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WELCOME TO ANOTHER GREAT GOLD COAST CONGRESS

It's the year of the Winter Olympics in Russia, the World Cup Football in Brazil and the usual array of tennis, golf and other sports, but right here, right now is the most important event for Australian Bridge Players – The Gold Coast Congress when 2,000 or more bridge players and officials gather for the largest tournament in the Southern Hemisphere and one of the largest in the world.

As with every year since I started editing the Bulletin, your Organisers have tweaked the event to better meet your expectations. Perhaps the one such tweak that pleased me the most is naming of the Pairs Championship - the Bobby Richman Open Pairs Championship which recognises Bobby's incredible persona within the bridge community (see article in this bulletin).

Other changes are: no evening play for the Friday Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs, withdrawals allowed from Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs after the Friday sessions, new 0-50 Masterpoint Pairs Event 10:00am Wednesday 26th February and Teams Championship Start Time of 10:00am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. As always we invite your comments on these or any other suggestions you wish to make.

Your editors are always looking for material to include in the Bulletin. These can be interesting or funny bridge hands, any incidents that take place at the table or even away from the table or anything that you consider would be interesting to our readers both in attendance or who read the Bulletin online. There is a submissions box opposite the Administration Desk and we would love to see it filled with material for us to include. Alternatively the editors can usually be found roaming around the venue so just collar us with your story.

On a personal note my bridge life last year included duties at the Youth Championships in Atlanta and the World Championships in Bali. Hopefully the current year will see me in Istanbul Turkey and the Open World Championships in Sanya, China. I think I am living the bridge player's ultimate dream – touring the world attending bridge tournaments and with no pressure to produce excellent bridge to justify being there.

While on that note, this Year's World Open Championships will be held in Sanya, China which is noted as one of China's premier holiday destinations. Note the word "Open" in the name of the event – everybody is invited to play in a huge array of open, women's, mixed and senior events in both pairs and teams. If you've never played in an international event, and I note 68 Australians played in the Open Transnational Teams in Bali, then 2014 would be a great time to 'carpe diem'. Put it in your diary for 10th to 25th October 2014. (<http://tinyurl.com/lwhu48k>)

I am delighted to again welcome my co-editors Barry Rigal and Brent Manley, two of the most respected names in international bridge journalism. It is my pleasure to work with these two guys as they are so professional and supportive of our special tournament.

So that just leaves it for me to say enjoy your time here on the Gold Coast, Australia's holiday playground, enjoy the sun (here's hoping), the surf, the food and extra activities which the tournament provides and most important of all **HAPPY BRIDGING!**

WELCOME FROM JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP

Co-Patron 2014 Gold Coast Congress



As State Member for Surfers Paradise, and as a Patron of your event for 2014, I am delighted to welcome you to the 53th Annual Gold Coast Bridge Congress.

Held annually by The Australian Bridge Federation in conjunction with the Queensland Bridge Association, the Congress attracts approximately two thousand Bridge players to the Gold Coast from all over Australia and overseas. The majority of Bridge players will make use of the first class accommodation around the Convention Centre and will dine in the wonderful cafes and restaurants in the area, boosting the economy in Broadbeach and surrounding suburbs.

With so many wonderful attractions on the Gold Coast and our average of 245 fine weather days per year, the Gold Coast offers world-class entertainment, combined with spectacular scenery, for all of the Congress participants.

I encourage you to explore the beautiful Gold Coast during your stay here, whilst enjoying the camaraderie that develops when mingling with others who share your passion for Bridge.

In closing, I wish all participants the very best for the Gold Coast Bridge Congress for 2014, and trust your stay on the Gold Coast will be an enjoyable and memorable one.

Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP

Member for Surfers Paradise

Minister for Education, Training and Employment

WELCOME FROM STEVEN CIOBO MP

Co-Patron 2014 Gold Coast Congress



Welcome to the 53rd Annual Gold Coast Bridge Congress being held at the magnificent Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre.

As the Federal Member for Moncrieff, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the beautiful Gold Coast. Make sure you take the time to enjoy our 52 kilometres of beaches which attract more than 10 million visitors every year.

Our city is blessed with warm summers, mild winters and a smorgasbord of major events and attractions, little wonder many people who come to visit the Coast decide to call it home.

I hope in-between a few tricks you'll have time to explore all the Coast has to offer. I'm certain you will enjoy your stay in our great city.

It's a testament to the strength of the game that the Gold Coast Bridge Congress attracts over two thousand players from all over Australia and internationally each year.

Good luck! You never know, one day you may end up playing well known bridge fans, Bill Gates or Warren Buffet!

The Hon Steven Ciobo MP

Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer - Federal Member for Moncrieff

WELCOME TO THE GOLD COAST

Tom Tate – Mayor



As Mayor of the City of Gold Coast, it gives me great pleasure to welcome back members of the Queensland Bridge Association for the 53rd Gold Coast Congress.

The city is renowned as Australia's premier tourism destination, offering an array of world-class entertainment, rainforest and hinterland experiences, exciting shopping and dining precincts and popular parks and playgrounds.

During your stay, I encourage you to explore and enjoy everything the city has to offer.

Securing the hosting rights to the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games™ has boosted investment interest in the city.

Together with plans for a cruise ship terminal and integrated tourism resort in the Broadwater, a cultural precinct at Evandale and construction of the light rail network already underway, the city is certainly on the move.

You will also find that the residents of our city are open and willing to share the experiences and enjoyment of our city with all, so you can cherish these memories on your return home.

I trust all participants, organisers and spectators will have a productive Congress and an even more enjoyable stay here on the Gold Coast.

A handwritten signature of Tom Tate in blue ink, written in a cursive style.

Tom Tate - Mayor

WELCOME FROM KEITH MCDONALD

President of the Australian and Queensland Bridge Federations



On behalf of the Australian Bridge Federation and the Queensland Bridge Association I welcome players from all around Australia as well as overseas visitors to the 53rd Gold Coast Congress.

This is the largest tournament in the Southern Hemisphere and is recognised worldwide as a major bridge event. There is no better city to host such an event than the Gold Coast and no better venue than the Convention Centre in Broadbeach.

There have been a number of supporters that have contributed to make the event what it has become. No more so than the Queensland Government and this year we are honoured to have the Hon. John-Paul Langbroek MP Minister for Education, Training and Employment and State Member for Surfers Paradise as well as The Hon Steven Ciobo MP Parliamentary Secretary to the

Treasurer and Federal Member for Moncrieff as our Co-Patrons.

I acknowledge and thank our sponsors Cosmetics Plus, Cruise Traveller, Oasis Shopping Centre, Annette Maluish, Hello Gold Coast Magazine, Peline, Paul Lavings Bridge Books, Powers Financial Group, Schweppes, TBIB Insurances and Two Men and a Truck. I am also pleased to see that Greer Tucker has continued to sponsor the Intermediate Pairs as a tribute to her late mother Lee Carter.

A special welcome also to our Rookie and Novice players. I know you will enjoy the event.

I am confident knowing that the work done by Therese Tully and her team of workers have left nothing to chance.

Please enjoy the camaraderie of the Gold Coast Congress and the friendships you will develop.

A handwritten signature of Keith McDonald in blue ink, written in a cursive style.

Keith McDonald

President of the Australian Bridge Federation and Queensland Bridge Association

WELCOME FROM OUR HOST, THERESE TULLY



I look back on the last 10 years and wonder where they went! I agreed to be Co-Convenor of the Gold Coast Congress with a view to taking over from the redoubtable Tony Jackman if things went well in February 2004. They did, and the last 10 years have flown with each year bringing a new set of challenges.

The Gold Coast Congress was a very successful event when I took over the captaincy run to a tried and tested formula. We have seen many changes since then but as Andy Warhol says "They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself". I am afraid we have all grown a little older and are less prone to partying into the wee hours or playing bridge all day and then playing more cards all night!. The numbers attending the congress have grown such that we can no longer fit into a hotel (or even 2) – indeed with our current numbers the only venue suitable is our current one. We now have a vast array of players with different levels of abilities playing from the elite to the

Rookies. These are all changes made over time and we have had to change our structure to accommodate as best we can.

This year we are holding more events to cater for the less experienced players with an under 50 MPs event to go with our existing Rookies (under 10MPs). I recognize the starting times are contentious but we strive to maintain a balance by giving people an opportunity to have night play in the pairs – just not in the teams. For all of you supporting night play come and play in the Bobby Richman Open Pairs Championship! Our Matchpoint Pairs event is the largest in the Southern Hemisphere and an event we are very proud of. I am delighted to have the opportunity to honour such a wonderful bridge player and charismatic personality as Bobby. I am concerned about the size of the swing to our alternative events so please – come and show your support - Bobby would approve! Happy Bridging and enjoy your time here.

Therese Tully

Therese Tully – GCC Tournament Organiser



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EARN A CHOCOLATE FROG

Thanks to the generosity of Jay Faranda we will again be giving out chocolate frogs to any player who displays notable courtesy, ethics or equanimity as well as the person who nominates the recipient.

We are pleased to announce that the amount of frogs has been increased to \$200 this year.

The nominator of any recipient will also be awarded a chocolate frog for taking the time to make the nomination.

We would like to publish the nominations so a short note to Kim Ellaway at the Bridge Administration Office would allow the Bulletin to make proper acknowledgement to the recipients.

To encourage more such acts your editor has undertaken to sponsor additional chocolate frogs should the proposed supply run out!!!

NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR WEIGHT GAINS TO THOSE WHO RECEIVE MULTIPLE NOMINATIONS

NOT FINAL - BOARD 60 OF 64 MILNE VERSUS LORENTZ

Ishmael Del'Monte

Dealer: West ♠ K 10 8
 Vul: N/S ♥ A J 7 6
 ♦ 5 4
 ♣ A Q 9 2

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Thomson	Hollands	Lambardi	Del'Monte
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♥
5♦	Pass	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	6♦	7♣
Pass	Pass	7♦	Pass
Pass	7♥	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Partner opened 1♣ after Matthew Thomson passed at favourable and Pablo overcalled 1♦, I bid 1♥ for now, not expecting the auction to get out of control as quickly as it did, 5♦ on my left and back to me.

I had an easy 6♣ bid for now and it went passed back to East who bid 6♦ equally quickly.

I decided, rightly or wrongly – wrongly as it turned out - to bid a quick 7♣ which was again passed back to East who promptly bid 7♦. I decided to pass just in case partner had ♥ A Q x x of hearts and it went Pass Pass 7♥ followed by a very very quick Double!

I passed muttering obscenities under my breath as I knew I was going down on a club ruff, surely the double was so obviously 'Lightner' asking for a club lead to be ruffed by the doubler.

Lo and behold Matthew thought something different, after some thought leading the ♠Q!

Low from dummy to my Ace. I initially intended playing Pablo Lambardi on my right for ♥ Q x x so I lead a heart to the Ace and the ♥ 10 appeared on my left. It would have been much much faster and much less agonising for me as well as all of the kibitzers if it hadn't! (*Ed: apparently the kibitzers waited for close to 15 minutes before I followed to the low heart towards the king*).

Unfortunately I now started thinking and "worked out", much to my later disappointment, that Pablo had to have five spades. If Matthew had held ♠ Q J x x x spades he would surely have introduced them at the one level over 1♥ as this could result in a sacrifice at a lower level. On this basis Pablo was likely either 5-3-5-0 or 5-2-6-0.

I thought the latter was more likely, as the former would have meant that Matthew had not sacrificed at either of two opportunities holding a 4-1-6-2 at favourable vulnerability opposite a 1♦ overcall. This seemed unlikely! I played the ♥K to watch Matthew discard a diamond and go one down.

If I had Matthew's hand I would have bid 6♦ over 6♣, but then again I would have led a club and stopped me from looking like a doofus!

To put this decision in context, we started the last 16 boards of the final with a 46 IMP lead and a total of 30 IMPs swung on my decision on the heart suit on this board. I am pleased to report that we held on to win the final by 22 IMPs despite this board.



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Nicola, Kim Ellaway's sister and convenor of the Coffee Service, operates a business specialising in lockets. So while you are buying your coffee spend a moment to look at her unique locket offering located next to the coffee stand.

THE OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP NOW RENAMED THE BOBBY RICHMAN OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

David Stern



It's unfortunate that people have to pass away before they are recognised by their peers. That said any recognition whether in life or in death is a tribute to the mark they have left during their short time on this earth.

It is with much pleasure that the organisers of the Gold Coast Congress have recognised the personality, the player, the man that was Bobby Richman.

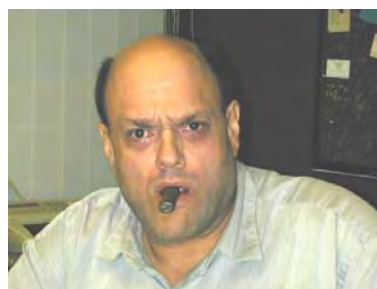
Much has been written about Bobby and his bridge achievements so I won't dwell too long on that subject except to say that Bobby's connection with the Gold Coast Congress is probably second only to the great Tim Seres, having won the Teams on ten occasions and the Open Pairs seven times each with a different partner – an impressive record in itself.

I have had the absolute privilege of knowing Bobby since the mid-seventies and I don't think that there is anybody else in my life who has lit up the room, played the audience and was such a pleasure to be around as Bobby.

In recent times we established a monthly dinner group including the Klingers and others and, while the food was always good, being there with Bobby was like going to a Comedy club for a night's entertainment.

When Bobby passed away I set up a Facebook Group allowing people to pay tribute to their friendship and connection with Bobby and here are some snippets from that Group.

Griff Ware: Thinking of you Bobby



Ron Lel: First time I met Bobby was at Melbourne University many years ago. I was playing with a group of friends and Bobby came up and said, "What are the stakes?" When Bobby heard we were playing for 10 cents a 100 he said, "I'll come back when you guys are playing for money".

Adam Sarten: First time I got to know Bobby. He was captaining the Australian Youth Bridge team 1993 in Denmark. He forgot who was playing with whom when entering line-ups, introduced us by the wrong names on arrival and as soon as he saw the accommodation laid out for us promptly moved us out. If memory serves correctly it was into the hotel that was part of the casino (not sure how much that cost him). But there were no complaints. He was still a great captain and a great guy.

Andrew Richman: At the ANC in Darwin last year Bobby was playing with Sara. The four of us and Ron Klinger were eating lunch and my wife Sandy, an excellent punter, was putting her horse bets on for the day.

Bobby asked Sandy if she had any longshots. Sandy had one she thought would be about \$12 or \$14 and Bobby pulled out a \$50 note and plonked it on the table and said "put that on the nose for me". Sara was cranky and said something like - Bobby you work too hard for your money trying to understand my bids etc. - and then proceeded to give him a real lecture that \$50 was far too much. After a few Bobby style wise cracks back and forth he sheepishly decided \$20 might be a better amount. At the next break in the bridge we checked the result and as you might expect the horse won and paid a little over \$20 so Bobby, while happy with his \$400 collect, wasn't backward in telling Sara he could have been collecting \$1000. Sara's jaw dropped. They were very funny.



Ben Thompson: Jenny and I married in 1994. Our exes married each other a few years later. When Bob heard about our "swap" he said that he was thinking of moving to Melbourne but he had nothing to trade.

Bob actually did move (back) to Melbourne in the late 90s but no trade was required.



Michael Wilkinson: Another Bobby story: In the 2009 playoff Bobby's team had choice of opponents in the semi-finals having won Division 1 - to the surprise of some they chose to play the Thomson team (Appleton-Reynolds, Brightling-Thomson, Delivera-Robinson) who they then lost to.

A couple of months later I asked Bobby why they had chosen Thomson - the answer was classic Bobby - "When I have to make a choice like that - I like to weigh the options in my mind. I'm a big guy and I get fairly tired, I weighed Appleton-Reynolds in my mind and thought they're pretty big too - maybe they'll be almost as tired as me"

David Stern: in 1988 I ran a Calcutta in my home to welcome Zia Mahmood on a visit to Australia. Bobby finished 13th out of 16 which I am guessing would be the lowest Bobby ever finished in an individual.

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3 Bobby Evans	4	1	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	5	2	6	6	3	6	6	0	2	4	5	0	2	6	6	5	4	0	6	2	103	2	
6 Peter Buchen	6	6	4	0	0	2	0	6	4	1	4	2	4	4	3	2	2	2	1	5	2	6	6	5	6	5	2	6	0	4	100	3
10 Paul Wyer	5	5	0	4	6	6	6	0	4	1	2	4	6	6	3	0	0	6	0	6	0	3	5	4	3	4	1	5	2	2	99	4
15 Kokhan Bagchi	5	2	6	0	4	2	4	4	4	1	2	6	4	4	3	4	4	4	1	5	5	3	1	5	3	2	5	1	2	2	98	5
4 Pauline Gumby	2	5	2	4	4	4	4	2	2	0	6	2	4	4	3	2	4	6	5	1	2	6	0	1	3	2	1	5	4	4	94	6
1 Tim Seres	4	1	4	2	4	4	6	2	6	2	2	0	2	2	3	2	4	4	0	6	6	3	1	2	3	0	5	1	6	6	93	7
14 Zia Mahmood	5	2	0	6	2	4	6	0	2	5	4	2	2	3	2	2	0	2	4	1	6	4	0	3	6	1	5	6	6	93	8	
7 Julie Wyer	0	0	4	0	6	4	4	4	2	5	4	0	4	4	3	4	2	0	6	0	6	3	5	4	6	1	6	2	4	0	93	9
11 Stephen Burgess	1	1	6	2	6	6	2	2	4	1	4	0	6	6	3	0	6	2	5	1	4	0	6	5	3	0	1	5	0	0	88	10
2 Norman Levitt	2	5	4	2	2	2	0	6	2	5	2	4	0	0	3	0	0	4	5	1	5	3	5	1	0	5	6	2	2	6	84	11
9 Linda Stern	1	1	0	4	0	0	6	2	0	4	4	6	2	2	3	4	4	6	1	5	1	3	5	1	0	1	2	6	6	2	82	12
8 Bob Richman	0	0	2	6	0	2	2	4	4	6	6	2	0	0	3	6	0	6	5	1	1	3	1	5	3	6	5	1	0	0	80	13
16 Seamus Browne	1	4	0	6	4	2	4	2	4	6	0	4	0	0	3	6	6	2	6	0	0	3	1	2	0	1	4	0	0	4	75	14
12 Andrew Reiner	5	5	6	2	0	0	2	4	2	0	0	4	2	2	3	4	2	2	4	2	5	0	4	0	0	5	0	4	4	0	73	15
13 David Stern	1	4	6	0	2	4	0	4	0	4	2	0	0	0	3	0	6	0	1	5	4	0	0	1	6	1	0	4	2	6	66	16

Bob Jones: My last image of Bobby was of him glowering at me in disgust. On my last trip to Oz 2 years ago, I spent my last day in Double Bay playing the horses and drinking a bit of wine with Bobby at one of the Double Bay establishments. Another glorious day in Oz. We had done this many times, usually with Stephen Burgess, not with us on this day for a reason I don't remember. Bobby hit a big exacta, about \$700. The last time he hit something big like that he bought a bottle of Kristal champagne for his friends. That was Bobby's style. We already had plans to have dinner together that night, but Bobby announced that dinner would be on him and we should order the best wine on offer. It was an Indian restaurant that we both liked and the wine list was modest. As Bobby had picked up our last dinner check, I grabbed this one. I had to do it secretly when Bobby went to the men's late in the meal. When he found out that I had already paid the bill, he gave me his patented low, dark, glowering look. I loved that look and I'm broken hearted that I'll never see it again

Nicoleta Guira: Bobby was very charismatic and he was always surrounded by women. I remember some 10 years ago at the ANA bar in Surfers he was asking all the women around him if they had a place to sleep that night. That was very uncharacteristic for him, so I asked what was going on. He explained that he and computers didn't get on: when he booked online, he thought he booked a room for 7 nights, as per usual. He arrived to find he'd misclicked, booking 7 rooms for 1 night. Hence the one night stand offers

A great friend sadly passed and incredibly missed.



To further honour Bobby his great friend and long-time bridge partner Maryo Derofe has donated two pen sets valued at \$400 each as prizes for the inaugural winners. At the same time his family Deb Guthrie and Mary Porath together with a group of his bridge friends have donated a trophy for the event.

BOBBY RICHMAN REMEMBERED

Jane Dawson

Bobby's family, friends as well as several of his bridge partners decided that it would be a great idea to donate a trophy honouring his memory. After consultation with Theresa and Kim, the hard working machine behind the GCC, it was decided to extend the recognition of Bobby as a larger than life character in the history of the GCC and one of Australia's great pairs champions by renaming The Gold Coast Open Pairs Championship, sponsored by the Oasis Shopping Centre, The Bobby Richman Open Pairs Championship.

Bobby's brilliant card play and creative and fearless bidding made him a formidable and gifted pairs champion. He usually disarmed the opposition with his characteristic welcome "greetings" he would say on arriving at the table and when playing with me would often say "phone New York and sell"!!

Bobby opened up a world of bridge for many people. We played together in Montreal and Verona as well as many Australian Tournaments and local club duplicates. He was a delightful partner, with an amazing sense of humour while always playing the game he loved with integrity and manners.

His delight in us making the 2013 NSW Open Team was enormous. He had very broad shoulders for his partners to stand on.

The bridge world and Bobby's family and friends have lost a great 'bloke' and the trophy named in his honour at Australia's premier event will ensure that the memory of our friend Bobby will be kept alive into the future.

IMPROVING YOUR GAME

Barry Rigal

Dealer: East ♠ A 10 7 6

Vul: N/S

♥ 7 2

♦ K 5 4

♣ J 9 5 3

♠ 9

♥ K Q 10 8

♦ 10 9 8 6

♣ K 7 6 2

♠ 8 4 3

♥ 9 5 4 3

♦ Q J 3

♣ A 10 8

♠ K Q J 5 2

♥ A J 6

♦ A 7 2

♣ Q 4

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

South's hand is a little too strong for a 1NT opening; with a maximum for the 15-17 range and a good five card suit, it is generally good policy to treat the hand as an 18 count and upvalue it into the next higher balanced range of 18-19. So when North raises spades, South can invite game in notrump to show these approximate values. North has four trumps, and no reason to assume the suit game will be the wrong place to play, so he simply bids 4♠.

4♠ is surprisingly awkward, since the hands do not fit very well, and the first hurdle to cross comes with the lead of the ♥K. South must take it, or he might receive a diamond switch which would be fatal. The right play for declarer is to try to build a club trick, and the best way to do that is to cross to dummy by drawing one round of trump, and then to lead a club from the North hand. (This is necessary, since East might have both top clubs, in which case you should tackle the suit by leading from dummy initially.) However, West takes South's ♣Q with his king and finds the diamond switch, which South wins in hand. He leads a club to the nine and ten, and when the defence play another diamond, declarer is down to his last chance.

All South can do is to win the diamond shift in dummy, and ruff a club in hand. Hey Presto! Down comes the ♣A, and now South can draw trump ending in dummy, and discard his diamond loser on the ♣J. He can subsequently ruff one of his heart losers in dummy, and finishes up with ten tricks.

HAVE YOU DISCUSSED

Brent Manley

Once again, this series will lead off with interesting, strange and (I hope) amusing stories to remind you that bridge is supposed to be fun. After today, the focus in this series is pretty much the takeout double. Don't think that topic can be sustained over nine articles? Read on.

One player said to his partner, "Why don't we try that 'Alert' bid I hear so often?" Partner shook his head and replied, "I would love to, but every time I ask someone what it means, they give me a different explanation."

Fifty-six years ago, Alvin Roth and Tobias Stone, two legendary figures in bridge, co-wrote "Bridge Is A Partnership Game", a book that has been reprinted many times and is still available.

You don't have to read the book, of course, but you should respect the concept – and make it a priority to do as all good partners do – discuss, discuss, discuss.

You have learned about Stayman and Blackwood, negative doubles and a system for competing when the opponents open 1NT or get in the first shot with a weak two-bid. You know lots of conventions, but have you and your partner ever discussed your "style?"

Do you know what to expect when partner opens 1♠ or bids 2♣ over an opponent's opening of 1♥? Would partner open 1♠ in first-seat holding

♠ K J 5 4 2
♥ Q 7 6
♦ K J 3
♣ 10 4?

Would you? Believe it or not, lots of expert players consider this a fine opening bid - or is partner's 1♠ more likely to look like this?

♠ Q J 10 9 7
♥ A J 9
♦ K Q 4
♣ 7 6

Would partner open a weak 2♥ bid on

♠ 6 5
♥ J 7 6 5 4 3
♦ K 5 2
♣ A 7?

Or would you expect partner's weak 2♥ opener to deliver

♠ 10 9
♥ K Q 10 8 6 5
♦ 5 4
♣ K 9 8?

Would your partner bid 2♦ over a 1♥ opening, regardless of vulnerability, with

♠ Q J
♥ 7 6 3
♦ A K J 5 4
♣ J 7 6

Would you?

It's important to establish parameters for your bidding – in other words, your "style". A wild and woolly approach will create problems for the opponents – you will pre-empt their bidding more often – but it will put you in a position for some truly bad scores.

Apart from having to grit your teeth through the disasters, you will be uncertain whether to try for game or slam after partner's opener for fear of getting too high.

There will also be times when you want to double the opponents but hold back because partner might have a collection of tram tickets instead of a real opening bid with actual tricks on defence.

As you might imagine, there are pluses and minuses for the aggressive approach and the style favoured by Hall of Famer Roth, who probably passed more 13-point hands in first or second seat than anyone in history.

For those who like to bid 'em up, it's an advantage to strike the first blow, which you will do more often, and when a big fit is found early in the auction, you can more safely take up the opponents' bidding space.

Sound bidders – those whose minimum opener is a “good” 12-pointer with at least two quick tricks – have better constructive auctions and are confident when they double opponents who have stepped out of line.

The aggressive style is not recommended for newer players, but you don't have to go Al Roth on your partner. Shapely hands with good intermediate cards – namely 10s and 9s – require fewer high-card points. For any opener in first or second seat, try to have at least a couple of quick tricks on defense. Balanced hands should be solid openers.

Try installing the 5-point rule for your weak two-bids. An opening bid of 2♦, 2♥ or 2♠ will include 5 high-card points in the suit – at worst six to the A-J. This will help responder decide whether further action is warranted.

AIR CONDITIONING AND PLAYERS COMFORT



Remembering that there are approximately two thousand players at the venue, ensuring the comfort of ALL players is a challenge. Over time the organisers have noticed that there are areas where it is particularly cold due to air pockets coming from the air conditioner. The room sometimes leaks from condensation due to the amount of air conditioning we are using.

What you **CAN** do to improve your personal comfort level:

- as advertised in all communication, please bring a jumper;
- we have a supply of pashminas and wraps so please just ask a caddy who will bring it to you - we do ask that you return these to the caddy at end of the session
- if it is obviously too cold for you and those around you please ask the caddy to report the table number and section to Kim Ellaway who will bring her trusted thermometer to see if it can be fixed or perhaps we can move the table.

Things you can do that will **NOT** improve your comfort level

- discuss the issue with a Director or the Scoring Staff
- discuss it with the Recorder

HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT AND KEEPING COSTS DOWN

There has been an increasing trend for players to read the Daily Bulletin online. This has enabled us to reduce the print runs of the bulletin reducing our carbon footprint and keeping down the costs for you the players. You can further assist by returning any bulletins which you no longer require to the venue allowing us to recycle them, especially from the early days to those players who attend only for the teams.

MAKE A WISH – OUR CHARITY AGAIN IN 2014

The Queensland Bridge Association would like to announce that Make-A-Wish® Australia volunteers will be fundraising at the Gold Coast Bridge Congress today Saturday 22nd as well as Thursday 27th February 2014. The aim of Make-A-Wish Australia is to grant wishes to children and young people across Australia with life-threatening medical conditions, giving them hope, strength and joy at a time when they need them most. Over 7,000 wishes have been granted to children with life-threatening medical conditions since their inception in Australia 27 years ago Children with life-threatening illnesses who are under three years of age receive a 'Wish Hamper' – a selection of fun and age-appropriate toys. Once they are three, they are able to apply for a wish.

- Once a child has been found to be eligible, local Make-A-Wish volunteers visit the family and ask the child to reach into their imagination and think of their one cherished wish
- Their ultimate vision is for every child in Australia diagnosed with a life-threatening illness to have the opportunity to experience the hope, strength and joy that come from a Make-A-Wish wish.



Make-A-Wish® has been endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a deductible gift recipient, all donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

WE HOPE YOU WILL OFFER YOUR SUPPORT FOR MAKE-A-WISH

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<p align="center">Problem 1 North (Dummy) ♣ K Q J 10 4</p> <p>West ♣ 7 5 2</p> <p>Declarer is in 3NT. Dummy has entries but declarer does not touch clubs. Who has the ♣A?</p>	<p align="center">Problem 2 North (Dummy) ♣ 10 4 3</p> <p>West ♣ K Q 8 5</p> <p>Against a trump contract you lead the ♣K: ♣3-♣2 and ♣6 from declarer. Does declarer have the ♣A-J remaining?</p>
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Solution 1: If South did not have the ♣A, declarer would be playing clubs as soon as possible to knock out the ♣A, and set up the rest of the suit. Since South is not attacking clubs, South does not need to and the reason is because South has the ♣A.

Solution 2: Suppose the layout happened to be like this:

	North ♣ 10 4 3	
West ♣ K Q 8 5		East ♣ 9 7 2
	South ♣ A J 6	

If you were declarer and West led the king, what would you do? You would capture the king since that gives you a second trick in the suit. If you play low and West switches to another suit, you would make only one trick.

Since declarer would almost certainly win this trick with A-J-6, the fact that declarer played low means that East probably has the jack and South the ace, although it is possible that East has the ace. Either way you can afford to continue with a low card next.

RON KLINGER BRIDGE HOLIDAYS FOR 2014

Kangaroo Island South Australia	Friday 25th April to Friday 2nd May
Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort off Brisbane	Sunday 6th July to Sunday 13th July
SILVERSEA 12 day Cruise on Silver Whisper Stockholm SWEDEN to Southampton ENGLAND	Thursday August 28th to Tuesday September 9th from Stockholm, Sweden visiting Tallin (Estonia), St Petersburg (Russia, two nights), Helsinki (Finland), Warnemunde & transiting the Kiel Canal (Germany), Amsterdam (Holland), Antwerp & Zeebrugge (Belgium overnight) Arriving Southampton (England)
SILVERSEA 7 day Cruise on Silver Spirit Roundtrip Venice ITALY to Venice ITALY	Friday September 12 to Friday September 19 th from Venice, Italy visiting Ravenna (Italy), Split, Dubrovnik & Zadar (Croatia), Koper (Slovenia) Returning Venice (Italy)
Norfolk Island	Monday 17th November – Monday, 24th November

Brochures available for all of our holidays on request from suzie@ronklingerbridge.com OR (02) 9958-5589








CORPORATE AMERICA

The game of choice for unemployed people or maintenance level workers in USA is basketball.
 The game of choice for frontline workers is football.
 The game of choice for middle management is tennis.
 The game of choice for CEO's and executives is golf.
 Conclusion: The higher up on the corporate ladder you are, the smaller your balls are.

[Ed: My friend Roland Wald regularly posts jokes on his Facebook page and some of these will be used to fill empty space in the Bulletin]

GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2014 - CALENDAR OF CELEBRITY SPEAKERS

Mezzanine Level - up the Stairway Opposite the Bridge Administration Office

	Saturday 22nd February	Sunday 23rd February	Monday 24th February	Tuesday 25th February	Wednesday 26th February	Thursday 27th February
Coping With Bad Trump Breaks - Timing The Play with Matt Mullamphy		4:45pm	Matt Mullamphy learned bridge aged 12 at the hands of brother Sean. When he retired from the demanding world of musical theatre, bridge became his second fruitful career. He has over 30 national titles to his name and has represented Australia in 1989, 1990, 1991, 2000 and 2008. International titles include gold and silver in the Far East Junior Championships as well as bronze at the 1991 World Juniors. In 2000 (Bridge Olympiad), 2006 and 2010 (World Bridge Series) Matt made the finals. He has won the GCC teams title 4 times and is defending his 2013 title.			
The Forcing 1NT with Joan Butts		Joan Butts has represented Australia in world championships.	9:00am	Her passion is bridge education. In 2011, she was appointed the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) National Teaching Coordinator. In this capacity she trains teachers and arranges professional development programmes. Joan has a BA, Dip Ed and Dip Ed Psych from the Uni of Qld and has been the official bridge teacher in Queensland for the past 12 years. Joan is now involved with bridge online.		
Ask the Experts Ishmael Del'Monte Ron Klinger Matt Mullamphy			4:45pm	Your opportunity to discuss any hands that have proved interesting or troublesome and ask experts for their opinions		
How High to Pre-empt with Ishmael Del'Monte		Ishmael Del'Monte was born in New Zealand and started playing bridge at 16 with his father. Came to Australia 25 years ago and has represented NZ and Australia in youth and open Bridge.	4:45pm	He lives in Sydney and plays bridge all around the world. Since 1993, Ish has won numerous titles in Australia, NZ and USA. Five times he has achieved the most masterpoints in the year. Ish is on WBF Masterpoint committee and High Level Players Committee and is Chairman of Australian Youth Committee and youth Coach/Captain		
Competitive Bidding with Peter Gill		Peter Gill is the winner of over 30 National championships. In 2012 he won the Best Defended Hand in the World award. Peter plays and teaches bridge for a living. His hobby is reading about the latest advances in neuroscience in order to improve performance at bridge.		2:10pm	He was a member of the Australian Open Team in 1984, 1991, 1993, 2003, 2007, 2008 and 2010.	
Understanding the New WBF VP Scales: How and Why They Work with Peter Buchen		The new WBF scale for RR teams has caused comment, controversy and in some cases even confusion. Why does the scale go from 0 to 20 and 2 decimal places? Peter Buchen, a member of the WBF Scoring Panel that introduced the scale, discusses its history and motivation, and answers the most strident of the criticisms.		8:45am NO MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION THIS SESSION	Much of the published commentary has been uninformed. To get informed – this seminar is a must!	
Trendy Transfers (Responses to Minor openings in Competition) with Pablo Lambardi		Pablo Lambardi lives and works as a bridge teacher in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He has won national and South American Championships, and represented Argentina in seven Bermuda Bowls & six Olympiads. He has won the NEC tournament in Japan and played in many international tournaments. His hobbies include reading good literature, eating good food, watching tennis, and everything esoteric and paranormal (he is a non-practising astrologer).			9:00am	

MINIMUM \$5 Contribution to the ABF Friends of Youth Bridge Fund




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CALENDAR OF SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2014

		Saturday 22nd February	Sunday 23rd February	Monday 24th February	Tuesday 25th February	Wednesday 26th February	Thursday 27th February	Friday 28th February
NOVICE AND ROOKIE ACTIVITIES	Venue							
GCC Novice welcome	Main Playing Area	12:00pm - 1:00pm			Assistance with System Cards, How it all Works etc			
Rookies welcome	Main Playing Area		12:00pm - 1:00pm		Assistance with System Cards, How it all Works etc			
GCC Novice welcome	Main Playing Area	Assistance with System Cards, How it all Works etc			9:00am - 10:00am			
Under 50's	Main Playing Area	Assistance with System Cards, How it all Works etc			9:00am - 10:00am			
Rookies welcome	Main Playing Area	Assistance with System Cards, How it all Works etc				9:00am - 10:00am		
GCC Novice welcome	Main Playing Area	Assistance with System Cards, How it all Works etc						8:45am - 9:30am
OTHER ACITVITIES								
Bridge Widows	Air on Broadbeach	2.30pm						
Cocktail Party for Shoe Shoppers	"In Her Shoes Store"	5pm - 7pm			Oasis Shopping Centre Ground floor			
Oasis Shopping Centre Fashion Parade	Oasis Shopping Mall			10.30am - 11.45am	Oasis Shopping Mall Ground Floor outside Newsagency			
Trivia Night	Marigold Restaurant			Starting at 6:00pm	Marigold Restaurant and Café Broadbeach on the Ground Floor of the Oasis Mall - Jac and Bill Rossiter-Nuttal your hosts			
Dress Up Award - Denim and Lace	Sally Elliott of Meegs Boutique			3rd Session Prs Fin				
Queensland Directors Breakfast Meeting 1st Fl Above Bridge Office - Stairs LHS main door as leaving	Jan Peach					Starting 8:00am Finish 09:30		
Dealing Machine Demonstration	Paul Lavings Bookstand					9:30am - 10:30am		
Make-a-Wish Foundation Charity Collection	Entrance to Main Playing	All Day in Foyer					All Day in Foyer	
		Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

YOGA: Unfortunately our redoubtable yoga teacher Susan Rogers is unable to play for the full week at this year's Gold Coast Congress so sadly we will be unable to offer yoga as an extracurricular activity this year. Rest assured it will be back to stay from 2015.



TRIVIA: Set aside Monday 24th February for our Trivia night at the Marigold Café and Restaurant on the ground floor of the Oasis Shopping Centre – left hand side as you head East down the centre of the Oasis - just before Marios. We ask that you turn up at 6pm to get settled, order drinks, check out the very attractive bridge players menus (\$11.50 mains or full a la carte available) and the trivia will start at 6.30pm. This is a much better venue than last year with plenty of room, no noise and good acoustics! Give us another chance to show we can get it right eventually! Jac and Bill Rossiter-Nuttal from Victoria will be your hosts this year. We do ask that you register your team at the bridge administration desk. This will guide us to numbers and allow us to reserve your table. Feel free to enter as an individual or a partial table – maximum is 10 per team but 8 recommended. The offer is open to friends and relations if they care to join you. Lastly we ask NO use of internet to obtain answers – let's just try and have a go ourselves on our own abilities..

FASHION PARADE & MORNING TEA: Monday 24th at 10.30am the Oasis Shopping Centre is hosting a fashion parade on the ground floor of the Oasis Shopping Centre near the Newsagency. Please come along for some great bargains and enjoy the morning tea.

DRESS UP AWARDS: Denim and Lace is our theme for this year and it will be judged by Sally Elliott representing Meegs Boutique on Monday afternoon. This is now an established tradition and I would ask you all to join in. Next year's theme will be Dots and Dashes

IN HER SHOES COCKTAIL PARTY: Netta is inviting all you shoe lovers to drop in on Saturday 22nd from 5pm to join her in a cocktail and check out the bargains. There are prizes to be won. So join us at In Her Shoes, Ground Floor Oasis Shopping Centre.

HUSBAND KNOWS

Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning:

Windows frozen, won't open.

Husband texts back: Gently pour some lukewarm water over it.

Wife texts back 5 minutes later:

Computer really screwed up now

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 Therese 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. **Your team or pair cannot commence play if an entry fee is unpaid.**

- Weekend Swiss Matchpoint Pairs (3 Sessions) \$200 per pair (\$180 before 14th Feb)
- Open Seniors Intermediate Restricted or Novice Pairs \$290 per pair (\$270 before 14th Feb)
- Monday Swiss Butler Pairs (2 Sessions) \$130 per pair (\$110 before 14th Feb)
- Open Seniors Intermediate Restricted or Novice Teams \$700 per team (\$660 before 14th Feb)
- Rookie Pairs (1 or 2 Sessions) \$40 per pair per session No Prepayment Discount
- Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs \$40 per pair No Prepayment Discount
- Seres-McMahon Mixed or Friday Teams \$260 per team (\$220 before 14th Feb)
- Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs \$190 per pair (\$170 before 14th Feb)
- Friday Novice Pairs \$130 per pair (\$110 before 14th Feb)
- Holiday Walk-ins payable at the table before each session \$15 per player

Fri 21 Feb	Sat 22 Feb	Sun 23 Feb	Mon 24 Feb	Tue 25 Feb	Wed 26 Feb	Thu 27 Feb	Fri 28 Feb	Sat 1 Mar
	Pairs Championship							
	Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs		Monday Butler Pairs					
		Rookie Novice Pairs				Rookie Novice Pairs		
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
					Under 50MP Pairs		Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs	
							Mixed Teams	
							Friday Teams	
							Friday Novice Pairs	
								Dinner Dance

LATE ENTRIES IVY DAHLER BUTLER PAIRS, FRIDAY & MIXED TEAMS & FRIDAY NOVICE PAIRS

Entries for the end-of-week events (Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs, Friday and Mixed Teams, and Friday Novice Pairs) close at **Noon Thursday 27th February**.

To relieve the pressure on the Administration Desk at this time and to cut down on the queues, we are leaving the web site on-line entries open right up until **Noon Thursday 27th February** for players wishing to enter and pay on-line by credit card. You will still be able to pay at the Administration Desk using cash, cheque or credit card. Changes to existing entries (different players, changing events, cancellations etc.) will need to be done at the Administration Desk however **any changes will incur a \$10.00 administrative fee.**

So, avoid the queues, and enter on-line using your iPad, notebook or smartphone.

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

- Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, all players born after 1st January 1994 are entitled to free entry.
- In accordance with Australian Bridge Federation policy, all players born between 1st January 1989 and 31st December 1993 are entitled to a 50% discount on entry fees.
- Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, all players born BEFORE 1st January 1914 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 22nd February to Saturday 1st March inclusive.

The Bridge Administration Desk is the ONLY place you can obtain a weekly pass. It will be open on Friday 21st February from noon to 6.00pm (and from 9.00am on other days). Weekly passes can only be used from Saturday to Saturday inclusive.

For those requiring casual day parking, a one entry one exit ticket will be available from the machine upon entry. 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 Events do not carry playoff points.
- SENIORS:** Open to players born prior to 1st January 1956 and carries ABF Senior Playoff Points.
- INTERMEDIATE:** Open to players who have not attained 750 MP's as at 30th September 2013.
- RESTRICTED:** Open to players who have not attained 300 MP's as at 30th September 2013.
- NOVICE:** Open to players who have not attained 100 MP's as at 30th September 2013.
- ROOKIE:** Open to players who have not attained 10 MP's as at 30th September 2013.
- UNDER 50 MP:** Open to players who have not attained 50 MP's as at 30th September 2013.
- MIXED TEAMS:** Each pair must comprise one player of each gender at each table for ALL matches.
- FRIDAY TEAMS:** Open entry to ALL players.

OVERSEAS ELIGIBILITY

- INTERMEDIATE:** NZ Open with no more than 100 A Points & 500 B Points as at January 1st 2014.
- RESTRICTED:** NZ Intermediate as at January 1st 2014.
- NOVICE:** NZ Juniors as at January 1st 2014.
- ROOKIE:** NZ Open with no more than 5 B Points as at January 1st 2014.

TEAM CATEGORIES

All teams should have nominated their categories 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 PERMISSION TO PLAY IS SUBJECT TO DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL

Butler Pairs	Thursday 12:00 noon 27 th February
Mixed Teams	Thursday 12:00 noon 27 th February
Friday Teams	Thursday 12:00 noon 27 th February
Novice Pairs	Thursday 12:00 noon 27 th February

Any player making changes to their entries at the venue will be charged with an administration fee of \$10 per player.

SESSION TIMES

All session times are shown in the Daily Bulletin every day.

MONDAY FINAL (3RD) SESSION OF PAIRS FINAL

We encourage all players to dress in keeping with the Gold Coast Annual Theme for the final session of the Pairs Final on Monday. The theme is Denim and Lace – make of it what you will!

PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED IN THE DENIM & LACE THEME

ROOKIE, NOVICE & RESTRICTED 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 and using Bridgemates etc. We can also assist with any queries re alerting or anything else you might like to know but also refer to the timetable of activities.

WITHDRAWALS

Players are permitted to withdraw from all divisions of the Championship Pairs (Open, Senior, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice) Finals (Sunday 23rd February and Monday 24th 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 (subject to field size)

Masterpoint Awards:	Gold in main events, red for walk-ins
Weekend Swiss Matchpoint Pairs	0.27 gold masterpoints for each win
Monday Swiss Butler Pairs	0.24 gold masterpoints for each win
Open Teams	1.12 gold masterpoints for each win
Seniors Teams	0.84 gold masterpoints for each win
Intermediate Teams	±0.56 gold masterpoints for each win
Restricted Teams	±0.45 gold masterpoints for each win
Novice Teams	±0.36 gold masterpoints for each win
Open Swiss Butler Pairs	0.64 gold masterpoints for each win
Mixed and Friday Teams	0.32 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).

SUBSTITUTES

If you do not feel well and require a substitute, see Toni Bardon at the Scoring Desk. Please use this service only when essential.

STAFFING

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

Our Scoring Staff are led by Matthew McManus and can be found wearing the Black Schweppes shirts. However all scoring issues should be addressed to 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 which will be on the table at the beginning of the pairs and teams 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 – there is almost ALWAYS one at the venue at any given time
- phone or SMS the number on the header of the Daily Bulletin (0411-111-655)
- send an email to the address on the header of the Daily Bulletin (gcb@thesterns.com.au)
- 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 and Rookies in Fuchsia. Coloured flags will identify your section results and playing areas.

Weekend Swiss Pairs and Monday Butler will be played on the tables with orange tablecloths.

Coloured flags will identify your section, results and playing area.

BRIDGEMATES

If you have never used the Bridgemate Scoring Units we suggest you arrive a few minutes before your first session and ask a Director for a quick tutorial. We are confident that your opponents will also help you to use this user friendly technology.

PLAYER NUMBERS FOR THE TEAMS USING BRIDGEMATE II

During the team 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.

Our observations from recent years show that over 90% of teams sit in the same seats for the whole event. To simplify the process for entering player numbers for these teams, from Round 2 onwards if your team is sitting in the same seats as in Round 1, you may just enter "1" for all four players. The unit will display "same as Round 1" as the player names and the system will correctly record the pairs.

WEB RESULTS PAGE

On the 2014 GCC Results Page, <http://www.qldbridge.com/gcc/results2014.php>, there is an option, "Individual Player Results." Click on this and enter your surname or ABF number (or anyone else whose results you may be interested in). You will now see a list of every session in which you played at the 2014 GCC, your score, the number of masterpoints won, and a link to your scorecard for the session. (This page will be updated at the end of each day's play.)

IF YOU ARE "CONNECTED".....

The draw for the next round in the Teams and Swiss Pairs events will be published on the web at exactly the same time it is displayed on the projector screens at the venue. So if you are "connected" you can check your standings and the draw online. Alternatively download the Apple/Android App!! (see page 12)

BAR

Subject to patronage, the Bar, now contained within the food outlet opposite the Bridge Administration Desk and run by the Convention Centre will be open until 30 minutes before the end of play in each session.

COFFEE AND TEA

As a service to participants we will be operating a tea and coffee service. Coffee is made from freshly ground coffee beans with fresh milk and will cost \$3.00 a cup and biscuits at \$2.50 each. The service will start around 30 minutes before play and continue until late into the last session for the day. Please understand that the service is run for the benefit of players by volunteers. 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 1st March. Pre-dinner drinks will be served from 7:30pm and doors will open at 7:50pm for an 8:00pm start. As in the past, entry to this event is by ticket only and the onus is on players to make their own booking arrangements.

Players are invited to pick up a "table list" from the Dinner Dance Desk, located under the banner near the Scoring Desk. Tables accommodate a maximum of ten guests and when you lodge your list it can be for any number up to ten. Please note it is not possible to accommodate tables for more than ten people.

These charges are payable at the time of handing in the list to the Dinner Dance desk. Tickets will be available for collection from 3:00pm Friday afternoon.

Conditions of Entry to the Dinner Dance: The GCCEC has strict guidelines regarding its liquor licence and the Responsible Service of Alcohol. Under no circumstances can alcohol be brought onto the premises for consumption at the dinner dance, nor can any alcohol purchased at the GCC Dinner be taken from the venue during or after the event. No alcohol will be served to those under 18, or to anybody deemed to be drunk and/or disorderly.

The table list **together with any dietary requirements** should be returned as soon as possible but no later than 4:00pm Wednesday 26th February. Unfortunately costs continue to rise and the following are the charges (credit card facilities available) for the dinner dance.

Your Entry Status	To Pay
Non Player	\$80
Championship Pairs PLUS Teams	\$10
Championship Pairs PLUS Ivy Dahler events	\$20
Championship Pairs PLUS Friday events	\$30
Championship Teams PLUS Ivy Dahler events	\$20
Championship Teams PLUS Weekend Matchpoint	\$20
Championship Teams PLUS Monday Butler	\$30

Your Entry Status	To Pay
Championship Teams PLUS Friday events	\$30
Weekend Matchpoint PLUS Monday Butler only	\$40
Weekend Matchpoint PLUS Friday events	\$40
Weekend Matchpoint PLUS Ivy Dahler events	\$30
Monday Butler PLUS Friday events	\$50
Monday Butler PLUS Ivy Dahler events	\$40
Weekend Matchpoint Pairs ONLY	\$50
Monday Butler Pairs ONLY	\$60
Championship Pairs ONLY	\$40
Championship Teams ONLY	\$40
Friday Events ONLY	\$60
Ivy Dahler event ONLY	\$50

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Tournament Organiser:	Therese Tully - 04-0987-0324
Chief Tournament Director:	Laurie Kelso
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Appeals Committee Convenor:	Bruce Neill
Appeals Committee:	Finalised at the venue
Appeals Scribes:	Brent Manley Barry Rigal, David Stern and Sebastian Yuen
Chief Scorer:	Matthew McManus
Recorders:	John Brockwell, Alan Doddridge and Claire Hyne
Appeals Advisers:	David Appleton, Neville Francis, Julia Hoffman and Barbara Travis The Director will guide you to the appropriate adviser
Novice & Restricted Player Liaison:	Jan Peach, 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

Roy Nixon – ABF Treasurer

Di Marler - ABF Secretary

Jane Rasmussen - ABF Secretariat

Alister Stuck - Executive Secretary – New Zealand Bridge

Laurie Kelso - Joint National Tournament Coordinator and WBF Laws Committee Member

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WINNERS – SPRING NATIONALS FREE ENTRY TO GCC

- The winners of the Team Entry to the GCC as a result of their win in the 2013 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams were Allan Pike, Kathryn Hawke, Mike Edwards, Edward Truscott.
- Winners of the Restricted Pairs Entry to the GCC as a result of their highest datum scores in the 2013 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams were Susan Britton – Peter Moller and Lyn Widdup – June Crawford.

If you are a restricted player then consider entering the 2014 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams for your opportunity to win free entries for the 2015 Gold Coast Congress.

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR

- Denim and Lace dress up afternoon, Monday 24th February – prizes to be had! (**NOTE THIS YEAR IT WILL BE MONDAY NOT SUNDAY**)
- No Evening play Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs
- Withdrawals allowed from Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs after Friday 28th February
- New One Session Event Wednesday 26th February at 10:00am – 0-50 Masterpoint Pairs
- Teams Championship Start Time - 10:00am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- No Frills Walk-In Pairs – 7:00pm Friday 21st February. No frills = no coffee, no water and no bar but hey, we will have boards, cards and scores available after the session. You will be able to keep our tireless workers company while they silently set up the playing area.

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, you may obtain a copy on request from the Scoring Enquiries Desk in the playing room.

If you believe that there is a mistake, you need to follow this procedure:

1. on the board where you believe that there was an error, agree with your opponents that the score was entered incorrectly;
2. make the correction on your printout and have them sign it;
3. give the corrected printout to the Scoring Liaison Officer, Toni Bardon, under the sign “SCORING ENQUIRIES” next to the Scoring Room. She will check that you have provided all the necessary information. The correction will be made by the scorers during the following session and a new personal printout will be made available for you to collect.

Agreed scoring errors need to be advised within the scoring correction period for the session in which the error occurred. The scoring correction periods are displayed prominently near the scoreboards. At the conclusion of the scoring correction period, scores become final and, under the Laws of Bridge, no further changes can be made.

SCORE CORRECTION PERIODS

Errors in scoring must be advised to the Scoring Enquiries desk before the following times:

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

Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs

Matches 1-3	11:30am Sunday
Matches 4-5	2:30pm Sunday
Matches 6-8	One hour after scores for Match 8 are posted

Monday Butler Swiss Pairs

Matches 1-3	2:30pm Monday
Matches 4-6	One hour after scores for Match 6 are posted

Teams Championships

Matches 1, 3, 5, 7, 9	One hour after the end of the next even numbered match
Matches 2, 4, 6, 8, 10	At the start of the next even numbered match
Matches 11, 12	8:30pm Thursday for corrections affecting Final series qualification. Midnight, Thursday, for all other corrections

Ivy Dahler Open and Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs

Matches 1-4	3:00pm Friday
Matches 5-7	Midday Saturday
Matches 8-10	One hour after scores for Match 10 are posted

Mixed Teams AND Friday Teams

Matches 1-3

3:00pm, Friday

Matches 4-7

One hour after scores for Match 7 are posted

All Other Sessions

Sessions Not Listed Above

20 minutes after scores for the session are posted

SYSTEMS - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Each pair is required to have two current ABF approved, systemically identical system cards on the table for the opposing pair before the start of each round. 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 and Teams, Seniors Pairs and Teams, Intermediate Pairs and Teams, Mixed Teams, Friday Teams and Ivy Dahler Open 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 and Teams, Novice Pairs and Teams, Rookie Pairs, Friday Novice Pairs, Ivy Dahler Restricted Swiss Pairs and Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs.

YELLOW systems will only be permitted in the Open Teams from Round 3 onwards and not against teams with a current position in the lower two thirds of the field (decimals rounded up).

Teams proposing to use **YELLOW** systems must lodge an adequate copy of their system (including a bona fide suggested defence) with the CTD before 10:00am on Tuesday 25th February 2014. Such systems will be made available for inspection.

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 an exemption from the **BROWN Sticker** category.

PROTECTED PAIRS

Pairs playing a **GREEN** system can apply for an Orange sticker if both are below Life Master or one is below State Master. This affords protection from **BROWN Sticker** conventions in all events where they are permitted with the exception of the major Final of the Open Pairs.

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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We NOW announce the number of clubs contained in a 1♣ opening and the HCP range of a 1NT opening. Those playing a strong club system just need to announce 1♣ as “Strong”.

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 in an uncontested auction (*e.g. Stayman*)

Any Jump Raise in a contested auction

For our New Zealand players We do **NOT** use STOP Cards

DO ALERT:

All other conventional calls (such as *Transfers*, 2♥=hearts and *a minor*)

‘Unusual’ natural bids. These include: weak jump shift responses, pre-emptive jump raises (but only in uncontested auctions), 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.

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We are finding some restaurants harder to convince that offering prize vouchers is good for them as they point to the low level of coupons redeemed. We know you can afford the full price but if you don't use the coupon the restaurant doesn't know you are a Congress participant.

More coupon sheets are available around the Bridge Administration Desk counter as well as Hello Gold Coast magazines (HGC) which contain all coupons.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU'RE 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.

THE AZTEC: located on the left of Broadbeach Mall next to Mama Roma and offers great Mexican fare. Buy one get one half price offer page 13D of HGC.

SAGE RESTAURANT: on the corner of Surf Parade and Queensland Ave. 25% and 40% food discount vouchers page 8D 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 10D of HGC

FOUR WINDS 360 REVOLVING RESTAURANT: located at The Crowne Plaza about 1km 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 12D of HGC or just mention Hello Gold Coast.

MAMA ROMA ITALIAN RESTAURANT: located in The Broadbeach Mall (Victoria Ave), a half price menu every day till 6.30 pm and '25% off dinner' coupon page 25D of HGC.

MARIO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT: located at the beach end of Broadbeach Mall. 10% discount coupons page 3D of HGC

ALTO CUCINA AND BAR: next to Mario's at the beach end of Broadbeach Mall. 10% off coupon page 3D of HGC.

OBEROIS TAJ: this Indian Restaurant is located on the eastern side of Surf Parade and offers free bottle of wine coupon page 32D of HGC (note conditions).

MANDARIN COURT: this Chinese restaurant is located at Mermaid Beach about approx. 2km south down the highway. A great Yum Cha from 9am to 3pm and extensive dinner menu with 25% and 15% discount offers page 2D of HGC.

BUGZIES SEAFOOD RESTAURANT: is located next to Mario's on the right hand side of Broadbeach Mall and you'll find 25% off food bill after 6.00pm voucher on page 23D of HGC.

MARIGOLD INDIAN RESTAURANT: opened recently on the right of Broadbeach Mall between Grumpy's and Bugzies. Really great flavours, \$10 curries for lunch and early bird dinner till 6pm and free bottle of wine with a la carte. Coupon page 29D of HGC

MAX SEAFOOD RESTAURANT: is in Broadbeach Mall on the left side just past the barber as you walk towards the sea. Fantastic Seafood with \$10 lunch specials and 25% off coupon for bookings page 19D of HGC.

HOGS BREATH CAFÉ: is located in Broadbeach at the northern end of Surf Parade. For great steak and 20% off main meals Sunday – Thursday see HGC page 15D.

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 0422-869-951 for the free courtesy bus and see the 'free bottle of wine when dining' coupon page 4D of HGC.

BEER THAI GARDEN RESTAURANT: a Fabulous Thai restaurant a short stroll up the road towards Surfers. Open only for dinner and free entrée offer page 26D of HGC.

DRACULA'S: Theatre restaurant is just around the corner in Hooker Blvd. Rated R18 comedy with a great dinner and 10% off midweek ticket prices with coupon code HGC 001. Inside cover of HGC

OUTBACK JACK'S: fine steak and burgers is located down the highway at Mermaid Beach. Choose your own steak and enjoy 25% off with our coupon pg 31D HGC

SENSATION: Wine lounge and restaurant is a new addition to Broadbeach Mall and is Located between Max and Aztec restaurants in Broadbeach Mall on the left as you face the beach.

Of course there are lots of other dining options nearby but if everyone ate just once at one of these restaurants it would help greatly. Thanks.

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IBPA AWARDS

Every year the International Bridge Press Association holds an awards judging to recognise excellence in the name of bridge. Barry Rigal is the Chairman of the Judging panel while Brent Manley and David Stern are members of the Panel. Here are some award winners from 2013 including two Australian bridge identities.

Parnis England Junior Sportsmanship Award

Recipients: Justin Howard, Australia & Emil Buus Thomsen and Frederik Skovly, Denmark



**Justin Howard
Australia**



**Frederik Skovly and
Emil Buus Thomsen**

The Sportsmanship Award is granted occasionally for acts of sportsmanship by bridge players that define how we all should act. This year, the award is honoured by Margaret Parnis England, specifically targeted at junior players. The executive felt that there had been two deserving winners.

The Parnis England Sportsmanship Award is presented to Justin Howard of Australia for outstanding acts of sportsmanship at the World Open Youth Championships in Atlanta.

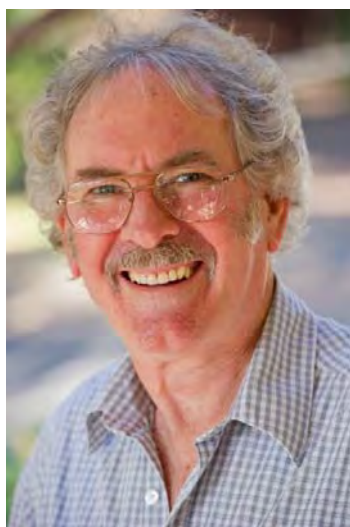
Firstly, in the semifinal of the World Open Youth Team Championship, he allowed an opponent to retract a card inadvertently dropped, even though it cost him the contract and jeopardised the match. His team won that match on the last board. Secondly, in the final, he allowed his opponents to field a player who had not previously played in the event due to continued success in the Spingold. "We want to play against your best," was Justin's comment. Unfortunately, Justin's team lost that match.

The behaviour of Justin Howard is laudatory and shows that there is excellent sportsmanship in the Junior game as well as the Open game.

The Parnis England Sportsmanship Award is also presented to Emil Buus Thomsen and Frederik Skovly of the Danish under-20 team. An opponent, Mario Dix of Malta, had bid a suit in which he had a void, preventing them from bidding a slam in that suit. At the end of the game they simply said "good psyche".

Alan Truscott Memorial Award

Recipient: Ian McKinnon, Australia



The Alan Truscott Memorial Award is presented periodically to a person who does something for bridge that the IBPA Executive believes Alan would appreciate. This year's recipient is Ian McKinnon of Australia for producing Duplicate Bridge Schedules, History and Mathematics, an essential book for tournament directors as well as bridge players curious about the history of the game of duplicate bridge. This comprehensive volume supplies all the movements ever thought of and many hundreds of new ones. Included for each movement are the variations, modifications, origins, authors and history of its development. Each movement is then assessed for its measure of quality, called calibre.

The author presents a brand new event type, the Scissor movement, in which any event can be run and scored as a pairs game and as a teams game. The book also delves into the lives of well-known figures such as John T. Mitchell and Edwin C. Howell. In addition, many lesser-known historical figures are examined for their contributions to the development of duplicate movements.

For the mathematically-inclined there are plenty of interesting oddities. The mathematics of balance of movements, giving the measure of quality, is thoroughly discussed. The controversial debate over movement quality, along with its history, is presented through the ideas and opinions of players and mathematicians.

The Best Partnership Bidding Prize

Winners: Kristina Wahyu Murniati–Suci Amita Dewi, Indonesia

In the Hua Yuan Teams, Board 12 of Match 7 provided a chance for Kristina Murniati and Suci Dewi to show their skill not only in finding the right contract, but also placing the declaration on the right side.

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Placing the contract on the right side did not mean automatic success. Declarer still had work to do after the opening lead of the queen of spades.

Having won the first trick in hand, Dewi led the trump queen to dummy's king and discarded a low club on dummy's king of spades. A low diamond to the ace drew the last trump, and a low heart was led to dummy's king, North withholding the ace.

When declarer then led a heart to the queen and ace, North was end-played. She had either to lead a heart into the jack-nine or a club into the ace-queen. "Main bagus (Well played)!" Murniati smiled happily.

The Best Partnership Defence Prize

Winners: Emma Sjoberg–Sandra Rimstedt, Sweden

From the pairs event:

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Rimstedt led a heart to Sjoberg's ace. Declarer has one loser in trumps, one in the hearts and two in diamonds. She had enough entries to set up a diamond to pitch her club loser and make the contract. However, the Swedish pair figured out a way to give declarer an opportunity to go wrong.

At trick two, Sjoberg led an imaginative queen of clubs, taken by the king. Declarer cashed the ace of spades, ruffed a heart and played two more rounds of trumps to Sjoberg's jack. South played the king and another diamond to North's ace. Knowing Sjoberg's plan, Rimstedt shifted back to clubs.

Declarer then played the ace, hoping to pitch a club on the established queen of diamonds. Sjoberg could ruff this with her remaining trump to beat the contract.

Should declarer have made the winning play?

Perhaps - with, for example, queen-jack-nine of clubs, South could have led a diamond to North's ace for a club through the ace-ten before the king of diamonds was dislodged.

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.

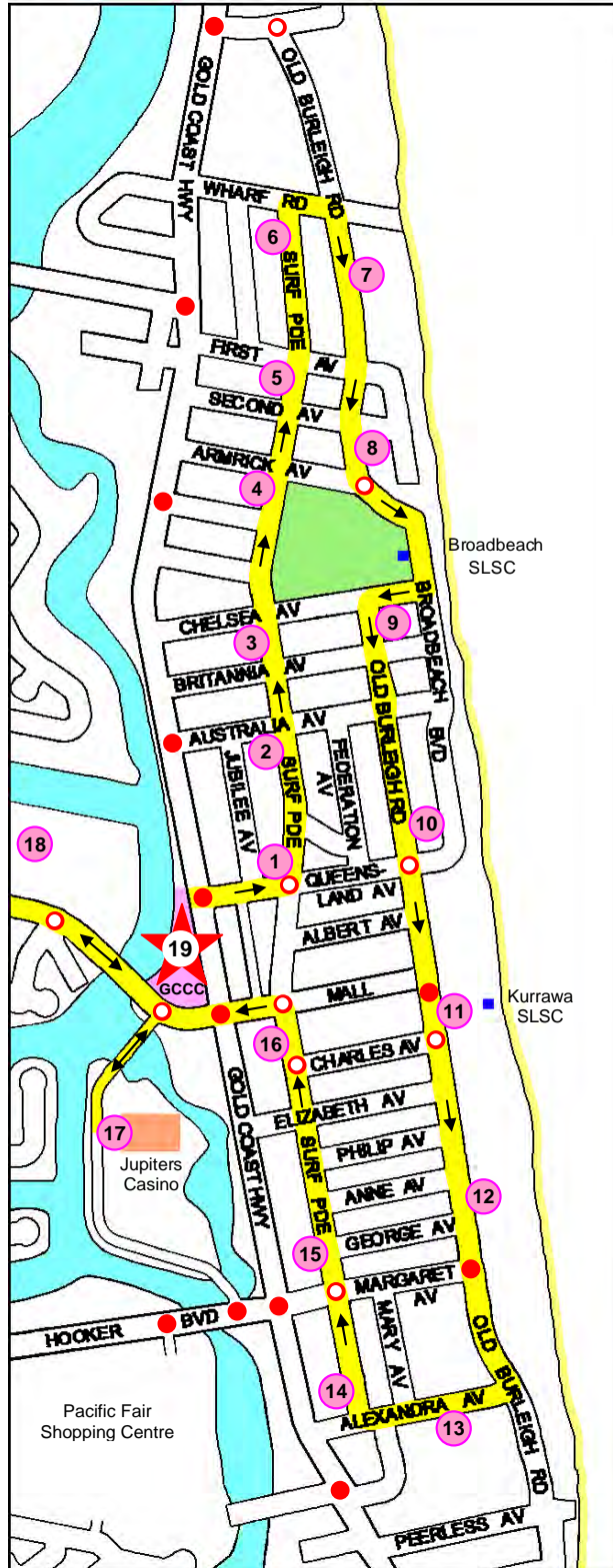
Buses will also be available to ferry people only to restaurants in Broadbeach during meal breaks, and for pickup in time for commencement of play. Please remember this is a courtesy bus, primarily for those less capable of walking over to the Mall area.

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



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- Mantra Broadbeach on the Park
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GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2014

	Friday 21st February	Saturday 22nd February	Sunday 23rd February	Monday 24th February	Tuesday 25th February	Wednesday 26th February	Thursday 27th February	Friday 28th February	Saturday 1st March
OPEN EVENTS		1:00pm Q1/2	1:00pm F1/3	1:00pm F3/3	10:00am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:00am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:00am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	O/F Teams SF Teams 9:00am 2X12 2:00pm 4X10 Brds Brds	9:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final
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Seniors Pairs Championship		1:00pm Q1/2 7:30pm Q2/2	1:00pm F1/3	1:00pm F3/3	10:00am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:00am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:00am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	All Are Invited Dinner Dance
Seniors Teams									7:30pm Bookings are Essential 8:00pm
INTERMEDIATE EVENTS									
Intermediate Pairs Championship		1:00pm Q1/2 7:30pm Q2/2	1:00pm F1/3	1:00pm F3/3	10:00am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:00am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:00am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
Intermediate Teams									
RESTRICTED EVENTS									
Restricted Pairs Championship		1:00pm Q1/2 7:30pm Q2/2	1:00pm F1/3	1:00pm F3/3	10:00am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:00am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:00am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
Restricted Teams									
Ivy Dahler Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs									
NOVICE EVENTS									
Novice Pairs Championship		1:00pm Q1/2 7:30pm Q2/2	1:00pm F1/3	1:00pm F3/3	10:00am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:00am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:00am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
Novice Teams									
Friday Novice Pairs									
ROOKIE PAIRS									
Rookie Pairs - Single Session Events			1:00pm 1/1				10:00am 1/1		
UNDER 50MP PAIRS									
Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs				10:00am 1/1					
MIXED TEAMS									
Seres/McMahon Mixed Teams								09:30am 1/2 2:00pm 2/2	
WALK-IN PAIRS									
Holiday Walk-in Pairs - Play 1, 2 or 3 Sessions	7:00pm 1/3	7:30pm 2/3	7:30pm 3/3		3:00pm 1/3	3:00pm 2/3	3:00pm 3/3	09:30am 1/3 2:00pm 2/3	10:30am 3/3

DIFFICULT CALCUDOKU

90×	18+				90×
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13+					
7+		8+		360×	
	2				

DIFFICULT SUDOKU

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6	4			8	5	
				1		6
2		4				7
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OK COULDN'T HELP MYSELF

- Q: What's the height of optimism?
 A: English batsman putting on sunscreen.
- Q: What's the difference between an English batsman and a Formula 1 car?
 A: Nothing! If you blink you'll miss them both.
- Q: What do English batsmen and drug addicts have in common?
 A: Both spend most of their time wondering where their next score will come from.

Date	Event	Website / Contact / Venue
6 th to 9 th June 2014	Barrier Reef Congress	bridgeclub@westnet.com.au Di McAlister 0402-761-152 Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre
12 th to 24 th July 2014	Australian National Championships and Butler Pairs - Sydney	anc2014@abf.com.au Marcia Scudder Canterbury Park Racecourse, Sydney
12 th to 17 th August 2014	Coffs Coast Gold Congress	coffsbridge@gmail.com Helen Blewitt 02-6651-1686 Coffs Harbour (Opal Cove Resort)
27 th to 31 st August 2014	Territory Gold Bridge Festival Pairs and Teams	tgbf@abf.com.au Pam Nunn (08) 8981-7287 Doubletree by Hilton, Darwin
29 th October to 6 th November 2014	Spring Nationals Open Teams, Restricted Teams Dick Cummings Open Pairs Restricted Pairs Linda Stern Women's Teams Bobby Evans Seniors Teams	sn@abf.com.au Marcia Scudder – NSWBA 02-9264-8111 Canterbury Park Racecourse, Sydney

**SUMMER FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE
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MEDICAL If you stick to our sponsoring restaurants you'll stay healthy of course but should the need for a doctor arise there's **The Doctors Company at Pacific Fair ph 07 55382177**. Should you need **after hours attention please call 07 5531-1224**.

BABYSITTING Should a **babysitter** be required call Cathie at **Gold Coast Nannies 0431301916**. All Nannies carry current Blue Card and Senior First Aid Certificate including CPR for children.