy, Terry Brown - Phil Gue, Ish Del'Monte - Ash Bach, Peter Fordham - Tony Nunn, Val Cummings - Wally Scott, Mike Prescott - Peter Gill, Seamus Browne - Richard Brightling, Colin Baker - John de Ravin, Bobby Richman - Matthew Thomson, and Theo Antoff - Al Simpson.

Ed: Vale to the five no longer with us.




Seamus Browne

I loved the way Seamus Browne took 13 tricks on this hand, when many (me included) took only 11.

Pairs Final Session 1:

Board 9 North deals, EW vulnerable

♠ K		
♥ K Q J 10 8		
♦ 9 6		
♣ J 6 5 4 3		
♠ Q J 7		♠ A 10 6 5 3
♥ 6 4		♥ A 9
♦ K J 5 4		♦ A Q 10 2
♣ K 9 8 7		♣ A 2
	♠ 9 8 4 2	
	♥ 7 5 3 2	
	♦ 8 7 3	
	♣ Q 10	

The Daily Bulletin reported that Seamus played 4♣ from the East seat on a heart lead. He won, crossed to dummy, and led ♠7.

Nothing fancy, but nearly everyone else simply led ♠Q off dummy, failing to cater for the actual layout.

That gave him 12 tricks. He then took the ruffing club finesse, using diamonds as entries, to win all 13 tricks.

In the three session final, Ron Klinger and I took the lead by the end of the first session and were never headed after that.

Bobby Richman - Matthew Thomson were second, with Tom Jacob - Richard Jedrychowski third. Beautiful!

GC Teams

For the contenders, the teams schedule is not quite so laid back. Until her death last year, Mary McMahon had played at Surfers every year since it began, most often with Tim Seres. I thus felt honoured to be on Tim's team this year. After 10 Swiss rounds, the semi finalists were Val Cummings, Wally Scott, Warren Lazer, Pauline Gumbly (first on ANA Hotel, Level 2) The Indonesian team of T. Asbi, L. Bojoh, R. Tobing, A. Abdurodjak (second on Level 2) Tim Seres, Zolly Nagy, Bruce Neill, Ron Klinger (first on Level 4) Mike Cornell, Tom Jacob, Richard Jedrychowski, David Stern (second on Level 4).

Qualifying Match 1,

Board 11 (rotated for convenience)

♠ A 8 7 6		♠ K J 10 3	
♥ A 8 6		♥ K J 9	
♦ A J 7		♦ K 10 2	
♣ A 6 5		♣ K Q 8	
<i>Stern</i>		<i>Cornell</i>	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♣	pass	1♠	pass
1NT ¹	pass	4NT ²	pass
6♠	all pass		

- 15-17
- Quantitative

Playing 6NT you need to score two out of the three finesses in spades, hearts, diamonds. That is a 50% chance. In 6♠, you need only the trump finesse if spades are 3-2.

Michael Cornell won the club lead, cashed ♠A, finessed ♠J and drew the last trump. He then eliminated the clubs and cashed ♥AK. When he exited with the third heart, it did not matter who won. The defender had to lead diamonds or concede a ruff-and-discard.

In one semi final, CORNELL won easily against CUMMINGS. Things were close all the way in the other semi final between SERES and ASBI, a leading Indonesian team. The final margin was 4 IMPs, so this fine piece of declarer play by Ron Klinger more than accounted for the difference:

Semi final:

Board 37, North deals, nil vulnerable

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	<i>Klinger</i>		
	1♠ ¹	2♥	pass
pass	3♦	dbl ²	all pass

- Showing 4+ diamonds
- Takeout

East led ♣K, then switched to ace and another heart. Ron won ♥K, ruffed a club, then (key play) finessed ♠J. After ruffing another club, he crossed to dummy for the last time with ♠K, and led a fourth club. When West discarded a heart, Ron ruffed with ♦9. It won - phew!

He exited with ♠A, which West (now left with trumps only) had to ruff and lead a diamond. Ron finessed ♦J, and led his last heart. West ruffed again and was endplayed. Nine tricks! +470 and plus 50 in the other room gave us 11 IMPs. Well done.

The final was also close. Seres led Cornell by 3 IMPs after two of the four sessions, and still led by only 8 IMPs with five boards to go in the final session. But the last five boards went to Seres by 27 IMPs to 3, so Seres - Nagy, Klinger - Neill won the teams by 32 IMPs, and Klinger - Neill had won the double: pairs and teams. Perfect!

Bruce Neill



Correction of Scores

from the 2023 Gold Coast Information Manual

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 in the Administration Office during the pairs and outside the playing area thereafter.

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.

Scoring Correction Periods

see also Correction of Scores

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 and Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs Matches 1-3 3:00pm Friday

Matches 4-7 11.00am

What would you do?**by Ron Klinger****An indiscretion****Question 1**

West deals, nil vulnerable

West	North	East	South
2♥ (1)	pass	pass	dbl (2)
pass	pass (3)	3♣	dbl (3)
?			

(1). Multi, hearts and a minor, weak

(2). Takeout double

(3). For penalties

What would you do as West with:

♠K104, ♥A10862, ♦J10973, ♣---

Wish to come on a bridge cruise with Ron and Suzie Klinger in 2024?

Bridge class with Ron in the mornings and duplicate in the afternoons (except when in port).

Please contact Suzie via 0411 229 705 or suzie@ronklingerbridge.com for email.

Saturday Matches 8-10 One hour after scores for Match 10 are posted

Seres McMahon Swiss Pairs and 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. World Championships have been awarded based on scoring errors. E/W Pairs should not simply acknowledge the scores on the Bridgemates 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.

System Regulations

System regulations are published on the MyABF GCC website after 1 January 2023.

Supplementary regulations are published on the website after 1 February 2023.

Systems and System Cards

System regulations are published on the GCC My-ABF website after 1 January 2023.

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/systemcards/>.

GREEN and BLUE systems are permitted without restriction.

RED systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted 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. Eligible pairs may claim Protected Pair status in all events with the exception of the major Final of the Open Pairs Championship.

Provided the required system submission (detailed below) has been complied with, YELLOW systems will be allowed in the Open Teams Championship from Round 3 onwards.

They may not be played against a contestant with a current position in the lower two-thirds of the field (decimals rounded up).

Pairs intending to play a YELLOW system must provide the Tournament Organiser with an adequately completed ABF Standard system card and

What would you do?by **Ron Klinger****Indiscretion****Solution to Question 1**

From a National Open Teams:

West deals, nil vulnerable

♠ 9 7 5
♥ K Q J 9 5
♦ 8 5
♣ K 7 4

♠ K 10 4	♠ 6 3 2
♥ A 10 8 6 2	♥ 4 3
♦ J 10 9 7 3	♦ 6 4
♣ ---	♣ A Q J 10 9 8

♠ A Q J 8
♥ 7
♦ A K Q 2
♣ 6 5 3 2

West should pass 3♣x. East has not sought your opinion, therefore leave 3♣ alone. To locate West's minor, East could have asked initially with 2NT. A sound treatment in the given auction is for East to redouble, saying 'Please make the cheapest bid and then pass my next bid.' East would redouble 2♥, West would bid 2♠ and East's 3♣ must then be passed. (Clearly it is important that both partners are aware of this use of redouble.)

The cost in 3♣x would be 300. It was much more in 3♦x. North led a trump, won by ♦Q. South, shifted to ♠A, then ♠Q, won by the king. West led

a low heart, won by South who cashed ♠J, ♦A and continued with ♠8. West discarded a heart.

South continued with ♦K and ♦2 to keep declarer in hand. West made just two diamonds, ♠K and ♥A, five down, minus 1100.



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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

Walk-In Pairs

Walk In events mean you do not have to pre-register. You turn up with your partner and pay at the tables designated for walk ins.



Walk ins are masterpointed with Red Points.

Youth Walk-Ins

Unless you have the appropriate token, there will be no free places at the Walk Ins. Tokens can only be obtained from the Scoring Liaison Officer, Toni Bardon or Kim Ellaway. Youth can only claim half price regardless of date of birth. Youth definition for Walk-ins is born on or after 01/01/1998.

All walk in pairs sessions are sponsored by Broadbeach restaurants, fashion shops and *Paul Lavings Bridge Supplies*. Cost is \$15.00 per player.

Voucher prizes for each session winner. All Walk-In Pairs sessions are sponsored by Broadbeach Restaurants and Fashion Shops.

Session Times and sponsors

Friday 17 February 6.00 pm*** staggered starts

Saturday 18 February
10.00am and 2.30pm

Sunday 19 February
10.00am and 2.30pm

Monday 20 February
10.00am and 2.00 pm



Tuesday 21 February
10.00am and 2.30pm

Wednesday 22 February 10.00am and 2.30pm

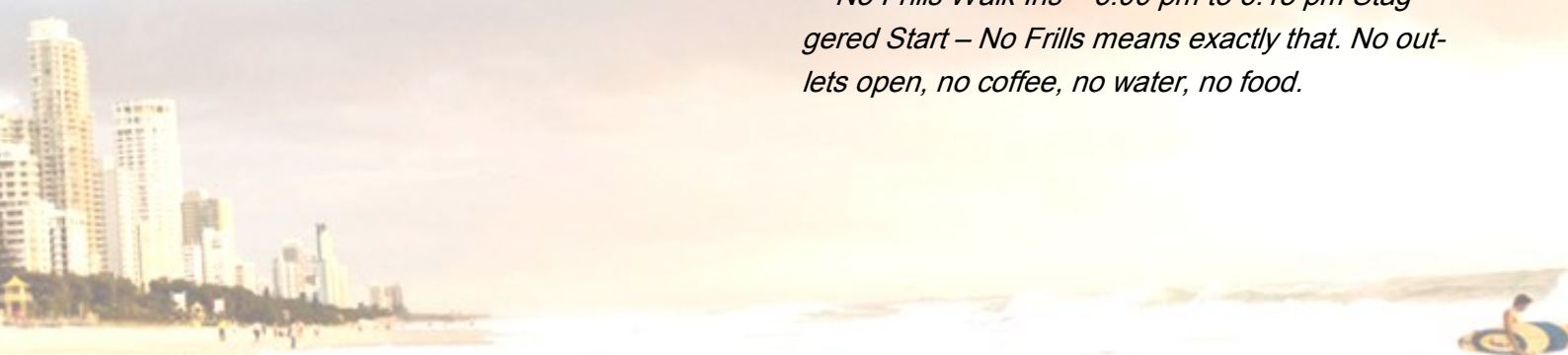
Thursday 23 February 2.30pm

Friday 24 February
10.00 am and 2.00pm

Saturday 25 February
10.00 am



***No Frills Walk Ins – 6.00 pm to 6.15 pm Staggered Start – No Frills means exactly that. No outlets open, no coffee, no water, no food.



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Dress up Theme Day



We encourage all players to dress in keeping with the Gold Coast Annual Theme for Wednesday Teams Sessions. The 2023 theme is **Mad Hatters Day!**

Please celebrate our 61st year and wear your most glittering costume.

The photography will commence when play finishes and the parade from 2:30pm to 3:00pm Wednesday 22 February.

Prizes will be available for combination of groups, pairs or individuals.



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PRIZES

Link with the list of prizes is published on the GCC website after 1 January 2023

Please see the prize board near the office. We pay from 1st to 3rd in all sections of Matchpoint pairs.

House players are eligible to win prizes.

Youth players who had free entry to an event and win a prize, will have half the entry fee deducted from their prize should it exceed \$150.

PRIZE MONEY – 2023

<u>OPEN (7 sect)</u>		<u>PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP</u>			
		<u>PLATE</u>	<u>INTER(4 sect)</u>	<u>REST(4 sect)</u>	<u>NOVICE(2 sect)</u>
1 st	\$2,000.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
2 nd	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
3 rd	\$ 750.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
4 th	\$ 500.00				

Best Women's Pair (Open) - \$200.00

Best Queensland Pair \$200.00 (v) \$200.00 (v) \$200.00(v)

All session winners in Qualifying to receive pens

All session winners in Finals to receive pens or wine (player's choice)

Other Sections

1 st	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$300.00
2 nd	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$200.00
3 rd	\$200.00(C&V)	\$200.00(C&V)	\$200.00(C&V)	\$100.00(C&V)

C & V = \$100(\$50) in Vouchers and \$100(\$50) in Direct Deposit. Vouchers will be for Bridge Supplies at Paul Lavings Book Shop situated in Convention Centre Foyer or Nominated Shops within Oasis Shopping Centre.

V = Vouchers only

<u>OPEN</u>		<u>WEEKEND MATCHPOINT SWISS PAIRS</u>	
		<u>0-500</u>	
1 st	\$400.00	1 st	\$200
2 nd	\$300.00	2 nd	\$150
3 rd	\$200.00 (C & V)		

C & V = Prize of \$200.00 = \$100 in Vouchers and \$100 Direct Deposit. Vouchers will be for Bridge Supplies at Paul Lavings Book Shop situated in Convention Centre Foyer or Nominated Shops within Oasis Shopping Centre

MONDAY BUTLER SWISS PAIRS**OPEN**

1st \$200.00
2nd \$150.00

0-500

1st \$150.00
2nd \$100.00

ROOKIE PAIRS

1st \$80.00 for both North-South and East-West
2nd \$50.00 for both North-South and East-West – Vouchers

UNDER 50 PAIRS – 1 SESSION

1st \$80.00 for both North-South and East-West
2nd \$50.00 for both North-South and East-West - Vouchers

Vouchers - Vouchers will be for Bridge Supplies at Paul Lavings Book Shop situated in Convention Centre Foyer or Nominated Shops within Oasis Shopping Centre.

UNDER 50 PAIRS – 2 SESSIONS

1st \$160.00
2nd \$120.00
3rd \$100.00 (Vouchers)

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WALK IN PAIRS

\$50/\$60 Restaurant or Clothing vouchers for North/South and East/West Daily Winners when more than 10 ½ tables. One prize only if 10 tables or less.

No Frills Walk Ins – Sectional and Directional Winners to receive WINE and PEN

TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

	<u>Open</u>	<u>Under 1500</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Novice</u>
1 st	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
2 nd	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
3 rd	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 700.00
3 rd	\$1,500.00				
5 th	\$1,000.00				
5 th	\$1,000.00				

Categories

1 st	\$400.00 (C & V) 4 categories	\$400.00(C&V) 3 categories	\$400.00(C&V) 3 categories	\$400.00(C&V) 3 categories	\$400.00(C&V) 2 categories
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IVY DAHLER BUTLER SWISS PAIRS

		<u>Open – 1 or 2 fields</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Restricted</u>
1 st	NS/EW	\$600.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
2 nd	NS/EW	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
3 rd	NS/EW	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$150.00

SERES-MCMAHON MATCH POINT PAIRS

1 st	\$200.00
2 nd	\$100.00

FRIDAY NOVICE PAIRS

1 st	\$200.00
2 nd	\$100.00

PRIZES – PAYMENT

When players come to the admin desk for their prize, they will be asked for Bank Account Details for one member of the winning pair or team. Overseas winners will need to discuss with Administration Staff.

PRIZES – RESTRICTED PAIRS

The top two Qld pairs in the Gold Coast Restricted Pairs will be awarded the airfare and entry to the ANC Restricted Pairs. To qualify for the prize, the pairs must meet the ABF Eligibility criteria for the ANC Restricted Pairs which is under 300 Masterpoints on 31 December 2022.

PRIZES – YOUTH

If a youth player has paid no entry fee and he/she wins a prize over \$150, half price entry fee to be taken out of the prize.

PROBLEMS

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

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.



DIRECTOR GET TOGETHER

Meet & Greet
Q & A
General Discussion
All Directors & Players
Welcome



Room 12

Upstairs Opposite Administration

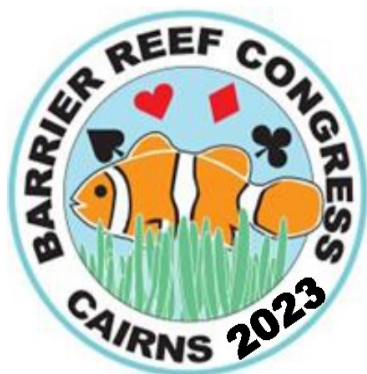
8.30 am - 9:30 am

SUNDAY 19th FEBRUARY



Enquiries: Chris Snook 0413 136435

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27th Barrier Reef Congress

Cairns Colonial Club

April 28 – May 1, 2023

Chief Director: Jan Peach

An ABF Gold Point Event

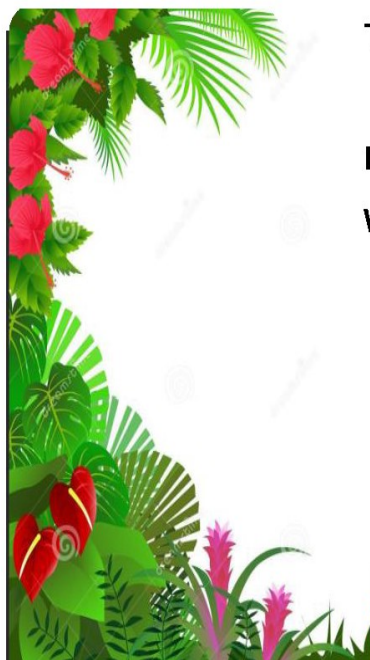
Swiss Teams (Open and Barrier Reef 300)
Butler Swiss Pairs (Open, Restricted and Novice)

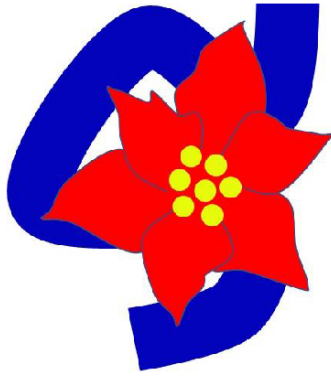
Tournament Organisers: William van Bakel 0414 430 145

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RIVER CITY GOLD MIXED PAIRS 2023

Hosted by TOOWONG BRIDGE CLUB
22 Roy Street AUCHENFLOWER QLD 4066

Gold Masterpoints and ABF Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP)
Residentially qualified pairs also play for the Queensland Mixed Pairs Title
and the Queensland Novice Mixed Pairs Title

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th May

9.30 am start both days

All ENTRIES and PAYMENTS on



\$150 per entry

Chief Director: Alan Gibson

Tournament Organiser: Janet Lovell

E: tbccompetitions@gmail.com T: 0409 387 527

The event is subject to the current health requirements and guidelines
as issued by Queensland Health, ABF, QBA and the Toowong Bridge Club.

- ABF Regulations as modified by the Supplementary Regulations apply
- Green, Blue and Red systems and Brown Sticker Conventions and Treatments
- Swiss Pairs - Matchpoints converted to VPs - 12 x 9 board matches

LUNCH INCLUDED
(Please advise beforehand if gluten free)

