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### WELCOME TO EVERYBODY

This is the fifth year of my editorship of the Daily Bulletin for the largest bridge tournament in the Southern Hemisphere and certainly one of the largest tournaments in the world. Time goes so rapidly as I recall my making my offer to Therese Tully to edit the Bulletin not quite knowing what I was taking on and simply hoping I was up to the job. Cut to 2012 where I am very comfortable with the process, procedures and most importantly in love with the tournament, its values and its prominent position on the world bridge calendar.

During my first two years I took on the job myself and I recall with horror the incredible pressure which that brought about. In 2009 the organisers, having regard for my sanity as well as sharing my vision for the importance of the Bulletin in the tournament, added Barry Rigal as an additional editor and in 2011 a third editor, John Carruthers was added.

With the ever-expanding size of the Bulletin, often the equivalent of 32 pages with normal margins (we use very narrow margins to save paper, and ultimately costs to you the player) and the expanding size of the tournament itself, the role of a third editor has become increasingly important. And so it is that this year we welcome Brent Manley from Memphis Tennessee, USA to the team. An introduction to Brent appears below and I trust that you will all make him feel welcome to our great tournament.

Welcome also this year to another good friend, Maurizio di Sacco. Maurizio holds senior position in the World Bridge Federation and European Bridge League and has joined us as a guest director.

This year sees a major change in the scheduling with no evening play during the teams on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. As a Bulletin Editor who normally gets to bed at 2:00am after putting the Bulletin to bed this is *marvellous* news. Now I know it is hard to satisfy everybody's needs and desires and that some would prefer to have the entire morning free and play bridge at night, while others would prefer to have no evening play at all. I believe that the organisers have found a VERY good solution with an 11:00am start and a scheduled 7:00pm but more likely 6:30pm finish allowing players to have social dinners, enjoy a drink and relax at their pace rather than rushing their dinners at 5:30 to be back for a 7:30 restart.

As part of this restructuring of the times our hard working organisers and behind the scenes helpers have put together an excellent social program.

Finally it is left to me to welcome you to this 51<sup>st</sup> staging of the tournament and to extend the best wishes of everybody associated with the event for a pleasant, enjoyable, social and successful tournament.

Sat 25 Feb	Sun 26 Feb	Mon 27 Feb	Tue 28 Feb	Wed 29 Feb	Thu 1 Mar	Fri 2 Mar	Sat 3 Mar
Pairs Championship							
Holiday Walk-ins	Holiday Walk-ins	Holiday Walk-ins	Holiday Walk-ins	Holiday Walk-ins	Holiday Walk-ins	Holiday Walk-ins	Holiday Walk-ins
			Teams Championship			Teams Finals	Open Teams Final
						Swiss Butler Pairs	
						Mixed Teams	
						Non-Mixed Teams	
						Friday Novice Pairs	
							Dinner Dance

**ANY INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS PLEASE LET THERESE KNOW (+61-4-0987-0324) YOUR ARRIVAL DETAILS AND WE WILL TRY AND ARRANGE TRANSPORT TO YOUR HOTEL (With apologies this excludes New Zealanders who we regard as locals)**



## **WELCOME TO BRENT MANLEY**

Brent Manley lives in Memphis, Tennessee in the USA. While serving in the U.S. Army in 1970, members of his language school class (Vietnamese) in Texas took every available opportunity to play Bridge. Manley soon became the owner of Alfred Sheinwold's 5 Weeks to Winning Bridge allowing him to participate in the game. That was the beginning of a love affair with bridge that is just as intense now as it was 40 years ago.

In 1989 after twenty years in the newspaper business, Manley became aware that Frank Stewart had resigned as assistant editor of the American Contract Bridge League's Bridge Bulletin. Knowing the Editor Henry Francis, Manley contacted him about the opening and soon thereafter was appointed Assistant Editor.

In 1997 Manley was promoted to the position of editor on the retirement of Francis, a position he still holds. Under his stewardship the magazine changed format and became a significant colour bridge magazine.

Soon thereafter Manley became the Daily Bulletin Editor at the three annual American National Tournaments and in 2000 was invited by

the World Bridge Federation to be part of the Daily Bulletin staff at the World Championships, subsequently being named chief editor of the WBF Daily Bulletin, a position he still holds.

In tournament play, Manley is a Gold Life Master. He has authored six bridge books with another in the works and is editor of the recently released 7th edition of the Official Encyclopaedia of Bridge.

Manley's favourite non-bridge activity is running, and he has a goal of completing a marathon in all 50 of the U.S. states (as of November 2011, he has seven to go). He has been married to the former Donna Olsen, his favourite bridge partner, since 1992.

## **WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GOLD COAST**



As Mayor of the Gold Coast, I'm pleased to welcome you all to the 2012 Gold Coast Bridge Congress – the 51st, marking the Congress's move into its second half-century.

The Congress's longevity and perennial popularity – bridge enthusiasts travel from throughout Australia and the world to be a part of this annual event – is testament to the game's ongoing appeal to successive generations, and with all cultures.

Throughout its long history, bridge has been renowned for bringing players together to share their passion for the game through friendly competition, and the camaraderie developed through this sometimes grows into friendships that can last a lifetime.

When the day's play is over, why not reward yourself by visiting some of the natural and built attractions our city is so famous for? The pristine beaches, the verdant hinterland, picturesque waterways, award-winning restaurants ... the list goes on. You'll run out of time before you run out of fun things to do on the Gold Coast.

And our glorious sub-tropical climate makes exploring the outdoors and breathing in the relaxed Gold Coast lifestyle an attractive option all year round.

In closing, I would wish all participants the very best for the 2012 Queensland Bridge Association Congress, and trust you'll enjoy your stay with us on the Gold Coast.

**RON CLARKE MBE**  
**Mayor – Gold Coast City**

## MESSAGE FROM KEITH MCDONALD President Australian Bridge Federation



The Queensland Bridge Association is pleased to welcome you to the first year in our second half century. It will be difficult to stage an event to equal our 50th anniversary last year.

I know you will have an enjoyable time at this event. Therese Tully and her Team have again worked hard to see that all goes well. We have a number of teams from overseas and I am delighted to welcome for the first time teams from New Caledonia and Singapore. For all those attending their first event, I hope this will be the first of many happy Gold Coast Congress attendances.

It would be remiss of me not to urge you to support our sponsors. To name but a few: Cosmetics Plus, Penline, Two Men and a Truck, Hello Gold Coast, Travel Masters, Wide Bay, Schweppes and Paul Lavings. Details of our sponsors are on the QBA web site.

I trust you will include the wealth of other things to enjoy on the Gold Coast and if not this year perhaps next year visit North Queensland. The Barrier Reef, Cairns and the far north have world class facilities and attractions.

Our Patron, Premier Anna Bligh has asked me to convey her best wishes to you all and hopes you all have a happy and successful event. I concur with these sentiments.

**KEITH MCDONALD President Australian Bridge Federation and Queensland Bridge Association**



## WELCOME TO YOU ALL! TOURNAMENT ORGANISER - GOLD COAST CONGRESS

Another year older – not necessarily wiser – and the 51st Gold Coast Congress is with us once again. Kim Ellaway and I both have our birthdays in February so I am sure it is the stress of preparing for the Congress that makes us feel our years. I managed to give myself a special birthday present this year by fracturing my toe. It has to be strapped for the next 6 weeks so I will be setting a new fashion trend in footwear when I swan around the Gold Coast Convention Centre in my garden clogs! (Pity they were not Black and White to go with our colour scheme!)

Last year is a hard act to follow but the one fact that I learnt from the 50<sup>th</sup> is that people want the fun put back into bridge and that it is ok to strive to play your best bridge but you are allowed to enjoy yourself at the same time! This starts with our behaviour at the table and I beg you all to make a special effort to be kind, considerate and flexible. I recently attended a Celebrity Speaker's seminar given by Hugh Grosvenor on "How to be a Good Partner" and one point I brought away with me was when he said that whenever anything untoward happened at the table he always apologised. It is amazing how a simple "sorry" can diffuse a situation. It does not mean you admit you are at fault – "sorry partner I misunderstood you" is so much better than saying "Are you off your rocker? What sort of bid was that?????" I would ask you all to think twice before initiating any aggressive action yourself – was it possible your opponents acted inappropriately through ignorance rather than from more sinister motives? Heaven forbid but maybe your own actions were somewhat questionable! Please do not ever refer to people as cheats unless you are prepared to back it up in a court of law. Let us strive to make the Gold Coast Congress one of the most relaxed and friendliest in the world! Our staff are there to help you – let them sort it out!

The bulletins are your greatest source of information and entertainment and once again David Stern will be heading our team together with Barry Rigal and Brent Manley. Welcome also to our guest director Maurizio di Sacco. This will be Brent's first visit to the Gold Coast Congress and I hope we make his visit a memorable one. This year we have no night play during the teams so we have tried to provide a range of activities both morning and evening that are purely social and open to friends and family alike – not just bridge players. Make sure you check in your bulletin for what is on so you do not miss out! We had so much fun dressing up last year that it is here to stay – Black and White is our colour scheme for the tournament and Sunday night will be your chance to strut your stuff!

A warm welcome to our international guests and dignitaries – may all your finesses work so you will go back and spread the word to your friends that they are missing out. I warmly welcome all our regulars as you are the backbone of our tournament – and to all first timers and especially novices- I hope it is a wonderful experience where you enjoyed not only good bridge but a happy and enjoyable time. I cannot close without mentioning our top seeds – we all want to win and improve our game and you represent what we all aspire to. We appreciate having you here – and a special thank you to all Celebrity Speakers.

Happy Bridging

**THERESE TULLY Tournament Organiser**



## WELCOME MAURIZIO DI SACCO

One of the joys of bridge and going to international tournaments as a worker or player is the friendships that one forges with the people you meet along the way. I am truly blessed with the good friendships and places that I have visited as a result of my involvement with bridge. One such friendship that I cherish is with Maurizio di Sacco who has been invited to direct at the 2012 Gold Coast Congress. Maurizio holds senior positions in the World Bridge Federation (Chief Tournament Organiser, Championship, Laws and Directors Committees) and the European Bridge League (Chief Tournament Director). He also makes a mean pasta – something I am hoping he will do for the Bulletin Staff this tournament.

So if you see him around please say hi and make him feel welcome and that way he will leave Australia as an ambassador for our bridge scene and this tournament.

## TEST YOURSELF DAY 1

Barry Rigal

This week's puzzles are going to be in a new and challenging format. The solution to each of the first seven day's puzzles will be a card or pair of cards. Keep a list of the solutions – because the prize puzzle in the final bulletin will include a deal where you'll need each one of those answers to crack the problem.

Let's start with a deal from the Knockout Teams from Pittsburgh a few years ago.

Dealer: East	<b>North</b>	West	North	East	South
Vul: N-S	♠ Q 10 9			Pass	1♥
	♥ A J 5	Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
	♦ 10 6 5 4	Pass	3NT	All Pass	
	♣ A K 3				
<b>West</b>					
♠ K 8 4 2					
♥ 6 3					
♦ A 9 3					
♣ J 9 5 4					

Opening Lead ♣4

You are West and start with the club four to dummy's king. Partner plays the ♣7, using standard signals and South contributes the ♣6. At trick two, North plays the ♠Q, letting it ride to your king. How do you continue? Consider your answer before reading on.

### SOLUTION 1

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

At the table, Rich Rothwarf, playing with John Diamond, made the killing switch – the ♦9. Check out the complete deal to see why this precise shift was essential. If, for example, West had played the ♦A followed by the ♦9, East could win the ♦K, dropping South's queen, but then dummy's guarded ♦10 would remain as a stopper with East on lead. Similarly, if West plays a low diamond to the king and wins the return with the ace, declarer can play low on the nine, leaving West on play with no fourth diamond to lead.

However, the play of the diamond nine allowed East to win the king and return a low diamond to the queen and ace. Now West could lead the diamond three, while East sat poised over dummy's 10-6 of diamonds with the J-8, ready to take two tricks whichever diamond was played from dummy.

South should perhaps have played on hearts at trick two. If West had got on lead with the heart queen, it might not have been so clear as to whether to play spades or diamonds.

## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

### PROBLEMS

Therese Tully 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 04-1206-4903 at any time during the congress or Theresa on 04-0987-0324.

### ENTRY FEES

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

- Open Seniors Intermediate Restricted or Novice Pairs \$280 per pair
- Open Seniors Intermediate Restricted or Novice Teams \$680 per team
- Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs \$180 per pair
- Mixed or Non-Mixed Teams \$240 per team
- Friday Novice Pairs \$120 per pair

Holiday Walk-ins \$15 per player are payable at the table at the commencement of the duplicate.

### YOUTH, STUDENT & OTHER CONCESSIONAL ENTRY FEES—ADVISE WHEN ENTERING

- Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, all players born after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1992 are entitled to free entry.
- In accordance with Australian Bridge Federation policy, all players born between 1<sup>st</sup> January 1987 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 1991 are entitled to a 50% discount on entry fees.
- Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, all players born BEFORE 1<sup>st</sup> January 1912 are entitled to free entry.

### PARKING

Parking will be available for \$10 per entry per day or \$50 for a weekly pass with unlimited entry from Saturday 25th February to Saturday 3rd March inclusive.

The Bridge Administration Desk is the **ONLY** place you can obtain a weekly pass and will be available from noon on Friday 24th February for use from Saturday onwards.

For those requiring casual day parking, a one entry one exit ticket will be available from the machine upon entry and you will need to pay \$10 on departure at the pay stations which are located at the lifts as you are exiting. Note that the \$10 ticket is a one entry and one exit ticket so if you intend to leave between sessions you will be required to pay a second \$10 parking fee.

### EVENT INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

- OPEN:** Carries ABF Open Playoff Points. Swiss Pairs do not carry playoff points
- SENIORS:** Open to players born prior to 1st January 1954 and carries ABF Senior Playoff Points
- INTERMEDIATE:** Open to players who have not attained 500 MP's as at 30th September 2011.
- RESTRICTED:** Open to players who have not attained 300 MP's as at 30th September 2011.
- NOVICE:** Open to players who have not attained 100 MP's as at 30th September 2011.
- MIXED TEAMS:** Each pair must comprise one player of each gender at each table for ALL matches
- NON-MIXED:** Any team not comprising one male playing with one female at each table each session. For clarity there are NO restrictions on the Non-Mixed Teams you simply need 4 people at the table and their gender is immaterial.

### OVERSEAS ELIGIBILITY

- NOVICE:** NZ Juniors as at January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012
- RESTRICTED:** NZ Intermediate as at January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012
- INTERMEDIATE:** NZ Open with no more than 100A Points & 400B Points as at January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012

### TEAM CATEGORIES

All teams should have nominated their category when submitting their entry. The lists of categories received will be published at various points around the Convention Centre.

Please check to see you are entered correctly into the various categories as once winners are announced no correspondence will be entered into.

## **CLOSING OF ENTRIES – AFTER WHICH IT IS SUBJECT TO DIRECTOR’S APPROVAL**

<b>Pairs</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – entries thereafter at director’s discretion
<b>Teams</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – entries thereafter at director’s discretion
<b>Butler Pairs</b>	Thursday 12:00 noon 1 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>Mixed Teams</b>	Thursday 12:00 noon 1 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>Same Sex Teams</b>	Thursday 12:00 noon 1 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>Novice Pairs</b>	Thursday 12:00 noon 1 <sup>st</sup> March

Any player making changes to their entries which incur credit card transactions will be charged with an administration fee of \$10 per player.

## **SESSION TIMES**

<b>All Pairs Qualifying</b>	Saturday	1.00pm to 4:30pm	7.30pm to 11:00pm
<b>All Pairs Finals</b>	Sunday	1.00pm to 4:30pm	7.30pm to 11:00pm
	Monday	1.00pm to 4:30pm	<b>NO PLAY MONDAY EVENING</b>
<b>All Teams</b>	Tuesday	11.00am to 7:00pm	<b>NO PLAY TUESDAY EVENING</b>
	Wednesday	11.00am to 7:00pm	<b>NO PLAY WEDNESDAY EVENING</b>
	Thursday	11:00am to 7:00pm	<b>NO PLAY THURSDAY EVENING</b>
<b>Open Teams Knockout Finals</b>			Friday and Saturday
<b>Seniors Intermediate Novice &amp; Restricted Teams Finals</b>			Friday
<b>Butler Pairs</b>	Friday	1.00pm to 5.30pm	7:30 pm to 10:45pm
	Saturday	10.30am to 2.00pm	
<b>Mixed Teams</b>	Friday	10.30am to 2.00pm	3.00pm to 6:30pm
<b>Non Mixed Teams</b>	Friday	10.30am to 2.00pm	3.00pm to 6:30pm
<b>Novice Pairs</b>	Friday	10.30am to 2.00pm	3.00pm to 6:30pm
<b>Walk in Pairs</b>	Event 1 Walk-In or Play All Three for Event Prize		
	Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup> February 1:00pm	
	Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> February 1:00pm	
	Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> February 1:00pm	
	Event 2 Walk-In or Play All Three for Event Prize		
	Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup> February 11:00am	
	Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> February 11:00am	
	Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> March 11:00am	
	Event 3 Walk-In or Play All Three for Event Prize		
	Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 10:30am	
	Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 3:00pm	
	Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March 10:30am	

## **SUNDAY EVENING SESSION OF PAIRS**

### **PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED IN THE BLACK AND WHITE THEME**

We encourage all players to dress formally – just as they did fifty years ago - for the Second session of the Pairs Final Sunday night. The theme is black and white with tuxedos & long dresses being the order of the day as are suits or jackets and ties. But if this is not your thing then any black and white to make it festive would add to the evening.

## **IVY DAHLER SWISS PAIRS - SCORING**

The Open Swiss Butler Pairs is run with distinct NS and EW fields. Although the event is scored by the normal Victory Point scale, the effect of the two field format is that the average score may not be the same for NS as it is for EW. The Ivy Dahler Shield will be awarded to the pair with the highest percentage total Victory Points, relative to the average in their direction.

## **NOVICE EVENTS**

Help will be on hand for one hour before start of play for all novice & restricted events. Assistance will be available for filling out system cards, helping you find your seat & working out where you go & where the boards move etc. We can also assist with any queries re alerting or anything else you might like to know.

## WITHDRAWALS

Players are permitted to withdraw from all divisions of the Barometer pairs (Open, Senior, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice) event (Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February) at the end of the qualifying rounds provided that they notify the Chief Director or Bridge Administration Desk within **ONE HOUR** of the qualifying scores being posted. No portion of the entry fees will be refunded.

## MASTERPOINT AWARDS

Master Point Awards:	Gold in main events, red for walk-ins
Open Teams	1.12 gold masterpoints for each win
Seniors Teams	0.84 gold masterpoints for each win
Intermediate Teams	+/- 0.50 gold masterpoints for each win
Restricted Events	+/- 0.45 gold masterpoints for each win
Novice Events	+/- 0.36 gold masterpoints for each win
Mixed Teams	0.36 gold masterpoints for each win
Open Swiss Butler Pairs	0.64 gold masterpoints for each win
Restricted Swiss Butler Pairs	+/- 0.26 gold masterpoints for each win

## SUBSTANTIAL AWARDS FOR OUTRIGHT PLACES (TOP HALF OF FIELD IN PAIRS, TOP THIRD OF FIELD IN TEAMS AND SWISS PAIRS).

**On the subject of Masterpoints.....There will be a masterpoint seminar for the benefit of club masterpoint secretaries at 10:00 on Tuesday Morning in the Mezzanine above the playing area.**

## SUBSTITUTES

If you do not feel well and require a substitute, see the Bridge Administration Desk. Please use this service only when essential.

## STAFFING

Our Floor Managers, Marj, Chris, Kim and Amber are dressed with the white overshirt. Our Caddies are in purple however they are only here to caddy – see Marj, Chris, Kim or Amber if further assistance is required. Our Directors led by Laurie Kelso have the blue shirts.

Our Scoring Staff led by Matthew McManus are in the Black Schweppes shirts. However scoring issues should be addressed with the Scoring Enquiries DESK outside the scoring centre towards the back wall in the centre of the playing area.

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

## PENS

The pen you receive in the satchel is the one you will use to bid and score throughout this congress. Please bring it to each session.

## BULLETIN

David Stern, Barry Rigal and Brent Manley are the Bulletin co-editors. The quality of the Bulletin is enhanced with contributions from players of all standards. Quality play, defence or bidding or humorous stories from the tournament or even general comments or criticisms are greatly appreciated. There are many ways to make a submission including:

- see a Bulletin Editor
- phone the number on the header of the Daily Bulletin
- send an email to the address on the header of the Daily Bulletin
- put a submission in the Bulletin Submission box opposite the Administration desk

## ROOM SETUP - COLOUR CODING

For the whole event, the Open Area will be dressed up in light and dark blue, the Intermediate in bronze and cream while the Restricted will be in green and dark green, the Novice in yellow and gold and the Seniors in pink and lilac. Coloured flags will identify your section results and playing areas.

## BAR

Subject to usage, the Bar run by the Convention Centre will be open 30 minutes before the end of play in each session.

## COFFEE, TEA

As a service to participants this year we will trialling Coffee Caddies (dressed in bright yellow over-shirts) who will even take orders for

- coffee & tea of the cheaper variety which they will make for you at \$2.50 per cup.
- more expensive varieties (cappuccino, latte etc.) for the normal price charged by the GCCC outlets.

To make this work please ensure you complete the order form which will be on every table. Correct change is a blessing but not essential.

## DINNER DANCE – NUMBERS ARE LIMITED SO - TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT - DON'T DELAY

This year's Dinner Dance will be held in the Gold Coast Convention Centre on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Doors will be open at 8:00pm with pre-dinner drinks from 7:30pm. As in the past, entry to this event is by ticket only and the onus is on the individual to make arrangements. The procedure is to pick up a "table list" from the Bridge Administration Desk and return it as soon as possible and prior to 8:00pm Wednesday. Tables will accommodate a maximum of ten people and list can be for any number from 1 to 10. Regrettably it is simply not possible to accommodate tables for more than ten people.

For those playing in **BOTH** major events (Pairs and Teams), the dinner dance is free, for those playing in one major event (**Pairs or Teams**) the cost is \$35.00. For those only playing in the events at the end of the week (**Friday/Saturday**) the cost is \$60.00. For those playing in **NO** events, the cost is \$70. These charges are payable at the time of handing in the list to the bridge administration desk. Tickets will be available for collection from 15:00 Friday afternoon.

## TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

<b>Tournament Organiser:</b>	Therese Tully - 04-0987-0324
<b>Chief Tournament Director:</b>	Laurie Kelso
<b>Bulletin Editors:</b>	David Stern (04-1111-1655), Barry Rigal and Brent Manley
<b>Appeals Chairperson:</b>	Bruce Neill
<b>Appeals Committee:</b>	Finalised at the venue
<b>Appeals Scribes:</b>	Brent Manley Barry Rigal, David Stern and Sebastian Yuen
<b>Chief Scorer:</b>	Matthew McManus
<b>Recorders:</b>	John Brockwell, Alan Doddridge Keith McDonald and Greer Tucker,
<b>Appeals Advisers:</b>	David Appleton, Neville Francis, Julia Hoffman and Barbara Travis The Director will guide you to the appropriate adviser
<b>Novice &amp; Restricted Player Liaison:</b>	Tim Runting, Graham Rusher and Therese Tully

## ON-SITE PERSONNEL

Attending the congress during the tournament will be:

**John Wignall** – First Vice President of the WBF and President Zone 7

**Keith McDonald** – QBA and ABF President

**Di Marler** - ABF Secretary

**Milan Macura** – President of the Czech Bridge Federation

**Alister Stuck** - Executive Secretary – New Zealand Bridge

**Laurie Kelso and Matthew McManus** – Joint National Tournament Coordinators

**Jane Rasmussen** - ABF Secretariat

**Sean Mullanphy** - ABF Chief Tournament Director

**David Stern** – WBF Youth Committee Member, International Bridge Press Association Executive Committee Member, ABF Youth Committee Chairman, ABF Tournament Organiser for Open, Women's and Seniors Playoffs

## WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR

- A calendar of social events ranging from Trivia evenings through Yoga and Karaoke Evenings to Fashion Parades. A full schedule is contained in this and subsequent bulletins.
- No Night Play in Teams: Play commences at 11am on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday and will finish by 7pm (earlier if you are quick!)
- Holiday Walk in Pairs: There are now walk-in sessions **EVERY** day of the Gold Coast Congress - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> through Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. You can play in as many or as few as you like at a cost of just \$15.00 per session.

There is no need to pre-enter – just turn up and pay at the table. As an incentive these sessions have been grouped into three competitions where players will qualify for an overall prize if they play in each of the three sessions of that competition.



- ❖ The first group of three session starts at 1pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and continues on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> & Monday 27<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ The second group of three session starts at 11am on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and continues on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March
- ❖ The third group of three session starts at 10:30am on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and continues at 3pm Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March & Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.30am
- Mixed Teams on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: To play in this you must have a male/female partnership at both tables for all sessions. There are NO restrictions on the Non-Mixed Teams. You need 4 people at the table and their gender is immaterial. If your team qualifies to play in the Mixed but you would prefer to play the Non-mixed please feel free to do so.
- Black & White Dress up Night, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February: We had such fun last year we are doing it again!
- Envy Hotel, Niecon Tower 17 Victoria Avenue Broadbeach: For everyone who feels that their analytical ability is improved by a glass of wine or a beer we recommend going to the Envy to discuss hands with fellow bridge players as you relax after play. They are offering 10% off all drinks.

**• WINNERS – SPRING NATIONALS FREE ENTRY TO GCC**

- The winners of the Team Entry to the GCC as a result of their win in the 2011 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams were Carol Sheldrake, Kathie de Palo, Michael Bush and Philip Moroney.
- Winners of the Pairs Entry to the GCC as a result of their highest datum scores in the 2011 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams were Deb Wellman and Helen Kite AND John Scotford and Alex Ngan.
- If you are a restricted player then consider entering the 2012 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams for your opportunity to win free entries for the 2013 Gold Coast Congress.

**LEE CARTER**  
Greer Tucker

It is my great pleasure to sponsor the Intermediate Pairs as a tribute to my Mother, Lee Carter.

Lee came to bridge in her early fifties. She was an avid Solo player and learned the concepts of bidding, card play and defence. As a very keen golfer playing cards with her friends after a round of golf was a regular event.

She and her friends moved across to bridge in the late 1960's and she was fortunate to have the opportunity to play against the great Queensland women players of the time particularly Ivy Dahler, Gray Reynolds and Fay Landy, all of whom represented Australia on a number of occasions.

Bridge became her great passion in life after golf. She achieved good results in both club and congresses events and in the mid 1970's represented Queensland in the ANC Pairs.

She had two favourite partners, Doreen Neilson and Phil Hubble.

Lee loved playing at the Gold Coast Congress, then played at the Chevron Hotel, continuing to attend the Congress when it moved to the ANA Hotel.

Lee encouraged and coached my friends and myself when we embarked on the long torturous road to mastering the greatest game of all. Her encouragement and advice was generously given to new and aspiring players.

I would like to thank the Gold Coast Congress Convener and Committee for the opportunity to provide this sponsorship in memory of my Mother.

**2013 DATES**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2013 through to  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2013**

## EDUCATION AND RELAXATION

Recognising the leisure time released through the revised playing times and no evening play during the teams our very social Tournament Organiser Therese Tully has worked her fingers to the bone to find new and interesting way to entertain our players. Think Karaoke, Trivia, Fashion Parades and Seminars to improve your game.

Those seminars will cover a wide range of bridge subjects where the country's top teachers will pass on their secrets to playing better and more enjoyable bridge. They will even provide you with notes at each session. Entry will be by donation with a suggested **MINIMUM** of \$5 per person which will go towards the Friends of Australian Youth Bridge Fund.

The Friends of Australian Youth Bridge Fund was established in 2000 to provide funding to youth players who, without financial support may not be able to participate in bridge events both in Australia and Overseas. The administrators of the fund believe that increased and varied participation will add to their knowledge and enjoyment of the game. Typically the fund provides subsidies of between \$2000 and \$4000 per annum depending on applications and needs.

Come to any number of sessions. No need to book or to come with a partner but beware these sessions were extremely well attended last year so be early.

### EDUCATION

Session Time	Presenter and Topic
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2012 4:30pm to 5:30pm	Joan Butts "For Novices' Ears Only – <i>Getting a handle on this Game</i> " Playing Area Left Side of the Main Door
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2012 4:30pm to 5:30pm	Ishmael Del Monte "Opening Leads" Playing Area Left Side of the Main Door
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2012 11:30am to 12:30pm	Ron Klinger "Competitive Decisions" Playing Area Left Side of the Main Door
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2012 2:30pm to 3:30pm	Michael Courtney "How to Bid" Playing Area Left Side of the Main Door
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2012 9:30am to 10:30am	Phil Gue "Forcing 1NT & Checkback 2 conventions to improve your system" Playing Area Left Side of the Main Door
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2012 9:30am to 10:30am	David Beauchamp "High Level Decisions" Playing Area Left Side of the Main Door

### RELAXATION

Our hosts for some of our social and relaxation activities will be the Envy Hotel located in the Mall across from the Oasis Shopping Centre. Show them your system card or anything which indicates that you are part of the bridge contingent and they will show their friendliness by giving you a 10% discount off all drink purchases.

A special addition this year is free Yoga sessions. Yes it will be early each morning but Susan Rodgers, a Certified Iyengar Yoga Teacher is going to teach a one hour yoga class commencing at 6:00am sharp on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings ... weather permitting. Yoga is a science evolved over 5000 years to promote physical, mental, and spiritual wellbeing of man as a whole.

As a bridge player who practises yoga on a daily basis, she firmly believes yoga helps with concentration for the game of bridge. If you have always wanted to try yoga now is your opportunity to do so. Come and participate in a FREE class and see how it impacts on your game of bridge.

# Social and Special Events Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Saturday 25 February	Novice Welcome With Tim Runting and Graham Rusher	12:00pm	GCC Playing Area	Help for Novices about the tournament, how it works, filling in your system cards and anything else you want help with
	Bridge Widows Get Together	2:30pm	Air on Broadbeach	Welcome to non bridge playing partners
Sunday 26 February	Walk on the Beach With Mary Wedell	6:30am to 7:15am [Yes that is am]	Meet Outside the Surf Club	A brisk walk along our beautiful beach – Way to Go!
	Travel Light Travel Bright	11:30am to 12:30pm	GCC	Your chance to listen to expert travel tips on what to bring & how to pack including a fashion parade of clothes from House De PJ modelled by 6 bridge players - come along & cheer them on!
Monday 27 February	Walk on the Beach With Mary Wedell	6:30am to 7:15am [Yes that is am]	Meet Outside the Surf Club	A brisk walk along our beautiful beach – Way to Go!
	Tapas and Trivia with Josey Alexander and Faye Wyer	6:00pm to 8:30pm Players and Non- Players Welcome	Envy Hotel	Enter Teams Up to Six at the hospitality Desk. Entries taken at the venue subject to space. Kibitzers welcome.
Tuesday 28 February	Free Yoga in the Park With Susan Rodgers	6:00am to 7:00am [Yes that is am]	Kurrawa Park Beach End of the Mall - Left of Surf Club	Bring a mat or beach towel and some eyeshades if you have them for some gentle exercise which will energise your day
	Walk on the Beach With Mary Wedell	6:30am to 7:15am [Yes that is am]	Meet Outside the Surf Club	A brisk walk along our beautiful beach – Way to Go!
	Fashion Parade with Sally Elliot	9:00am to 10:30am	Oasis Surf Club in the Shopping Centre	Meegs Boutique Fashion Parade and Morning Tea
	Novice Welcome With Tim Runting and Graham Rusher	10:00am to 11:00am	GCCC	Help for Novices about the tournament, how it works, filling in your system cards and anything else you want help with
Wednesday 29 February	Free Yoga in the Park With Susan Rodgers	6:00am to 7:00am [Yes that is am]	Kurrawa Park Beach End of the Mall - Left of Surf Club	Bring a mat or beach towel and some eyeshades if you have them for some gentle exercise which will energise your day
	Walk on the Beach With Mary Wedell	6:30am to 7:15am [Yes that is am]	Meet Outside the Surf Club	A brisk walk along our beautiful beach – Way to Go!
Thursday 1 March	Free Yoga in the Park With Susan Rodgers	6:00am to 7:00am [Yes that is am]	Kurrawa Park Beach End of the Mall - Left of Surf Club	Bring a mat or beach towel and some eyeshades if you have them for some gentle exercise which will energise your day

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	Karaoke Night with Nadya Tuxworth	From 8:00pm Players and Non- Players Welcome	Envy Hotel	Come along and enjoy a meal at the Envy Hotel first to ensure your seat or wander in whenever the mood takes you – should be a great night!.
Friday 2 March	Free Yoga in the Park With Susan Rodgers	6:00am to 7:00am [Yes that is am]	Kurrawa Park Beach End of the Mall - Left of Surf Club	Bring a mat or beach towel and some eyeshades if you have them for some gentle exercise which will energise your day
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## FAREWELL GEOFF

Geoffrey Slack-Smith passed away on 16th September 2011 from a number of complications that followed upon the rejection of his kidney transplant. He was 68 years old and is survived by his long-time partner Jan Peach and two children from his first marriage.

His working life was spent as a civil engineer mostly involved with port infrastructure but he always looked forward to directing at the Gold Coast Congress. and had been on the directing team since early 2000's. He was a familiar figure on the floor – readily recognizable by his smiling face and his braces!

He will be sadly missed by Jan, his family those who were fortunate enough to work with him and his many friends in the

bridge community.

## SYSTEM CARDS HOW AND WHY – PART 1 THE OUTSIDE

It is important to understand that bridge is a game of disclosure and not obfuscation. The intent is to tell as much to your opponents as you and your partner know about your methods. The place where this begins is the system card. While some players are dismissive of the need to FULLY complete system cards they serve two very good functions:

- provide COMPLETE and MEANINGFUL information to the opponents regarding your methods; and
- system card serve as a good reminder of things you and your partner should have agreed on before the tournament.

Here is a guide to help you complete the card. Firstly you should be aware that there is a program which allows you to complete the card on your computer and print it in its completed form. To download the program, go to [www.abf.com.au](http://www.abf.com.au). Some basic abbreviations you would be aware of:

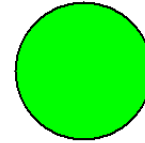
M = Majors	HCP = High card Points	G/F = Game Force	WK = Weak
m = minors	PEN = Penalties	F1 = Forcing 1 Round	STR = Strong
SPL = Splinter	T/O = Takeout	NNF = Natural Not Forcing	
ATT = Attitude	NAT= Natural	P/C = Pass or Correct	

Many players/Partnerships only fill in the front of the card finding the inside of the card has too much detail in it. However we would urge you to complete both sides of the card as it will reinforce the methods between you and your partner.



## STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

Names: David Stern Barry Rigal  
 ABF Nos: 58823 N/A  
 Basic System: 2/1 Brown Sticker   
 Classification: Green  Blue  Red  Yellow



Click circle for color

Basic System should be an excellent guide to your opponents as to your methods. You might like to consider Standard, 2/1 meaning a new suit at the two level after partner opens is forcing to game, Precision or Strong Club. The colour classification for your system is set by the ABF and Tournament Regulations. If you are unsure refer to a director for help.

## OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning Canape   
 1♣ 3+ /11+HCP    1♦ 4+(3) /11+HCP    1♥ 5+(4) /11+HCP    1♠ 5+(4) /11+HCP  
 1NT 15-17 Poss 5 Major or 6 minor may contain 5 card major   
 2♣ Stayman: simple  extended  Other: Asks 5 Majors  
 Transfers 2♦ TFR >> 2♥    2♥ TFR >> 2♠    2♣ TFR >> 3♣  
 2NT TFR >> 3♦    Other: Superaccepts; 1NT:3♣/3♦=Inv to 3NT Only  
 2♣ Game Force: 2♦=Positive:2♥=Negative: 2♠s=Bal and 2NT=♠s  
 2♦ Weak Two in EITHER Major; Usually 6 card suit with 3-7 HCPs; 2NT=ENQ  
 2♥ Weak Two in HEARTS; Usually 6 card suit with 8-11 HCPs; 2NT=ENQ  
 2♠ Weak Two in SPADES; Usually 6 card suit with 8-11 HCPs; 2NT=ENQ  
 2NT 20-22 Balanced then Pupper Stayman and Transfers; Rarely 22 with 5 card suit  
 3NT 4♣/4♦ Opening in 1st/2nd; Gambling in 3rd/4th

In this section we are describing our opening bids. This together with leads and signals is what your opponents will be most interested in. Try to add as much information as you can. For example where there is space add your bids over 2♥, 2♠ and 2NT as above.

## PRE-ALERTS: CALLS THAT MAY HAVE UNEXPECTED MEANING/S OR REQUIRE SPECIAL DEFENCE

Most Partscore Doubles are Takout    1NT May contain a six card minor  
 1♦ Opening may be 3 if 4-4-3-2  
 Aggressive support bids in competition

In this section you are trying to draw your opponent's attention to bids or plays that might be "unexpected" and which they may wish to discuss before the match begins.

## COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Negative doubles through 4♥    Responsive doubles through 4♥  
 Jump overcalls Weak    Unusual NT    Lowest unbid suits usually minors  
 1NT overcall (immediate) 15-17 Sys ON (re-opening)    11-13 Sys ON  
 Immed cue of minor If Minor 3+ Michaels any range else natural  
 Immed cue of major Michaels any range  
 Over opponent's 1NT (weak) X=PEN; 2♣=M; 2♦=4M+5m; 2M=NAT  
 Over opponent's 1NT (strong) DONT  
 Over weak twos Double = T/O THEN Lebensohl  
 Over opening threes Double = T/O

This is another section that will be of interest to your opponents as it describes what happens in competition. Notice the use of DONT over 1NT, you can use **popular** names of conventions to save describing them – your opponents will ask if they don't understand.

## BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors	limit <input type="checkbox"/>	forcing <input type="checkbox"/>	Other: Weak Raise 4+ 6-9 HCPs
Jump raises - majors	limit <input type="checkbox"/>	forcing <input type="checkbox"/>	Other: Weak Raise 4+ 0-6 HCPs
Jump shifts after minor opening	Weak usually 6 card suit 3-7 HCPs		
Jump shifts after major opening	Bergen Raises		
Responses to strong 2 suit opening	2♦ Positive or Negative Others Semi-Pos		
Responses to 2NT opening	Puppet Stayman		

This section describes your basic responses to opening bids. Check the box Limit if your response shows 9-11 or thereabouts with support for partner's suit while forcing requires partner to make at least one more bid.

## PLAY CONVENTIONS

'NT' Versus Notrump	'S' Versus Suit	✓ = Both
Sequence leads:	Overlead all <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All except AK x (x) <input type="checkbox"/>
Underlead <input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	
Four or more with an honour	4th highest <input type="checkbox"/>	attitude <input type="checkbox"/>
3rd/5th <input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	
From 4 small	2nd highest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____
From 3 cards (no honour)	top <input type="checkbox"/>	middle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bottom <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Signal</b> on partner's lead:	high encourage <input type="checkbox"/>	low encourage <input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	Mainly Reverse Count; Rarely Reverse Attitude	
<b>Signal</b> on declarer's lead	Mainly Reverse Count; Rarely Reverse Attitude	
<b>Discards</b>	McKenney <input type="checkbox"/>	high encourage <input type="checkbox"/> low encourage <input type="checkbox"/>
odd/even <input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	
<b>Count</b>	natural <input type="checkbox"/>	reverse <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Almost Always Reverse Count

This is another section which will be of interest to your opponents showing how you lead and signal. Where you have different signals against NT and Suits you can show this by putting NT or S in the boxes. Make every effort to complete as much information as you can. Bridge is a game of disclosure and you play a big part in that.

## CONVENTIONS

4NT:	Blackwood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RKCB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: Grand Slam Force
4♣	Gerber <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> when?	Over 1NT Only	
<b>Other Conventions</b>			
Lebensohl after our 1NT and your WK Twos		_____	
Lightner Doubles		_____	
Fourth Suit = GF		_____	
1♣:1♦:1♥:1♠=Nat NOT 4th Suit		_____	

In this section you show your slam bidding methods add the names of any conventions that you use. Make sure you put in ALL of your conventions.

Tomorrow we will look at completing the inside of the card.

## USING THE BRIDGEMATES

This year at the Gold Coast Congress, the Bridgemate2 units will be used at all tables for all events. Bridgemates are a wireless scoring device, with the players transmitting scores from the table to the scoring room immediately a board has been played. This will mean that the results for all sessions should be available very soon after the last card is played.

There will be instructions on how to use the Bridgemate on every table. What follows is a summary of what you need to do and what you need to look out for. More detail can be found on the table instructions.

- The Bridgemate will regularly turn itself off in order to conserve power. If the screen is blank at any time, just press OK to power it up again. Any details already entered will be retained.

- **After each board is played, you need to enter:**
  - **the board number**
  - **the contract and declarer**
  - **the number of tricks (result)**

**The Bridgemate will then calculate the score, which will be displayed as the score for NS.**

Normally NS should take charge of entering the details. It is most important that the opponents (EW) verify that the score is correct, then press the button, **ACCEPT** to confirm it.

NB: This becomes the official score for your table for this board, so please ensure its accuracy. At any time you can check the scores already entered, by means of the button, **SCORES**. Any errors can be corrected by the players via the button, **CORREC**. (Note: the button for **ACCEPT**, **SCORES** and **CORREC** are all at the top right hand side of the keypad).

After each result is confirmed, the number of boards still to be entered will be displayed. At the end of a round, the Bridgemate will display "End of Round", meaning that you have entered all the scores for the round. Until you get this message, no scores can be entered for the next round. If you are not sure what boards you still have to enter, enter 55 as the board number and you will see the board numbers still to be scored.

**At the end of a round, please use the SCORES button to check that the results you have entered are all correct.**

**Tables which fail to enter all their scores will be the main reason for the results of a session being delayed, or for later score corrections needing to be made. From experience, many players get up from the table after playing the last board and don't bother entering and confirming the score. Please don't be one of them!**

#### **CORRECTING SCORES**

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, they will be placed in baskets next to the notice board where the results of your section or event are posted. For all other sessions, they will be placed on your table before or during the next session.

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 and are also on the back of the Bridgemate instructions on each table (**Ed: and in this Bulletin**). At the conclusion of the scoring correction period, scores become final and, under the Laws of Bridge, no further changes can be made.

#### **PLAYER NUMBERS FOR THE TEAMS USING BRIDGEMATE II**

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

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

## SCORE CORRECTION PERIODS

### Pairs Championships

Qualifying One	Midnight, Saturday
Qualifying Two	One hour after scores are posted
Final One	Midnight, Sunday
Final Two	2:00pm, Monday
Final Three	One hour after scores 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

### Open and Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs

Matches 1-4	Midnight, Friday
Matches 5-7	Midday, Saturday
Matches 8-10	One hour after scores for Match 10 are posted

### Mixed Teams, Non-Mixed Teams

Matches 1-3	5:00pm, Friday
Matches 4-6	One hour after scores for Match 6 are posted

### Friday Novice Pairs

One hour after scores are posted

### Holiday Walk-In Pairs

30 minutes after scores for the session are posted

## SYSTEMS - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Each pair are required to have two current ABF approved, systemically identical system cards on the table for the opposing pair before the start of each round. Additional WBF system cards may also be brought to the table.

**GREEN**, **BLUE** and **RED** systems as well as **BROWN Sticker** conventions may be used during the Open Pairs, Senior's Pairs, Intermediate Pairs and Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs subject to protection (note: protection will not be available for the major final of the Open Pairs).

Only **GREEN** and **BLUE** systems may be used during the Restricted Pairs, Novice Pairs, Ivy Dahler Restricted Swiss Pairs and Novice Teams.

**GREEN**, **BLUE** and **RED** systems as well as **BROWN Sticker** conventions are permitted in the Restricted Teams (with protection) as well as the Intermediate, Mixed and Non-Mixed Teams.

**YELLOW** systems will not be permitted in the Seniors/Intermediate/Restricted/Novice/Mixed/Non-Mixed Teams or any Pairs event; or during the first two rounds of the Open Swiss Teams. Thereafter the use of **YELLOW** systems is not permitted against teams with a current position in the lower two thirds of the Open field (decimals rounded up).

Teams proposing to use **YELLOW** systems must provide an adequate copy of their system (including a *bona fide* suggested defence) to the CTD before 11:00 am on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Such systems will be made available for inspection.

For teams wishing to use **YELLOW** systems, and in addition to the ABF card, a WBF system card (with not more than 2 supplementary A4 sheets, typed or written in black ink on one side) is mandatory.

### BROWN STICKER

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



## 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 Pairs events and in the Restricted Teams.

## ALERTS - SUMMARY

### PRE-ALERTS

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

### ALERTS DURING THE AUCTION

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

### DON'T ALERT:

Any double or redouble

Any call beyond 3NT, except a conventional opening bid

A bid of a suit *bid or shown* by an opponent

Any 2♣ response to a 1NT opening bid (*e.g. Stayman*)

For our New Zealand players We do **NOT** use STOP Cards We do **NOT** announce the range of NT openings

### DO ALERT:

All other conventional calls (such as *Transfers*, a 1♣ opening that could be a *doubleton*, 2♥=hearts and a *minor*)

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

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

### IF PARTNER STUFFS UP

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

## PLAYING TOO MANY CONVENTIONS

Brent Manley

It's exciting to learn how the language of bridge works, and it's natural to admire the established pairs who seem to have something in their bidding systems to cope with every "problem" that arises.

You look at the convention card of an expert pair, players with seemingly every space taken up with some notation about a convention in use, and you think that the more gadgets you can "acquire" the better off you will be.

Don't believe it.

In your early development, you will be far better off concentrating on your card play – learning how to take tricks – than you will be by adding every known convention to your repertoire.

Here are some reasons for going slowly in the convention department:

1. It takes time to grasp all the nuances of any new convention. Whenever you and your regular partner decide to add a new agreement, you should discuss the tool thoroughly. What if the opponents interfere? At what level is it "off?" What does it mean if you don't use the convention?
2. When you are starting out, you already have a lot to think about at the table – as declarer and when you are defending, trying to learn to count the high-card points and the opponents' hands. How will you manage all this if you also have to try to remember a couple of dozen conventions you don't fully understand?
3. Some gadgets are brilliant in conception but not very useful because opportunities to use them occur so rarely. Trying to keep everything straight in your mind uses energy better spent on more mundane – but highly important – tasks such as deciding on an opening lead or figuring out a way to make a tough contract. Other conventions use bids that sound so natural that a "forget" is not unusual.

4. Many years ago, my partner and I added Smolen to our system: Partner opens 1NT, you bid 2♣ (Stayman) and partner responds 2♦ (no major). If you have five of one major and four of the other and enough for game, you jump in your four-card suit so partner can still be declarer if you have an eight-card fit. The first four times my partner used it, the bid sounded so natural that I just passed. Oops!

Not that long ago, Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell – one of the world’s top pairs – decided that it was time to make a significant reduction in the size of their system notes. The two have fashioned an amazingly complex and effective bidding system, and they almost never have “forgets,” but at one point Meckstroth appealed to his partner to cut down on the agreements because it was getting harder and harder to remember everything.

If a pair like Meckwell can decide that less is more, it makes sense for aspiring players to follow suit.



### BRIDGE FOR THE IMPROVER Ron Klinger

Dealer: South  
Vul: All

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

East  
♠ 9 7 6 3  
♥ ---  
♦ A 10 7 5 4  
♣ K Q 10 5

South opens 4♥ and all pass. West leads the ♣A, followed by the ♣2, which you win with the ♣10. On the ♣K South follows and West plays the ♦6, even card discouraging. What do you play at trick four?

### A MATTER OF TRUST

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

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

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

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

Datum (average) on this deal from a national selection event was N-S scoring 590. At one table West made 5♦ for +600 (+15 Imps). Another West was in 6♦ doubled for –200 (+9 Imps) and one West was in 5♣ doubled after an auction which is definitely not for the fainthearted for –1700 (–15 Imps).

The other five tables played in a heart game, all making. Four made 680 on a diamond lead. At two tables the bidding went:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	4♥

When West led the ♦K and declarer soon had twelve tricks and +3 Imps. At the other table West appreciated the value of the ♥J-x-x and started with the ♣A. He struck gold and continued clubs. East won trick 2 with the ♣10 and cashed the ♣K. On this West discarded the ♦6, a discouraging signal: ‘Don’t play diamonds.’

East should continue with the fourth club to defeat 4♥. In practice East switched to the ♦A despite partner’s signal. Declarer ruffed and soon scored +620. You can see what East was thinking: ‘I’ll cash the ♦A and then play the fourth club, but trusting partner is high priority.’

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Magnus has very generously provided the palms in the foyer.

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# DRACULA'S CABARET

Immerse yourself in the scintillating world of the Vampyre. From the moment you arrive your senses will tingle, your mouth will water and the hairs on your arms will bristle with anticipation.

EXPLORE the haunted passages and baroque décor.

SHRILL to the animated sculptures and hologram portraits. RIDE a ghost train into The Theatre of the Vampyre, where you will dine in splendour, surrounded by a berserk circus atmosphere, while the jazz band sets the mood and eccentric waiters provide the insanity.

Dracula's show is fast-paced variety THRILLERTAINMENT, combining magic illusion, rock productions, catwalk costumes and tummy clutching comedy.

EXPERIENCE an explosive evening, guaranteed to leave you scarred for life!

BLACK BLOOD and Red Rum Cabaret now showing. 20% discount on B Reserve tickets for Bridge Congress visitors on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

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**Below is the Honour Roll of Restaurants who have supported the Gold Coast Congress by donating dining prize vouchers.**

**PLEASE SUPPORT THESE RESTAURANTS**

**and tell them that you're Bridge Congress contestants. If coupons are available then please use these as this allows restaurants to track our response to their generous offers**

**THE AZTEC:** is located on the left of Broadbeach Mall next to Mama Roma and offers great Mexican fare. Buy one get one half price offer pg 17D of HGC.

**SAGE RESTAURANT:** on the corner of Surf Parade and Queensland Ave. 25% and 40% food discount vouchers page 37D of HGC .

**YELLOWFIN RESTAURANT:** on the seaward corner of Surf Parade and Queensland Ave offers 25% or 40% off food (check your eating time). Coupons page 12D of HGC

**FOUR WINDS 360 REVOLVING RESTAURANT:** at Crowne Plaza about 1000 meters up the Highway towards Surfers. Great views from 17th floor of the only revolving restaurant on the Gold Coast. Free bottle of wine voucher page 1D of HGC. Book first.

**GRUMPYS BAREFOOT BAR AND GRILL:** is halfway up Broadbeach Mall on the right. Great steak, seafood and Mediterranean dishes. Free wine or beer when dining coupon pg 18D of HGC or just mention Hello Gold Coast.

**MAMA ROMA ITALIAN RESTAURANT:** in Broadbeach Mall (Victoria Ave). Half Price menu every day till 6.30 pm and '25% off dinner' coupon page 34D of HGC. Under new management.

**MARIO'S RESTAURANT:** at the beach end of Broadbeach mall. Free Pizza bread coupons page 6D of HGC

**ALTO'S RESTAURANT:** next to Mario's at the beach end of Broadbeach Mall. 10% off coupon page 7D of HGC..

**OBEROIS TAJ:** Indian Restaurant on the eastern side of Surf Parade and offers 15% off coupon page 31D of HGC .

**MANDARIN COURT:** Chinese restaurant is about 2 km to the south down the highway at Mermaid Beach. Great Yum Cha from 9am to 3pm and extensive dinner menu. 25% and 15% off offers pg 2D of HGC

**BUGZIES SEAFOOD RESTAURANT:** is up towards the beach next to Mario's on the right hand side of Broadbeach Mall and you'll find '25% off food bill after 6.30pm' voucher on page 16D of HGC.

**HOGS BREATH CAFÉ:** is in Broadbeach at the northern end of Surf Parade. For great steak and 25% off main meals see coupon sheet only. This is a special offer for Congress only and not available elsewhere.

**CAFÉ KATHMANDU:** is at the northern end of Surf Parade next to Sage and offers Nepalese, Tibetan and Indian options. 25% off offers pg 35D of HGC

**FISHERMAN'S WHARF:** at Mariner's Cove is about 10 minutes by courtesy bus from the Venue. A great way to have a night out without transport hassles. Ph 0422 869951 for the free courtesy bus and see the 'free bottle of wine when dining' coupon page 4D of HGC

**ENVY BAR:** in Broadbeach Mall is open late for a bracer or two and /or dinner after play. See page 13 D of HGC for great dining options like \$5.99 sirloin or fish on Monday and Tuesday.

**SHOGUN JAPANESE RESTAURANT:** is 10 minutes away at Bundall but well worth the short trip. For 35 years the leading multi award winning Gold Coast Japanese restaurant. Teppanyaki, Ozashiki dining and (dare I mention!) karaoke. 10% discount coupon pg 31D of HGC

**You can save money while enjoying some of the finest dining available on the Gold Coast by taking along the discount coupons found in your Hello Gold Coast Magazine which you can get from the Hospitality Desk (Excluding Hogs Breath offer)**

**You can also obtain all coupons at the Bridge Reception Desk.**

**Please ensure you are aware of any special conditions associated with these offers. These restaurants have generously provided prize vouchers in addition to the discounts offered so please give them your support.**



Of course there are lots of other dining options nearby  
but if everyone ate just once at one of these restaurants it will ensure their future support  
We would like to acknowledge the contribution of Hello Gold Coast and Fred Whittaker in particular who spends a lot of time and energy supporting the Gold Coast Congress by securing a large number of restaurant sponsorships including free meals which are used as prizes throughout the event.

## 2012 BRIDGE HOLIDAYS WITH RON AND SUZIE KLINGER

Kangaroo Island 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Tangalooma Resort 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> July 2012

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### SOME RANDOM BRIDGE ODDS

Probability that either partnership will have enough to bid game, assuming a 26+ point game  
= 25.29% (1 in 3.95 deals)

Probability that either partnership will have enough to bid slam, assuming a 33+ point slam  
= .70% (1 in 143.5 deals)

Probability that either partnership will have enough to bid grand slam, assuming a 37+ point grand slam  
= .02% (about 1 in 5,848 deals)

Number of possible auctions with North as dealer, assuming that East and West pass throughout  
 $= 2^{36}-1=68,719,476,735$

Number of possible auctions with North as dealer, assuming that East and West do not pass throughout  
 $= 128,745,650,347,030,683,120,231,926,111,609,371,363,122,697,557$

Odds against each player having a complete suit = 2,235,197,406,895,366,368,301,559,999 to 1

Odds against receiving a hand with 37 HCP (4 Aces, 4 Kings, 4 Queens, and 1 Jack) = 158,753,389,899 to 1

Odds against a Yarborough = 1827 to 1

Odds against both members of a partnership receiving a Yarborough = 546,000,000 to 1

Odds against a hand with no card higher than 10 = 274 to 1

Odds against a hand with no card higher than Jack = 52 to 1

Odds against a hand with no card higher than Queen = 11 to 1

Odds against a hand with no Aces = 2 to 1

Odds against being dealt four Aces = 378 to 1

Odds against being dealt four honours in one suit = 22 to 1

Odds against being dealt five honours in one suit = 500 to 1

Odds against being dealt at least one singleton = 2 to 1

Odds against having at least one void = 19 to 1

Odds that no players will be dealt a singleton or void = 4 to 1

The five most common hand patterns

4-4-3-2 = 21.55%

5-3-3-2 = 15.52%

5-4-3-1 = 12.93%

5-4-2-2 = 10.58%

4-3-3-3 = 10.53% [Bet you didn't get this one right!!!]

# THE GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2012

Saturday 25-Feb-2012	Sunday 26-Feb-2012	Monday 27-Feb-2012	Tuesday 28-Feb-2012	Wednesday 29-Feb-2012	Thursday 01-Mar-2012	Friday 02-Mar-2012			Saturday 03-Mar-2012		
E1 Walk In 1:00pm	E1 Walk In 1:00pm	E1 Walk In 1:00pm	E2 Walk In 11:00am	E2 Walk In 11:00am	E2 Walk In 11:00am	E3 Walk In 10:30am		E3 Walk In 3:00pm		E3 Walk In 10:30am	
1:00pm Pairs Championship Qualifying 1/2 Open, Seniors, Intermediate, Novice and Restricted	1:00pm Pairs Championship Final 1/3 Open, Seniors, Intermediate, Novice and Restricted	1:00pm Pairs Championship Final 3/3 Open, Seniors, Intermediate, Novice and Restricted	11:00am & 3:30pm Teams Championships Qualifying Rounds 1/2/3/4 of 12 Open, Senior, Intermediate, Restricted & Novice Championship Expected Finish 7:00pm	11:00am & 3:30pm Teams Championships Qualifying Rounds 5/6/7/8 of 12 Open, Senior, Intermediate, Restricted & Novice Championship Expected Finish 7:00pm	11:00am & 3:30pm Teams Championships Qualifying Rounds 9/10/11/12 of 12 Open, Senior, Intermediate, Restricted & Novice Championship Expected Finish 7:00pm	Starting 9:30am Open Teams Championship Qualifying Playoff 3rd through 6th 2 x 12 Boards Starting 10:00am Intermediate, Restricted & Novice Championship Final 2 x 14 Boards Starting 10:00am Seniors Championship Final 4 x 12 Boards 2:00pm Open Teams Championship Semi-Final 4 x 10 Boards	10:30am Novice Pairs Session 1 of 2 Entries Close 12:00 Thursday	1:00pm Ivy Dahler Swiss Butler Pairs Matches 1/2/3/4 of 10 Entries Close 12:00 Thursday	10:30am Seres- McMahon Mixed Teams Non-Mixed Teams Matches 1/2/3 of 6 Entries Close 12:00pm Thursday	09:00am Open Teams Championship Final 4x12	10:30am Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs Matches 8/9/10 of 10
7:30pm Pairs Championship Qualifying 2/2 Open, Seniors, Intermediate, Novice and Restricted	7:30pm Pairs Championship Final 2/3 Open, Seniors, Intermediate, Novice and Restricted	<b>Enjoy Your Evening Off</b>				3:00pm Novice Pairs Session 2 of 2	7:30pm Ivy Dahler Swiss Butler Pairs Matches 5/6/7 of 10	3:00pm Seres- McMahon Mixed Teams Non-Mixed Teams Matches 4/5/6 of 6	7:30pm Drinks for 8:00pm Dinner Dance		
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## COURTESY BUS

The bus will run every 10 - 15 mins traffic permitting, commencing one hour before the start of play for each session (but not walk-ins), picking up passengers at the listed stops in numerical order.

Please hail the bus. They will have a sign Gold Coast Congress Bus in front left hand windscreen.

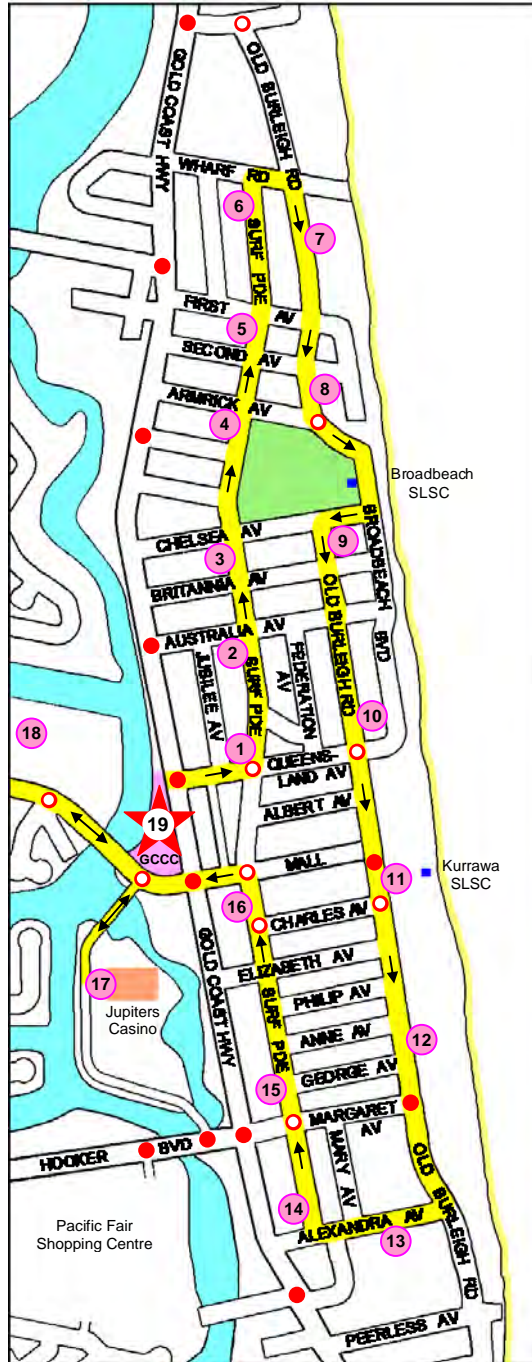
Buses will also be available to ferry people only to restaurants in Broadbeach during meal breaks, and for pickup in time for commencement of play. Please remember this is a courtesy bus, primarily for those less capable of walking over to the Mall area.

Buses will also be available at the end of each playing session, stopping again at indicated stops. Regrettably buses will not be available to take people to the dinner dance.

### Courtesy Bus Stops & Route



- 1 Aruba Beach Resort
- 2 Markham Court
- 3 Leawarra Apartments
- 4 Linden Court
- 5 Rua Apartments
- 6 Surf Parade Resort
- 7 The Breakers
- 8 Oceana Apartments
- 9 Ocean Royale
- 10 King Tide Apartments
- 11 Kurrawa SLSC
- 12 Opp. Carmel By The Sea
- 13 Breakfree Diamond Beach
- 14 Bel Air
- 15 Best Western Travel Inn
- 16 Opposite Sofitel
- 17 Jupiters Casino
- 18 Freshwater Apartments
- 19 G C Convention Centre



The Gold Coast Congress Bulletin will be delivered to the front desk each morning between 8.00am and 9.15am Monday to Saturday mornings. If you are staying nearby, you are welcome to drop into any of these establishments and collect a copy. Otherwise, they will be available at the Gold Coast Convention Centre. They may keep them under the desk or out of sight – if you can't see them there please ask.

**Air on the Beach**

**Coffee Club**

**Hi Ho Holiday Apartments**

**La Lavandou Holiday Apartments**

**Mantra Broadbeach on the Park**

**Markham Court**

**Starbucks**

### BBO OPERATORS REQUIRED

The event is seeking BBO operators to assist with the broadcast of the team finals starting on Friday and ending on Saturday. A per board fee is payable to operators. So if you are experienced (or perhaps if you would like to be trained) please contact Kim Ellaway at the Bridge Administration Office who will assist you.

Medium Calcudoku

15×	10+		5+	
			8×	
6×		10×	60×	
10+				
		8+		1

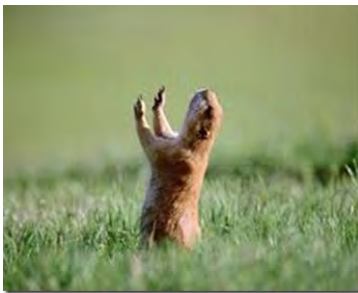
Hard Sudoku

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

**Calcudoku:** for something different this year we are including Calcudoku. To solve the 5x5 puzzle the numbers one through 5 (or if 6x6 then 6 etc.) can only appear once in each row and only once in each column. The missing numbers within each dark outlined box must equal the clue using the mathematical operation shown. So in the following example we are looking for three numbers when multiplied will equal 15 ( $5 \times 1 \times 3 = 15$ ) but remember each number is allowed only once in each row and each column

15x	
5	
1	3

**SOME LAST MINUTE HUMOUR**



Dear God,  
 My prayer for 2012 is for  
 A fat bank account and a thin body.  
 Please don't mix these up like you did last year.  
 AMEN!

What did the Elderly Jewish Bank teller say to her customers? "You never write, you never call, you only visit when you need money". Yeah I know corny but.....

What is the proper medical term for the circumcision of a rabbit – a hare cut.

The biggest selling books are cookbooks while the second biggest selling books are diet books – how not to eat what you just learned how to cook.

I went on a diet, swore off drinking and heavy eating and after fourteen days , I lost two weeks.

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