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## THE NUMBERS GAME

Interestingly, I was reading the editorial in the International Bridge Press Association which focused on the declining interest in bridge especially amongst younger players. It certainly is a challenge which National Bridge Organisations have, for the most part, been powerless to arrest. Not long after, our Chief Scorer Matt McManus (one of the best, if not THE best, in the world I should add) sent me the following table.

	Pairs						Teams				TOTAL Growth	
	Open	Seniors	Intermediate Novice, Restricted	Swiss Pairs	Total		Open	Seniors	Intermediate Novice, Restricted	Total		
2006	324	98	156		578		244	56	86	386		
2007	297	91	180		568	-1.76%	243	45	103	391	1.28%	
2008	332	104	162		598	5.02%	274	48	96	418	6.46%	
2009	284	106	180		570	-4.91%	246	46	96	388	-7.73%	
2010	314	102	204		620	8.06%	214	44	138	396	2.02%	
2011	304	98	292		694	10.66%	240	46	150	436	9.17%	
2012	264	94	282		640	-8.44%	220	46	138	404	-7.92%	
2013	194	88	308	242	832	23.08%	200	52	174	426	5.16%	
2014	198	70	312	296	876	5.02%	196	46	184	426	0.00%	
2015	198	52	328	320	898	2.45%	208	36	192	436	2.29%	
2016	184	52	350	350	936	4.06%	206	34	216	456	4.39%	
2017	186	48	326	470	1030	9.13%	214	40	228	482	5.39%	
<b>Compound Annual Year on Year Growth Rate</b>					<b>5.39%</b>						<b>2.04%</b>	<b>4.18%</b>

Any business would consider a 5.4% (teams), 2.0% (pairs) and 4.2% overall compound annual growth rate in numbers as a stellar performance.

It isn't by accident that this happens – it a combination of caring, focus on customers, attention to detail, preparedness to learn and develop the 'product' into the best of breed. Congratulations to Therese, Kim and the entire team of people who come together to stage what I easily regard as THE BEST TOURNAMENT IN THE WORLD.

## FRIENDS IN BRIDGE

This year we have 16 players from the Rye Beach and Dromana Bridge Clubs attending the Gold Coast Tournament. OK so you are asking where they are located – in God's country on the Mornington Peninsula Victoria.



## BUMPING IN

Kim Ellaway

As you all know we usually bump into the Convention Centre on Friday. We usually have a leisurely day setting up easily being ready for the Friday evening No Frills Walk-In Pairs.

In March 2016 we were advised that we could not access have the Convention Centre until Saturday, and even then, not until 6.00 am – after much negotiation we settled on a 3.00 am bump-in. The first thing was to delay the start of play for the Pairs Qualifying until 2.00pm on Saturday afternoon.

We found out that Friday was a no contact day for the public so all of our equipment had to come down on either Thursday or Saturday. Two Men and a Truck were amazing and fulfilled our needs by picking up equipment on both Thursday and Saturday – simply whatever we needed to make things work. I had to ask my nephews and their friends to help at come 3:00am we had a staff of 11 including myself.

We all went to bed early on Friday night and woke to the 2.50am alarm, then headed over to the Convention Centre. Six hours later I could see that everything was going to be set up in time and play could commence at the rescheduled 2:00pm.

We needed the Convention Centre to be on the ball and do things slightly different than in previous years and they also were extremely cooperative. We managed it and we did it VERY well.

The problems:

- McDonalds is the only coffee shop open at 2.30 am – they were cleaning the machine and this takes an hour, so no coffee – solution – GCCEC came to the party
- The Fork Lift Driver took a sickie and rang to say he was not turning up and the card tables were stacked 10 metres off the ground. Solution - my nephews are super strong and they stood on each other's shoulders
- Players did not read all the communication about the later starting time.

A big thank you to all those who turned up at 3.00 am – Helper - Finn, Current Caddies – Andrew, Jack, Lewis, Philip (nephew), Harry - Floor Managers – Ben (nephew) and Scott (nephew), Scoring – Daniel (nephew). Thank you to those who turned up after 6.00am for the second round of help and a special thank you to Geoff, my brother-in-law, who supervised the total set-up adventure and we certainly would not have been able to do this without him. He then did all of the bus driving until the end of the second qualifying session.

Of course a thank you to Ray who not only was there to set up but set the alarm for 2.00 am and kicked me out of bed when it went off, and also a special thank you to him for forgetting to switch off the alarm the following day.

## MIKE ROBSON AND HIS HISTORY AT THE GCC

Betty Lee



Mike Robson and I were at a party with friends this evening and a discussion of Mike's many year attendance at the Gold Coast Congress developed. Because of health issues this may well be his last time here although we are managing to play in a few Walk-In Pairs to keep up the bridge activity.

My knowledge of details might be patchy but are some reminiscences.

Mike was actively playing bridge in England before coming to Australia in 1966 and he attended his first GCC the following year in 1967.

Memories are dim but it seems a Queensland team, often with Mike in it, made the finals only to be beaten by a Seres-McMahon team from NSW. In 1977 victory came Qld's way with a team of Mike Robson, Tony Jackman, Mike Pemberton and Ian Morris triumphing. Mike scored several wins of the Mixed Teams in the 1970's and 1980's and in 1987 Mike's team played off for the Bronze Medal against the Klinger team, having to settle for fourth place.

2001 saw Mike again in a GCC teams final. He was playing with Betty Lee, Ralph Parker and Peter Hainsworth, but this time Ishmael Del'Monte's team proved too strong.

Mike played with Betty Lee from 1981 and although they made the Pairs A Final several times, their best result was 6<sup>th</sup>. However one year, when coming 3<sup>rd</sup>, they came up against Marston and Burgess playing a then new system of Forcing Pass - allowed in pairs at that time. As Mike said, "we had no defence and no time to prepare one". Three disastrous results saw us plummet down the field never to recover.

Mike says his fifty year's attendance at the GCC has flown past so quickly and that his first tournament seems like only yesterday. Recollections are that only Tony Jackman and Judy Valentine have played more GCCs, although there may be others.

The Victory Dinners would often see Mike one of the first on the dance floor, where he was also in his element.

Mike is adamant that the Gold Coast Congress has always been and will always remain his favourite congress. (*Ed: I have researched Mike's record and can report his wins in 1969 and 1977*)

## CONGRATS

The following have won prize vouchers which they should collect from the Admin Office:

Best Women's Pair	Cynthia Belonogoff and Susanne Gammon
Best Queensland Open Pair that did not win a prize	Neville Francis and Magnus Moren
Best Queensland Seniors Pair that did not win a prize	Timothy Ridley and David Harris
Best Queensland Intermediate Pair that did not win a prize	Stephen Hughes and Andrew Dunlop
Best Queensland Restricted Pair that did not win a prize	Andrew Gosney and Jack Luke-Paredi
Best Queensland Novice Pair that did not win a prize	Peter Goldman and Michael Main

## THE ULTIMATE MEETING

John McIlrath

As directors we do EVERYTHING possible to accommodate the needs of the players. In the Restricted Pairs Finals Group D we ran into a situation where we had two players confined to wheelchairs. No problem, we created two stationery positions and adjusted the movement cards accordingly. Well then came the final test – when they were drawn to play each other. Pictured are LtoR, Judy Honeybone, Alan Laslett, Ian Beattie and Carol Edwards – Ian kindly went from one end of row to the other to make this happen.



## WINNERS OF THE TUESDAY 0-50 PAIRS



Stephen Miller & Jonathan Silbergberg  
Winners North-South



Jennifer Finigan & Mary Simon  
Winners East-West

### PAIRS REVISITED

Barry Rigal

This deal from the event was passed on to the bulletin by Johnno Newman.

Dealer: West	♠ 10 2
Vul: Both	♥ 10 4
Brd 4	♦ A K Q 8 4 2
Open Prs Qual 1	♣ A K 9
♠ 9 8 3	♠ J 4
♥ A K 7 5 3	♥ Q J 6 2
♦ 6 5 3	♦ 10 9 7
♣ 7 6	♣ 10 5 3 2
♠ A K Q 7 6 5	
♥ 9 8	
♦ J	
♣ Q J 8 4	

Makeable Contracts				
-	2	-	2	NT
-	5	-	5	♠
-	1	-	1	♥
-	5	-	5	♦
-	5	-	5	♣

One way or another you'd expect E/W to get hearts into play to prevent N/S from getting overboard. If E/W stay docilely silent a standard auction might be 1♦-1♠-3♦-3♠-4♣-5♠-Pass.

Moren/Francis had a strong club auction where Moren heard his partner show extras and 6-4 in the blacks. When he placed the contract in 6NT by his partner and heard West double he guessed they were either off two aces or perhaps the heart ace-king. In the first of these two scenarios there was nothing to be done. In the second some other slam might be better so he bid 7♦, East led a club not a heart, and Moren claimed 16 tricks.

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## INTERMEDIATE TEAMS QUALIFYING ROUND TWO

Brent Manley



It was Brisbane versus Gold Coast in the second round of the Intermediate Teams on Tuesday. Representing the Brisbane Bridge Centre were John Lahey, Evelyne Mander, Arne Jonsberg and Sheila Mills (pictured left).



Their opponents, local players, were Dot Piddington, Dale Wells, Carole Roache and Kenn Winters (pictured right).

After the first round, the Wells team was in 13th place out of 94 teams in the Intermediate ranks. Jonsberg was right behind Wells in 14th place.

Wells drew first blood, scoring 12 IMPs for making 3NT (+600) at one table and defeating the same contract at the other table.

The next board was good for another double-digit swing to Wells.

Dealer: South      ♠ Q 9  
 Vul: N-S          ♥ Q J 6 3  
 Brd 15             ♦ 9 8 2  
 Int Tms Qual R2   ♣ 6 5 4 2  
 ♠ 5 4 3  
 ♥ 9 7 4  
 ♦ K Q 10 7 6  
 ♣ A 3

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

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

West	North	East	South
P'ton	J-berg	Roache	Lahey
			1♠
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

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

Lahey led the ♣9, which went around to Roache's jack. She cashed two high hearts, revealing that she had two trumps losers, then played her singleton diamond. Lahey won the ♦A and played the ♣10 to dummy's ace. Roache cashed the ♦K and ♦Q, pitching spades, then called for the ♦10. When Jonsberg ruffed in with the ♥J, Roache pitched her last spade. Jonsberg cashed the ♥Q and played the ♠Q, but Roache could ruff low and play the ♣K, felling the queen. The ♣8 was Roache's 10th trick for plus 420.

At the other table, South played in 1NT, just making, for plus 90. That was 11 IMPs to Wells.

On this board, Lahey played well to get to nine tricks in 3NT for a push.

Dealer: North      ♠ A K 6 4  
 Vul: None          ♥ Q 9 2  
 Brd 17             ♦ J 2  
 Int Tms Qual R2   ♣ Q 10 5 4  
 ♠ Q 8 5  
 ♥ J 10 7  
 ♦ 10 9 5 4 3  
 ♣ 9 6

♠ J 9 3 2  
 ♥ 8 5 3  
 ♦ K Q 8  
 ♣ K J 8

♠ 10 7  
 ♥ A K 6 4  
 ♦ A 7 6  
 ♣ A 7 3 2

West	North	East	South
P'ton	J-berg	Roache	Lahey
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

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

Piddington started with the ♦10, covered by the jack and queen. Lahey ducked at trick one and played low again when Roache played the ♦K. Lahey won the third round of diamonds perforce and cashed the ♣A, then played a club to dummy's 10. Roache won the ♣J and played a heart: 4, 10 queen. Lahey persisted in clubs, calling for the queen, then won the heart return with the ace. Lahey's clubs were good, as were the hearts,

thanks to the 3-3 split. With seven tricks in, all he had to do was cash dummy's top spades for plus 400, duplicating the result at the other table.

This deal was one of the swings that went in favour of Jonsberg.

Dealer: South	♠ 3	West	North	East	South
Vul: None	♥ 8 6 4	P'ton	J-berg	Roache	Lahey
Brd 27	♦ A Q J 7 5				Pass
	♣ K 8 7 5				Pass
♠ A K Q 6 5 2		1♠	2♦	2♥	Pass
♥ J	♠ ---	2♣	Pass	3♥	All Pass
♦ 10 9 4 2	♥ A K Q 10 5 3	Makeable Contracts			
♣ Q 2	♦ K 8 3	3	-	3	-
	♣ J 10 9 3	-	-	-	-
	♠ J 10 9 8 7 4	2	-	2	-
	♥ 9 7 2	2	-	2	-
	♦ 6	2	-	2	-
	♣ A 6 4	2	-	2	-

Misfit hands like these often end up with the opponents doubling for satisfying numbers. Roache and Piddington were spared the red card, but they still lost a double-digit swing.

Lahey led a diamond, his partner's suit. Jonsberg won the ♦A, and returned the queen to declarer's king. Lahey ruffed and cashed the ♣A, following with a club to Jonsberg's king. Jonsberg then cashed the ♦J and played a fourth round of diamonds, Roache ruffed with the ♥10, played a heart to dummy's jack, cashed the ♠A, pitching a club, then played the ♠K, pitching her last club when North ruffed in. On the club return, Roache ruffed low and was over-ruffed, leaving her with just six tricks for minus 150.

At the other table, Mander and Mills got to 3NT on the East-West cards and managed to bring it home for plus 400 and 11 IMPs to the Jonsberg team.

The interesting match ended with Wells winning 45-22, moving them up to third place.

### OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING ROUND 2

Barry Rigal

For the second match of the day I would watch Mullamphy/Klinger against Grant Cowen and Paul McGrath. On a dull set of boards there were few opportunities for swing, and some of the opportunities went begging.

Dealer: South	♠ Q 9	West	North	East	South
Vul: N-S	♥ Q J 6 3	Cowen	Klinger	McGrath	Mullamphy
Brd 15	♦ 9 8 2				1♠
Open Tms Qual R2	♣ 6 5 4 2	Pass	1NT	2♥	All Pass
♠ 5 4 3					
♥ 9 7 4	♠ K 10 8	Makeable Contracts			
♦ K Q 10 7 6	♥ A K 10 8 2	2	-	2	-
♣ A 3	♦ 3	1	-	2	-
	♣ K J 8 7	3	-	4	-
	♠ A J 7 6 2	2	-	2	-
	♥ 5	1	-	2	-
	♦ A J 5 4				
	♣ Q 10 9				

Cowen passed 2♥, down-valuing his weak trumps and poorly placed spades. This was a good decision in a sense – since in practice 4♥ rates to go down though one can make it.

<p>♠ 5 4 3</p> <p>♥ —</p> <p>♦ K 10</p> <p>♣ —</p>	<p>♠ Q 9</p> <p>♥ Q J 6</p> <p>♦ —</p> <p>♣ —</p>
<p>♠ K 10 8</p> <p>♥ K 10</p> <p>♦ —</p> <p>♣ —</p>	<p>♠ A J 7 6 2</p> <p>♥ —</p> <p>♦ —</p> <p>♣ —</p>

On a friendly club lead into your tenace, a decent line appears to be to play a diamond, which South must duck. You win the queen and can then ruff a diamond cross to the club ace, ruff a diamond and now know South is 5-1-4-3 or so. Cash the heart ace to confirm the count, then take the club king and ruff your club winner in dummy. This is the ending – and you know it:

When you lead a diamond from dummy North must ruff high to prevent you scoring your ♥10. You pitch a spade and have two more trump tricks by force. In the other room Hinge/Haughie got to the strange spot of 1NT by East after North passed 1♠. Declarer won the spade in hand and crossed to a diamond to take a heart finesse. Bingo! That was +210 and 2 IMPs.

Board 17 offered no scope for scientific bidding. Alas, when Klinger and Mullamphy are at the table there is ALWAYS scope for an attempt at surgical precision.

Dealer: North  
 Vul: None  
 Brd 17  
 Open Tms Qual R2  
 ♠ Q 8 5  
 ♥ J 10 7  
 ♦ 10 9 5 4 3  
 ♣ 9 6

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

♠ J 9 3 2  
 ♥ 8 5 3  
 ♦ K Q 8  
 ♣ K J 8

♠ 10 7  
 ♥ A K 6 4  
 ♦ A 7 6  
 ♣ A 7 3 2

West	North	East	South	
Cowen	Klinger	McGrath	Mullamphy	
	1♣	Pass	1♦ <sup>(♥s)</sup>	
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦ <sup>GF</sup>	
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣	
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣	
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣	
Makeable Contracts				
-	3	-	3	NT
-	3	-	2	♠
-	4	-	4	♥
-	2	-	2	♦
-	4	-	4	♣

What is the best game here? I suppose 3NT makes when diamonds break and clubs come in or when the player with five diamonds doesn't have the club king. Meanwhile 5♣ on a diamond lead needs a club break and at best a guess. A pair playing weak no-trump would bid to 3NT in the blink of an eye. A pair playing strong no-trump would get there equally fast if North intelligently rebid 1NT over 1♥. Even regular fourth suit should do it easily enough.

But Klinger showed his spades and hearts, and suddenly Mullamphy was off chasing slam. Even though he stopped in time, the lie of the clubs did not give Klinger a chance on the diamond lead that had been directed by the auction.

In the other room 3NT received a heart lead and declarer set up clubs but then refused to believe the evidence of his eyes that hearts were breaking. He didn't cash his nine tricks, so the board was ignominiously pushed at one down.

Both N/S pairs had a chance to gain a swing for their side on our next exhibit;

Dealer: West  
 Vul: Both  
 Brd 20  
 Open Tms Qual R2  
 ♠ K J 10 8 7 2  
 ♥ 8 5 2  
 ♦ 8 3  
 ♣ 8 6

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

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

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

West	North	East	South	
Cowen	Klinger	McGrath	Mullamphy	
Pass	1♦	1♥	1♠ <sup>(not ♠s)</sup>	
Double	2♣	Pass	3♣	
Pass	Pass	Pass		
Makeable Contracts				
-	1	-	1	NT
1	-	1	-	♠
1	-	1	-	♥
-	5	-	5	♦
-	5	-	4	♣

When Mullamphy did not bid a natural and forcing 2♣ at his first turn, I think he owed his partner a 2♥ cue-bid at his next turn. As it was, both tables played a deal on a finesse for slam in 3♣. Mind you, since there are only eight tricks in 3NT on a spade lead, their result cost them nothing to par.

The match score was 3-0 to Haughie when Mullamphy judged his reopening action better than in the other room.

Dealer: East  
 Vul: E-W  
 Brd 22  
 Open Tms Qual R2  
 ♠ A K  
 ♥ 9 4  
 ♦ K Q 8 4 3  
 ♣ Q 10 4 3

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

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

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

West	North	East	South	
Cowen	Klinger	McGrath	Mullamphy	
2♦	Pass	Pass	1♥	
Pass	Pass	Pass	Double	
Makeable Contracts				
-	2	-	2	NT
-	2	-	2	♠
-	2	-	2	♥
1	-	1	-	♦
-	-	1	-	♣

Mullamphy's reopening double didn't have to work but I like it myself. Cowen was in an inelegant spot on three rounds of hearts. he chose to pitch a club as did Klinger. Then he won the spade shift, cashed a second top spade and led a club to the nine. Mullamphy ducked this, won the next club, and gave his partner a ruff.

Klinger now was down to four trumps and the ♠Q, and had just two trump tricks to come. but that was still 500, good for 8 imps when in the other South declared 2♥.

Smith picked up a part-score for declaring a part-score better than their counterparts but the match devolved into a series of overtrick swings from here on in, till Hinge-Haughie did very well here.

Dealer: South ♠ 3  
 Vul: None ♥ 8 6 4  
 Brd 27 ♦ A Q J 7 5  
 Open Tms Qual R2 ♣ K 8 7 5  
 ♠ A K Q 6 5 2  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ 10 9 4 2  
 ♣ Q 2

♠ ---  
 ♥ A K Q 10 5 3  
 ♦ K 8 3  
 ♣ J 10 9 3

West Cowen	North Klinger	East McGrath	South Mullamphy
			Pass
1♠	2♦	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	All Pass

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

It isn't so easy to reach 3NT intelligently after the opponents overcall – and even if they don't. The defenders could have beaten 3♥ but the sequence of plays to get the ruffs isn't so easy, is it? After the diamond lead to the ace and East's eight, why wouldn't you shift to a spade, hoping partner has ♥A not ♣A, when you can kill dummy. Anyway, in the other room I believe an opening pre-empt from South changed the tempo of the auction and +430 covered the -170 from 3♥ very nicely.

Haughie won 19-6, the 13 imps converting to 13.72 VPs

### OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING ROUND 3

Barry Rigal

Pressed into service to cover a player in poor health, I had a 15-minute agreement of conventions with Rodrigo Garcia da Rosa. A lot of interesting boards came up – and fortunately we had understanding teammates who could cover my inanities.

Dealer: East ♠ 4  
 Vul: N-S ♥ K Q 7  
 Brd 2 ♦ A Q J 7 4 2  
 Open Tms Qual R3 ♣ A K Q  
 ♠ A J 8 5  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ 6 5 3  
 ♣ 10 9 8 5 4

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

West Kemeny	North Rigal	East Canaris	South da Rosa
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Makeable Contracts				
-	4	-	4	NT
-	1	-	1	♠
-	4	-	4	♥
-	6	-	6	♦
-	2	-	2	♣

A difference of styles here made me expect short diamonds from South (I would always bid 3♦ over 3♣ with two diamonds and maybe even a singleton). Now the auction progresses 3♥-3NT-Pass. 3NT is clearly the best bid while 4♥ was not terrible. However the 5-1 trump break and stiff ♦K proved too much for my partner after a trump lead. fortunately the heart ruff was enough to beat 5♦; whether it should have been...is another matter.

The next monstrosity could have cost us blood; I was happy to lose just 3 IMPs on it.





Dealer: West ♠ A J 10 9 8 5  
 Vul: Both ♥ 10 3  
 Brd 4 ♦ ---  
 Open Tms Qual R3 ♣ A Q 10 5 3  
 ♠ 3  
 ♥ 2  
 ♦ Q 10 9 7 4 2  
 ♣ K J 7 6 2

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

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

West North East South  
 Kemeny Rigal Canaris da Rosa  
 2NT<sup>1</sup> 3♠ 3NT All Pass

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

I chickened out of bidding 4♠ here; yes, I'm a wimp. We led a spades against 3NT and because declarer had ♦Q not ♦K he only had eight tricks. Our teammates declared 5♥x, down only one when all the ruffs got away after a spade lead. of course 4♠ does go down a trick or two on normal careful defence.

Dealer: East ♠ 7 5 2  
 Vul: Both ♥ 6 4  
 Brd 10 ♦ A J 8 6 5 2  
 Open Tms Qual R3 ♣ 4 2  
 ♠ 9 3  
 ♥ K 9 8 7 3  
 ♦ ---  
 ♣ A Q 10 7 6 5

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

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

West North East South  
 Rich Pellegrini  
 1NT Pass  
 2♦ Pass 3♥ Pass  
 4♣ Pass 4♦ Pass  
 5♣ Pass 6♥ All Pass

Makeable Contracts				
6	-	6	-	NT
3	-	3	-	♠
7	-	7	-	♥
1	-	1	-	♦
6	-	6	-	♣

This deal proved too hard for most of the field in the auction – and for some in the play too. While our opponents were happy to play game, our teammates bid to slam.

Carlos Pellegrini won the spade lead and played a trump to the king and rejected the restricted choice finesse, instead preferring to play trumps from the top. He was planning that if the suit did not break, to take the ruffing finesse in diamonds. That was +1460 and 13 imps; about 20 pairs went down in slam (one in the grand slam!) 50 pairs made slam though quite a few played it by West on a diamond lead.

Valuation of hands is never an entirely straightforward matter, but the North hand on board 13 demonstrated that you can't have it both ways. If you pre-empt actively (a la mode Australienne) you either need to play two-tier pre-empts with a Multi or you need to open your decent hands at the one level otherwise you will find partner cannot take a joke.

♠ 10 ♥ A K 8 7 4 3 ♦ 9 6 4 2 ♣ K 9

Non-vulnerable this is a clear one-level opener, vulnerable if your weak twos go up to 11 you might open 2♥ in second seat...but then partner with ♥ J x x and a 13-count will bid game. We missed slam(!) when trumps were 2-2 and the ♦A was onside, but that was good for a gain of 10 IMPs when 2♥ was passed out in the other room.

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EXCUSE ME COULD I HAVE THE NAME AND NUMBER OF YOUR MANICURIST



SLAM BAM THANK YOU MAN

Barry Rigal

Dealer: South      ♠ 9 8 6 2  
 Vul: None        ♥ 8 5 3  
 Brd 11            ♦ A J 10 8 7  
 Open Tms Qual 1 ♣ 4  
 ♠ Q  
 ♥ K Q 9 4 2  
 ♦ K 9 3  
 ♣ K Q 9 8

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

♠ A K J 10 7 3  
 ♥ A 6  
 ♦ 6  
 ♣ A 7 5 3

West	North	East	South
	Klinger		Mullamphy
2♥	4♠	Pass	1♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	4NT
			6♠

Makeable Contracts				
-	3	-	3	NT
-	6	-	6	♠
-	1	-	1	♥
-	2	-	2	♦
1	-	1	-	♣

This is not an easy board to judge in the auction – but Klinger-Mullamphy made it look simple.

Mullamphy explained that since his partner had a mixed raise available, the four spade call normally delivered a side-suit singleton, and since the opponents had not competed in hearts it rated to be a club singleton. Even if partner didn't have the singleton a well-placed honour might make up for it – so long as he had an ace.

After a top heart lead the logical thing to do is to win and play ♦A and ruff a diamond. One top trump gets the good news. Now ace of clubs, club ruff, diamond ruff, and a second trump to dummy lets you ruff out diamonds.

You can ruff a club and cash the 13th diamond to pitch your loser.

If the ♠Q does not fall you play to ruff three clubs in dummy, hoping for a 4-4 break or that the hand with short clubs has short spades.

## OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING ROUND 4

Barry Rigal

The final match of the first day saw me pressed into service again (the St John's Ambulance man whom my team had tried to recruit had already been asked to join Ashley Bach's squad). So here we come, ready or not!

After I had single-handedly missed a slam (to be fair bid by virtually nobody except the pair against our teammates) I had my second chance to be a hero.

If you want to put yourself in my shoes, cover up the South and West hands. And yes, maybe the auction should only be viewed by those of mature age, or those accompanied by a parent

Dealer: South	♠ K 10 8		West	North	East	South
Vul: E-W	♥ A Q J 7 6 2		Patterson	Rigal	Genc	da Rosa
Brd 19	♦ Q 8		1♦	2♥	Double	4♥
Open Tms Qual 4	♣ 8 4		Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
♠ A 7 5		♠ J 6 4 3	5♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
♥ 8		♥ 10 4	Makeable Contracts			
♦ A J 10 9 4 3 2		♦ K 7 5	1	-	1	-
♣ J 3		♣ A K 10 7	2	-	2	-
	♠ Q 9 2		-	3	-	3
	♥ K 9 5 3		4	-	4	-
	♦ 6		-	1	-	1
	♣ Q 9 6 5 2					NT
						♠
						♥
						♦
						♣

The 2♥ call was an attempt to score my ♦Q on defence...as we had not agreed that we should lead ♥K from AK I assumed this was an attitude position. When my partner played a discouraging nine, I assumed there was spade preference in his spot card. Clearly the right card to play is the ten (in case partner has the ♣Q and ♠Q without the nine). But what if he had the ♠A and not the ♥K...wouldn't he win the ace and play back a heart? To make a long story short, I shifted to the ♠8 – and while Rodrigo probably should play low, he put up the queen; now declarer played to set up spades for his 11th trick.

Everyone knows loose lips sink ships and silence is golden – but they should also know by now that I will misguess any suit I can, if given the chance. But if you bash me over the head with a signal, I stand a chance to be paying enough attention (on a really good day) to find a winning play.

Dealer: West	♠ A 6		West	North	East	South
Vul: Both	♥ Q 10 9 5 3					
Brd 20	♦ K 8					
Open Tms Qual 4	♣ K 9 7 5					
♠ Q J 5		♠ 7 4 3 2	Makeable Contracts			
♥ 8 4		♥ K 2	-	2	-	2
♦ A Q 10 9 6 4		♦ J 7 3	-	2	-	2
♣ 8 3		♣ A Q 10 6	-	3	-	3
	♠ K 10 9 8		1	-	1	-
	♥ A J 7 6		-	3	-	3
	♦ 5 2		-		-	
	♣ J 4 2					NT
						♠
						♥
						♦
						♣

4♥ is not a thing of beauty; we reached it after a limit raise and optimistic acceptance. The defenders led and continued diamonds. A trump finesse later, you have to negotiate ♣ K 9 7 5 opposite ♣ J 4 2 for just two losers.

Which strategy do you like:

- 1) Low to the king then low back to the jack
- 2) Low to the jack then back to the K-9 and guess well
- 3) Low to the nine and then low to the king
- 4) Run the jack
- 5) Something else?

The answer, I believe is that the right play is option three. This only loses when something else would have won when all three clubs honours are on your left – and in that case RHO might have shifted to a club at trick two?

I was all set to follow this line when (after drawing two rounds of trumps ending in hand) it occurred to me that I could afford a third round of trumps. Maybe somebody would pitch something useful – did they ever! When LHO playing upside down signals discarded the ♣6, I changed my mind and crossed to the ♠A and led a club towards the jack, and now could no longer be defeated.

Moral: don't describe your hand when the only person interested is declarer!

After a rarity, where we passed a board out at our table quite rationally, but teammates bid and made a game, (two balanced 11-counts and two working finesses), Rodrigo had the opportunity to be careful, and made no mistake.

Dealer: North  
 Vul: E-W  
 Brd 25  
 Open Tms Qual 4

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

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Patterson	Rigal	Genc	da Rosa
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

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

Patterson led a top diamond, Da Rosa won in dummy, and had to decide how to handle trumps. He took just the ♠A, then played on clubs (I can believe that it might be correct to play clubs before even releasing the trump ace). West won the club ace and played back a diamond, so da Rosa ruffed and ran clubs, eventually pitching the hearts from dummy and cross-ruffing his way to ten tricks. Fewer than half the field bid and made game here, presumably letting East in on the trumps to shift to hearts?

### SENIORS TEAMS QUALIFYING ROUND 1

Playing in the Gold Coast Congress and editing this Bulletin is problematic at the best of times. Thanks to my team-mates, Brent, Dennis, Robert, Sue and Tom, combined with my unerring ability to justify my actions, (in this case playing to provide material worthy of reporting), I am playing two matches a day in the Seniors Teams.

Arriving at the venue and noting that our team was seeded second (11<sup>th</sup> last year) I sent the seeding committee the phone number of some very competent psychiatrists. Anyway on to the bridge.

Not having played for some time it takes a while for your brain to get into bridge gear. You pick up

♠ J 8 6 ♥ A K Q 10 8 2 ♦ — ♣ A J 10 3

You hear a 15-17 1NT on your right and all vulnerable you have to find a sensible action. Doubling would have shown a five card minor and four card major so I was 'forced' to bid 4♥. As they say, I shopped well.

Dealer: West  
 Vul: Both  
 Brd 4  
 Sen Tms Qual R1

♠ K Q 9 7  
 ♥ 9 7 6  
 ♦ A J 9 6  
 ♣ K Q

♠ J 8 6  
 ♥ A K Q 10 8 2  
 ♦ ---  
 ♣ A J 10 3

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

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

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

With the bare ♣ K Q onside that was an easy 10 tricks. Even if our methods had allowed me a double for penalties, I am not sure whether I would have chosen that option. The diamond void suggests that they may have a fit in that suit and anyway, what am I going to do at my next turn?

Next it was partner's turn in the spotlight.

Dealer: South      ♠ A K Q J 10 9 8  
 Vul: Both        ♥ 3  
 Brd 7             ♦ 3  
 Sen Tms Qual R1 ♣ J 8 7 3  
 ♠ 6 5  
 ♥ 10 7 2  
 ♦ A Q 9 6 4 2  
 ♣ K 9

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

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

West	North Stern	East	South Grynberg
Pass	4♠	5♥	??

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

The two most likely actions are double and 5♠, and one suspects both would have a reasonable following. Doubling could yield anything from +500 to -850 while 5♠ is most likely to be +650 (+850 if they double) or perhaps -200. A minor influencing factor was the speed with which East chose to bid 5♥ over 4♠. Partner opted to double which yielded the optimal score of +200. Regrettably this resulted in a loss of 9 IMPs when the other table were allowed to play 4♠.



### THE KLINGER QUIZ

Ron Klinger

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

You lead the ♣3: two – queen – king. South returns the ♣7: four – ace – six, followed by the ♥2: five – jack – queen. What do you play at trick 4?

Solution: West failed to find the killing switch at trick 4:

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

West should be able to put the whole hand together. East's ♣Q at trick one denied the ♣J and so South began with ♣K-J-7 and East with three clubs only. With a singleton diamond, South would hardly have offered no-trumps and so the missing diamonds are 2-2. East cannot have a singleton diamond and three clubs. That would give East a 5-card major.

East's pattern is therefore 4-4-2-3 and South's is 3-5-2-3. As East has four spades. West should switch to the ♠4 at trick four. The defence can set up three spades before South can create the extra two heart tricks needed. On the actual club return at trick three, South won, crossed to the ♦K and took the heart finesse, followed by ♥A, the ♦A and a fourth heart. South's ♠K was his re-entry, making one spade, three hearts, two diamonds and three clubs.

## BRIDGE WITH BARRY

Barry Rigal

One of the more sophisticated tools to help the modern analyst is called Deep Finesse. It looks at best play for both sides to predict the number of tricks that can be taken. But beware, it drops every singleton king offside – whether it should or not. So its claims must be taken with a pinch of salt. Still sometimes Deep Finesse gives you a little push in the right direction: When you see an unexpected result for a contract, you suddenly realize that your calculation of the “normal” result was way off target.

Let's look at a board from the second Smith Life Master Women's event:

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

You'd expect North to open a weak 2♠ at almost every table. South might dredge up a 2NT bid, after which you'd expect North-South to reach 4♠. This will be two down on a diamond lead and one down on a club lead (plus 100 for East-West was average).

The winner of the women's event benefitted from a remarkably Trappist performance by their opponents on the auction above.

The defenders can lead either a diamond or a spade -- in which case declarer, after drawing trumps, has seven heart tricks, two aces and can easily build a club trick.

What about a club lead? The defenders take their two top clubs and a ruff, and declarer claims the balance.

That's the human analysis. As usual: wrong, wrong, wrong! So what's the trick? Deep Finesse tells us nine tricks is the limit in hearts. Suitably admonished, we revisit the deal --- how do we get four tricks?

Answer: Ignore the “red herring” of our ♣J, we win the ♣K at trick one and give partner the immediate ruff without cashing the second winner. Now the spade shift builds our third trick, and we have the ♣A to come. This defence was found by Doug Doub, at the table.

Incidentally, just to prove that in real life it isn't just the defenders who have a tough life, when Shawn Quinn won the spade lead she had to decide whether to draw trumps (risking two down if the clubs did not split) or go all out for the contract.

Because West “could not” hold a low singleton club or she would have led it. Quinn played a club. East won and led a low spade to his partner. Now the club ruff was no longer available, and declarer was back to plus 420.

As we said, another cold game...

## BE GUIDED BY BRENT

What you need to know Part 5 – Brent Manley

Here's a familiar situation. You are declarer and your left-hand opponent has made the opening lead. Dummy comes down and . . . uh oh – now what?

Wouldn't it be great if there was someone – not seen or heard by the opponents – who could whisper in your ear about what to do? Bridge doesn't work that way, of course, but sometimes the correct line of play is right before your eyes.

In yesterday's issue, we talked about pulling trumps right away to keep the opponents from using their low trumps to ruff your good tricks in the side suits. There will be times when you must postpone playing on trumps in order to make your contract.

Check this out:

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

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

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

South leads the ♦Q. Start by counting your losers, the normal strategy in a suit contract. You have one loser in diamonds and four potential losers in hearts. What will you do with those heart losers? You don't have a suit you can set up in dummy to discard your heart losers, but dummy does have a couple of good features for you: four trumps and heart shortness. You can lead a couple of rounds of hearts and ruff your two losers – but only if you leave enough trumps in dummy to do the job.

Do you see where this is going?

That's right. On this deal, you don't want to pull even one round of trumps. Start by winning the ♦K at trick one and playing a heart from dummy. A defender will win the trick, but even if a trump comes back, you can win and play another heart. A second round of trumps will not hurt you because you will still have two trumps in dummy to deal with your two losing hearts. Check out the full deal:

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

If you had played even one trump before starting on hearts, North could win the first heart and continue with a trump. The gloom would settle in when South discarded on the second round of trumps. Your only hope then would be that North could not get in to play a third round of trumps, but you can see that North would win the second round of hearts to make the killing play of his last spade. You would be left with one trump in dummy to deal with two heart losers. Rats!

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### IMPROVE YOUR DEFENSIVE PLAY – PROBLEM 3

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	West	North	East	South
	♠ K 6		Pass	3♣	3♠
	♥ 6 5 4 2	Pass	4♠	All Pass	
	♦ Q 10 6 2				
	♣ K 8 2				
West					
♠ Q 9 5					
♥ A Q J 9 8					
♦ 9 5 4					
♣ 9 7					

West leads the ♣9-♣2-♣Q-♣4.

East switches to the ♥3-♥10-♥J-♥2.

What should West play next? Solution Page 19

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At the discretion of the winning ticket holder, another prize from a list on display, may be substituted for the game with an expert – among these prizes is a \$500 discount voucher donated by Andy Hung for his forthcoming Noosa Bridge Holiday 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

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Reprinted From Expressadvocate.com.au News 17 – Patrick Boddan

Almost lost among the smell of fresh baked cakes and pie, the Central Coast Bridge Club launched a book with a difference at Long Jetty on Monday.

The book, appropriately titled *Bridge for Brains, Food For Thought*, is a collection of recipes submitted by bridge players from across the country sandwiched between some very clever bridge hands.

All proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to Neuroscience Research Australia, which aims to prevent and cure disease and disability of the brain and nervous system.

Club President John Redfearn said "the idea was a unique one to raise money for a unique cause. Whilst we don't expect to win any cookbook awards, we do hope that many people, bridge players or not, enjoy the content we've collected. There are some absolutely incredible bridge deals in here from local club matches to World Championships. Ultimately however, we encourage people to buy the book to support the charity. If every book sells we will raise around \$15,000 which isn't too bad for a local bridge club".

Australian Bridge champion Ron Klinger was on hand to be part of the book launch. Bridge's answer to Pele relayed anecdotes from his storied career, and alluded to the benefits of bridge for brain disease. "There is strong evidence that those who play bridge are significantly less likely to suffer from Alzheimer's disease and dementia." Mr Klinger said.

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#### IMPROVE YOUR DEFENSIVE PLAY – SOLUTION 3

Ron Klinger

Dealer:  
Vul:

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
	Pass	3♣	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West leads the ♣9-♠2-♣Q-♠4.  
East switches to the ♥3-♥10-♥J-♥2.  
What should West play next?

West must play the ♣7.

East will then win the second club and play a third club ensuring that West will make a trump trick by either over-ruffing the third club or sitting with ♠ Q 9 5 over declarer's jack assuming he ruffs the third club with the ♠A.



# CALENDAR OF SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES GOLD

	Wednesday 22nd February	Thursday 23rd February	Friday 24th February
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## NOVICE AND ROOKIE ACTIVITIES

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	
Novices Help Available	In the Playing Area Novices Section	09:30am to 10:30am	

## SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

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	3:00pm	3:00pm
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	8:00am	

## BRIDGE WIDOWS ACTIVITIES

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	

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## GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2017 - CALENDAR OF CELEBRITY SPEAKERS

<b>JOAN BUTTS</b>	Declarer Play: Entries Five Steps to Overcome Entry Problems  Upstairs Rooms 10, 11,12 Opposite Bridge Admin	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9:30am to 10:15am</b>		Joan Butts has represented Australia in world championships. Her passion is bridge education. She is the Australian Bridge Federation's (ABF) National Teaching Coordinator. In this capacity she trains teachers and arranges professional development programmes. Joan is also involved with bridge online.
<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>	<b>2:15pm to 2:45pm</b>		Kim Frazer is an Olympian and Commonwealth Games champion in shooting. In bridge, Kim has represented Victoria and written articles on the mental side of bridge. She is secretary of the VBA, a member of the ABF Management Committee and chairs the ABF's International Player Performance Task Force.
<b>PETER HOLLANDS AND LAURA GINNAN</b>	Master Manipulation  Upstairs Rooms 10, 11,12 Opposite Bridge Admin	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>9:00am to 9:45am</b>		Peter Hollands and Laura Ginnan are Melbourne based professional bridge players. Pete is on the 2017 Australian Open team and will represent Australia in the Bermuda Bowl in Lyon. They are revolutionising the way bridge is taught through online video teaching from their website Bridge Vid. <a href="http://bridgevid.com/">bridgevid.com/</a>

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# GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2017

	Wednesday 22nd February	Thursday 23rd February	Friday 24th February	Saturday 25th February	
<b>OPEN EVENTS</b>			Q/F Teams      S/F Teams 9:00am 2x12 Brds    2:00pm 4x10 Brds	Finals Teams 9:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	Dinner Dance 7:30pm for Drinks  8:00pm Start  Bookings Essential  From \$10 Depending Number Sessions Played
Open Teams	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12		10:00am 1/3      2:00pm 2/3	
Ivy Dahler Open Butler Swiss Pairs				10:00am 3/3	
<b>SENIORS EVENTS</b>					
Seniors Teams	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final		
<b>INTERMEDIATE EVENTS (Under 750MPs)</b>					
Intermediate Pairs Championship	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final		
Ivy Dahler Intermediate Butler Swiss Pairs			10:00am 1/3      2:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3	
<b>RESTRICTED EVENTS (Under 300MPs)</b>					
Restricted Teams	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final		
Ivy Dahler Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs			10:00am 1/3      2:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3	
<b>NOVICE EVENTS (Under 100MPs)</b>					
Novice Teams	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final		
Friday Novice Pairs			10:00am 1/2      2:00pm 2/2		
<b>ROOKIE PAIRS (Under 10MPs)</b>					
Rookie Pairs - Single Session Events		10:30am 1/1			
<b>UNDER 50MP PAIRS</b>					
Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs	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 2 - Play from 1 to 5 Sess		3:00pm S1	3:00pm S2	10:00am S3      2:00pm S4      10:00am S5	
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	

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

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

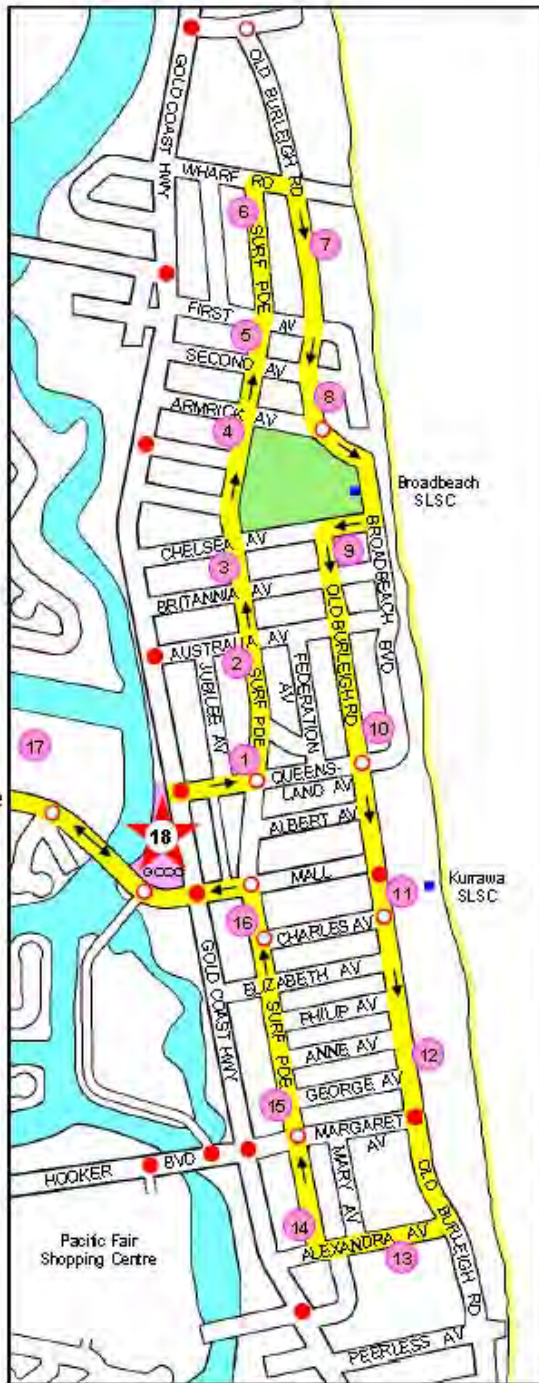
Buses will also be available to ferry people only to restaurants in Broadbeach during meal breaks, and for pickup in time for commencement of play. Please remember this is a courtesy bus, primarily for those less capable of walking over to the Mall area.

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

### Courtesy Bus Stops & Route



- 1 112 Surf Pde - Aruba Beach Resort
- 2 130 Surf Pde - Markham Court
- 3 140 Surf Pde - Leawarra
- 4 166 Surf Pde - Linden Court
- 5 176 Surf Pde - Rua Apartments
- 6 210 Surf Pde - Surf Parade Resort
- 7 60 Old Burleigh Rd - The Breakers
- 8 100 Old Burleigh Rd - Oceana
- 9 106 Old Burleigh Rd - Ocean Royale
- 10 136 Old Burleigh Rd - King Tide
- 11 Old Burleigh Rd - Kurrawa SLSC
- 12 177 Old Burleigh Rd  
- Opposite Carmel By The Sea
- 13 10-16 Alexandra Ave  
- Breakfree Diamond Beach
- 14 1-10 Surf Pde - Bel Air
- 15 40 Surf Pde  
- Broadbeach Travel Inn
- 16 76 Surf Pde - Opposite Sofitel
- 17 33 TE Peters Dr - Freshwater
- 18 G C Convention Centre



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- Air on the Broadbeach**
- Barbados**
- Coffee Club**
- Hi Ho Holiday Apartments**
- La Lavandou Holiday Apartments**
- Mantra Broadbeach on the Park**
- Markham Court**
- Starbucks**

**PUZZLE**

**The Card Trick:** I ask Alex to pick any 5 cards out of a deck with no Jokers.

He can inspect then shuffle the deck before picking any five cards. He picks out 5 cards then hands them to me (My friend Peter can't see any of this). I look at the cards and I pick 1 card out and give it back to Alex. I then arrange the other four cards in a special way, and give those 4 cards all face down, and in a neat pile, to Peter.

Peter looks at the 4 cards i gave him, and says out loud which card Alex is holding (suit and number). How?

The solution uses pure logic, not sleight of hand. All Peter needs to know is the order of the cards and what is on their face, nothing more.

**YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE**

**The Trainee Technician:** At one end label a wire "A". Then join two wire and label them both "B", then tie three (not already joined) wires together and call them each "C"....continue until all the wires are joined together in groups of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etc....for a 120 strand cable. NOTES that the largest group will have 15 wires.

Now walk to the other end. Using a (battery and light bulb) it is now possible, for example, to find the wire that wasn't joined to any of the others. It is similarly possible to find which wires are in a pair, which is joined in a group of 3, etc. Each time a group is found the technician should label it with the letter for the group, so the single wire is labelled 'a', the pair are each labelled "A", etc....this now matches the other end.....the letters will go up to "O". Now take "A", "B", up to "O" and join them together in a group and label each one with "15", so we have cable "A15", "B15", "C15", up to "O15". Take the second and last "B" wire and join it with a remaining "C", "D", up to "O" and label these each "14" so we have "B14", "C14", up to "O14". Repeat this until at the end there will be a single "O" cabled labelled "O1".

Now walk to the other end. Now untie all the old connections and identify the group labelled "1", "2", "3" ..."15" at which point each wire at each end has a unique classification.

Alternative solution First, tie the 120 wires together randomly in 60 pairs. Next, go to the far end, randomly label any wire 1, and connect the battery to it. Test which other wire is tied to it at the starting end, and label that wire 2. Then pick another wire other than 1 or 2, label it 3, and tie it to 2, so now the battery is connected to 1, which is tied to 2 at the other end, which is tied to 3 at the end you're at. Now test which wire is tied to 3 at the other end, and label that 4, etc. What you will wind up with is all 120 wires tied to each other in a continuous sequence. Then go back to the end you started at, leaving the battery behind, connected to wire 1. Before you untie all the wires at the starting point, label each wire so that you know which wire was paired with which. →

**DIFFICULT SUDOKU**

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

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION  
DIFFICULT SUDOKU**

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

Now with all the wires untied at the starting point, test which wire is connected to the battery, and label that 1. Whichever wire was in the same pair as 1, label that 2, and then tie 1 and 2 back together. Now you can find 3, because it's tied to 2 on the far end. Once you find 3, label the wire it was tied to 4, etc. This assumes that the resistance of the wire is small enough that the battery will still light the bulb across 12,000 km of wire.

**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.

Event	Date	Website / Contact / Venue
<b>Autumn Nationals (ANOT)</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May to Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Entries: ANOT.organiser@gmail.com Jinny Fuss 0474-074-005 Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showground
<b>Australian National Championships and Butler Pairs.</b>	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Entries: elainne57@gmail.com Elainne Leach 0402-081-506 Venue: Thoroughbred Park ACT
<b>Coffs Coast Gold Congress</b>	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	Entries: ian@australiawideconferences.com.au Ian Doland 02-6654-1104 Venue: Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour
<b>Territory Gold Bridge Festival Pairs and Teams</b>	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Entries: tgbf@abf.com.au Eileen Boocock 0409-677356 Venue: Alice Springs Convention Centre, Alice Springs
<b>Spring Nationals</b> Open Teams, Restricted Teams Dick Cummings Open Pairs Restricted and Novice Pairs Linda Stern Women's Teams Bobby Evans Seniors Teams	Wednesday October 18 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Entries: sn@abf.com.au Mike Prescott – NSWBA 02-9264-8111 Canterbury Park Racecourse, Sydney

## TABLE COUNT TO THE END OF PLAY TUESDAY NIGHT 4032 (Last Year 3863)

Note: this year there was no Friday Setup Pairs

### Leading Scores Tuesday 0-50 Pairs

Place	North-South	%	Place	East-West	%
1	Jennifer Finigan - Mary Simon	66.74	1	Stephen Miller - Jonathan Silberberg	65.31
2	Bruce Gough - Liz Milner	60.54	2	Peter Wilce - Fay Wells	59.62
3	Don Jobbins - Michael O'Rourke	60.47	3	Alison Bodman - Lyn Gadsby	57.26
4	Bill Lawson - Daniela Andrews	57.91	4	Neil Hansen - Judith Hansen	57.12
5	Ethne Huddleston - Wendy Clark	55.77	5	Robyn Church - Jill Lukin	56.55
6	Bob Still - Lesley Sutherland	55.63	6	Sue Bosch - Leonie Shanahan	55.48
6	Kath Seefeld - Kay Mukai	55.63	7	Gary Gibbards - Debbie Gibbards	53.85
6	Georgina Blum - Paulette Bourke	55.63	8	Neville McDonnell - Laurelle McDonnell	53.56
9	Ros Francis - Helen Harkin	54.57	8	Magdeline Wong - Janet Franklin	53.56
10	Karen Sweep - Rhonda Henry	54.06	10	Marieta Borthwick - Annegrete Kolding	53.42
11	Marilyn Bidey - Lisa Basile	53.42	11	Shelley Mccready - Glyn Stickland	53.28
12	Cia Adermann - Debbie Gould	51.68	12	Rick Webster - Robert Olander	52.92
12	Bob Jones - Sue Jones	51.68	13	Stanley Law - Paul Nitschmann	50.07
14	Ian Leach - Nina Doyle	51.64	14	Elizabeth Handley - Janet Lewis	49.72
15	Anna Jadach - Peter Klarie	51.28	15	Frank Johnson - Patricia Johnson	48.50

### Holiday Pairs Event 1 - Overall

Rank	Pair	Best Three %
1	Mary Lynch - John Manton	55.67
2	Bernard Yates - Nick Hullah	54.45
3	Betty Lee - Mike Robson	53.07
4	Pamela Roberts - Allan Johnson	52.84
5	Pam Ruppin - Diane Elliott	52.81
6	Dianne Brinkworth - Christine Young	52.63



### Holiday Pairs - Tournament 1 Session 3 MONDAY

Place	North-South	%	Place	East-West	%
1	Alison PRATTEN - Margaret TITLEY	59.98	1	Robyn CLAYTON - Alan SMITH	61.98
2	Di ROGERS - Susie CROOKE	58.59	2	Carola HOOGERVORST - Dagmar NEUMAN	60.52
3	Pam RUPPIN - Diane ELIOTT	56.81	3	Anne ROSENGREN - Lyn MAYER	59.01
4	Lalita KANETKAR - Sheela SAHASRABUDD	56.31	4	Beverley BRADY - John BRADY	57.37
5	Margaret REX - Cherry TRENGOVE	55.99	5	Patricia ARMSTRONG - Noreen ARMSTRO	57.35
6	Bernard YATES - Nick HULLAH	55.10	6	Dewi EASTMAN - Anne ALEXANDER	56.34
7	Tony CLARKE - Hellen CLARKE	54.98	7	Deanne GASKILL - Gillian BUGANEY	55.57
8	Malcolm CLIFT - Kathy CLIFT	54.96	8	Di JONES - Ines DAWES	55.57
9	Liz JACKA - Libby TONKIN	54.57	9	Sally MACDONALD - Helen MCBRIDE	55.38
10	Kathie DE PALO - Carol SHELDRAKE	54.51	10	Susan HUNT - Janet GRIEVE	54.15
11	Arch MORRISON - Tessa TOWNEND	54.21	11	Christine YOUNG - Dianne BRINKWORTH	53.31
12	Nadine LEVIN - Sharon IVANY	51.47	12	Kathy PERRY - Matt KRUK	51.75
13	Sally COX - Carla WEBB	50.51	13	Juliet BRITTEN-JONES - Peter WILSON	50.96
14	Jann NEWMAN - Betty SHARP	49.90	14	Elaine HENNIG - Michael AIKIN	50.57
15	Betty LEE - Mike ROBSON	49.82	15	Jim WOOD - Paul THIEM	50.38
16	John DUNLOP - Jill DUNLOP	49.54	16	Frank JOHNSON - Margaret LIVERSAGE	50.31

### Holiday Pairs - Tournament 1 Session 4 TUESDAY

Place	North-South	%	Place	East-West	%
1	Elizabeth VOVERIS - Johanna THOMAS	61.92	1	Garry FERGUSON - Jennifer FERGUSON	57.26
2	Matt KRUK - Kathy PERRY	58.88	2	John MANTON - Mary LYNCH	56.01
3	Janice COVENTRY - Margaret GLOVER	56.64	3	Janice GLADDERS - Robynne OWEN	55.61
4	Hannah ZANG - Kevin WANG	55.20	4	Howard REES - Brenda REES	55.18
5	Allan JOHNSON - Pamela ROBERTS	54.20	5	Fiona TEMPLETON - Ross TEMPLETON	52.28
6	Betty LEE - Mike ROBSON	53.84	6	Neil STRUTTON - Margaret LIVERSAGE	51.55
7	Thea CATSOULIS - Ann SLADE	52.81	7	Pauline CAUST - Alan BUSTANY	51.27
8	Michael CONGREVE - Merle GOLTZ	51.75	8	Brenda BUTCHER - Birgitt BINGHAM	50.95
9	Kaye DONALDSON - David O'GORMAN	51.36	9	Nadine LEVIN - Sharon IVANY	50.55
10	Sally MOORE - Sue CHAPMAN	48.62	10	Jenny MUSGRAVE - Vanessa MYLNE	50.34

### Open

Place	No.	Team Members	Score				
1	2	A Hung - N Griffiths - L Milne - K Lazar - M Whibley - R Lee	76.27				
2	18	D Lilley - Z Nagy - D Middleton - P Gue	70.87				
3	8	B Haughie - S Hinge - M Mullamphy - R Klinger	69.11				
4	29	B Hirst - T Hutton - J Foster - D Weston	65.42				
5	9	V Brown - L Gold - W Jenner-O'Shea - M Doecke - J Haffer - M Smith	62.65				
6	36	D Pao - S Chan - A Tsang - T Shum	62.22				
7	4	J Sprung - D Sprung - P Lewis - L Lewis	62.02				
8	20	H Cheval - G Josnin - J Skipper - J Skipper - J Wignall - D Skipper	60.82				
9	21	K Morrison - K Crowe-Mai - P Brayshaw - C Mulley	60.66				
10	66	R Weathered - L Tillotson - A Richman - S Richman	59.38				
11	17	P Wyer - T Ong - N Francis - M Moren	58.79				
12	39	F Whitaker - M Sykes - M Dennison - J Balson	58.68				
13	44	C Pellegrini - J Rich - R Garcia Da Rosa - V Gardiner - B Rigal	58.16				
14	24	B Coles - F Rew - M Bourke - G Kozakos	58.13				
15	45	G Mundell - T Reiner - L Kalmin - L Kalmin	58.04				
16	145	T Treloar - P Evans - R Fox - A Woollons	57.74				
17	6	V Vainikonis - W Olanski - M Krasnoselskiy - E Vainikonis - J Rotomskyte	57.60				
18	7	W Zhou - S Sun - Z Tian - H Chen - T Zhou - C Lu	57.33				
19	13	N Giura - N Hughes - P Lavings - R Krochmalik	57.27				
20	30	M Watts - M Prescott - S Crompton - A Edgton	56.18				
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
21	119	Moore	55.57	118	93	Morgan-King	38.99
22	31	Carter	55.34	119	103	Lorraway	38.76
23	10	Adams	55.17	120	91	O'Dempsey	38.46
24	158	Stewart	54.58	121	180	Kenny	38.12
25	34	Berrington	54.40	122	89	Mangos	37.81
26	141	Evans	54.14	123	129	Gilfoyle	37.75
27	1	Brown	54.13	124	201	Green	37.73
28	53	Krolikowski	54.12	125	122	Gunner	37.65

Open							
Place	No.	Team Members					Score
29	77	Milward	53.75	126	125	Rusher	37.63
30	214	Pisko	53.64	127	114	Stephens	37.49
31	213	Webb	53.63	128	82	Slater	37.19
32	67	Mayo	53.59	129	143	Tuxworth	37.15
33	3	Kanetkar	53.46	129	95	Fleiszig	37.15
34	23	Callaghan	53.10	131	190	Anderson	37.11
35	16	Otvosi	52.99	132	79	Alexander	36.79
36	71	Bouhey	52.83	133	76	Tucker	36.63
37	19	Ashton	52.33	134	96	Grigg	36.55
38	43	Bilski	52.18	135	135	Morris	36.53
39	47	Ward	51.76	136	203	Doddridge	36.34
40	55	Sharp	51.63	136	212	Davis	36.34
41	51	Lockwood	51.18	138	156	Codognotto	36.32
42	28	Daly	50.74	138	124	Free	36.32
43	81	Steinwedel	50.59	140	160	Kemp	36.29
44	70	Potts	50.51	141	49	Chen	36.11
45	62	Smith	50.12	142	148	Coats	35.59
46	56	Grosvenor	50.05	143	50	Malinas	35.27
47	35	Richardson	49.75	144	197	Lazar	35.12
48	92	Andersson	49.65	145	46	Powell	35.08
49	15	Harrison	49.22	146	84	Strong	35.06
50	115	Fleischer	49.11	147	112	Barfoot	34.95
51	5	Travis	49.09	148	75	Bolt	34.90
52	68	Barda	49.06	149	120	Rothwell	34.61
53	33	Van Der Vlugt	48.75	150	177	Sher	34.39
54	104	Schoen	48.14	151	64	De Luca	34.27
55	57	Adler	47.95	152	150	Grant	34.06
56	48	A'Beckett	47.70	153	144	Darke	33.21
57	26	Morgan	47.56	154	142	Kiraly	33.05
58	65	Li	47.23	155	162	Leighton	32.37
59	85	Ridley	47.10	156	198	Labuschagne	32.29
60	105	Bugeia	46.71	157	149	Correy	32.28
61	11	Zhang	46.68	158	157	Manser	32.17
61	61	St Clair	46.68	159	147	Wanigaratne	31.94
63	27	Ingham	46.65	160	146	Lisle	31.57
64	52	Bouton	46.15	161	161	Mills	31.18
65	12	Ziggy	46.05	162	94	Vaughan	31.09
66	78	Finikiotis	45.99	163	195	Ajzner	30.71
67	58	Meyer	45.84	164	63	Jeffery	30.70
68	69	Smee	45.70	165	137	Gassmann	30.66
69	25	Parker	45.38	166	116	Tredrea	30.12
70	102	Frazier	45.31	167	155	Bonnick	30.06
71	54	Mott	45.20	168	134	Purkiss	29.55
72	176	Bach	45.11	169	173	Rose	29.36
73	130	Watt	45.05	170	154	Vearing	29.33
74	87	Abbenbroek	44.93	171	117	Valentine	28.98
75	121	Power	44.83	172	191	Oyston	28.85
76	90	Maltz	44.48	173	98	Kahn	28.81
77	186	Cooper	44.47	174	100	Davis	28.79
78	204	Roose-Driver	44.29	175	174	Drwecka	28.76
79	40	Kaplan	44.27	176	182	Van Wyck	28.75
80	83	Wilks	43.98	177	208	De Luca	28.07
81	80	Chu	43.76	178	106	Norris	27.69
82	101	Tyms	43.63	179	194	Abdelhamid	27.46
83	41	Tant	43.50	180	172	Pepper	27.26
84	60	Hurley	43.47	181	136	Holbrook	27.23
85	107	Linton	43.41	182	99	Miller	27.22
86	72	Bodycote	43.37	183	184	Whiddon	26.79
87	168	Edelstein	43.32	184	166	Alexander	26.40
88	167	Bennett	43.29	185	185	Thatcher	26.34
89	59	Wilson	42.92	186	210	Gray	26.29
90	131	Glasson	42.62	187	128	Rose	26.28
91	74	Terry	42.40	188	200	Hoare	26.23
92	110	Munro	42.26	189	211	Woodbury	26.11
93	108	Crockett	42.16	190	192	Kennedy	25.80

Open							
Place	No.	Team Members					Score
94	164	Watson	41.78	191	175	Stuart	25.65
95	127	Demarco	41.58	192	181	Cooper	25.15
96	111	Birss	41.31	193	152	Leach	24.75
97	171	Procel	41.16	194	123	Morrison	24.33
98	38	Lewis	41.01	195	189	Hutton	24.03
99	202	Matskows	40.97	196	73	Mottram	23.99
100	132	Fry	40.90	197	139	Bourke	22.80
101	14	Cheong	40.82	198	188	Evans	22.74
102	32	Hoffman	40.68	199	169	Brahma	22.40
103	159	Wagstaff	40.62	200	126	Welch	22.26
104	163	McAlister	40.53	201	97	Stacey	21.84
105	22	Wylie	40.38	202	207	May	21.77
106	151	Wood	40.35	203	187	Coats	21.13
107	153	McDonald	40.26	204	193	Jackson	18.52
108	37	Patterson	40.25	205	138	Kable	18.06
109	206	Spencer	39.97	206	118	Dyer	17.51
110	86	Kefford	39.88	207	183	Campbell	16.97
111	88	Mellings	39.85	208	165	Roughley	15.92
112	140	Hollands	39.64	209	179	Fookes	15.68
113	42	Webber	39.63	210	209	Gue	14.31
114	205	Pradhan	39.44	211	113	O'Connor	13.71
115	133	Pike	39.42	212	170	Chesser	13.49
116	178	Athea	39.12	213	196	Carroll	11.47
117	109	Bloom	39.03	214	199	Jagelman	6.81

Seniors							
Place	No.	Team Members					Score
1	5	A Walsh - B McDonald - A De Livera - E Havas					63.94
2	7	S Klofa - M Gurfinkiel - R Gallus - S Weisz					62.36
3	14	A Johannsson - A Ramer - A Braithwaite - S Braithwaite					61.75
4	2	D Stern - R Grynberg - T Moss - D Zines - S Picus - B Manley					58.83
5	18	B Palmer - N Stuckey - G Palmer - C Wilson					54.73
6	6	P Chan - R Januszke - R Sebesfi - J Zollo					54.57
7	12	I McKinnon - V Dressler - P Johnman - K Johnman					51.95
8	1	R Brightling - P Buchen - D Hoffman - C Hughes					49.64
9	16	P Boulton - A Boulton - L Varadi - E Shand					49.62
10	9	S Mendick - B Waters - P Grant - T Marinos					49.56

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	19	Beck	48.94	26	36	Frost	35.40
12	11	Arber	47.00	27	23	Havas	34.21
13	3	Bloom	46.59	28	20	Moses	34.11
14	8	Robbins	46.48	29	37	Waldvogel	33.37
15	10	Antoff	46.33	30	39	Brown	30.51
16	13	Budai	45.56	31	22	Lane	29.96
17	21	Luck	44.58	32	38	Lawrence	29.40
18	26	Dudley	43.72	33	24	Wilkinson	28.23
19	31	Hoole	42.84	34	28	Sykes	23.96
20	29	Cariola	42.44	35	32	Jeffery	23.80
21	17	Van Vucht	41.70	36	27	Allan	23.16
22	4	Robb	41.37	37	33	Moffat	18.42
23	30	Rooney	41.04	38	35	Davidson	17.40
24	34	Rogers	39.28	39	40	Tibble	15.01
25	15	Ingham	37.91	40	25	Berzins	13.90

Intermediate							
Place	No.	Team Members					Score
1	44	I Bailey - G Markey - L Baker - P Robinson					67.60
2	6	K Dean - B Hunt - V Eldridge - A Davies					61.65
3	3	D Johnson - M Johnson - I Doland - J Watson					61.58
4	8	A Lohmann - K Cupples - J Randall - P Randall					61.54
5	46	D Giles - J Argent - B Mackay - L Dominikovich					59.06
6	5	R Wylie - M Wylie - D Williams - J Williams					58.87
7	62	R Delaney - L Fraser - W Van Bakel - M Byrne					58.02
8	77	R Stick - C Payne - S Parsanejad - H Sadigh					57.22
9	20	K Blinco - T Sheedy - C Stead - E Baker					55.82
10	57	D Hartwig - M Simpson - C Stone - R Clark					53.86

Intermediate							
Place	No.	Team Members					Score
11	45	Schmalkuche	52.27	53	34	Leckie	38.70
12	11	Hughes	52.14	54	67	Fenwicke	38.56
13	65	Erskine	52.13	55	59	Bell	38.32
14	7	Ranke	51.57	56	50	Stephenson	38.18
15	19	Symons	51.16	57	4	Wilson	37.71
16	21	Breakwell	51.02	58	25	Sheldrake	37.11
17	36	Wells	50.79	59	35	Murray	36.87
18	60	Cooke	50.57	60	33	Holmes	36.23
19	15	Rogers	49.77	61	16	Ferguson	35.75
20	76	Binsted	49.45	62	71	Bristow	35.41
21	9	Sutherland	48.73	63	40	Jonsberg	35.29
22	54	Skeate	48.02	64	94	Driesbock	34.22
23	47	Fleet	47.44	65	58	Robertson	34.21
24	37	Sherlock	47.33	66	86	Greenwich	33.83
25	72	Stacey	46.97	67	12	Begg	33.81
26	85	McBain	46.07	68	28	Corney	33.74
27	69	Beech	45.70	69	73	Anderson	33.68
28	49	Boyce	45.58	70	63	Cowley	32.56
29	13	Keating	45.21	71	83	Davis	32.42
30	17	Styles	45.03	72	26	Ward	32.31
31	53	Read	45.00	73	41	Boyce	32.12
32	27	Kite	44.51	74	66	Savage	31.98
33	42	Clifford	44.02	75	52	Staley	31.71
34	2	Reynolds	43.69	76	84	McMaster	30.32
35	90	Black	43.41	77	70	Howard	29.23
36	75	McGaffin	43.08	78	88	Kaplan	29.22
37	92	Sim	42.71	79	31	Berry	29.16
38	55	Oxley	42.11	80	56	Clift	29.12
39	1	Roberts	41.93	81	32	Johnstone	29.03
40	38	Gavel	41.36	82	24	Morgan	28.04
41	82	Beaton	41.20	83	10	Steinhardt	26.91
42	64	Holewa	40.86	84	80	Bish	26.40
43	81	Hart	40.55	85	61	Weber	26.01
44	14	Bandy	40.40	85	43	Cooper	26.01
45	78	Page	40.06	87	91	Peak	25.77
46	39	Carson	39.88	88	68	Wippell	23.86
47	89	Edwards	39.63	89	23	Trigg	23.65
48	22	Tomlinson	39.59	90	48	Kirton	22.84
49	29	Webber	39.57	91	74	Ward	20.09
50	18	Nilsson	39.53	92	51	Yarwood	19.79
51	79	Irving	39.30	93	87	Lynch	15.78
52	93	Barnett	38.78	94	30	Attwood	10.71

Restricted							
Place	No.	Team Members					Score
1	80	K Hajmasi - A Michl - B Whale - J Whale					66.28
2	42	A Pilcher - S Horsfield - T Clarke - H Clarke					65.50
3	89	Y Whittle - F Rolls - N Bowers - J Watkinson					60.41
4	4	J Rossiter-Nuttall - B Rossiter-Nuttall - S Livingston - H Middleton					59.52
5	36	D Williams - J Sawyer - C Dempster - M Paterson					57.80
6	83	G Tippett - P Maxwell - D Upchurch - N Djorovic					57.36
7	11	B Rydon - J Howe - J Simmons - K Wilman					56.20
8	22	S Carradine - M Young - W Roberts - J Rogers					54.96
9	1	S Britton - P Moller - N Armstrong - P Armstrong					54.33
10	40	K Willcocks - J Willcocks - M Junge - P Seppelt					53.65
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	25	Fisher	53.30	51	70	Renton	37.14
12	64	Chew	53.09	52	51	Gibney	37.11
13	38	Trengove	52.49	53	77	Singer	36.91
14	65	Beattie	51.96	54	32	Look	36.87
15	39	Stewart	50.82	55	2	Cousins	36.32
16	15	Brodie	50.53	56	14	Parmenter	36.06
17	35	Robins	50.32	57	20	Robertson	35.93
18	82	Gordon	50.27	58	75	Short	35.55
19	6	Boocock	47.98	59	79	Hartley	34.91
20	45	Greenway	47.62	60	12	Treloar	34.68

Restricted							
Place	No.	Team Members					Score
21	50	Rosetta	47.52	61	59	Thillainathan	34.57
22	24	Wippell	47.27	62	63	Meakin	34.23
23	71	Jacobs	47.13	63	67	Stratford	33.39
24	34	Barry	46.91	64	17	Ham	33.37
25	60	Smith	46.57	65	52	Wilson	33.27
26	28	Jeppesen	46.47	66	33	Van Weeren	33.03
27	84	Tattersfield	46.12	67	57	Wlodarczyk	32.50
28	61	Zulfiqar	45.63	68	7	Prentice	32.02
29	41	Hertelendy	45.62	69	85	Shannahan	31.82
30	5	Elich	45.47	70	26	Burke	31.48
31	76	Linden	45.18	71	16	Wood	31.33
32	18	Smith	44.98	72	54	Hodges	31.22
33	78	Adamson	44.86	73	47	Opray	31.16
34	19	Butcher	44.57	74	66	Macintosh	31.06
35	88	Stuart	44.12	75	68	Hooper	30.79
36	62	Scott	43.76	76	81	Cukierman	30.76
37	29	Gosney	43.71	77	31	Balkin	29.38
38	87	Haslett	43.01	78	69	Gilder	29.10
39	48	Sullivan	42.46	79	43	Love	27.84
40	21	Pratten	41.11	80	72	Turner	27.48
41	10	Wills	40.68	81	49	Gault	27.25
42	56	Hall	40.34	82	46	Chaffey	25.78
43	58	Cox	40.04	83	44	Merrin	25.63
44	9	Earnshaw	39.87	84	53	Egan	25.24
45	74	Franks	39.19	85	55	Barwick	24.62
46	8	Heck	38.57	86	37	Munro	20.43
47	3	Cullen	38.54	87	27	Kirkpatrick	18.64
48	30	Morahan	38.39	88	90	Haslett	18.37
49	73	Cook	37.88	89	86	Quilty	18.09
50	23	Sharwood	37.50	90	13	Allen	16.81
Novice							
Place	No.	Team Members					Score
1	8	J Skeen - L Yoffa - D Poulton - N Walsh					66.94
2	23	T Brink - L Wilson - R Organ - B Brink					63.83
3	6	K Tortely - J Gilbert - C Van Kruistum - S Van Kruistum					55.31
4	22	C Bellis - C Sharp - H Sitcheff - J Walker					54.80
5	18	W Coloper - J Simpson - N Anderson - D Smith					53.04
6	14	A Byrnes - S Parkes - U Suliman - P Taylor					51.53
7	2	L Bowen-Thomas - C Bowen-Thomas - A Hemmingway - B King					51.48
8	36	J Russell - J Parsons - D Hiles - R Booth					50.43
9	13	M Nilsson - C Young - G Tidey - M Hullah					50.03
10	12	B Northey - D Thatcher - M Smith - D Campi					49.62
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	39	Hunt	49.60	28	37	Carter	36.17
12	40	King	49.38	29	11	Gibbens	35.41
13	21	Officer	49.25	30	42	Dunworth	34.76
14	3	Spence	49.08	31	15	Clark	34.26
15	27	Cameron	47.98	32	28	Reilly	33.93
16	17	Koster	47.66	33	30	Lawson	32.97
17	26	Bunting	46.50	34	10	Minchin	32.24
18	31	Heap	45.75	35	7	Large	32.15
19	25	Nugent	43.24	36	20	Little	31.54
20	19	Martin	41.65	37	24	Sheldrake	27.23
21	34	Anderson	41.58	38	43	Versteeg	26.41
22	16	Mayne	41.20	39	32	Ryan	21.78
23	29	Ackman	38.80	40	33	Allingham	21.73
24	38	Stevens	38.25	41	1	Marsland	20.61
25	4	Hale	37.92	42	9	Lingard	19.80
26	41	Bailey	37.13	43	35	Lloyd	18.65
27	5	Rydon	36.55	44	44	Sykes	15.79

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