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## MARION RICE 1909-2016

Gerald Schaaf



The name Marion Rice is synonymous with amazing. Born in 1909 in the UK, she migrated to Australia at the age of 19 to join a brother already living here. She subsequently married and moved to a property near Bourke in outback NSW. Widowed in 1949, she was left to raise two daughters and manage the property, something she proved most capable of doing.

In later years she took up bridge and never looked back. Eventually she called both Sydney and the Gold Coast home. Starting in 1986, my friendship with Marion spanned 30 years at which time, bridge was 'her life as was mine – we were so compatible.

I was with her on the Gold Coast when she bought her first Motorized scooter at about 87 years young. She took it back to Sydney where her home was on the 42nd floor of a CBD hi-rise. From there she zipped to and from the NSW Bridge Association in Elizabeth Street and out to Bondi Junction by train for her regular bridge games. She was a regular visitor to the Gold Coast to play in the GCC. Notably, in 2010 she played for free because she had reached the milestone of 100 years young. This is when

she was featured by NEURA – as a prime example of their “Bridge for Brain Research” cases. Her partner in the Pairs at that event, Lee Lewis, remembers putting her into a slam – and making it. My most poignant memory is her insistence of bidding the negative double. No matter if I had zero points, I must “double” if I had the other major. Sometimes it worked.

My last game with Marion was in Sydney in December 2015. We met at her apartment and I had to run through the Sydney streets to get to the Association to keep up with her turbo-charged scooter. She moved to Brisbane soon thereafter to be closer to her daughter. She passed away on 22 November 2016 in Brisbane at the age of 107. I lost a special friend and the bridge world lost a star.

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## OUR FIRST WINNERS EMERGE AT THIS YEAR'S GOLD COAST CONGRESS

The Winners of the three session Open Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs and the 0-500 Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs were decided on Sunday afternoon.



Chris Hughes and Peter Buchen  
Winners Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs



Linda Norman and Wendy Gibson  
Winners Weekend 0-500 Matchpoint Swiss Pairs



Geeta Bhasin and Arvind Bhasin  
Winners N/S Sunday Rookie Pairs



## OPEN PAIRS QUALIFYING SESSION 2

Barry Rigal

For deals one to three of the second qualifying session I watched Matt Mullamphy and Ron Klinger taken on Nik Moore and Abby Wanigaratne. The first deal out saw Mullamphy steal the hand in 1NT, receive a friendly lead, and then a slight, followed by a serious, misdefense to bring home 1NT and an 86% result. His opponents clawed most of that back on the next deal:

Dealer: East  
 Vul: N-S  
 Brd 2  
 Open Pairs Q2  
 ♠ K Q 7 5 3 2  
 ♥ 8 4  
 ♦ A 4  
 ♣ 10 9 4

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

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

West Moore	North Klinger	East Wanigaratne	South Mullamphy
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

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

Moore correctly declined to invite, Wanigaratne was unhappy to pass but had told her story. On a top heart lead Moore won and returned the suit, then when Klinger won and shifted to a club, he ducked. This wasn't critical today but it might well have been important to cut the defenders' communications for uppercuts if clubs were 4-2. Mullamphy won the ♣Q and can hold declarer to +110 either with a club continuation or a third heart, since the defence can arrange a trump promotion. Instead he underled in diamonds, letting Moore win in dummy and lead a spade to the king and ace. He could regain the lead to play two more rounds of trumps and come to 140 for a 67% result.

On the third deal of the set Klinger was able to use a piece of delicate modern science:

Dealer: South  
 Vul: E-W  
 Brd 3  
 Open Pairs Q2  
 ♠ 10 7  
 ♥ Q 10 9 8 6 5 4  
 ♦ A 3 2  
 ♣ Q

♠ 5 4 2  
 ♥ J 3  
 ♦ 10 9 6 5 4  
 ♣ 10 7 5

♠ K J 6 3  
 ♥ 2  
 ♦ J  
 ♣ A K J 8 6 3 2

West Moore	North Klinger	East Wanigaratne	South Mullamphy
			2♦ <sup>(18-19)</sup>
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Makeable Contracts				
2	-	2	-	NT
-	-	1	-	♠
2	-	2	-	♥
-	3	-	3	♦
4	-	4	-	♣

Wanigaratne was faced with a sequence she had never encountered before – but even if she had bid 3♣ Mullamphy would have joined in with 3♦ and it is not clear anyone else would have done more.

Moore led a heart against 2♦ and Mullamphy had no idea that he might have been exposing himself to a ruff when he won the jack and finessed in spades. When the ♠Q held he went after trumps and racked up his +110 for another 85% score. (Throughout the day it seemed like whoever finished declaring the hand automatically got a good score – perhaps this explains Australian bidding?).

For the next round I watched the GOM of New Zealand bridge, John Wignall who doesn't seem to have aged at all since I first met him 30 years ago (mind you, David Stern suggested that may be a commentary on how 'old' he looked then).

### EDITORS NOTE

A reader made a passing comment that there were too many advertisements in the Daily Bulletin. I can't reasonably disagree with this point of view BUT.....one of the elements of this tournament which makes it one of the best in the world is the sponsors who bring cash, prizes and other benefits to the tournament and in return it is fair and reasonable to recognise their contribution. We trust you will understand and accept this.



On the first board of the set Coli/Free missed a game and an overtrick got away in the play, giving their opponents a fine score. On the second Wignall/Hooykas missed the best partscore with 25 HCP, playing 2NT, not a 4-4 minor fit. They were unlucky to find the cards poorly divided so that even the partscore went down – but still scored an average since much of the field played 3NT down 200 or more. This was the third deal:

Dealer: East  
 Vul: E-W  
 Brd 6  
 Open Pairs Q2

♠ A Q 5  
 ♥ A 6 3  
 ♦ 9 5 3 2  
 ♣ A 6 4

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

♠ 8 7 6 4  
 ♥ K Q 8 7 4  
 ♦ K Q  
 ♣ 7 3

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

West	North	East	South	
Coli	Wignall	Free	Hooykaas	
		Pass	Pass	
1♣	Double	Pass	2♣	
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥	
Pass	Pass	Pass		
Makeable Contracts				
-	2	-	2	NT
-	2	-	2	♠
-	2	-	2	♥
1	-	1	-	♦
2	-	2	-	♣

I thought Wignall took a shrewd call despite his decent hand when he shut up shop in 2♥ facing a passed hand. Hooykaas may have thought he had missed game when dummy came down, but he won the club lead, played a heart to hand, (observing the nine to his right – a card that strongly suggested the defenders would not be able to promote a trump) then finessed in spades. When it lost, the defenders immediately played two more rounds of clubs to tap him.

Again Hooykaas did the right thing by playing ♠A and another spade, in case the suit was breaking badly. When it split 3-3 the defenders had to let him score a diamond spade and heart or a diamond and two hearts, for +110. That was an 81% result for declarer – the field was in 3♥ or 4♥.

I moved on to watch David Morgan and Stephen Fischer play Matthew Brown and Ella Pattison. The first board of the set saw some very happy (and at least one extremely unhappy!) declarer.

Dealer: South  
 Vul: Both  
 Brd 7  
 Open Pairs Q2

♠ J 10  
 ♥ Q 7 6 2  
 ♦ A K Q  
 ♣ K 10 6 2

♠ 9 8  
 ♥ K J 3  
 ♦ 9 6 4 2  
 ♣ J 8 5 3

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

♠ A K Q 7 4 3 2  
 ♥ A 4  
 ♦ J  
 ♣ A Q 7

West	North	East	South	
Fischer	Brown	Morgan	Pattison	
			Pass	
Pass	1NT	Double	2♦	
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass	
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Makeable Contracts				
4	-	4	-	NT
6	-	6	-	♠
-	1	-	-	♥
1	-	1	-	♦
3	-	3	-	♣

Can you blame Pattison for leading the ♣9? I can't. Morgan had the pleasure of covering this with the jack, taking the king with the ace and then running seven rounds of spades to watch the North hand implode in a repeating triple squeeze.

♠ —  
 ♥ Q 7 6  
 ♦ Q  
 ♣ 10 6

♠ —  
 ♥ K J 3  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ 8 5 3

♠ 2  
 ♥ A 4  
 ♦ J  
 ♣ Q 7

♠ —  
 ♥ 10 9 8 5  
 ♦ 10 8  
 ♣ —

Brown took his best chance when he discarded his ♦Q, but declarer cashed the ♦J and North was put through the wringer again. That was 710 and a 65% score for E/W while +680 would have been an average. You remember my saying that most of the time declarer seemed to score well automatically just for getting to play the hand? That was emphatically not the case when South passed a penalty double of 1NT! Chu and Draper achieved the ultimate on defence, running seven spades for the same triple squeeze mentioned before. That was for seven down and a penalty of 2000. 11 pairs suffered various fates along these lines (some getting out for 800) and two pairs bid and made slam on the E/W cards. Wow!

For the next round I watched Tony Ong and Sophie Ashton (Sartaj is home minding the store) take on Pauline Gumby and Warren Lazer.



Dealer: East      ♠ J  
 Vul: N-S        ♥ A J 5 4 2  
 Brd 18         ♦ 7 4  
 Open Pairs Q2   ♣ K Q J 6 5  
 ♠ Q 6 3            ♠ 10 9 7 4 2  
 ♥ K 9 7 3         ♥ 10 6  
 ♦ 6 2             ♦ K Q 9 8  
 ♣ 10 9 7 2        ♣ 8 4

♠ A K 8 5  
 ♥ Q 8  
 ♦ A J 10 5 3  
 ♣ A 3

West	North	East	South	
Cater	Adams	Dunbar	Peake	
		Pass	1♦	
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT	
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠	
Pass	3NT	All Pass		
Makeable Contracts				
-	5	-	6	NT
-	3	-	3	♠
-	5	-	5	♥
-	5	-	5	♦
-	6	-	6	♣

Adams agonized before signing off, but she was right – in a sense, since slam is nothing to write home about. How would you play 3NT on a top club lead? Peake started off on the right path to make 12 tricks. Win the club in dummy and play a diamond. Let's look at East splitting his honours first. Win the ace, unblock clubs, lead ♥Q covered all round and lead a second diamond. East must duck (or your diamonds are good) so you win, cross to ♥J, and run the clubs. This is the ending as the last club is led.

For those of you who believe 'Vice is nice' this is a remarkable squeeze without the count. East must pitch a spade (if he lets go a diamond declarer pitches a spade then sets up diamonds) declarer discards a diamond, and now West must keep spades, so lets go a heart. A low heart now endplays West to lead a high spade (when declarer's hand is high) or a low spade when dummy is high!

♠ J  
 ♥ 5 4 2  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ 6

♠ Q 6 3  
 ♥ 9 7  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ —

♠ 10 9 7  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ K 9  
 ♣ —

♠ A K 8  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ J 5  
 ♣ —

OK let's consider East ducking the first diamond. Declarer wins cheaply in hand unblocks clubs and leads ♥Q. When West covers it is tempting to duck – but a heart return breaks up the tension of the ending. Instead declarer wins and peels off four but NOT five clubs. (If he cashes the last club he squeezes his own hand). Instead he leads a diamond to hand to force East to split his honours, goes back to ♥J, and takes the last club to transpose into the identical ending.

(At the table declarer went after diamonds and now might have been held to ten tricks; in the end he finished up with 11 tricks for an average result).

I'm normally not a welcome spectator at Margi Bourke's table – she claims I bring her bad luck – but on this occasion she had nothing to grumble about. After her opponents took a phantom save at unfavourable vulnerability, one of her opponents had to decide what to rebid on the West cards here.

Dealer: South      ♠ J 10 2  
 Vul: Both        ♥ 10 8 3 2  
 Brd 23         ♦ J 10 8  
 Open Pairs Q2   ♣ K 9 3  
 ♠ Q 8 6 5 3        ♠ K 4  
 ♥ Q J 5            ♥ 9 4  
 ♦ K 3 2            ♦ A 7 4  
 ♣ Q 6             ♣ A J 10 8 7 5

♠ A 9 7  
 ♥ A K 7 6  
 ♦ Q 9 6 5  
 ♣ 4 2

West	North	East	South	
	Kozakos		Bourke	
			1♦	
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass	
??				
Makeable Contracts				
3	-	3	-	NT
2	-	2	-	♠
-	-	-	-	♥
1	-	1	-	♦
3	-	3	-	♣

If you play 2♣ as forcing, do you potentially wrong-side no-trump by bidding 2NT, temporize with 2♦ (which might set up a game-force) or do something else? I'd go for 2NT myself. When West chose 2♠ he ended in 4♠ down 200 with 3NT cold his way.

Then George Kozakos was rewarded for a thoughtful play.

Dealer: West      ♠ 7 4 2  
 Vul: None        ♥ K Q 2  
 Brd 24            ♦ Q J 10 7 5  
 Open Pairs Q2   ♣ 10 2

♠ 10 9 5 3  
 ♥ 10  
 ♦ A 9 8 4 3  
 ♣ A J 5

♠ A K  
 ♥ A 9 7 4  
 ♦ K 6  
 ♣ K Q 8 4 3

West      North      East      South  
             Kozakos      Bourke

2♥      Pass      Pass      Double  
 Pass    2NT<sup>1</sup>    Pass      3NT

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

I'm not sure if Bourke knew her customer but East significantly broke tempo over 2♥; Bourke drove her hand to game anyway and Kozakos was treated to a low diamond lead which he could win in either hand. Instead of playing on diamonds he made the nice play of overtaking ♦6 with ♦7 and led a club to the king, the ♦K, ducked all round, then came to hand with a heart to set up diamonds. He could win the spade, come back to hand in hearts, and run the diamonds, pitching spade losers. Then he could lead a club to dummy for 11 tricks and a 95% result.

For the last round of the event Danny and Joann Sprung, visitors from Las Vegas, took on Matthew Brown and Ella Pattison. The first board saw East steal some overtricks in a 3NT game (yes you might blame North for a 3♠ opening on ♠ 10 8 7 5 4 3 – when your partner leads from the ♠ K Q and it isn't right, you have to take the blame)!

East had a chance on the next deal to rub it in.

Dealer: East      ♠ 7  
 Vul: Both        ♥ Q 9 8 6 5 4  
 Brd 26            ♦ Q 8 4  
 Open Pairs Q2   ♣ 7 4 3

♠ K 4 2  
 ♥ A K 3  
 ♦ A K 2  
 ♣ A Q J 10

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

West      North      East      South

2♦      Pass      2♣      Pass  
 3NT    Pass      Pass    Pass

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

West had done well not to tip his RHO off on lead. After the ♠Q lead East ducked and South thoughtfully shifted to a diamond. Now 10 tricks were the limit. Best play here is to win the spade at trick one and return the suit, planning to cover an honour and come back to hand to lead up to the ♠9. Or you can win in hand and run four rounds of clubs, planning to duck a spade and read the position later. Because so many of the field had bid slam here making 630 was only a little below average, but +660 would have been a 70% result.

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# OPEN PAIRS FINAL SESSION 1

Barry Rigal

Bobby Richman pairs championships final 1

The movement for the 28 - pair final features the pairs snaking up one table and alternating N/S and E/W till they reach the top table, where they switch compass direction. As an experiment I decided to sit at that top table, which meant I would watch everyone but the stationary pair for two rounds each, consecutively.

On the first deal N/S had a slam, but only one pair bid it. The key was to make all the tricks with as little risk as possible.

Dealer: North  
 Vul: None  
 Brd 1  
 Open Pairs F1

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

♠ A Q 9 8 4  
 ♥ A Q J 5 2  
 ♦ ---  
 ♣ J 9 5

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

West	North	East	South
Vadas	Lee	Fleischer	Whibley
	1♣	1♦	1♠
3♦	Pass	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Makeable Contracts				
-	2	-	2	NT
-	7	-	7	♠
-	3	-	3	♥
-	2	-	1	♦
-	7	-	7	♣

The defenders led a low diamond to the ace, suggesting West had the ♦K. Whibley ruffed the opening lead, crossed to a club, passed the ♠J successfully, then took a heart finesse, ruffed a heart and drew trumps. He took two hearts, a ruff, and five tricks in each black suit for +510 and a 69% result. Brown/Pattison took all the MP by bidding slam.

Flushed with success for taking all 13 tricks, Lee and Whibley repeated the feat on the second deal – and this time bid the cards to the maximum.

Dealer: East  
 Vul: N-S  
 Brd 2  
 Open Pairs F1

♠ K 4  
 ♥ A 4 3  
 ♦ A K Q 9 6 2  
 ♣ Q 5

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

♠ Q 5  
 ♥ J 9 8 7 5  
 ♦ J 8 5 4  
 ♣ 8 6

West	North	East	South
Vadas	Lee	Fleischer	Whibley
		2♦ <sup>Multi</sup>	Double
2♥	Double	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♥	Pass	5♠
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

Makeable Contracts				
-	7	-	7	NT
-	3	-	3	♠
-	3	-	3	♥
-	5	-	6	♦
-	7	-	7	♣

E/W did their best (though had West jumped to 3♥ it might have been even harder). Whibley's calculated overbid of 3NT saw Lee bid diamonds and when his partner did not sign off he went for the big prize. Five of the 14 tables bid 7NT.

On the next deal, as if two slams weren't enough Vadar/Fleischer bid their slam and got a 65% score. There was an 1100 save available; the key is whether having pre-empted at favourable vulnerability you'd expect partner to have a trick on defence for:

(1♠)-3♦-(4NT)-5♦, as opposed to (1♠)-3♦-(4NT)-6♦.

Lee didn't save as pre-empter with a cashing ace, but in an unfamiliar partnership one can hardly blame him – especially as from Whibley's perspective slam might not have been making and 6♦x might well have cost more than the slam. (Whibley had ♦ Q x x x and the ♣K in a 3-2-4-4 shape).

For round two I got to watch Michael Courtney and his own special brand of matchpoint madness. On the first deal he pre-empted at favourable vulnerability with what to a jaundiced eye looked more like a one-level opener, down 500 against a game missed by virtually the whole field.



As if to teach him a sharp lesson, his partner Sue Ingham then opened 2♦ on a hand where the field was bidding 3♦. Result? Her opponents stopped in 3♥ and made only ten tricks for a top, since the rest of the room was in game, often making 11 tricks. That'll teach you, Michael.

Next up were the pair who would be leading at session-end. Danny and Joann Sprung.

After Danny stole an overtrick in a 3NT contract for virtually all the matchpoints, it was Joann's turn to play a hand for all the tricks available.

Dealer: South	♠ 9 5 4	West	North	East	South
Vul: None	♥ 5 2	Danny	L Watt	Joann	R Watt
Brd 11	♦ 7 6 4				1♠
Open Pairs F1	♣ 9 8 7 6 5				
♠ K Q 7 3		Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
♥ 9 8 7		2NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass
♦ J 10 3		Makeable Contracts			
♣ A J 3		3	-	4	-
	♠ A J 10 6 2	1	-	1	-
	♥ A 10	3	-	4	-
	♦ A Q 8	2	-	2	-
	♣ Q 10 2	1	-	1	-
					NT
					♠
					♥
					♦
					♣

Joann might have jumped to 3♥ over 1♠ -- an intermediate jump in balancing seat, but got to the same point on a different route. Russell led ♠A and another spade, letting Joann win (pitching a diamond) and lose a heart to the ace. Back came a heart and she ran the trumps, forcing South to come down on the penultimate trump to two spades and ♦ A Q, thus only two clubs. That meant she didn't have to guess which queen if either to play North for, since the ♣Q popped up on the second round of the suit. +420 meant a 69% score.

My favourite board of the event saw the Sprungs again fighting for overtricks.

Dealer: North	♠ K 9 7 2	West	North	East	South
Vul: Both	♥ 7 4 3	Bilski	Joann	N Strasser	Danny
Brd 13	♦ A J 2				
Open Pairs F1	♣ K 9 4		1♣(2+)	Pass	1♦ <sup>s</sup>
♠ J 10 5 4		Pass	1♥	Pass	3♥ <sup>1</sup>
♥ Q 10 8 6 5		Pass	3NT	All Pass	
♦ 10 6		1 Puppet to 3NT			
♣ A 7		Makeable Contracts			
	♠ Q 6 3	-	4	-	4
	♥ K	-	3	-	3
	♦ 8 7 5 4 3	-	2	-	2
	♣ J 6 5 2	-	3	-	3
		-	4	-	4
					NT
					♠
					♥
					♦
					♣

Joann won the diamond lead in dummy to lead a club to the king and then to pass the club nine. Bilski exited with a low heart to the king, and Joann ducked. She won the diamond return and ran her clubs, forcing a total of three discards from Bilski. When he discarded a heart and two spades, Joann cashed ♠A and ♠K, reducing dummy and West down to three hearts. she led a heart to the nine and Bilski's ten, but he was endplayed to lead hearts into the tenace for +630. Nicely done.

Two rounds later, Bill Powell and Marjorie Askew defended a game nicely. But I'll put you in the hot seat as South – see if you can do better.

Dealer: South	♠ K Q J 7 6 4 3	West	North	East	South
Vul: E-W	♥ 8	Askew		Powell	
Brd 19	♦ 10 3				1NT
Open Pairs F1	♣ 10 9 4				
♠ 9		Double <sup>1</sup>	4♦ <sup>s</sup>	Double	4♠
♥ Q J 9 7 5 4 2		Pass	Pass	Pass	
♦ 5 4		1 One suiter or minor+ major			
♣ J 8 6		Makeable Contracts			
	♠ A 10 5	-	1	-	1
	♥ K 3	-	6	-	6
	♦ K J 8 6 2	2	-	2	-
	♣ K 7 2	-	2	-	2
		-	2	-	2
					NT
					♠
					♥
					♦
					♣

Put yourself in South's seat on the lead of the diamond five. How would you play it?

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

Our to-be-unnamed declarer played low from dummy, took the ♦J with his ♦Q and played a trump, ducked by Powell, then another trump on which West discouraged hearts. now after a club shift declarer was afraid to finesse, so he rose ace, played ♥A and ruffed a heart and ran the trumps. Can you see declarer's fatal mistake? Had he unblocked the ♦10 at trick one he has 12 tricks. This is the ending:

On the last trump South simply watches East's discard and lets go the other suit, then finesses diamonds and claims the rest. As it was though, he took just 10 tricks.

Last year's winners Howard Melbourne and Barbara Travis came to my table with two rounds to go and produced some devilish bridge. On the first deal Melbourne bid on his own to the four level,

persuading his opponents with four 'apparently' cashing winners to double him. Alas, Melbourne had been lurking with 6-6 pattern and wrapped up +710.

Then Travis did well on opening lead.

Dealer: South	♠ Q J 7 4 2	♠ A 6 5 3
Vul: Both	♥ A K 9 7	♥ 6
Brd 23	♦ 9 2	♦ K Q 5 4
Open Pairs F1	♣ 7 5	♣ 10 9 6 2
♠ K 10		
♥ J 10 8 4 3 2	♠ 9 8	
♦ 7	♥ Q 5	
♣ K Q 8 4	♦ A J 10 8 6 3	
	♣ A J 3	

West Melbourne	North Askew	East Travis	South Powell	
			1♦	
1♥	Dble <sup>4+</sup> ♠	Pass	2♦	
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT	
Pass	Pass	Pass		
Makeable Contracts				
-	1	-	2	NT
-	1	-	1	♠
1	-	1	-	♥
-	2	-	2	♦
1	-	1	-	♣

Travis tracked the ♣10, and declarer could not avoid six top losers. On a heart lead declarer will win in hand and set up diamonds. The defenders can do no better than one down after that start and might struggle even to do that.

## RESTRICTED PAIRS QUALIFYING SESSION 2 - ACTION AT THE KIWI TABLE

Brent Manley

Jenny Carr and Kees De Vocht of Christchurch made it to the A Final of the Intermediate Pairs, overcoming a couple of tough boards. This deal was particularly frustrating for the pair.

Dealer: South	♠ A	♠ Q J 8 6 4
Vul: None	♥ A K 9 7 5 2	♥ 6
Brd 27	♦ 9	♦ A J 4 3
Rest Prs Qual 2	♣ A J 10 7 4	♣ K 9 8
♠ 10 9 7 5 3 2		
♥ J 4 3	♠ K	
♦ K 10 5	♥ Q 10 8	
♣ 2	♦ Q 8 7 6 2	
	♣ Q 6 5 3	

West	North De Vocht	East	South Carr	
			Pass	
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥	
4♠	5♥	5♠	6♥	
Pass	Pass	Pass		
Makeable Contracts				
-	2	-	2	NT
4	-	4	-	♠
-	5	-	5	♥
1	-	1	-	♦
-	4	-	4	♣

De Vocht, North, opened 1♥ in third seat. East overcalled 1♠ and Carr raised to 2♥. West then jumped to 4♠ with her six-card support, after which De Vocht pushed on with a bid of 5♥ and East kept going with a bid of 5♠. That went around to de Vocht, who had one last chance to go plus by passing or doubling. He gave his next call some thought before pushing on to 6♥. It was difficult to tell whether his side had more than a couple of tricks against 5♠.

The opponents didn't even have to double to collect nearly all the matchpoints. Plus 50 was good enough with East winning the ♦A and ♣K.

In fairness to Carr-de Vocht, doubling 5♠ would have produced just +100 for a poor score, so no matter what they did, the score was going to be disappointing. At some tables, East managed to go two down in 5♠ doubled, but that was still only 35% for North-South.

## SENIORS PAIRS FINAL SESSION 1

Brent Manley



In the second half of the first session of the Senior Pairs Final A, Paul Lavings (pictured left) and Robert Krochmalik were moving from one table to another. The two had just posted a couple of good results, prompting Lavings to comment, "We're clawing our way back to average."

Well, not exactly. Although it apparently didn't seem so to Lavings, they were already above average and on their way to a 55.70% game, good for fourth overall with two final sessions left to play. It's not unusual for players of the stature of Lavings and Krochmalik to set high standards for themselves, and they maintained the standard over 27 boards in the session. On 10 of those boards, the pair scored 69% or better.

On this board, accurate defence and a slip by declarer gave them a near top. Lavings was West, Krochmalik East.

Dealer: East  
Vul: E-W  
Brd 6

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

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	4♥	3♦	3♥
		All Pass	

Makeable Contracts				
-	4	-	4	NT
-	3	-	3	♠
-	4	-	4	♥
2	-	1	-	♦
-	-	-	-	♣

Lavings led the ♦K. Krochmalik thought for a bit before overtaking with the ♦A and giving his partner a ruff. Lavings continued with the ♣K, taken by declarer with dummy's ace. South could have easily made his contract by exiting dummy with a club. He would then be able to ruff a club in dummy for his 10th trick. Instead, declarer pulled trumps and could not recover. He had to lose two clubs plus the ♦A and the diamond ruff. Plus 50 was worth 92% for Lavings and Krochmalik.

On this deal, Lavings scooped up some overtricks to earn his side another fine score.

Dealer: North  
Vul: E-W  
Brd 9

♠ A 5 2  
♥ Q J  
♦ K 7  
♣ A K Q J 10 2

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

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

♠ 9 3  
♥ A 9 7 4 3  
♦ A 9 8 6  
♣ 8 4

West	North	East	South
2NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Makeable Contracts				
5	-	5	-	NT
2	-	2	-	♠
6	-	6	-	♥
3	-	3	-	♦
6	-	6	-	♣

Lavings always has 11 tricks, even with a spade lead. On the actual club lead, he won in hand and played the ♥Q at trick two. North covered, and Lavings played low from dummy. He won the club continuation, cashed the ♥J, entered dummy with a diamond to the ace. When the ♥10 came down, Lavings could claim 12 tricks for plus 690 and 85% of the matchpoints.

On this deal, Lavings and Krochmalik didn't earn a great score, but their bidding agreements helped them avoid a disaster. Lavings was West, Krochmalik East



Dealer: South  
 Vul: None  
 Brd 27

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

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

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

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

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

Krochmalik's 1♥ was a transfer to spades. His 2♦ was an artificial, game-forcing checkback. Lavings' 2NT denied a high honor in spades. His 4♥ showed controls in clubs, diamonds and hearts.

North led a diamond to dummy's singleton ace. At trick two, Lavings played dummy's ♣Q, covered by the king and ace. When Lavings played a trump from hand, North rose with the ace and continued with a club to Lavings. When Lavings played a second spade from hand and North discarded, Lavings claimed plus 450 for a 54% score. Had the final contract been 6♠, Lavings and Krochmalik's score for minus 50 would have been 4%.

On this board from the first half of the session, a Krochmalik overtrick was good for another excellent score. Krochmalik was South, Lavings North.

Dealer: West  
 Vul: Both  
 Brd 20

♠ 5 3  
 ♥ K 7 6 5 2  
 ♦ J 6  
 ♣ K 8 6 2

♠ A K 10 8  
 ♥ A 10 9 8 4  
 ♦ K 8  
 ♣ J 7

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣ <sup>♠Raise</sup>	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
Makeable Contracts			
-	1	-	1 NT
-	3	-	3 ♠
-	1	-	1 ♥
-	3	-	2 ♦
-	1	-	1 ♣

West started with the ♦J. Krochmalik covered with the king and East won the ♦A, continuing with a low diamond at trick two. Krochmalik won that trick with dummy's ♦8. He cashed the trump ace then ran the ♣J to West's king. A club return went to East's 10 and declarer's ace. Krochmalik ruffed a low diamond in dummy, then trumped a low heart in hand, played a spade to dummy's king and ruffed another heart. Krochmalik then cashed the ♣Q and ♣9, pitching hearts from dummy. East ruffed the ♣9 with the master trump and exited with a heart, but Krochmalik could claim on a crossruff at that point for plus 170 and a 69% score.

Krochmalik and Lavings finished the session with 55.7% placed in fourth position after the completion of one third of the finals.



Robert Krochmalik





## THE KLINGER QUIZ

Ron Klinger

Dir W	♠ Q J 2		
All Vul	♥ 10 5 4		
	♦ A J 10		
	♣ J 8 3 2		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT [15-17]
Pass	??		

What would you do as North?

Solution: From a national team selection:

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

At both tables South opened a 15-17 1NT after three passes. What should North do?

At one table North passed and declarer scored +150. At the other North raised to 3NT at once, where some might merely invite game. The idea was that the partnership would have at least 24 HCP and that is enough to bid a vulnerable game at IMPs. Also, with both opponents passed hands, South should have a better chance of judging the location of the missing high cards. In addition, with two tens, North can justify an upgrade to 10 points.

Note that if North invites with 2NT, South has only 15 HCP and figures to pass.

West led a diamond, won cheaply in dummy. The ♥4 went to the ♥9 and when that held, South led a low spade from hand. West took the ♠K and switched to a low club. East took the ♣K and returned a club to West, who reverted to diamonds. When a heart to the queen held, declarer had nine tricks for +600 and +10 Imps.

Playing on hearts first looks best since, if declarer takes the spade finesse first, West might well work out to duck. Now if declarer repeats the spade finesse West will win and be able to safely exit in diamonds.

## BRIDGE WITH BARRY

Barry Rigal

Today's deal is an example of how Deep Finesse can tell you what is supposed to happen with best play by both sides...but how rarely we actually see that! It isn't just a question of dropping singleton honours offside, there is also declarer's advantage in that he can see all the assets for his side. The defence cannot.

Dir South	♠ J 2	West	North	East	South
All N/S	♥ K Q J 5	Nilssen		Leong	
	♦ Q 10 9 2				Pass
	♣ A 10 2				2♣
♠ A Q 10 6 4		1♠	Double	Pass	All Pass
♥ A 9 4		Pass	Pass	2♠	
♦ K J 7	♠ 9 7 5				
♣ 7 5	♥ 10 8 7 3				
	♦ A 6 3				
	♣ K 6 3				
	♠ K 8 3				
	♥ 6 2				
	♦ 8 5 4				
	♣ Q J 9 8 3				

Deep Finesse suggests that West can make nine tricks, but he had better guess the play well. Let's see what happened at the table.

Ulf Nilsson, playing with Eric Leong, declared 2♠ on the ♥K lead, South encouraging with the ♥6. Nilsson tried the effect of dropping the ♥9 – and it worked!

North innocently continued with the ♥5, letting Nilsson win the ♥10 and finesse the ♠Q, then draw a second trump with the ace. Even better for Nilsson, North won the ace when declarer played on clubs (ducking would have broken up the squeeze) and returned the suit.

Nilsson won the ♣K and played the third spade. South won and shifted to a diamond, but Nilsson won the king in hand, cashed the ♥A and played his last two trumps. North could discard one diamond on the first trump but was squeezed in the red suits on the second for plus 170 to East-West.

## BE GUIDED BY BRENT

What you need to know Part 3 – Brent Manley

At an afternoon duplicate game, a new round was called. A woman named Trudy moved to a table where North was in deep thought. Trudy was surprised to see the player at the club because she knew the woman worked days. As Trudy sat down, she said, "Are you playing hooky today?" The woman stammered, "What? Oh, no – we play Schenken."

Schenken is a bidding system probably not known to many new players. That's not surprising because it does not have nearly as many adherents as it once did. In case you're interested, it was devised by the late Howard Schenken, generally considered the best player of his generation.

Not the best bidder, mind you – the best player. There's a difference. Fancy bidding systems can be great if handled properly, but they don't take tricks, which is your ultimate goal.

Does it matter what you play? Perhaps, but what matters more is how well you and your partner know your bidding system, and that brings me to the point of this essay.

The easiest way for you and your partner to know your system back to front is to keep your system simple. The fewer the moving parts, the easier it is to manage. Here are a few tips for you to get on the same page with your partner.

1. Decide on a "style" for your opening bids. It won't work if one of you is opening flimsy 11-pointers and the other is sticking to a philosophy of "sound" openers – that is, at least a good 12 high-card points with a couple of quick tricks. In this context, "good" means your high cards are mostly aces and kings in your long suit(s).
2. If you are tempted to use the Rule of 20 as the guideline for your openers, consider putting that idea on the shelf – or at least adjusting it to the Rule of 22: You can open if your high-card points and the number of cards in your two long suits equals 20 and you have two quick tricks (aces and kings).
3. Decide on a short list of conventions to play and discuss them thoroughly. Good starters are Stayman, Blackwood, major-suit transfers over 1NT and 2NT openers. Discuss follow-ups.

West	North	East	South
			You
			1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	??

Is 2♥ to play or is it forcing?

West	North	East	South
			You
			1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	??

Is 3♦ to play or is it forcing?

What would a direct 3♦ over 1NT mean?



These two merely scratch the surface. Whichever way you decide to go, discussion is vital. Hint: If you don't know what a bid means, consider it to be forcing.



4. If you don't play negative doubles over partner's one-level openers, give it serious thought. It's not terribly complicated, and using double strictly for penalty when someone overcalls will put you in more awkward positions than you can imagine.
5. Don't add a convention until you and your partner are confident you understand how it works, including follow-ups. This includes any system you decide to play in defence of a 1NT opener. If you do adopt some conventional system, resist the temptation to use it just because it's on your card. A disciplined partner is a partner to treasure. Try to be one.



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## TIPS FROM BRIDGE VID YOUR ONLINE BRIDGE COACH

Peter Hollands and Laura Ginnan

♠ 6	♠ K Q
♥ K 10	♥ —
♦ 4	♦ A 2
♣ —	♠ —
♠ A	♠ —
♥ 4 3 2	♠ —
♦ —	♠ —
♣ —	♠ —
Declarer	
♠ —	
♥ A J	
♦ J 3	
♣ —	

**PROBLEM 3:** Work this one out when you know where all the cards are! East is on lead and defending no-trumps. How can East West defend so that they can win three of the four remaining tricks?

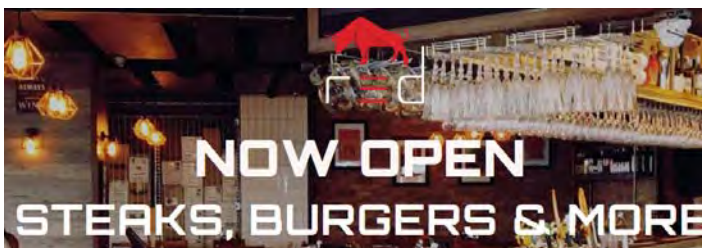
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♥ K 10	♥ —
♦ 4	♦ A 2
♣ —	♠ —
♠ A	♠ —
♥ 4 3 2	♠ —
♦ —	♠ —
♣ —	♠ —
Declarer	
♠ —	
♥ A J	
♦ J 3	
♣ —	

## SOLUTION - TIPS FROM BRIDGE VID YOUR ONLINE BRIDGE COACH

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**PROBLEM 3:** Work this one out when you know where all the cards are! East is on lead and defending no-trumps. How can East West defend so that they can win three of the four remaining tricks?

**SOLUTION:** This one was tricky to spot! East must play the ♦A and West must discard (Jettison) their ♠A! If they do this the spade suit is unblocked and East can with the ♠K and ♠Q. This would be quite tricky as defenders but do you think you would have spotted it if you were the declarer and dummy?



## Open Pairs - Leading Scores After 2 of 3 Sessions

Leading Scores Open Final A			Leading Scores Open Final B		
1	Matthew Mullamphy - Ron Klinger	59.12	1	Brad Coles - Fraser Rew	60.33
2	David Lilley - Zolly Nagy	57.55	2	Watson Zhou - Shaolin Sun	60.19
3	Joann Sprung - Danny Sprung	56.48	3	Glen Coutts - Kornel Lazar	56.06
4	Barbara Travis - Howard Melbourne	56.32	4	Nick Jacob - Michael Ware	55.06
5	Justin Howard - Tony Nunn	56.21	5	Zhuqiang Tian - Charlie Lu	53.92
6	Tao Zhou - Hua Chen	55.60	6	Wallace Ashton - Michael Wilkinson	53.63
7	Peter Gill - Kathy Boardman	54.22	7	Vanessa Brown - Leigh Gold	53.42
Leading Scores Open Final C			Leading Scores Open Final D		
1	Julian Foster - David Weston	59.70	1	Tony Hutton - Bill Hirst	62.69
2	Eileen Li - Yumin Li	56.40	2	Valerie Gardiner - Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa	56.42
3	Viv Wood - Dave Debbage	56.37	3	Liam Milne - Nye Griffiths	54.50
4	Wayne Burrows - Peter Hall	55.36	4	Jamie Thompson - Johnno Newman	54.18
5	Shizue Futaesaku - Wendy Driscoll	54.30	5	Grant Cowen - Paul McGrath	52.95
6	Pauline Gumby - Warren Lazer	53.95	6	Giselle Mundell - Rena Kaplan	52.92
7	Cindy Harris - Joe Harris	53.80	7	Herve Cheval - Gilles Josnin	52.20
Leading Scores Open Final E			Leading Scores Open Final F		
1	Eva Berger - Tony Berger	408.50	1	Michael Pemberton - Graham Wakefield	387.50
2	Ken Berry - Normand Maclaurin	407.50	2	Chris Watson - Shirley Watson	378.00
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6	Nicoleta Giura - Nick Hughes	372.50	6	Elliott Kaplan - Bernard Edelstein	366.00
7	Paul Brayshaw - Chris Mulley	357.50	7	Jan Davis - Hayden Seal	358.50
Leading Scores Open Final G					
1	Abigail Wanigaratne - Nikolas Moore	228.50			
2	Lorraine Stachurski - Alister Stuck	209.50			
3	Les Ajzner - Paul Kron	200.00			
4	Gillian Alexander - Cheryl Winsor	191.50			
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6	Hugh Gilberg - Richard Massey	186.50			
7	Ken Wilks - Rosalie Broughton	185.00			

## Seniors Pairs - Leading Scores After 2 of 3 Sessions

Leading Scores Seniors Final A			Leading Scores Seniors Final B		
1	Paul Lewis - Linda Lewis	59.28	1	Chris Ingham - Val Billoft	57.38
2	Robert Krochmalik - Paul Lavings	59.18	2	Maggie Callander - Kerrin Daws	56.31
3	Theo Antoff - Michael McAuliffe	57.82	3	Larry Moses - John Gough	55.50
4	Richard Brightling - David Hoffman	55.29	4	Vince Cariola - Glenys Fitzpatrick	54.74
5	Maureen Dennison - John Balson	53.23	5	Helen Jeffery - Trish Harrison	54.34
6	Ivy Luck - John Luck	52.70	6	Malcolm Allan - Cristel Philp	52.58
7	Lester Kalmin - Lynn Kalmin	52.40	7	Judith Roose-Driver - Johan Roose	52.26

## Intermediate Pairs - Leading Scores After 2 of 3 Sessions

Leading Scores Intermediate Final A			Leading Scores Intermediate Final B		
1	Jennifer Bandy - Christine Jenkins	370.50	1	Vivien Eldridge - Alan Davies	385.00
2	John Donovan - Alexander Hewat	363.50	2	Diana Ellis - Chris Hannan	378.00
3	Jenifer Codognotto - Annette Rose	362.50	3	Jean Barbour - Greg Nicholson	372.00
4	Paul Roberts - Bruce Carroll	360.50	4	Susie Stevens - Peter Gordon	363.00
5	Gregory Gosney - Margaret Plunkett	360.00	4	Sidney Reynolds - Antoinette Rees	363.00
6	Eric Baker - Chris Stead	351.50	6	Horst Utzen - Barry Wilson	356.50
7	David Yarwood - Derek Richards	350.00	7	Anne Sim - Leo Sim	354.50
Leading Scores Intermediate Final C			Leading Scores Intermediate Final D		
1	Margaret Pisko - Trish Anagnostou	387.00	1	George Campbell - Sandor Varga	346.00
2	Marina Darling - Sue Read	366.00	2	Norma Browne - Allison Simon	329.00
3	Paul Brake - Jessica Brake	365.00	3	William Howard - Monty Dale	318.00
4	Hope Tomlinson - Barry Foster	364.50	4	Annette Hyland - Nigel Cleminson	314.50
5	Ashok Chotai - Veena Chotai	362.50	5	Joy Trigg - Joan Campbell	308.00
6	Wayne Carroll - Fran Carroll	361.00	6	Frank Gooley - Dianne Nicholls	303.50
7	Robin Erskine - Paul Nelson	360.50	7	Herold Rienstra - Bert Luchjenbroers	297.00

## Restricted Pairs - Leading Scores After 2 of 3 Sessions

Leading Scores Restricted Final A			Leading Scores Restricted Final B		
1	Jessica Chew - Rez Karim	61.27	1	Marlise Jones - Kerry Watson	66.56
2	Andrew Gosney - Jack Luke-Paredi	56.34	2	Donna Upchurch - Nebojsa Djorovic	64.28
3	Yvonne Whittle - Francey Rolls	55.75	3	Turei Haronga - Christine Haronga	60.75
4	Geoff Saxby - Neil Smith	55.08	4	Julia Howe - Barbara Rydon	58.17
5	Alex Penklis - Phillip Halloran	54.84	5	Daria Williams - Jennifer Sawyer	54.53
6	Tilley Thillainathan - Ross Currin	52.44	6	Allan McIntyre - Terry Nowitzki	51.99
7	Ngairé Crow - Janice Willoughby	52.26	7	Rebecca Knight - Naureen Gearon	51.82
Leading Scores Restricted Final C			Leading Scores Restricted Final D		
1	Joanne Bakas - Tassi Georgiadis	59.37	1	Janice Gladders - Robynne Owen	408.50
2	Jillian Griffith - Marie Irving	57.09	2	Sarah Carradine - Michael Young	406.50
3	Peter Watson - Julia Watson	56.77	3	Antoinette Dippenaar - Jennette Rosetta	394.50
4	Anne Barry - Karen Elmes	55.47	4	Jenny Simmons - Kathleen Wilman	391.00
5	Isabella Michie - Jean Pearce	54.53	5	Marilyn Robins - Christine Nice	390.50
6	Sarah Livingston - Honor Middleton	54.44	6	Kathy Hamilton - John Hamilton	387.50
7	John Evans - John Serry	53.02	6	Bill Rossiter-Nuttall - Jackie Rossiter-Nuttall	388.00
Leading Scores Restricted Final E					
1	Brad Tattersfield - Jan Borren	389.00			
2	Dianne Hillman - Odette Hall	373.00			
3	Karen Smith - Sue Cohen	369.00			
4	Helen Cook - Debbie Chappell	354.50			
5	Lee Opray - Mieke Van Weel	348.00			
6	Alex Hunyor - Roslyn Hunyor	347.00			
7	Jim Stewart - David Owen	339.00			

## Novice Pairs - Leading Scores After 2 of 3 Sessions

Leading Scores Novice Final A			Leading Scores Novice Final B		
1	Derek Poulton - Nick Walsh	411.00	1	Ryan Stevens - Rachel Langdon	407.50
2	Anita Delorenzo - Robyn Stanhope	400.50	2	Leanne Nugent - Jenny Iliescu	392.50
3	Gary Kembrey - Andrew Grace	394.50	3	Barry Koster - Kiku Mukai	388.50
4	Stephen Miller - Jonathan Silberberg	382.00	4	Mary Poynten - Clare Ainsworth	383.50
5	Simon Van Kruistum - Cobie Van Kruistum	380.00	5	Wilma Coloper - Jennifer Simpson	380.50
6	Peter Goldman - Michael Main	378.00	6	Anthony Marsland - Helen Blair	377.50
7	Allan Byrnes - Unis Suliman	374.00	7	Klarika Tortely - Jim Gilbert	371.50
Leading Scores Novice Final C					
1	Jane Ackman - Narelle Jackson	354.50			
2	Grace Ireland - Ruth Sargent	325.50			
3	Kerry Bartlett - Christine Bartlett	317.50			
4	Christine Egan - Di Agostino	312.50			
5	Peter Allingham - Dusk Care	308.50			
5	Maira Smith - Drew Campi	308.50			
7	Deidre Nixon - Anthony Phillips	307.50			

## Open Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs

Rank	Pair	Names	Total	Rank	Pair	Names	Total
1	1	Peter Buchen - Chris Hughes	131.13	80	82	Anne Bates - Sue Allen	79.03
2	79	Ann Baker - Colin Baker	111.31	81	108	Judy Marks - Adam Rutkowski	79.03
3	84	Pam Crichton - Ross Crichton	109.47	82	52	Lee Andrews - Susan Fookes	78.86
4	86	Tom Moss - Dennis Zines	109.02	83	37	Lynne Geursen - Trevor Robb	78.32
5	23	Pam Morgan-King - Leigh Thompson	108.98	84	69	Jocelyn Steele - John Steele	78.30
6	5	Elli Urbach - Ferenc Budai	104.89	85	145	Bev Guilford - Sue Spencer	78.27
7	11	Richard Ward - Lynette Vincent	104.77	86	142	Leone Moffat - Elaine Leach	78.20
8	104	Kerry Wood - Charles Howard	103.92	87	40	Megan Sutherland - Gerald Dawson	78.18
9	120	Peter Strasser - Andy Hung	103.47	88	93	Richard Fox - Robyn Clark	77.30
10	59	Simon Andrew - Gwen King	103.03	89	109	Sharmini Hoole - Milton Hart	77.06
11	88	John Zollo - Judy Zollo	102.97	90	30	Ken Moffitt - Sue Moffitt	76.87
12	110	Lisa Csima - Murat Genc	101.71	91	135	Yong White - David Grout	76.75
13	98	Jane Rasmussen - Roy Nixon	101.27	92	112	Ann Mellings - Marion Spurrier	76.59
14	17	Liz Fanos - Margaret Foster	99.05	93	51	Alan Glasson - Kathie Radcliffe	76.38
15	21	Moss Wylie - Brad Johnston	98.99	94	91	Barbara Gassmann - Krystyna Homik	76.10
16	102	Charles Page - Paul Gosney	98.86	95	95	Jim Wood - Jenni Buckley	75.93

## Open Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs

Rank	Pair	Names	Total	Rank	Pair	Names	Total
17	9	Sharon Mayo - Greg Mayo	98.55	96	89	Frank Vearing - Jo-Anne Heywood	75.74
18	63	Judy Bills - Ann Paton	97.76	97	6	Helen Kemp - Helene Kolozs	75.65
19	92	Linda Cartner - Jonathan Westoby	97.76	98	140	Andrew Struik - Nikki Riszko	75.41
20	10	Yuzhong Chen - Gary Foidl	97.71	99	116	Jan Hackett - Tom Hackett	75.20
21	128	Terry Bodycote - Paul Weaver	97.63	100	12	Kaye Donaldson - Janice Palm	74.98
22	130	Cecily Critchley - Lynley Jenkins	97.31	101	3	Julia Hoffman - Noelene Law	74.76
23	24	Bruce Crossman - Bev Crossman	96.33	102	119	Biljana Novakovic - Lee Weldon	74.60
24	65	Janet Clarke - Di Coats	96.32	103	105	Carolyn Dowling - Leslie Treasure	74.08
25	27	Peter Tootell - Helen Tootell	96.31	104	55	Kaye Hart - Jeff Carberry	73.90
26	31	John Kelly - Rosa Lachman	95.84	105	121	Pat Beattie - Allayne Kennedy	73.79
27	13	Agnes Kempthorne - Barry Kempthorne	95.70	106	129	Julie Rose - Harry Procel	73.27
28	90	Andrew Richman - Sandra Richman	95.32	107	26	Fifine Hutton - Wendy Hutton	73.05
29	15	Ian Afflick - Paul Collins	94.87	108	22	Noel Grigg - Dianna Middleton	73.01
30	25	Theo Mangos - Leigh Foran	94.84	109	33	Mike Ferguson - Pat Ferguson	72.84
31	35	Brian Thorp - Jenny Michael	93.58	110	133	Jamie McFall - Frances Gaunt	72.81
32	96	George Finikiotis - Margaret Klassen	92.84	111	124	Tom Strong - Edda Strong	71.97
33	113	Chris Bayliss - Catherine Chown	92.74	112	81	Val Churchill - Helga Corbett	71.91
34	148	Tony Treloar - Peter Evans	91.76	113	125	Keith Blinco - Terrence Sheedy	71.82
35	49	Errol Miller - Dorothy Gehrke	91.27	114	45	Val Holbrook - Neven Burica	71.70
36	126	Dagmar Neumann - Carola Hoogervorst	91.12	115	156	Patsy Walters - Virginia Hall	71.59
37	43	Wynne Webber - Meta Goodman	91.09	116	153	Tracey Lewis - Jeremy Fraser-Hoskin	71.19
38	150	Neil Stuckey - Barry Palmer	90.83	117	50	Ian Bailey - Graham Markey	71.09
39	122	Margaret Dyer - Michele Tredinnick	90.31	118	101	Simon Begg - Geoffrey Schaller	70.26
40	138	Helen Healy - Tim Healy	90.02	119	64	Pat Oyston - Martin Oyston	69.95
41	132	Glenis Palmer - Christine Wilson	89.66	120	67	Phil Power - Kathy Power	69.86
42	58	Joan McCarthy - Joan Waldvogel	89.52	121	155	Colin Webb - Gayle Webb	69.63
43	80	Linda Fleet - Mary Homer	89.05	122	100	Greer Tucker - Liz Sylvester	69.48
44	29	Helen McLauchlan - Richard McLauchlan	89.01	123	73	Lex Bourke - Pepe Schwegler	69.15
45	36	Brian Jacobson - Bill Webster	88.18	124	146	Anthony Tuxworth - Janice Pearson	69.05
46	66	Pam Moore - Ian Moore	87.89	125	34	Robyn Hewson - Laura Ginnan	68.95
47	141	Rosemary Matskows - Wayne Gyde	87.85	126	18	Judy Wulff - Marilyn Whigham	68.86
48	103	Philip Thompson - Bill Morgan	87.61	127	87	Maha Hoenig - Anne Lamport	68.16
49	7	Eric Hurley - Gary Lynn	87.59	128	70	Sue Brown - Robert Brown	67.91
50	97	Raji Muir - Ian Muir	87.19	129	71	Gizella Mickevics - Mary Waterhouse	67.88
51	149	Deborah Cooper - Alan Geare	86.99	130	115	Lynne Veenstra - Louis Veenstra	67.53
52	62	Lyn Muller - Sarah Green	86.74	131	143	Pat Kennedy - Geoffrey Norris	67.23
53	136	Rita Kahn - Merle Bogatie	86.70	132	4	Les Bonnick - Audrey Bonnick	66.94
54	20	Jenny Date - Jacqui Morton	86.51	133	19	Alison Farthing - Dorothy Jesner	66.46
55	134	Ian Lisle - Vicky Lisle	86.35	134	158	Carole McDonald - Sonia Young	66.42
56	8	John Tredrea - Bill Redhead	86.33	135	54	Noel Athea - Annemarie Athea	65.94
57	78	John Ruddell - Alison Ruddell	86.15	136	107	Jan Rothlisberger - Maggie Kelly	65.78
58	16	Sylvia Foster - Jaan Oitmaa	85.83	137	137	Donald Cartwright - Liz Cartwright	63.75
59	74	Mairi Fitzsimons - Brian Fitzsimons	85.82	138	68	Dianne Benvie - Christina Mander	62.67
60	99	Colin Shugg - Chris Scott	85.40	139	28	Fay Stanton - Anne Young	62.11
61	57	Ken Colbert - Perelle Scales	85.32	140	144	Janette Bates - Carmel Bourke	61.00
62	60	Rob Ward - Giorgia Botta	85.15	141	111	Phil Pollett - Annette Corkhill	60.51
63	151	Eileen Gray - Patricia Knight	84.89	142	117	Stephanie Mathews - Gary Heyting	60.15
64	106	Len Meyer - Phyllis Moritz	84.87	143	154	Christine Houghton - Wayne Houghton	59.20
65	147	Carol De Luca - Bev Henton	84.86	144	38	Susan McMahon - Sheela Sahasrabudde	57.99
66	76	George Sun - Alice Young	84.55	145	42	Linda Wild - Beatrice McCarthy	57.22
67	39	Andrew Slater - Geoffrey Hart	84.19	146	32	Margaret Chesser - Trevor Derryhouse	56.29
68	72	Arthur Bennett - Gillian Bennett	83.80	147	75	Michael Stoneman - Val Roland	55.87
69	94	Dianne Marler - Linda Alexander	83.40	148	127	Lorraine Carr - Janine Budgeon	55.25
70	131	Amanda Harburg - Caroline Collie	83.00	149	157	Becky Vidler - Hanna Majewski	55.03
71	85	Lyn Smith - Catherine Whiddon	82.69	150	48	Molly O'Donohue - Gill Ross	54.94
72	152	Patricia Larsen - Elizabeth Zeller	82.66	151	2	Barbara Grant - Louis Koolen	54.85
73	77	John Rolph - Sue Rolph	82.47	152	14	Penny Styles - Marion Bucens	54.74
74	118	Kathy Johnson - Lois Steinwedel	82.46	153	41	Ross Steinwedel - Erin Waterhouse	53.36
75	139	Kirstyn Fuller - Zachary Neulinger	82.08	154	123	Peter Teubner - Neil Welch	50.81
76	114	Michael Johnson - Michael Simes	81.85	155	56	Lita Singh - Margaret Reid	48.42
77	47	Sue O'Brien - Bronwyn Macleod	81.16	156	46	Desley Mundell - Rosemary Kelley	48.07
78	53	Magda Kiraly - Pauly Griffin	80.67	157	44	Emily Coats - Wendy Webster	42.05
79	83	Herschel Baker - Patrick Bugler	79.73	158	61	Claire Green - Lynne Gray	28.98



## Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs - 0-500

Rank	Pair	Names	Total	Rank	Pair	Names	Total
1	73	Linda Norman - Wendy Gibson	116.90	45	42	Sue Skarupsky - Sue Hunt	81.15
2	71	Brian Glover - Eric Baker	116.14	46	25	Margot Moylan - Anne McNaughton	80.31
3	21	Helen Chamberlin - Winny Chan	112.08	47	66	David Freilich - Anne Sacco	78.81
4	32	Nicky Franks - Nina Moss	108.11	48	30	Tiffany Mair - Raelene Kell	78.76
5	47	Eddie Mullin - Dianne Mullin	107.78	49	13	Jenny Johnstone - Dot Peacock	77.61
6	6	Robert Stick - Colin Payne	107.08	50	15	Jane Kavanagh - Joan Campbell	77.58
7	46	Peter Karol - Joanne Crockford	105.15	51	17	Henry Hirschhorn - Jill Theakstone	77.11
8	10	Margaret Stevens - Sue Luby	105.09	52	86	Anna Chappell - Marilyn Kennedy	76.13
9	9	Rod Binsted - Judy Scholfield	103.30	53	52	Heather Smith - Sally Foster	75.95
10	3	George Powis - Patricia Powis	99.53	54	8	Libby Tonkin - Liz Jacka	75.64
11	79	Sherrell Cardinal - Neville Clatworthy	99.31	55	39	Bob Hart - Carolyn Hart	75.14
12	5	Mike Edwards - Robin Devries	97.22	56	54	James Williamson - Janelle Williamson	74.99
13	34	Naomi Hannah-Brown - Priscilla Bloy	96.41	57	36	Juliet Dunworth - Maria Page	73.77
14	69	Gwyneira Brahma - Vicki Taylor	96.07	58	20	Maureen Gibney - Susan Lipton	73.65
15	44	Sally Cullen - Chris Cullen	95.93	59	12	Raymond Powley - Susan Powley	72.77
16	35	Lalita Kanetkar - Sheryl Gardner	95.31	60	28	Alan Bustany - Pauline Caust	72.62
17	51	Evelyne Mander - Sheila Wills	94.24	61	7	Arne Jonsberg - John Lahey	72.18
18	81	Jill Dunlop - John Dunlop	94.13	62	31	Deborah McLay - Sylvia Cryer	71.74
19	19	Hamid Sadigh - Siamak Parsanejad	94.01	63	50	Helen Gault - Rob Gault	71.12
20	27	Gabrielle Elich - Denise Hartwig	93.46	64	61	Joan Leckie - Margaret Williamson	70.91
21	67	Graham Carson - Ian Pick	93.09	65	70	Carol Thomson - Kate Jarrett	70.90
22	41	Jenny Swanson - Andrew Swanson	91.72	66	82	Haley Fenwick - Godfrey Baillon-Bending	70.10
23	83	Patrick Redlich - Tom Graham	91.48	67	24	Rob Ziffer - Margaret Ziffer	69.22
24	60	Leif Michelsson - Maria Michelsson	90.81	68	75	Dot Piddington - Royala Rooney	68.09
25	85	Helen Sharwood - John Moen	89.92	69	65	Chris Duggin - Faye Carnovale	66.77
26	76	Pamela Glyn - Julian Glyn	89.67	70	49	Genevieve Page - Sally Luke	66.52
27	59	Eric Leivesley - Janelle Conroy	89.36	71	88	Narelle McIver - Audrey Gross	65.61
28	26	Suzi Ledger - Barbara Simpson	89.08	72	80	Eric Harrison - Robyn Harrison	63.87
29	48	Loraine Neville - Murray Wiggins	88.35	73	43	Anne Rosengren - Lyn Mayer	62.61
30	57	Faye Bell - Heather Scott	87.87	74	78	Carla Ferro - Cathy Mathieson	62.45
31	56	Misako James - Sue Kleeman	87.14	75	14	Mary Ditton - Jennifer Kozman	62.45
32	23	Loraine King - Helen Standfast	86.16	76	68	Leonie Spence - John Laker	62.23
33	4	Greta Davis - Archie Fraser	85.89	77	2	Pat Leavy - Judith Wilson	61.04
34	74	Gayle Bagg - Louis Cukierman	85.33	78	18	Anita Moen - David Pearce	60.83
35	45	Ruth Goerg - Pam Brewer	85.10	79	22	Jo Neary - Bill Hanlon	60.55
36	64	Dov Berns - Sandra Berns	85.06	80	38	Bob Jones - Sue Jones	59.97
37	55	Jim Taylor - Cora Taylor	84.82	81	58	Lesleigh Egan - Lynne Henley	59.30
38	40	Mary Driesbock - Vivienne Sexton	84.52	82	37	Richard Levy - Gayle Keenan	59.19
39	11	Sandy Long - Rozanne Thomas	82.69	83	63	Philip Houlton - Bambi Houlton	55.46
40	77	John Ham - Janet Ham	81.92	84	72	Darryl Lock - Glenda Lock	52.89
41	29	Susan O'Neill - Carole Robinson	81.84	85	53	Jennifer Hollingworth - Peter Coppin	50.53
42	33	Diane Connors - Sally Graham	81.33	86	62	Steven Verity - Carolann Verity	46.19
43	16	Richard Spelman - Janet Price	81.30	87	87	Janet McKeough - Jim Whalen	31.22
44	1	Dorothy Read - Geoff Read	81.29	88	84	Vivienne Polak - Frances Burns	31.07

## Sunday Rookie Pairs

North-South			East-West		
		%			%
1	Arvind Bhasin - Geeta Bhasin	61.27	1	John Kelly - Keith Cohen	61.07
2	Tania Papalia - Jane Papalia	56.91	2	Brian Thomson - Jane Whelan	60.33
3	June McNamara - Fran Golding	53.36	3	Bronwyn Shimmin-Clarke - Ludwik Tomalak	58.63
4	Clare Gleeson - Gillie Kinsella	53.09	4	Graeme Seaton - Judy Seaton	55.00
5	Bill Larcombe - Di Larcombe	52.24	5	Kim McElhinney - Kym Batt	52.44
6	June Hagar - Janne Powell	50.30	6	Kevin Riordan - Gwen Riordan	52.17
7	Liz Milner - Ivy Monteiro	50.00	7	Jenny Nicholson - Ian Nicholson	51.99
8	Devi Thillainathan - Jann Simmonds	49.43	8	Elinor McCloskey - Anne Sandeman	48.35
9	Keith Sanders - Jenny Sanders	49.31	9	Sharon Hart - Wanda Little	44.91
10	Judy Cooper - Glenn Cooper	48.37	10	Richard Tarnawski - Barry Steele	43.94
11	Yasmine Brockhurst - Therese Brockhurst	47.36	11	Bernadette Dwyer - Carolyn North	41.62
12	Jenny Burchmore - Barbara Richardson	39.21	12	Christine Egan - Margaret Hetherington	39.87
13	Maxim Wilson - Bruce Stephens	39.17	13	Carolyn Waters - Nora Joyce	39.67

## Holiday Pairs Event 1 - Session 2

North-South			East-West		
		%			%
1	Paul Smith - Carol Hocking	64.09	1	John Manton - Mary Lynch	61.32
2	Sue Ziegenfuss - Jill Dunning	57.10	2	Brenda Butcher - Birgitt Bingham	58.95
3	Patricia Pepper - Carolyn Seymour	56.07	3	Helena Dawson - Richard Douglas	58.13
4	Betty Lee - Mike Robson	55.56	4	Fred Whitaker - Anna Monks	57.92
5	Margaret Keating - Rita Groom	54.53	5	Joan Anderson - Bruce Gough	57.30
6	Allan Johnson - Pamela Roberts	54.32	6	Norma Cameron - Denise Richards	55.45
7	Lesley Fraser - Rebecca Delaney	53.09	7	Ginny Warren - Marsha Woodbury	54.94
8	Pam Ruppin - Diane Elliott	51.95	8	Kay Baguley - Bruce Baguley	54.22
9	Vicki Foots - Dewi Eastman	51.34	9	Philip Hocking - Cathy Hocking	51.85
10	Dianne Brinkworth - Christine Young	50.72	10	Richard Riedel - Renate Riedel	50.82
11	Marleen Smith - Garry Smith	50.41	11	Margie Knox - Carmel Wikman	49.28
12	Bernard Yates - Nick Hullah	50.00	12	Anne Alexander - Alan Corkhill	48.56
13	Beverley Welch - Jeanne Adams	49.28	13	Jane Lawson - Lyn Vary	45.88
14	Jane Morris - Mary Penington	49.07	13	Heather Peattie - Margaret Liversage	45.88
15	Robert Berry - Brian Stringer	47.33	15	Terri Seward - Debra Prendiville	44.86
16	Bruce Williams - Geoff Court	40.84	16	Andrea Pappas - Speros Pappas	44.24
17	Thea Catsoulis - Ann Slade	40.43	17	Merlyn Morris - Sharon Versteegen	40.12
18	Jann Newman - Betty Sharp	37.55	18	Mary Doneley - Jennie Tucker	39.61
19	Sharon Ivany - Nadine Levin	36.32	19	Francine Ben-David - Ruth Katz	30.66

# TABLE COUNT TO THE END OF PLAY SUNDAY NIGHT 1529 (Last Year 1521)

Note however this year there was no Friday Setup Pairs

### IMPROVE YOUR DEFENSIVE PLAY – PROBLEM 1

Ron Klinger

During Sunday's Celebrity Lecture series, Ron Klinger presented a number of problems. We present them here, together with the solutions for those who may not have been able to attend.

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

Dealer: East  
 Vul: Nil

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1NT <sup>15-17</sup>
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

East (You)  
 ♠ Q J 9 8  
 ♥ 7 6  
 ♦ 10 5 2  
 ♣ A Q 3 2

West leads the ♥J-♥2-♥7-♥K.

South leads the ♣J-♣6-♣4-??

Plan the defence for East. Solution Page 24.

**If you would like a copy of Ron's Notes  
 Please leave your email address at the  
 Admin Office**



# CALENDAR OF SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES GOLD COAST CONGRESS

		Monday 20th February	Tuesday 21st February	Wednesday 22nd February	Thursday 23rd February	Friday 24th February
<b>NOVICE AND ROOKIE ACTIVITIES</b>						
Rookies Help Available	In the Playing Area Rookies Section				09:30am to 10:30am	
Under 50MPs Help Available	In the Playing Area Under 50s Section		09:30am to 10:30am	09:30am to 10:30am		
Novices Help Available	In the Playing Area Novices Section		10:00am to 10:30am			09:30am to 10:30am
<b>SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES</b>						
Collection for Zephyr Education Inc. The GCC Official Charity Helping Children affected by Domestic Violence Getting Back to School	Foyer GCCEC				From 10:30am	
Zephyr Raffle Draw Prizes to be Collected At the End of Play	Foyer GCCEC				1030am Announced 3:00pm	
TBIB Lucky Draw	Foyer GCCEC	1:00pm		3:00pm	3:00pm	
Trivia Night Hosted by Jac & Bill Rossiter-Nuttal Teams to a Maximum of 8 Participants	Hatch & Co Oasis Shopping Centre Sofitel Corner		Entries Close 2:30pm Trivia From 6:00pm			
Pianola Hosted by James Ward	Upstairs Rooms 10, 11 and 12		2:15pm			
Hospitality for Bridge Teachers Hosted by Joan Butts	Apartment 3204 Air on Broadbeach		4:45pm to 6:00pm			
National Directors Development Meeting Hosted by John McClrath	Upstairs Rooms 10, 11 and 12		From 6:30pm			
Directors Get Together Hosted by Jan Peach	Upstairs Rooms 10, 11 and 12				8:30am	
Parade Entrants Stars and Stripes Theme	Foyer GCCEC				2:30pm	
Champagne Breakfast For Shoe Shoppers In Her Shoes	In Her Shoes Ground Floor Oasis Shopping Centre				<b>inherSHOES</b> local & imported shoes · bags · accessories	8:00am
<b>BRIDGE WIDOWS ACTIVITIES</b>						
Get Together Non-Bridge Playing Partners	Apartment 3204 Air on Broadbeach		10:45 to 11:45			
Bridge Widows Expedition Mt Tamborine Cost \$10.00	Depart from Grd Flr Air on Broadbeach.		12:00pm to 4:00pm			
Bridge Widows Expedition Springbrook Cost \$10.00	Depart from Grd Flr Air on Broadbeach.				11:00am to 2:30pm	
Bridge Widows Expedition Tweed Regional Gallery Margaret Olley Cost \$10.00	Depart from Grd Flr Air on Broadbeach.				11:00am to 4:00pm	
		Monday 20th February	Tuesday 21st February	Wednesday 22nd February	Thursday 23rd February	Friday 24th February





## GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2017 - CALENDAR OF CELEBRITY SPEAKERS

<b>ANDY HUNG</b>	Which Conventions?  Upstairs Rooms 10, 11,12 Opposite Bridge Admin	<b>MONDAY</b>  9:00am to 9:45am		Andy Hung is a professional bridge player and teacher who has represented Australia at both Youth and Open competitions. Although he has won Australian National and State titles, he thoroughly enjoys teaching and coaching bridge (at all levels) and plans to be the next world's best bridge coach!
	<b>SARTAJ HANS</b>	Almost Famous! Story of My Favourite Hand  Upstairs Rooms 10, 11,12 Opposite Bridge Admin		
<b>JOAN BUTTS</b>		Declarer Play: Entries Five Steps to Overcome Entry Problems  Upstairs Rooms 10, 11,12 Opposite Bridge Admin	<b>THURSDAY</b>  9:30am to 10:15am	
	<b>KIM FRAZER</b>	The Way Forward ABF Initiatives for Aspiring International & State Players Upstairs Rooms 10, 11,12 Opposite Bridge Admin	<b>THURSDAY</b>  2:15pm to 2:45pm	
<b>PETER HOLLANDS AND LAURA GINNAN</b>		Master Manipulation  Upstairs Rooms 10, 11,12 Opposite Bridge Admin	<b>FRIDAY</b>  9:00am to 9:45am	

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### IMPROVE YOUR DEFENSIVE PLAY – SOLUTION 1

Ron Klinger

Dealer: East  
Vul: Nil

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

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1NT <sup>15-17</sup>
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West leads the ♥J-♥2-♥7-♥K.  
South leads the ♣J-♣6-♣4-??  
Plan the defence for East.

Simply duck the first club  
Declarer can continue clubs but won't be able to get to dummy twice to establish the clubs and then get back there again to enjoy them.

# GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2017

	Monday 20th February	Tuesday 21st February	Wednesday 22nd February	Thursday 23rd February	Friday 24th February	Saturday 25th February
<b>OPEN EVENTS</b>						
Open Pairs Championship	1:00pm F3/3					Finals Teams
Open Teams		10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	9:00am Start 4x12 Brds 2:00pm 4x10 Brds	9:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final
Monday Butler Swiss Pairs	10:00am 1/2	1:00pm 2/2				
Ivy Dahler Open Butler Swiss Pairs					10:00am 1/3	2:00pm 2/3
<b>SENIORS EVENTS</b>						
Seniors Pairs Championship	1:00pm F3/3	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
Seniors Teams						
<b>INTERMEDIATE EVENTS (Under 750MPs)</b>						
Intermediate Pairs Championship	1:00pm F3/3	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
Intermediate Teams						
Ivy Dahler Intermediate Butler Swiss Pairs					10:00am 1/3	2:00pm 2/3
<b>RESTRICTED EVENTS (Under 300MPs)</b>						
Restricted Pairs Championship	1:00pm F3/3	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
Restricted Teams						
Ivy Dahler Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs					10:00am 1/3	2:00pm 2/3
<b>NOVICE EVENTS (Under 100MPs)</b>						
Novice Pairs Championship	1:00pm F3/3	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
Novice Teams						
Friday Novice Pairs				10:30am 1/1		
<b>UNDER 500MP EVENTS</b>						
Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs U500	10:00am 1/2	1:00pm 2/2				
<b>ROOKIE PAIRS (Under 10MPs)</b>						
Rookie Pairs - Single Session Events						
<b>UNDER 50MP PAIRS</b>						
Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs		10:30am 1/1	10:30am 1/2	3:00pm 2/2		
<b>MATCHPOINT SWISS PAIRS</b>						
Seres/McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs					10:00am 1/2	2:00pm 2/2
<b>WALK-IN PAIRS - BEST 3 SCORES COUNT</b>						
Holiday Walk-in Pairs 1 - Play from 1 to 4 Sess	1:00pm S3	10:30am S4				
Holiday Walk-in Pairs 2 - Play from 1 to 5 Sess			3:00pm S1	3:00pm S2	10:00am S3	2:00pm S4
						10:00am S5
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>

**Dinner  
Dance  
7:30pm  
for  
Drinks**

**8:00pm  
Start**

**Bookings  
Essential**

**From \$10  
Depending  
Number  
Sessions  
Played**

PUZZLE

**The Fake Coin:** You have twelve coins. You know that one is fake. The only thing that distinguishes the fake coin from the real coins is that its weight is imperceptibly different. You have a perfectly balanced scale. The scale only tells you which side weighs more than the other side.

What is the smallest number of times you must use the scale in order to always find the fake coin?

Use only the twelve coins themselves and no others, no other weights, no cutting coins, no pencil marks on the scale. etc.

These are modern coins, so the fake coin is not necessarily lighter.

Presume the worst case scenario, and don't hope that you will pick the right coin on the first attempt.

YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

**The Stark Raving Mad King:** You can save about 50% by having everyone guess randomly.

You can save 50% or more if every even person agrees to call out the colour of the hat in front of them. That way the person in front knows what colour their hat is, and if the person behind also has the same coloured hat then both will survive.

So how can 99 people be saved? The first wise man counts all the red hats he can see (Q) and then answers "blue" if the number is odd or "red" if the number is even. Each subsequent wise man keeps track of the number of red hats known to have been saved from behind (X), and counts the number of red hats in front (Y).

If Q was even, and if X&Y are either both even or are both odd, then the wise man would answer blue. Otherwise the wise man would answer red.

If Q was odd, and if X&Y are either both even or are both odd, then the wise man would answer red. Otherwise the wise man would answer blue.

There can be any number of red hats, as the following examples show...

Prisoner	Hat he wears	Number of red hats he	Red hats	He says
1	red	6	even (Q)	N/A
2	blue	6	even	0
3	red	5	odd	0
4	blue	5	odd	1
5	blue	5	odd	1
6	red	4	even	1
7	red	3	odd	2
8	red	2	even	3
9	red	1	odd	4
10	red	0	even	5

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DIFFICULT SUDOKU

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

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION  
DIFFICULT SUDOKU

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

Prisoner	Hat he wears	Number of red hats he	Red hats saved for sure (X)	He says
1	blue	5	odd (Q)	N/A
2	blue	5	odd	0
3	red	4	even	0
4	blue	4	even	1
5	blue	4	even	1
6	red	3	odd	1
7	blue	3	odd	2
8	red	2	even	2
9	red	1	odd	3
10	red	0	even	3

SERVICES

If you are in need of a doctor or medical assistance you can contact Kim Ellaway through the Administration Desk or alternatively contact the Broadbeach Medical Centre on 07-5531-6344, Suite GO1, 2681 Gold Coast Highway Broadbeach. Please note that they do not bulk bill. Their after-hours is handled by National Home Doctors Service on 137425 who do bulk bill.





# Hatch & Co



**MONDAY NIGHT 20TH FEBRUARY FROM 6:00PM**  
**THIS YEAR THE TRIVIA NIGHT WILL BE HELD AT**  
**HATCH & CO BROADBEACH**  
**THE OASIS SHOPPING CENTRE, VICTORIA AVE BROADBEACH**  
**COMMENCING 5:30PM FOR A 7.00PM START**

Once again our hosts will be Jac & Bill Rossiter-Nuttall who did such a good job last year.

The bridge menu is below and we hope all players will avail themselves of these specials and arrive at 5:30pm to give time to order their meal and drinks ready to start play at 7:00pm.

There will be a fee of \$10.00 per player with all proceeds going to Friends of Youth Bridge Fund but to be specifically used to facilitate youth attendance at the Gold Coast Congress with the objective of having apartments for the week where youth players can stay for free or minimal (+/- \$10) charge.

You can enter as teams of 6 to 8 people and may include friends who may not be bridge players. Numbers are limited so please register **AND PAY** at the Bridge Administration desk at the GCCC before 2:00pm Monday or sold out. If you do not have a full table there is no problem, simply write down your names and we will "marry" players to make up teams.

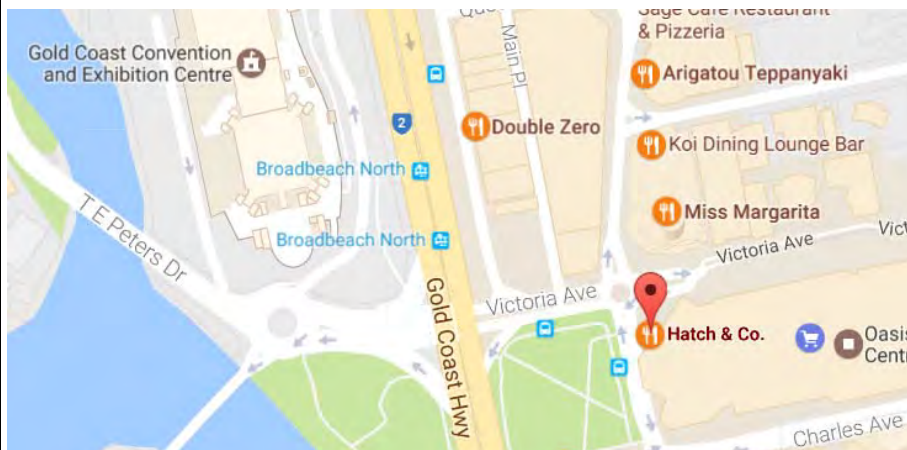
The members of the winning team will receive prizes including wine or chocolates

## \$20 Trivia Menu Selection

- Lemon and Pepper Calamari** — GFO Served with shoestring chips, herb salad, lemon aioli
- Herb Crusted Baby Barramundi Fillets** — Tartare sauce, herb salad & chilli salted chips
- Chicken Schnitzel** — Lightly crumbed chicken breast served with chips & herb salad
- Lasagna** — Cape Grim ground beef with house-made Napoli and Béchamel sauce w parmesan
- Spinach Risotto** — Creamy spinach risotto, maple syrup glazed pumpkin & manchego shavings
- Cured Salmon** — GFO Tequila cured salmon, fennel salad and water crackers
- Caesar** — GFO Fresh baby cos lettuce, crispy pancetta, croutons, soft egg & grated parmesan cheese and Caesar dressing

### Pizza Menu

- Margarita Margarita** — Crushed tomato, torn basil, fior de latte
- Mushroom** — Marinated mushrooms, roast garlic, chilli and smoked mozzarella
- Prosciutto** — Sliced Prosciutto ham, olives, rocket salad and parmesan shavings



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