



*Gold Coast Congress*  
*Celebrity Speakers* 2024



Location: Upstairs opposite Administration

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

100 participants maximum – GCCEC Health and Safety Regulations

**Sunday 18th**

**1.30-2.15pm**

**Liam Milne**

***Leading Thirds and Fifths***



Why do so many experts lead thirds and fifths against suit contracts, while intermediate players tend to prefer fourth best? And how do third and fifth leads work? Find out how to play this useful defense convention.

*Liam Milne is a current member of the Australian Open team. As well as playing professionally, Liam also teaches and directs in Sydney. His recent national titles include the 2022 Gold Coast Teams, ANC Open Teams, Victor Champion Cup and Spring National Open Teams.*

**Monday 19th**

**1.30-2.15pm**

**William Jenner-O'Shea**

***Overcall more to be a Nuisance.***



Knowing when to overcall to spice up competitive auctions is where experts thrive, learn some tips and tricks from Will to be a more competitive player to help improve your game.

*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.*

**Tuesday 20th**

**9.00am – 9.45am**

**Paul Dalley**

***Fresh bidding ideas for 2024***



Paul will take you on a journey of discovery with some fresh ideas from his workshop on latest bidding theory to help your partnership in 2024.

*Paul Dalley has won the Gold Coast Open teams for the last two years. In 2022 he also won the Gold Coast Open Pairs. Paul has won numerous other national events in Australia and New Zealand and was a member of the Australian Open team in 2023.*

**Tuesday 20th**

**1.30-2.15pm**

**Andy Hung**

***How to Defend Against Common and Strange Conventions***



How do expert players deal against common conventions such as the Multi 2D, or the Unusual 2NT? Or what about those intimidating 2-opening bids which may have 6 different meanings? Come along and Andy will share the secrets with you.

*Andy Hung is a professional bridge player and teacher who has represented Australia in 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 21st**

**9.00am – 9.45am**

**Paul Marston**

***Competitive bidding (when both sides have 18 – 22 HCP)***



The aim of this lesson is to give you a winning strategy when the opponents bid over you and the points are shared.

The strategy is not difficult or complicated, yet many people still find it hard to grasp. The reason is that it involves a change of thinking. During the lesson Paul will lay down the groundwork for that change of thinking. **Paul Marston** has long been Australia's number one bridge teacher. His classes are very popular, both face-to-face and online. He has a special interest in teaching beginners where his retention rate is greater than 80% face-to-face and 95% online.

**Thursday 22nd**

**1.30pm -2.15pm**

**Nick Jacob**

***Demystifying auctions after a takeout double***



Takeout doubles are one of the first and best competitive conventions we learn playing bridge. Despite this, everyone - from beginners to experts - struggles at times to work out what exactly we show when we respond to partner's takeout doubles. Join Nick to learn some skills for responding and rebidding after takeout doubles in a variety of common auctions.

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