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THANKS FOR TAKING THE TIME

Thanks to all the players who took the time to help us celebrate Black and White Sunday. The winners of the “best” dressed prize were the two nuns (bless us all please) with a series of honourable mentions.



JOAN BUTTS AND HER EAGER NOVICE STUDENTS
The GCC Educational Program



PARTNER, WE NEED TO HAVE ANOTHER DISCUSSION ON LEAD DIRECTING DOUBLES

Charles Page

Before the tournament my partner, Bianca Gold and I had some vague discussions about Lead Directing Doubles where a double of an artificial bid by the opponents suggests that partner might like to lead that suit. Nothing definitive but just generalities.

Dealer: East ♠ A J 9 6
 Vul: E-W ♥ J 10
 Brd 22 ♦ A 10
 Pairs Qual 2 ♣ 10 7 6 5 3
 ♠ Q 10 2
 ♥ 9 8
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ A Q J 9 8 4

♠ K 7 5 4
 ♥ A K 6 5
 ♦ K J 5
 ♣ K 2

♠ 8 3
 ♥ Q 7 4 3 2
 ♦ Q 7 6 4 3 2
 ♣ ---

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Double	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
4♣	Double	4♦	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

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

This was the third board of the session. I thought my double was takeout while partner thought it was perhaps lead directing for clubs – suspicious given her club holding but.....-1700

Dealer: North ♠ A Q J
 Vul: None ♥ K 10 5
 Brd 1 ♦ A K Q J
 Pairs Qual 2 ♣ K 8 5

♠ 10 6 4 3
 ♥ Q J 7 6 2
 ♦ 10 5 3 2
 ♣ ---

♠ K 5
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ 7 6 4
 ♣ J 10 9 7 4 2

♠ 9 8 7 2
 ♥ 9 4 3
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ A Q 6 3

West	North	East	South
	2♦[1]	Pass	2NT[2]
Pass	4♣[3]	Double!!	Pass
Pass	Pass		

[1] Strong GF [2] Controls
 [3] Gerber

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

After some humorous exchanges about the auction between all four players declarer made the obvious 11 tricks and +610. I never thought for a moment that the double would be left in.....hmmm.

Partner and I have decided to reconsider the concept of Lead Directing Doubles altogether in an effort to avoid future disasters.....Happy Bridging!

THE SLAM GUYS

Brent Manley



Dealer: East ♠ 9 3
 Vul: N-S ♥ 7
 Brd 2 ♦ K Q 7 6 5 2
 ♣ K 9 7 6

♠ K Q 7 4
 ♥ A J 6 3
 ♦ A 10
 ♣ 8 5 3

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

♠ A J 8 6 5 2
 ♥ 8
 ♦ 3
 ♣ A Q J 10 4

West	North	East	South
		1♠	3♥
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Mike Edwards (left) and Allan Price (right) were playing together for only the sixth time at the Gold Coast Congress, but the two showed in the first final session of the Novice event that they have a real connection when it comes to slam.

They earned themselves a fine score on this deal from the seventh round of their event.

Showing an understanding of bidding beyond his experience level, Edwards saw the potential for lots of tricks despite holding only 12 high-card points. Over his partner's jump to game, Edwards bid Blackwood and sailed into the slam after his partner showed three key cards. The opening lead of the ♣2 went to the king and ace, allowing Edwards to claim after pulling trumps in two rounds. Plus 1010 was good for 92%.

On the next round, this deal came up, and Price showed his evaluation skills on this deal (our heroes were North-South):

Dealer: East ♠ Q J 8 7 2
 Vul: E-W ♥ A 2
 Brd 6 ♦ K 8 2
 Pairs Fin R1 ♣ A 8 7
 ♠ A 5 4
 ♥ J 9 4
 ♦ J 6 4
 ♣ K 9 6 2

♠ 6 3
 ♥ 10 8 5 3
 ♦ 10 9 7 3
 ♣ J 4 3

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

West	North	East	South
	Price		Edwards
		Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

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

When his partner showed at least three spades, Price liked his hand better, so he tried Blackwood and bid the slam when his partner showed two key cards. Edwards was fortunate to get a club lead away from the king, and he sized up the situation accurately in figuring that ducking in dummy gave him his only chance. He was relieved when East played the jack instead of the king, and once Edwards knocked out the ♠A he was good to go. Edwards finished with four spades, three diamonds, three hearts and two clubs for plus 980. It was not a top because another pair bid and made 6NT, but plus 980 was rewarded with a score of 92%.

It was their third slam of the session, and it helped them to second place with two sessions to go.

Edwards is a retired academic – he taught biochemistry – and Price is retired from the building trade. Price quipped: “The only way he could find someone intelligent enough to play with him was to get a tradesman.” Both are from Sydney.

The two were playing together because their regular partners have too many masterpoints to enter the Novice event.

ISHMAEL DELMONTE AND OPENING LEADS The GCC Educational Program



As Ishmael told his 120+ students “blind (as opposed to a well considered one) leads are for deaf players” - if you make a blind lead you haven't listened to the auction.



CZECH THIS OUT Brent Manley

All bridge federations like to see young people playing bridge, and there is evidence that the efforts to recruit more such players have paid off. Consider that the final of the 2011 Bermuda Bowl was contested by two teams composed almost exclusively of players in their 20s and 30s.

Two young players from the Czech Republic – Milan Macura, 28, and Michal Kopecky, 26 – are making an impression at the Gold Coast Congress. Besides their skill at the bridge table, they are models of comportment

and excellent ambassadors for the game. Macura is president of the Czech Bridge Federation. The two won the first World Youth Congress Teams in 2009 in Istanbul with two Japanese teammates.

This board was one of many fine results for the young Czechs in the first final session.

Dealer: South	♠ Q 6 5	West	North	East	South
Vul: Both	♥ 7	Macura		Kopecky	
Brd 7	♦ A J 10 8 6 2				Pass
Pairs Fin 7	♣ Q 5 3	Pass	2♦	2♥	3♦
♠ K 10 4 2		4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
♥ J 10 6 2	♠ J 7 3	Makeable Contracts			
♦ K 9 7	♥ K Q 9 5 4 3	-	-	-	- NT
♣ K 8	♦ Q	2	-	2	- ♠
	♣ A 10 6	3	-	3	- ♥
	♠ A 9 8	-	2	-	3 ♦
	♥ A 8	-	2	-	2 ♣
	♦ 5 4 3				
	♣ J 9 7 4 2				

South started with the ♦4, on which North played the ♦10. Kopecky won his singleton queen and led a low heart to dummy's jack, South playing low. Kopecky then ruffed a diamond, played a club to the king, a club to the ace, ruffed a club, then ruffed dummy's last diamond. Kopecky then played a spade to dummy's ♠10. North won the queen, and the defenders still had two aces coming, but Kopecky had his game and 81%.

To defeat the contract, South must start with a spade or switch to that suit after cashing the trump ace – he can even underlead the ace and come out with two tricks no matter what declarer does. The key is to get two spade tricks going before declarer can play on diamonds. Such defense is easy if you can see all the cards, but not if you can't. Macura was next to help the partnership to a fine score.

Dealer: West	♠ 10 5 4 2	West	North	East	South
Vul: None	♥ 8 5 4	Macura		Kopecky	
Brd 8	♦ A 8	1NT[1]	Pass	Pass	Pass
	♣ K Q 5 4				
♠ A 9 8					
♥ 10 9 7	♠ J 7 3	[1] 12-14	Makeable Contracts		
♦ Q 9 6 4	♥ A K 3 2	2	-	1	- NT
♣ A J 6	♦ K 5 2	-	1	-	1 ♠
	♠ K Q 6	2	-	2	- ♥
	♥ Q J 6	1	-	1	- ♦
	♦ J 10 7 3	-	-	-	- ♣
	♣ 10 9 3				

North started with a low club to the ♣9 and jack. Macura played a diamond from hand at trick two, playing the king from dummy, then ducking the diamond to North's then-singleton ace. South could not split his diamond honors without setting up a third-round finesse and three tricks in the suit. After winning the ♦A, North got out with the ♣K, taken by Macura with the ace. He exited with a club to North's queen, and on the fourth round of clubs he pitched a spade from dummy and a heart from his hand. North exited with a spade to the 7 and queen, and Macura ducked. South played the ♦J, taken by Macura with the queen. At that point, he was assured of seven tricks, so he just cashed out. Plus 90 was worth 73%.

The third board of the set was another good one and would have been better without a save by North.

Dealer: North	♠ A 10	West	North	East	South
Vul: E-W	♥ K 5 2	Macura		Kopecky	
Brd 9	♦ K Q J 10 7 3		1♦	2♣	Pass
	♣ K 3	4♠	5♦	Pass	Pass
♠ 9 8 7 2		Double	Pass	Pass	Pass
♥ A 4	♠ Q J 5 4 3	Makeable Contracts			
♦ A	♥ Q 9 8 3	2	-	2	- NT
♣ Q J 9 8 4 2	♦ 5 2	4	-	4	- ♠
	♣ A 6	1	-	1	- ♥
	♠ K 6	-	2	-	2 ♦
	♥ J 10 7 6	4	-	4	- ♣
	♦ 9 8 6 4				
	♣ 10 7 5				

Kopecky's 2♣ overcall showed the majors, at least 5-4 in the two suits. Once Macura evaluated his hand aggressively and bid the cold game, North-South were getting a bad result. North managed to salvage a few matchpoints by saving, but East-West still earned 65% on the board.

Kopecky led the ♠Q to North's ace. The ♦Q was next, taken by Macura, who switched to the ♣Q: king, ace, 5. A second club put Macura in again, and he played the jack, ruffed high by North. Declarer pulled Kopecky's other trump with a diamond to the 9, cashed the ♠K and played a heart. Macura accurately went up with the ace and continued with a heart. Declarer still had a heart to lose and went down three for minus 500.

On the last board of the following round, Kopecky earned his side a top with a daring bid.

Dealer: West	♠ A 10	West	North	East	South
Vul: N-S	♥ K 5 4 2		Kopecky		Macura
Brd 12	♦ K Q 7 3	Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
	♣ A J 8	Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
♠ Q 8 2		Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
♥ 10 8 7	♠ 6 3	Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
♦ 8 5 4	♥ Q 9 6 3	Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
♣ K 7 5 2	♦ 10 9 2	Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
	♣ Q 6 4 3	Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
	♠ K J 9 7 5 4	Pass	6NT	All Pass	
	♥ A J	<hr/>			
	♦ A J 6	Makeable Contracts			
	♣ 10 9	-	7	-	7 NT
		-	7	-	7 ♠
		-	5	-	5 ♥
		-	7	-	7 ♦
		-	4	-	4 ♣

Macura's 2♦ was a game-forcing check-back. After South bid spades for the third time, the suit was established as trumps, and a series of cue-bids culminated with Blackwood and Macura's choice of contract. Kopecky thought things over for a bit before deciding to try for the extra 10 points. He would have had to guess well on a club lead, but he was spared that challenge when West started with the ♦10. Kopecky won in dummy and played a spade to his ace, overtaking the 10 with the jack. West won the ♠Q but that was it: Kopecky had five spades, four diamonds, two hearts and a club for plus 1440 and all the matchpoints.

PAIRS FINAL SESSION 1

Barry Rigal

The first deal of an event often determines which way the wind will be blowing. If you bid a delicate slam and it comes home you may think it is going to be a good time to bid a lot. If the slam goes down, you may decide to be more cautious.

Dealer: North	♠ K 8	West	North	East	South
Vul: None	♥ K Q 7 6 5		Kopecky		Macura
Brd 1	♦ A 10 8 2		1♥	Pass	2NT
Pairs Fin 1	♣ K 2	Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
♠ 6 5 2		Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
♥ 4	♠ Q 10 4	Pass	5♠	Pass	6♥
♦ Q J 4	♥ A 10 9	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♣ 10 8 7 5 4 3	♦ K 9 5 3	<hr/>			
	♣ J 9 6	Makeable Contracts			
	♠ A J 9 7 3	-	4	-	4 NT
	♥ J 8 3 2	-	5	-	5 ♠
	♦ 7 6	-	5	-	5 ♥
	♣ A Q	-	2	-	2 ♦
		-	1	-	1 ♣

Nabil Edgton and Ashley Bach are not a practiced partnership so they had not discussed what the 3NT response would show precisely in the way of values. Accordingly Nabil moved on over 4♥ because he was not sure if he had any extras, and the exceedingly poor slam was reached. On a diamond lead you have no play. However on any other lead you can draw trumps but then need the ♠Q tripleton onside in order to discard all your diamonds – about a 20% chance - as Edgton discovered. Today his luck was in!

Three pairs bid and made slam in the main event, four made 480, seven played 4♥ for 450 and had reason to curse their luck. Note that on e.g. a club lead you might well play to ruff out spades (finessing might hold you to 420, and if the spades are 3-3 with the queen right you can't catch the pairs in slam.

On the second deal a point of technique exposed the limitations in some players' technique. When you hold:

♠ K Q 7 4
♥ A J 6 3
♦ A 10
♣ 8 5 3

What should you bid when partner opens 1♠ (either limited, 11-15 or standard) and the next hand overcalls 3♥? At the table I was watching, the player holding these cards bid 4♠ and missed a grand slam facing a 12 count! To be fair the hand opposite was 6-1-1-5 and 13 tricks hinged on the club finesse, but our example hand is a text-book 4♥ call. This does NOT promise a heart control; you have one, but that is a bonus. It shows a good HCP raise to 4♠ and lets partner bid intelligently, with extra shape or high cards, while a jump to 4♠ is based on shape not high-cards.

Dealer: East ♠ Q J 8 7 2
Vul: E-W ♥ A 2
Brd 6 ♦ K 8 2
Pairs Final 1 ♣ A 8 7

♠ A 5 4
♥ J 9 4
♦ J 6 4
♣ K 9 6 2

♠ K 10 9
♥ K Q 7 6
♦ A Q 5
♣ Q 10 5

♠ 6 3
♥ 10 8 5 3
♦ 10 9 7 3
♣ J 4 3

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

Playing against one Ware is bad enough – playing against two of them must be doubly wearing I suppose. On this deal Griff Ware and Michael Ware bid to 6NT on the auction: 1♣ – 1♠ – 1NT (15-17) – 2♦ (GF) – 2♥ – 2♠ – 3♠ – 4♣ – 4♦ – 4NT – 5♠ – 6NT.

Against 6NT West naturally resisted the temptation to lead a club – which would have let through 12 tricks without a struggle. Instead West led a spade and Michael won and knocked out the spade ace. He ran the spades and diamonds and reduced to this ending.

♠ 7
♥ A 2
♦ ---
♣ A 8 7

♠ ---
♥ J 9 4
♦ ---
♣ K 9 6

♠ ---
♥ 10 8 5 3
♦ ---
♣ J 4

♠ ---
♥ K Q 7 6
♦ ---
♣ Q 10

The last spade squeezed East, who knew from the auction that declarer had four hearts, into letting go a club. Ware pitched a heart from hand, cashed the three top hearts and decided that West's passive earlier defence coupled with the discarding had indicated that West had the ♣K. So he led out the ♣Q to pin the jack and emerged with a stone-cold top for his troubles. Only repeated heart leads hold 6NT to 11 tricks.

Tom Jacob and Martin Reid are trying to keep Martin's good run going. He was part of the team that won the NEC Tournament in Japan last week. Here they are combining nicely on defence.

Dealer: West ♠ 10 5 4 2
 Vul: None ♥ 8 5 4
 Brd 8 ♦ A 8
 ♣ K Q 5 4

♠ A 9 8
 ♥ 10 9 7
 ♦ Q 9 6 4
 ♣ A J 6

♠ J 7 3
 ♥ A K 3 2
 ♦ K 5 2
 ♣ 8 7 2

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

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

The hand was passed out at a sizeable percentage of the room, and if East opened in third seat it was not so easy for E/W to stay low. Accordingly when Allan and Beverley Morriss played 1NT (after a weak no-trump by West, passed out) the Kiwis had their backs against the wall. Conceding 1NT would only garner 27% of the MP.

Jacob started well by leading a low spade to the queen and ace, and declarer ran the heart ten round to Reid, who shifted to the club ten to the jack queen and ace. Back came a second heart to dummy. That left Alan in the wrong hand to tackle diamonds; he led to the queen and ace and when a diamond came back he ducked. Reid won, and played a third diamond. This was the ending:

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

Declarer cashed the last heart, pitching his losing diamond as Reid discarded a spade and North let go a club. When declarer crossed to the club ace to lead a spade up South's hand was high and the contract went one down for an 88% result for N/S. Should declarer have worked out that South's failure to return a spade at trick two meant the ♠K had to be offside? It is a lot easier with the sight of all four hands!

We saw Michael Ware collecting all the MPs from a slam earlier on. Here is playing the role of the biter bit. But before we show you the full hand let's treat it as a single dummy problem:

♠ A 10
 ♥ K 5 4 2
 ♦ K Q 7 3
 ♣ A J 8

♠ K J 9 7 5 4
 ♥ A J
 ♦ A J 6
 ♣ 10 9

Julian Foster played 6♠ after the auction:

1♦ - 1♠ - 1NT (15-17) - 2♦ (GF) - 2♥ - 2♠ - 2NT - 3♠ - 4♣ - 4NT - 5♥ - 6♠ - Pass

6♠ is obviously the best spot here but when Michael Ware meanly fishes out the ♣7 as his opening lead you have to make a decision early. Where will you go for your 12th trick.?

Let's say you win the ♣A; the spade finesse is a 50% line, but if you cash the ♠ A K and play on diamonds you come home when spades split 3-2 and the hand with the long trumps has three or more diamonds. If trumps are 4-1 you need to take the heart finesse instead. But how should you best combine your odds?

At the table Julian won the club lead, cashed the top spades, then led a low diamond to dummy and decided from the opponents' signals that diamonds were not breaking. So he took the heart finesse and when it held he could cash the ♥A, go to a diamond honour, and play off the ♥K to pitch a club.

Of course, the fact that both East and West had lied about their diamond length suggests that trusting your opponents to give count in mid-hand is something of a broken reed. Better instead is to win the club and play a diamond to the jack at trick two. If both opponents can work out they need to give false count so early, they deserve to beat you! If you now believe diamonds are 4-2 you cash the spade king and ace in that order, then take the heart finesse if nothing good has happened. The full deal:

Dealer: West ♠ A 10
 Vul: N-S ♥ K 5 4 2
 Brd 12 ♦ K Q 7 3
 ♣ A J 8

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

♠ K J 9 7 5 4
 ♥ A J
 ♦ A J 6
 ♣ 10 9

Makeable Contracts				
-	7	-	7	NT
-	7	-	7	♠
-	5	-	5	♥
-	7	-	7	♦
-	4	-	4	♣

As you can see, once declarer had not taken the spade finesse he could not go down. Kudos to Michael Ware in a losing cause for finding the only lead to trouble declarer.

PAIRS FINAL SESSION 1 – A TALE OF THREE BOARDS

Brent Manley

Sunday's games were played barometer style, so it was possible to see how a set of boards was played in each of three sections. Boards 1, 2 and 3 were viewed in the Open, Senior and Novice sections.

Dealer: North ♠ K 8
 Vul: None ♥ K Q 7 6 5
 Brd 1 ♦ A 10 8 2
 Pairs Fin 1 ♣ K 2

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

♠ A J 9 7 3
 ♥ J 8 3 2
 ♦ 7 6
 ♣ A Q

West	North Kopecky	East	South Macura	
	1♥	Pass	1NT	
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦	
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥	
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥	
Pass	Pass	Pass		
Makeable Contracts				
-	4	-	4	NT
-	5	-	5	♠
-	5	-	5	♥
-	2	-	2	♦
-	1	-	1	♣

Two young Czech players – Michal Kopecky and Milan Macura – had a fine afternoon session (59.1%), starting with the first board.

1NT showed five or more spades, 2♣ a minimum or 15+ high-card points. North showed the better hand with 3♦ and the later 3NT showed no shortness, after which they stopped in game. A diamond lead from East would have earned East-West a lot of matchpoints, but East started with the ♣9. Declarer won in dummy, played a heart to the king and ace and won the club continuation with the ace. Kopecky drew trumps, ending in dummy, then played a spade to his king and another spade, on which East played the queen. Kopecky won and claimed when the ♠10 fell under the jack (all of his low diamonds went away on the three spade winners). Plus 480 was good for a 65% score.

In the Seniors, the auction was over quickly.

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

East started with the ♥A, switching to a club at trick two. Declarer won and played a heart to the queen at trick three, then played the ♦A and a low diamond. Had East then been able to win the trick and play another heart, declarer would have been discomfited, but West won with the jack and had no trump to return. Declarer ended up plus 450 for only 31%.

In the Novice section, Lynne Cooke, playing with Irene Chau, and came home with 12 tricks in 4♥ on a non-diamond lead, scoring 69%.

Board 2 featured another slam, this one unbeatable, even at the seven level, albeit on a finesse:

Dealer: East	♠ 9 3	West	North	East	South
Vul: N-S	♥ 7		Kopecky		Macura
Brd 2	♦ K Q 7 6 5 2			1♠	3♥
Pairs Fin 1	♣ K 9 7 6	4♠	Pass		
♠ K Q 7 4					
♥ A J 6 3					
♦ A 10					
♣ 8 5 3					
	♠ A J 8 6 5 2				
	♥ 8				
	♦ 3				
	♣ A Q J 10 4				
	♠ 10				
	♥ K Q 10 9 5 4 2				
	♦ J 9 8 4				
	♣ 2				

Makeable Contracts					
7	-	7	-	NT	
7	-	7	-	♠	
-	1	-	1	♥	
-	3	-	3	♦	
7	-	7	-	♣	

Macura's shapely hand and 7-4 shape made it easier for him to jump into the bidding even at unfavorable vulnerability. The weak jump overcall seemed to blow West right out of the water as he bypassed the seemingly automatic 4♥ cuebid, and the pair languished in game on a board where a small slam was cold and a grand slam depended on a finesse. The opening low club lead made life easier for East, even though Kopecky did not play his ♣K at trick one. Plus 510 earned East-West just 19%.

In the Seniors, East opened 4♠, an unusual choice, and found herself in 5♠ after North boldly overcalled 5♥. Had West decided to double instead of bidding 5♠, best defence would have netted his side plus 1100, a top because no pair bid the grand slam.

You will have to read about the result from the Novice event in the story about Mike Edwards and Allan Price, who proved themselves to be excellent slam bidders.

The third board of the set was a part-score deal, and the pairs who were allowed to play at a low level – including the young Czechs – did best.

Dealer: South	♠ A Q 2	West	North	East	South
Vul: E-W	♥ K 7 3 2		Kopecky		Macura
Brd 3	♦ 5 2				Pass
Pairs Fin 1	♣ K 9 7 4	Pass	1♦	1♠	Double
♠ 10		1NT	2♥	Pass	Pass
♥ J 10 9 4		Pass			
♦ A Q 10 4					
♣ J 10 8 5					
	♠ K 8 7 6 5 4				
	♥ Q				
	♦ K 7 3				
	♣ Q 3 2				
	♠ J 9 3				
	♥ A 8 6 5				
	♦ J 9 8 6				
	♣ A 6				

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

The 1♦ opening was explained as possibly a doubleton if North's hand was 10-14 HCP. The two stopped on a dime on this board.

East started with a low spade to the 9, 10 and queen. Declarer played a heart to the queen and ace and followed with a heart to his king. Declarer then played a club to the ace, a club to the king and followed with a club ruff. When he came off dummy with a spade, West spent one of his winning hearts on Kopecky's losing spade, but it would not have mattered had he discarded. Kopecky had two spades, two hearts, two clubs, a club ruff and a long heart that would be promoted if West over-ruffed on the fourth round of spades. Plus 110 was good for 73% for North-South.

In the Seniors, North-South scored well by keeping their mouths shut after an aggressive weak jump overcall by East.

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	2♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		Pass

The weakish suit and unfavourable vulnerability would persuade many players to overcall at the one-level, and East caught a disappointing dummy.

South led the ♣A and continued the suit to North's king. South ruffed the third round and underled his ♥A to put North in for a fourth round of clubs. Declarer discarded a diamond, South ruffed and exited with a diamond, taken in dummy with the ace. North played the ♠10, taken by North with the ace to return a heart, ruffed by declarer. The ♠K picked up South's jack, but declarer still had to lose a spade to North's queen. Plus 200 gave North-South a 92% score.

In the Novice section, the bidding got out of hand for North-South.

West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	1♣	1♠	Double
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North-South have the majority of the high-card strength but not nearly enough for game, and the 4-1 split in hearts didn't help. Plus 100 for East-West helped them to 88% of the matchpoints.

RARE ENDING

Michael Courtney

Dealer: East
Vul: All

♠ 3
♥ Q 10 6
♦ A 8 5 2
♣ A 9 6 5 4

♠ K 8 7 4
♥ 9 2
♦ K Q J 9 4
♣ K 2

♠ A 6 5 2
♥ A K J 8 4 3
♦ 3
♣ Q 3

♠ Q J 10 9
♥ 7 5
♦ 10 7 6
♣ J 10 8 7

West	North	East	South
Avon	Richard	Michael	Eugene
		Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

When Wilsmore tried a spade lead declarer took 12 ready tricks including three spade ruffs in the dummy. The sound of the score being agreed as usual awoke the sleeping kibitzers who universally agreed that a trump lead would prevail.

In fact on a trump lead declarer, Eugene Gordon would have executed one of the rarest coups in bridge – the exit squeeze.

He wins the trump, plays the spade ace, spade ruff, diamond ace diamond ruff spade ruff diamond ruff then runs trumps. He takes two spade ruffs and only two diamond ruffs before running trumps. His basic idea is to hope to endplay one defender or the other with a spade honour to lead from the club king.

This is the position when the last trump is led:



♠ 8
♥ ---
♦ Q
♣ K 2

♠ ---
♥ ---
♦ 8
♣ A 9 6

♠ Q
♥ ---
♦ ---
♣ J 10 8

♠ 6
♥ 3
♦ ---
♣ Q 3

Earlier you unblocked the ♠K to avoid being end-played in spades. What do you discard on the last trump? A spade seems forced but then:

<p>♠ --- ♥ --- ♦ Q ♣ K 2</p>	<p>♠ --- ♥ --- ♦ 8 ♣ A 9</p> <p>♠ 6 ♥ --- ♦ --- ♣ Q 3</p>	<p>♠ Q ♥ --- ♦ --- ♣ J 10</p>
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South plays the ♠6, known as the losing squeeze card or exit squeeze card - rarity except in books. Dummy will discard in the other minor to West. A simple squeeze with the defence winning the squeeze trick.

Strangely a similar possibility came up the next day:

<p>Dealer: East Vul: All</p> <p>♠ 10 2 ♥ J 10 7 2 ♦ 10 9 8 ♣ A K 3 2</p>	<p>♠ K 7 ♥ K Q 8 3 ♦ Q J 6 ♣ J 10 7 5</p> <p>♠ A 9 8 6 ♥ A 9 6 5 ♦ A 7 3 ♣ 8 6</p>	<p>♠ Q J 5 4 3 ♥ 4 ♦ K 5 4 2 ♣ Q 9 6</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">West Michael</td> <td style="width: 25%;">North Richard</td> <td style="width: 25%;">East Jim</td> <td style="width: 25%;">South Callin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>2NT</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>3♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td></td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> </table>	West Michael	North Richard	East Jim	South Callin	Pass	2NT	Pass	1♠	Pass	4♥	Pass	3♥	Pass		Pass	Pass
West Michael	North Richard	East Jim	South Callin																
Pass	2NT	Pass	1♠																
Pass	4♥	Pass	3♥																
Pass		Pass	Pass																

This time ♣A, ♣K then ♣Q ruffed, ♠K and ♠A and spade ruffed as West discarding a club then two top trumps ending in dummy to reach this ending

<p>Dealer: East Vul: All</p> <p>♠ --- ♥ J 10 ♦ 10 9 8 ♣ ---</p>	<p>♠ --- ♥ K ♦ Q J 6 ♣ J</p> <p>♠ 9 ♥ 5 ♦ A 7 3 ♣ ---</p>	<p>♠ Q J ♥ --- ♦ K 5 4 ♣ ---</p>
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Now when the ♦Q was played, Jim Freston did not cover as declarer might have ♦A98. But Now ♥K, East discards a spade comfortably enough but then on the ♣J he has no safe discard in this situation:

<p>Dealer: East Vul: All</p> <p>♠ --- ♥ J 10 ♦ 10 9 ♣ ---</p>	<p>♠ --- ♥ --- ♦ J 6 ♣ J</p> <p>♠ 9 ♥ --- ♦ A 7 ♣ ---</p>	<p>♠ Q ♥ --- ♦ K 5 ♣ ---</p>
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As usual South discards “the other thing” Two exit squeezes in two days!

I couldn't believe it. Nor should I have, for in fact as the auction suggested Calin was 5-4-2-2 and would have comfortably taken a diamond ruff for ten tricks had Jim covered.

SOME PROBLEMS FOR MY FRIENDS

Michael Courtney

At 2:30pm Tuesday afternoon I will be giving a talk on “How To Bid” and here are the hands I will be discussing. Please consider your answers before coming to the talk so that you get the maximum out of the session.

Problem 1 West				Problem 2 West				Problem 3 West				Problem 4 West				Problem 5				Problem 6			
♠ K J 8				♠ Q 3				♠ A 7 2				♠ K 9 5				♠ A Q 9 5 3				♠ K 7 2			
♥ A Q 9 6				♥ Q 9 6 2				♥ 6				♥ A J 7				♥ K 10 8 3				♥ Q J 7			
♦ 7				♦ K J 8 4				♦ A 8 6 4 2				♦ A 10 6 3				♦ A 8 2				♦ K 8 5 3			
♣ Q J 8 3 2				♣ J 6 2				♣ K 10 8 2				♣ A 9 5				♣ 7				♣ K 7 2			
W	N	E	S	W	N	E	S	W	N	E	S	W	N	E	S	W	N	E	S	W	N	E	S
1♣	P	1♠	P	P	1♠	X	P			1♥	2♠			P	1♠		P	1NT	P				1♠
2♠	P	P	3♦	?				X	P	3♥	P	?				2♥	P	2♠	P	?			
?								?								3♥	P	3♠	P				
																?							
Answer:				Answer:				Answer:				Answer:				Answer:							

Education And Relaxation Your Personal Tournament Diary

Date	Activity	Time	Location	Notes
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
	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!

Education And Relaxation

Your Personal Tournament Diary

	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
	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!



BRIDGE FOR THE IMPROVER

Ron Klinger

Dealer: South West North East South
 Vul: Nil
 West Pass 3♣ [1] Pass 2NT
 ♠ K J 10 7 Pass Pass Pass 3NT [2]
 ♥ A 9 7 4
 ♦ Q [1] Enquiry
 ♣ Q 8 6 2 [2] No 4 or 5 card major

What should West lead?

TAKE THE LEAD OUT

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

Against no-trumps, with two suits of equal length, it is often better to lead the one without the ace. That would indicate a spade lead, not a heart, and that would be enough to defeat 3NT.

Both Wests began with the ♥4-♥3-♥J-♥Q. One South cashed the ♦A and ♦K (to check whether the queen was singleton or doubleton), and then led a heart. West took the ♥A and shifted to a spade. Too late. Declarer ducked, won the second spade, cashed two hearts and finessed against East's ♦10. He finished with eleven tricks for +460.

At the other table South returned a heart at trick 2, dummy winning, followed by a diamond to the jack. Oops. West switched to the ♠10 and the contract was one down.



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UNDISCIPLINED BIDDING

Brent Manley

When you get a new toy, it's natural to want to play with it. When it comes to bridge, some toys require careful handling. Many matchpoints and IMPs might be at stake.

Two of the most abused conventions are the Unusual 2NT and the Michaels Cuebid.

The Unusual 2NT is used when an opponent opens the bidding. In that situation, an overcall of 2NT is not a strength-showing bid. Rather, it shows a hand with two suits of at least five cards each. If the opening bid is a minor, 2NT shows the two lowest unbid suits: diamonds and hearts over 1♣, clubs and hearts over 1♦. Over one of a major, 2NT shows the minors.

The convention can be used with a very strong hand, but in general it will be a weakish to medium-strength collection.

The Michaels Cuebid over an opening of one of a minor shows both majors; over an opening of one of a major, a cuebid of opener's suit shows the other major and an unspecified minor.

When the use of one of these conventions uncovers a fit, these bids can have a devastating effect on the opponents' bidding. When one of the conventions is misused, it can be disastrous for the overcaller's side.

Consider this hand:

♠ 8
♥ 9 2
♦ Q 8 7 6 2
♣ K J 9 4 3

If an opponent opens one of a major, a bid of 2NT can cause major headaches for opener and his partner – but there is a hugely important factor that should guide you in deciding whether to bid 2NT: the vulnerability.

If only your side is vulnerable, bidding 2NT with that hand invites a four-digit penalty. Remember, partner must bid at the three level, and if the opponents have the balance of power, they will happily double and collect their 1100 or 1400, maybe more. What if you are dealt a better hand, say

♠ 8
♥ K 2
♦ Q J 10 8 6
♣ Q J 10 9 3?

The two decent suits provide a measure of safety, but if the vulnerability is still unfavourable for you, there is another consideration: Do you think you will be able to outbid the opponents? If not, how much of an advantage do you think declarer will have knowing 10 of your cards before play even starts?

The same can apply to a Michaels cuebid. You must consider whether it is worth the risk to provide a blueprint to the play for declarer. Your best position with these bids is at favourable vulnerability (they are, you aren't). Using these conventions might help you find a good save.

The other abuse of the Unusual 2NT and the Michaels Cuebid is the tendency of some players to wheel them out without proper shape.

If you make an undisciplined bid showing two suits and have only four of one, partner will not be happy if he ends up playing a doubled contract at the three level in a 4-3 fit. Worse, the next time you use either convention, partner might hold back and not bid to the maximum on his hand for fear you don't have what your bid advertises.

For best results, use your toys wisely and with discipline.

Holiday Pairs Event 1 - Session 2

N-S		Score	E-W		Score
1	Marian OBENCHAIN - Alison TALBOT	66.67	1	Lois STEINWEDEL - Kathy JOHNSON	63.89
2	Roger THOMAS - Peter LIVESEY	60.19	2	Sue ROLPH - John ROLPH	62.04
3	Ross STEINWEDEL - Stan POGACIC	54.86	3	Coral AIKIN - Michael AIKIN	56.25
4	Freda BANNER - Sarah STRICKLAND	52.55	4	Graham ARDERN - Pamela BROWN	55.79
5	Patricia HILLE - Jeanette TREVOR	48.15	5	Joan ANDERSON - Murray ANDERSON	48.84
6	Peter CAMPBELL - Colin REGAN	47.22	6	Minnie BRAGG - Chris BRAGG	46.06
7	Bill PATTISON - Ella PATTISON	45.60	7	Kiyomi AVUNDUK - Kemal AVUNDUK	44.68
8	Rosemary KELLEY - Isobel FURNIVAL	44.21	8	Carmel DENARO - Beb HOGGERHEYDE	44.44
9	Keith THORBURN - Colleen ROWLES	42.82	9	Anna MONKS - Fred WHITAKER	40.97
10	Zona TRIPP - Julia CLIVE	37.73	10	Patricia RYAN - Idalia DE VOS	37.04

TEST YOURSELF DAY 3

Barry Rigal

Against 3NT the lead is the $\heartsuit 8$, playing second and fourth leads. Dummy plays the jack and you win the Ace. What card should East lead to trick two?

North		West	North	East	South
\spadesuit A 9					$1\clubsuit$
\heartsuit K 7 5 2		Pass	$1\heartsuit$	Pass	1NT
\diamondsuit Q J 6		Pass	3NT	All Pass	
\clubsuit A Q 10 4	East				
	\spadesuit K 10 8 4 2				
	\heartsuit 8 6 3				
Dealer: South	\diamondsuit A 10 3				
Vul: Nil	\clubsuit K 2				

Opening Lead $\heartsuit 8$

SOLUTION 3

If you add together dummy's 16 points, declarer's 12 and your 10, it is clear that partner can have no more than a queen. If you defend passively, declarer will surely make one spade, at least three hearts, two diamonds and three clubs, nine or more in all.

The most useful queen partner can have is the queen of spades. If he has that card defensive prospects are good, since declarer's one no-trump call virtually denies four spades. So, it looks right to win the diamond ace and switch to a spade. But, which spade?

The presence of the nine in dummy should ring alarm bells. If you switch to a low spade on the actual lay-out, declarer could play low from hand and partner would have to play his queen to force dummy's ace. This will leave declarer's guarded jack as a second stopper in the suit. If you switch to the spade king you may be able to set up the suit satisfactorily but will not be able to get in to cash it if declarer reads the position.

The correct card to play is the 10 of spades. If declarer plays low, partner no longer has to play his queen to force dummy's ace; if declarer plays the jack, then once your partner's queen forces out the ace, your king and eight will be sufficient to cash out the suit.

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

Remember to keep a note of the winning solutions till the end of the week when the final problem will link together all of the answers.

ATTENTION ALL CLUB MASTERPOINT SECRETARIES

Peter Busch, designer and developer of the new Masterpoint Centre system and web site will be conducting a seminar at 10:00 Tuesday morning in the Mezzanine above the playing area – steps opposite the hospitality office. If you have any input into your club's masterpoints you are urged to attend this valuable seminar which will run for about 30 minutes.

THE 2012 NEC TOURNAMENT YOKOHAMA JAPAN

Barry Rigal

Australia and New Zealand formed an ANZAC alliance earlier this month when Tony Nunn and Sartaj Hans joined Tom Jacob and Martin Reid to take out the prestigious NEC Invitational Bridge event in Yokohama Japan. Here is some action from the tournament.

Dealer: East	♠ A 8 5 4 2		West	North	East	South
Vul: Both	♥ A 10 9 6 3		Zhang	Newell	Zhuang	Reid
QF1	♦ J 4				Pass	Pass
	♣ 5		1♣	1♦[1]	Double	1♠
♠ J 10 7 6		♠ Q	Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
♥ K Q J		♥ 8 7 2	1NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
♦ A K 2		♦ Q 9 7 3	[1] Majors or Minors			
♣ K 8 4		♣ Q J 10 7 3	Nunn	Dai	Hans	Yang
	♠ K 9 3				Pass	Pass
	♥ 5 4		1NT	2♣[Majs]	Pass	2♠
	♦ 10 8 6 5		Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
	♣ A 9 6 2		3♣			

With 2♠ looking relatively comfortable for N/S the issue was which if either of Newell and Reid might have found another call. Since North could easily have been 5-4 even at this vulnerability it is hard for South to act again – should North have acted again – maybe even raising 1♠ to 2♠ immediately? The defenders led a spade to the queen and king, and the ♠9 came back, covered and ducked (note that with the heart suit slightly different (KJ over AQ) South might have to return the ♠3 not the ♠9). The defence took their four spades and two aces but declarer had +90.

Tony Nunn played 3♣ and Dai found the incisive lead of ♥A and a second heart. Nunn won and played a trump to dummy, ducked, and a second trump to hand. When North discarded he played a third trump to South who played a spade to his partner for the heart ruff. This was the ending:

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

Nunn read the position perfectly when he won the diamond in dummy and cashed one more trump. South was subjected to a trump squeeze: he pitched a spade so declarer came to a diamond and ruffed out the spade king with a diamond entry left in hand. Had South pitched a diamond that suit would have run. 1 hard-earned imp for Down Under.

SCORES

The scores published below have been obtained from those published on the tournament website prior to the score correction time. For this reason they should be regarded as provisional only and are subject to changes which are submitted in accordance with the score correction procedure.

23	11	Rebecca KNIGHT - Naureen GEARON	41.17	52.30	93.47	8	12	Shelley FLEISCHER - Loren PRAG	184.00	178.00	362.00			
24	12	Mick FAWCETT - Tracey MACBETH-DUNN	47.58	45.73	93.30	9	1	Norma NEWTON - Patricia MCGAFFIN	158.00	193.00	351.00			
25	25	Colleen SOBEY - Tilley THILLAINATHAN	52.14	40.86	93.00	10	11	Monica BRITTEN - Joan CAMPBELL	212.00	135.00	347.00			
26	8	Anthony PHILLIPS - Greg KERSWELL	43.73	46.93	90.66	11	9	Sandra LLOYD - Antonia O'CONNELL	178.00	165.00	343.00			
27	1	Lesleigh EGAN - Lynne HENLEY	42.45	47.66	90.11	11	15	Janina MANSBERG - Susie PAJOR	158.00	185.00	343.00			
28	9	Prunella ADAMS - Malcolm ADAMS	39.46	41.69	81.15	13	5	Peter ROLLOND - David MUNRO	192.00	134.00	326.00			
Novice Pairs Finals Final B Results - Overall.									14	16	Isobella GORSKI - Mary O'BRIEN	183.00	142.00	325.00
									15	14	Daphne STACK - Lorna SENG	154.00	170.00	324.00
									16	7	Warren HOLMES - Jim STEVENS	161.00	154.00	315.00

			Sess 1	Sess 2	Total
1	20	Ann CARTER - Button HOWITT	61.97	55.98	117.95
2	26	Brian WIPPELL - Michael DOHERTY	55.98	56.84	112.82
3	28	Jayant KULKARNI - Jyotsna KULKARNI	55.41	54.99	110.40
4	6	Rob GAULT - Helen GAULT	56.27	52.42	108.69
5	24	John FOX - John SERRY	52.99	55.41	108.40
6	7	Susan LIPTON - Maureen GIBNEY	52.14	55.98	108.12
7	18	Diane SARGENT - Gail O'DONOGHUE	51.00	55.70	106.70
8	27	Jan LENTON - Rosemary PARKER	53.56	52.99	106.55
9	1	Patricia WAKEFORD - Dianne MUSGRAVE	50.28	55.84	106.13
9	13	Malcolm GARDEN - Jane GARDEN	56.13	50.00	106.13
11	15	Sharon CLIFFORD - Kay GOODWIN	48.43	55.56	103.99
12	22	Sandor VARGA - Terry NADEBAUM	47.44	55.98	103.42
13	21	Odetta MAYNE - Anita MOEN	51.00	50.57	101.57
14	3	Janine BUDGEON - Jenny ILIESCU	45.58	53.70	99.29
15	14	Patricia GARNER - Susan WRIGHT	49.15	49.72	98.86
16	17	Diana BANKS - Angela HALL	46.87	51.71	98.58
17	9	Daniele BURCKHARDT - Brian MILLER	44.44	53.85	98.29
18	8	Margaret ZIFFER - Rob ZIFFER	44.02	54.13	98.15
19	16	Rosemary CHALK - Jan JONES	44.87	52.99	97.86
20	12	Sandra COOL - Jenny MAWSON	50.00	47.44	97.44
21	11	Denise HARTWIG - Sheryl HASLAM	51.28	44.73	96.01
22	10	Carla FERRO - Trish WIEMERS	52.56	42.59	95.16
23	25	John STUART - Frances STUART	52.71	41.03	93.73
24	23	Jackie YUNG - Sonia BRODMAN	44.44	47.01	91.45
25	2	Beverley O'HARA - Susan KENNARD	52.42	38.18	90.60
26	5	Sean QUINN - Terry CLARKE	45.87	44.44	90.31
27	19	Arjen DRAAISMA - Margot HARRIS	48.01	32.91	80.91
28	4	Leanne NUGENT - Anne RUSSELL	35.19	37.32	72.51

			Sess 1	Sess 2	Total
Novice Pairs Finals Final C Results - Overall.					
1	9	Judith HOPE - Rachel DARKEN	65.01	58.92	123.94
2	5	Christine NICE - Faye WRIGHT	69.22	44.11	113.33
3	10	Jean WEEKS - Leonie HENRY	59.14	52.69	111.83
4	16	Judy HAPETA - Barbara LOVE	46.43	65.15	111.59
5	6	Ruth SARGENT - Grace IRELAND	56.37	53.37	109.73
6	21	Don DU TEMPLE - Charles SHARPE	51.47	57.58	109.04
7	3	Del DUDMAN - Judith BENNETT	53.50	53.20	106.70
8	4	Cathy CRAWFORD - Frances CUNNEEN	51.18	55.05	106.23
9	12	Catherine CHAFFEY - Andrew GOODCHILD	55.30	49.66	104.96
10	19	Kevin WILLIAMS - Dianne WILLIAMS	48.58	55.89	104.47
11	23	Lynn KELLY - Chipping KONG	52.48	49.66	102.14
12	11	Lillian SEALY - Kay LEVY	44.14	56.57	100.70
13	17	Susan HERSE - Di HODGES	53.67	45.45	99.13
14	24	Judith DAVIS - Louise WHITE	45.62	52.36	97.98
15	1	John SLAUGHTER - Casey SLAUGHTER	39.99	56.06	96.05
16	20	Heather BRADLEY - Janice CLARK	50.98	40.24	91.22
17	15	Adrienne DUTEMPLE - Margaret SHARPE	53.06	37.37	90.43
18	2	Mark STELLAR - Rose WORAHAEMA	43.13	47.14	90.27
19	14	Roxane BRAYSHAW - Gaynor ROGERS	42.79	47.31	90.10
20	8	Marie GILMORE - Glenys TIPLER	40.11	49.33	89.44
21	18	Linda PEACOCK - Rhonda FEGENT	52.65	35.52	88.17
22	22	Beverley FISHER - Lyn WOODS	43.40	44.61	88.02
23	7	Jane CAMPBELL - Brett CAMPBELL	37.45	50.17	87.62
24	13	Margie MADDISON - Annette SCOTT	44.32	42.59	86.91



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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	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			
<p>1:00pm Pairs Championship</p> <p>Final 3/3</p> <p>Open, Seniors, Intermediate, Novice and Restricted</p>	<p>11:00am & 3:30pm Teams Championships</p> <p>Qualifying Rounds 1/2/3/4 of 12</p> <p>Open, Senior, Intermediate, Restricted & Novice Championship</p> <p>Expected Finish 7:00pm</p>	<p>11:00am & 3:30pm Teams Championships</p> <p>Qualifying Rounds 5/6/7/8 of 12</p> <p>Open, Senior, Intermediate, Restricted & Novice Championship</p> <p>Expected Finish 7:00pm</p>	<p>11:00am & 3:30pm Teams Championships</p> <p>Qualifying Rounds 9/10/11/12 of 12</p> <p>Open, Senior, Intermediate, Restricted & Novice Championship</p> <p>Expected Finish 7:00pm</p>	<p>Starting 9:30am Open Teams Championship Qualifying Playoff 3rd through 6th 2 x 12 Boards</p> <p>Starting 10:00am Intermediate, Restricted & Novice Championship Final 2 x 14 Boards</p> <p>Starting 10:00am Seniors Championship Final 4 x 12 Boards</p> <p>2:00pm Open Teams Championship Semi-Final 4 x 10 Boards</p>	<p>10:30am Novice Pairs</p> <p>Session 1 of 2</p> <p>Entries Close 12:00 Thursday</p> <p>3:00pm Novice Pairs</p> <p>Session 2 of 2</p>	<p>1:00pm Ivy Dahler Swiss Butler Pairs</p> <p>Matches 1/2/3/4 of 10</p> <p>Entries Close 12:00 Thursday</p> <p>7:30pm Ivy Dahler Swiss Butler Pairs</p> <p>Matches 5/6/7 of 10</p>	<p>10:30am Seres-McMahon Mixed Teams</p> <p>Non-Mixed Teams</p> <p>Matches 1/2/3 of 6</p> <p>Entries Close 12:00pm Thursday</p> <p>3:00pm Seres-McMahon Mixed Teams</p> <p>Non-Mixed Teams</p> <p>Matches 4/5/6 of 6</p>	<p>09:00am Open Teams Championship Final 4x12</p>	<p>10:30am Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs</p> <p>Matches 8/9/10 of 10</p> <p>7:30pm Drinks for 8:00pm Dinner Dance</p>
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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.

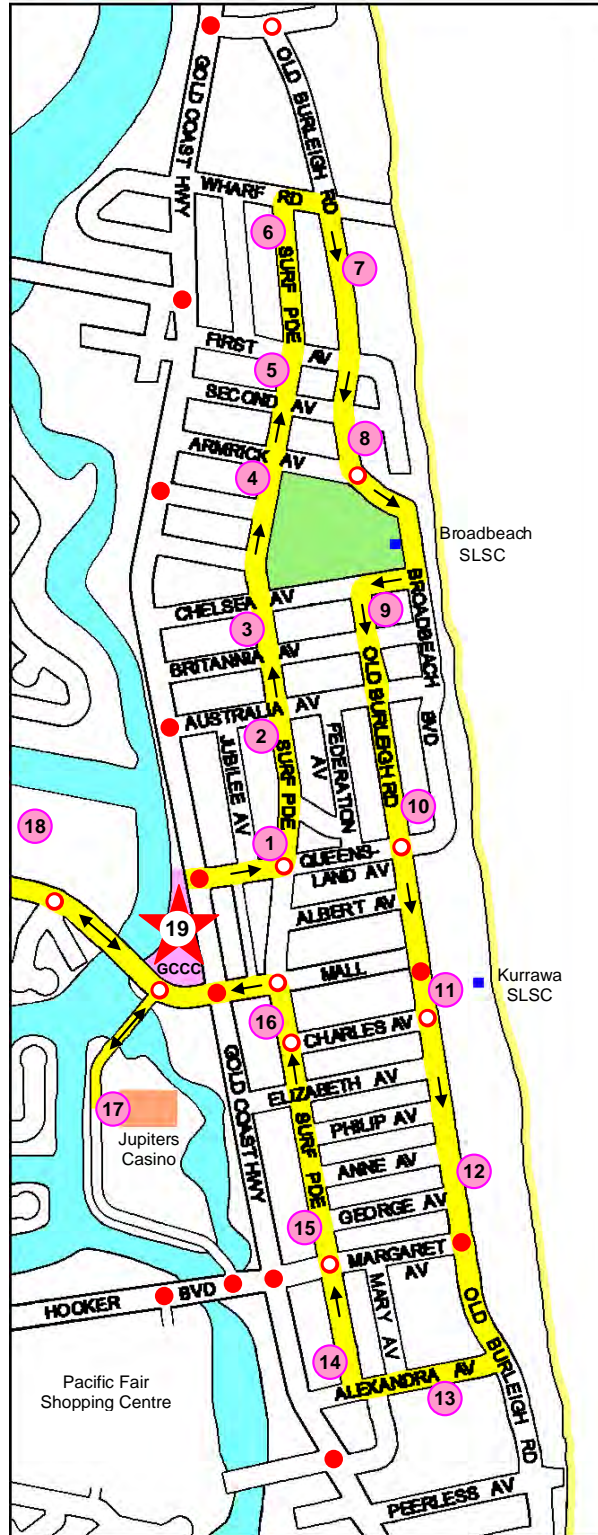
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Buses will also be available at the end of each playing session, stopping again at indicated stops. Regrettably buses will not be available to take people to the dinner dance.

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- 3 Leawarra Apartments
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- 7 The Breakers
- 8 Oceana Apartments
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- 11 Kurrawa SLSC
- 12 Opp. Carmel By The Sea
- 13 Breakfree Diamond Beach
- 14 Bel Air
- 15 Best Western Travel Inn
- 16 Opposite Sofitel
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- Air on the Beach
- Coffee Club
- Hi Ho Holiday Apartments
- La Lavandou Holiday Apartments
- Mantra Broadbeach on the Park
- Markham Court
- Starbucks

Medium Calcudoku

10+		6+	6×	
6×			9+	
	60×			20×
6+			7+	
	6×			

Hard Sudoku

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

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT – YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Medium Calcudoku

5×	16×	12×	4	8+
1	2	3		5
5	4	2	9+	1
				3
5+	5×	5	3	7+
2	1			4
3	5	5+	4	2
				1
7+	3	1	7+	5
4				2

Hard Sudoku

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



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