



Bulletin Editor David Stern ♦ Co-Editors Barry Rigal and Brent Manley
Contributions to gcb@thesterns.com.au or phone 0411-111-655

WELCOME TO THE 57TH GOLD COAST CONGRESS

Welcome to what will be my 11th year at the helm of the Gold Coast Bulletin. As you will know, this year will be the last year with Therese Tully organising this world class tournament. However, Tim Runting will be taking over from 2019 and both Therese and Tim have been working together for some time now to ensure the continuity of success of this tournament. While Tim will of course bring his own ideas and influences, the OUTSTANDING work and structuring done by Therese will continue well into the future.

While on the subject of handovers, I have taken a decision to relinquish my editorship of the bulletin after the 2019 tournament after what will then be twelve years. Two factors have influenced my decision, the necessity for things to change and bring new ownership to positions within any organisation as well as the need to free up some time for children, grandchildren and the enjoyment of life. I am hoping to be an active participant in the Congress and to continue to meet up with all my bridge friends while playing at the tournament.

We would like to welcome to Australia the President of the World Bridge Federation, Mr Gianarrigo Rona who is visiting Australia for the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship as well as the Gold Coast Bridge Congress. We know he will enjoy all that the Gold Coast and our great tournaments have to offer.

Moving on from the logistical overview.....2017 was another year of global turmoil with bombings, sexual misconduct allegations, political upheavals etc. Bridge however was a bright spot in my life working at the Gold Coast, Tokyo and Lyon in France (one of the best tournaments I have attended) – all of which were thoroughly enjoyable notwithstanding that they were VERY long hectic and pressuring days.

Mercifully there was little in the way of turmoil in the bridge world. No disputed tournaments or cheating allegations just hard fought tournaments and a 2IMP win for the USA against France in the final of the World Championship Bermuda Bowl. It would be remiss of me not to note the outstanding performance of New Zealand making the Bronze Medal playoff of the Bermuda Bowl and finishing fourth, well and truly testifying to the strength of bridge in that country.

If you have the time, inclination and money available to enjoy a great bridge tournament, I would suggest that you consider taking a trip to the Open World Bridge Championships to be held in Orlando, Florida in late September/early October. There, you will be able to play in a variety of pairs and teams tournaments playing against the best in the world.....give it some thought.

Have you ever thought about how much bridge has added to your lives? In my case it has taken me around the world but, much more importantly, it has allowed me to make an amazing group of friends with a common interest, something that would not have been possible without my love of the game. Maybe take a moment to reflect on how much bridge has added to your enjoyment of life.

On that note, I urge you to sit back and relax and enjoy the journey that is....The Gold Coast Congress.

David Stern – Bulletin Co-Editor



WELCOME FROM STEVEN CIOBO MP Co-Patron 2018 Gold Coast Congress

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship and the 57th Annual Gold Coast Bridge Congress.

Located in the heart of our vibrant city, the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre is a world class facility befitting these prestigious tournaments.

As the Federal Member for Moncrieff, I take pride in welcoming you to our beautiful city as we count down to the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

The Gold Coast thrives on tourism and I trust in your downtime you will make the most of our natural attractions, entertainment venues and unique lifestyle.

This year we are fortunate enough to welcome players from over twenty-four nations, which is testament to the events' popularity. A special thanks must go to the tournament organisers for both events, who I am sure have been preparing for many months to make this a memorable experience for domestic and international competitors.

Whether you are new to the game or have a depth of experience, I trust you will make some new friends and enjoy everything our city has to offer. I wish all competitors the very best of luck!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steven Ciobo'.

**The Hon Steven Ciobo MP
Federal Member for Moncrieff
Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment**

WELCOME FROM JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP Co-Patron 2018 Gold Coast Congress



As the State Member for Surfers Paradise and patron of the Surfers Paradise Bridge Club, I am pleased to welcome you to the sunny Gold Coast for the 57th Annual Bridge Congress.

The Annual Bridge Congress on the Gold Coast has always been a huge success - and that's why I continue to attend and lend my support to the event year after year. Similarly, I know that many participants here today are return visitors.

Whether you're a first time visitor, a regular visitor, or a local, I hope you take the time to explore and enjoy the fabulous Gold Coast when you are not competing. It's true, the Gold Coast does have something for everyone to enjoy. We're home to golden beaches, world-class entertainment, beautiful hinterland and famous attractions.

As you prepare to engage in some friendly competition, so are a number of local and international athletes who are gearing up for the 2018 Commonwealth Games which will be held here on the Gold Coast in April this year.

You may notice that there is a real sense of optimism here on the Gold Coast. With less than two months to go until the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, our community is excited to welcome visitors and athletes from across the country and world to our wonderful City.

We've seen more investment and infrastructure, and in true Gold Coast spirit, we're seeing locals becoming involved by volunteering, seeking employment, or buying a ticket to attend one of the exciting sporting events. We're all proud to showcase our City to you over the next few days, and to our Commonwealth Games' visitors in the next couple of months.

I wish you a very successful tournament. Thank you for choosing the Gold Coast for the 57th Bridge Congress and I hope you have an enjoyable stay.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John-Paul Langbroek'.

**The Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP
Member for Surfers Paradise
Shadow Minister for the Commonwealth Games
Shadow Minister for Sport and Racing
Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs**



WELCOME FROM TOM TATE Mayor of the City of Gold Coast

The Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship is a wonderful adjunct to the athletics events of the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. Your event will provide a great lead-in to what will be the biggest sporting spectacle in the southern hemisphere in a decade.

A special welcome, too, to World Bridge Federation President, Gianarrigo Rona, and I am happy once again to welcome delegates to the Gold Coast Congress 2018.

I suspect you will notice a distinct air of excitement as we prepare to showcase our city to a global television audience of 1.5 billion. Our enthusiasm appears infectious as this CNBC has attracted a record field of 40 teams coming from all corners of the world.

I was delighted to learn that the Gold Coast Bridge Congress is regarded as one of the best events of its type in the world so the action will be first-class. I am sure all involved will enjoy the facilities and ambience of the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre which is highly regarded for the professionalism and friendliness of the staff.

While your attention will be focused on taking plenty of tricks, do make sure you get out and about to enjoy all that Gold Coast offers visitors. We have a smorgasbord of entertainment options available from fast-paced excitement to leisurely pursuits offering welcome stress relief.

Our restaurants, cafes and bars offer world-class food and drink in a dazzling variety of venues from shady laneways to sunny beachfronts and spectacular skyscraper outlooks.

Whether this is your first time to the Gold Coast or a return visit, I hope you enjoy a great time. Please take home plenty of wonderful memories.

Tom Tate

**Tom Tate
Mayor, City of Gold Coast**



WELCOME FROM BRUCE NEILL President Australian Bridge Federation

On behalf of the Australian Bridge Federation I welcome all players, from both Australia and overseas, to the 57th Gold Coast Congress. I also particularly welcome Gianarrigo Rona, the President of the World Bridge Federation. The Gold Coast Congress caters for all levels of players, from top internationals to rookies, and I always look forward to it. It is steadily growing in stature and increasing in numbers each year. It is one of the most popular events of the bridge calendar and is recognised worldwide as a major bridge event.

Please help us ensure that everyone enjoys their time here by cutting out bad behaviour. All players should respect themselves and their partners, and extend the same courtesy to others at the table. And, of course please display respect not only at the table but wherever you may be so that there is enjoyment for all.

I thank the sponsors who collectively ensure the success of this great event. I particularly thank Therese and the team for their great efforts. They will have left nothing to chance. She will be a hard act to follow but I'm sure that her successor, Tim Runting will keep up her great work.

Bridge is a wonderful game bringing pleasure and mental stimulation to people of all walks of life. Please enjoy!

Bruce Neill

**Bruce Neill
President Australian Bridge Federation**

WELCOME FROM RICHARD WALLIS
President Queensland Bridge Association



Another year has passed and as the new President of the QBA it is my pleasure this year to welcome you all to the 2018 GCC the – biggest congress in Australasia and the Southern Hemisphere. While many of you are returning to participate in this great event, others are here to compete in the Commonwealth Nations event being run immediately prior to the GCC. If this is your first time at the GCC I hope you are encouraged enough to come back again next year.

This year Tim Runting and Therese Tully are the Joint Tournament Organisers. They try to put together an event that caters for every level of play from Beginner to Expert and the proof of their success is the ever-increasing entries for the various events.

The success of the tournament is also due in no small part to the ongoing support of our sponsors who provide funding, prizes as well as goods and services. I would like to thank them for their partnership as well as their foresight in seeing the pre-eminence which the Gold Coast Congress holds in terms of being deserving of that support.

Next year Tim will be the sole Tournament Organiser, and I am sure he will continue the theme and also introduce a few of his own ideas.

Please help the editors of the Bulletin by contributing any interesting hands, either giving them a report directly or through the Congress desk.

Richard

Richard Wallis – President Queensland Bridge Association



WELCOME FROM THERESE TULLY
Gold Coast Congress Tournament 2018 Co-Organiser

John F Kennedy said “Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future”. These words seemed appropriate as I am stepping down as Tournament Organiser of The Gold Coast Congress after 15 years at the helm and passing the banner to Tim Runting. I am proud of what we have achieved and confident our future is assured.

I am particularly happy to welcome Gianarrigo Rona, The WBF President, John Wignall the WBF First Vice president and our Zone 7 delegate, plus the many players from the CNBC who have stayed to play. I must also thank our Sponsors who are the lifeblood of our tournament and have saved my bacon and my budget many times – please support those who support you!.

Last but not least – To all you players and my incredible staff led by Kim Ellaway, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with you

and I will miss you all.

Unlike fading sports stars, I don't intend to disappear into the sunset. It is my plan to continue my support for Australian bridge but as a player rather than a tournament organiser, something that hasn't always been possible in the past.

Play well, be nice to your opponents and remember your partner is on your side!

Therese

Therese Tully
Gold Coast Congress Tournament Co-Organiser



WELCOME FROM TIM RUNTING
Gold Coast Congress Tournament 2018 Co-Organiser
Organiser Gold Coast Congress Tournament From 2019

Welcome to the 57th Annual Gold Coast Tournament! This year marks the last time that Therese Tully will be the Organiser as I take over the reins in 2019 with my partner Sue.

The tournament is honoured by the presence of Gianarrigo Rona, President of the World Bridge Federation. We trust he will enjoy his visit and enjoy the 'magic' that the Gold Coast and in particular what The Gold Coast Congress has to offer.

A little background, I started the Kenmore Bridge Club in 2011, this club had the fastest growth in Queensland within the first 3 years of operation. We now have over 400 members and are looking for larger premises. A few years ago and following this success, Therese asked me to consider taking over this position as Organiser.

As a result of the early successes we had with the Novices at Kenmore, Therese went onto introduce a new event at the Gold Coast Congress specifically for Rookie players 0-10 MP's and coined the phrase "No fear Bridge" – this event, coupled with the 0-50 MPs has resulted in a wonderful entry level program for new players to our great game and this amazingly successful Bridge Congress.

Please check out our new venue for the Monday night trivia at the Beachside Pavilion, located at the beach end of the Oasis Shopping Centre, it will be a fun and social evening where we can demonstrate our skills outside of bridge.

This year is special as we have visitors for the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship, many of whom are continuing on to play at the GCC, please make them welcome as I am sure you will with the Aussie, Aussie, Aussie, Green and Gold spirit!

Tim

Tim Runting
Gold Coast Congress Tournament Co-Organiser

Paul Lavings
Bridge Books & Club Supplies
CLUB SUPPLIES, NEW & 2nd HAND BOOKS, CDs, DVDs, Giftware, Antiques.

www.bridgegear.com ♦ paul@bridgegear.com ♦ 02-4295-0870 ♦ 0408-888-085
VISIT PAUL LAVINGS GCC SHOP LOCATED IN THE LOBBY OUTSIDE THE PLAYING AREA

HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT AND KEEPING COSTS DOWN

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



MONDAY NIGHT 19TH FEBRUARY

A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW HOSTS, DOMINIQUE AND TONY TRELOAR WHO BRING A FRESH NEW EXPERIENCE TO OUR TRIVIA EVENING

THIS YEAR THE TRIVIA NIGHT WILL BE HELD AT

BEACHSIDE PAVILION BROADBEACH

**BEACH END THE OASIS SHOPPING CENTRE, VICTORIA AVE BROADBEACH
FOOD COMMENCING 6:00PM FOR A START OF TRIVIA AT 6.30PM**

Expected finishing time between 8:45pm and 9:15pm

**A BRIDGE MENU WILL BE AVAILABLE AND WE HOPE ALL PLAYERS
WILL AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THESE SPECIALS**

Players are invited to arrive at 6:00pm to order meals & drinks ready for a 6:30pm start. There will be a fee of \$10.00 per player with proceeds going to Friends of Youth Bridge Fund to be used to facilitate youth attendance at the Gold Coast Congress by providing apartments for the week where youth players can stay for free, or a minimal +/- \$10 per night.

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 2:30pm Monday or earlier if 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.

Players will be asked to deposit their electronic devices in receptacles located at each table

The members of the winning team will receive prizes with other random prizes on offer

\$20 TRIVIA MENU SELECTION WILL BE AVAILABLE

Pavilion will be offering burger, fish & chips (their speciality), pasta and salad meals



**USE OF
ELECTRONIC
DEVICES
OF ANY TYPE
STRICTLY
PROHIBITED
OFFENDER AND
THEIR TEAM
WILL BE LIABLE
TO
DISQUALIFICATION**

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

PROBLEMS

Therese Tully and Tim Runting are the Tournament Organisers and Kim Ellaway the Manager of the event. If you experience any problems with the events see one of them. Kim can be contacted on 0412-064-903 at any time during the congress or Therese on 0409-870-324 and Tim on 0458-448-765.

ENTRY FEES

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

- Weekend Swiss Matchpoint Pairs (3 Sessions) \$250 per pair
- Open Seniors Intermediate Restricted or Novice Pairs \$300 per pair
- Monday Swiss Butler Pairs (2 Sessions) \$140 per pair
- Open Seniors Intermediate Restricted or Novice Teams \$720 per team
- Rookie Pairs (1 or 2 Sessions) \$50 per pair per session
- Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs Single Session Tuesday \$50 per pair
- Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs Two Sessions Wednesday \$90 per pair
- Seres-McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs \$140 per pair
- Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs \$200 per pair
- Friday Novice Pairs \$140 per pair
- Holiday Walk-ins \$15 per session per player payable at the table before each session

CALENDAR

Friday 16th Feb	Saturday 17th Feb	Sunday 18th Feb	Monday 19th Feb	Tuesday 20th Feb	Wednesday 21st Feb	Thursday 22nd Feb	Friday 23rd Feb	Saturday 24th Feb
	Pairs Championship							
	Weekend Masterpoint Swiss Pairs		Monday Butler Pairs					
		Rookie Novice Pairs				Rookie Novice Pairs		
No Frills Pairs								
	Holiday Walk-In	Holiday Walk-In	Holiday Walk-In	Holiday Walk-In	Holiday Walk-In	Holiday Walk-In	Holiday Walk-In x 2	Holiday Walk-In
					Teams Championship		Teams Finals	Open Teams Final
				Under 50MP Pairs	Under 50MP Pairs		Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs	
							Seres McMahon Pairs	
							Friday Novice Pairs	
								Dinner Dance

SESSION TIMES

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

LATE ENTRIES IVY DAHLER BUTLER PAIRS, SERES-MCMAHON MATCHPOINT SWISS PAIRS AND FRIDAY NOVICE PAIRS

Entries for the end-of-week events close:

Butler Pairs	Thursday Noon Thursday 22 nd February
Seres-McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs	Thursday Noon Thursday 22 nd February
Novice Pairs	Thursday Noon Thursday 22 nd February

To relieve the pressure on the Administration Desk at this time and to cut down on the queues, we are leaving the web site on-line entries open right up until Noon Thursday 22nd February closing time for players wishing to enter and pay on-line by credit card.

You will still be able to pay at the Administration Desk using cash, cheque or credit card. Changes to existing entries (different players, changing events, cancellations etc.) will need to be done at the Administration Desk however any changes will incur a \$10.00 administrative fee except for Open Teams Members placed in the top ten teams after round 11 of the qualifying.

So, avoid the queues, and enter online using your iPad, notebook or smartphone.

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

- Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, all players born on or after 1st January 1998 are entitled to free entry.
- In accordance with Australian Bridge Federation policy, all players born between 1st January 1993 and 31st December 1997 inclusive are entitled to a 50% discount on entry fees.
- Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, all players born BEFORE 1st January 1918 are entitled to free entry.

PARKING

Parking will be available for \$12 per entry per day or \$60 for a weekly pass with unlimited entry from Saturday 17th February to Saturday 24th February inclusive.

The Bridge Administration Desk is the ONLY place you can obtain a weekly pass. It will be open on Friday 16th February from Noon until 30 minutes after play finishes. Weekly passes can only be used from Saturday to Saturday inclusive.

For those requiring casual day parking, a one entry one exit ticket will be available from the machine upon entry. Those parking will need to pay \$12 on departure at the pay stations which are located at the lifts as you are exiting. Note that the \$12 ticket is a one entry and one exit ticket so if you intend to leave between sessions you will be required to pay a second \$12 parking fee.

EVENT INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

OPEN Carries ABF Open Playoff Points. Swiss Pairs Events do not carry playoff points.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

NZ ELIGIBILITY

ROOKIE	Under 10 MPs as at 30-Sep-2017	Less than NZ Certificate of Proficiency as at 01/01/2018
UNDER 50	Under 50 MPs as at 30-Sep-2017	Less than NZ Club Master as at 01/01/2018
NOVICE	Under 100 MPs as at 30-Sep-2017	Less than NZ Local Master as at 01/01/2018
RESTRICTED	Under 300 MPs as at 30-Sep-2017	Less than NZ Master as at 01/01/2018
INTERMEDIATE	Under 750 MPs as at 30-Sep-2017	Less than NZ National Master as at 01/01/2018
SENIORS	Must be born prior to 01-Jan-1960. PQPs only awarded to those born before 01-Jan-1959	

TEAM CATEGORIES

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

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

0-50, ROOKIE AND NOVICE EVENTS

Help will be available as follows:

Rookies	Sunday 18 th February play starts 11:00am help from 10:00am onwards Thursday 22 nd February play starts 10.30am help from 9.30am onwards
Under 50s	Tuesday 20 th February play starts 10.30am help from 9.30am Wednesday 21 st February play starts 10.30am help from 9.30am
Novices	Saturday 17 th February Novice Pairs starts 11:00am help from 10.30am Tuesday 20 th February Novice Teams starts 10.30am help from 10:00am Friday 23 rd February Novice Pairs starts 10:00am help from 9.30am

Assistance will be available for filling out system cards, helping you find your seat and working out where you go, where the boards move and using Bridgemates etc. We can also assist with any queries regarding alerting or anything else you might like to know, but also refer to the timetable of activities. Helpers can be identified by their bright yellow fluorescent jackets.

Our thanks to our helpers: Helen Blair, Lyn Carter, Chris Farr, Shelley Farr, Mick Fawcett, Tony Marsland, Tim Runting, Graham Rusher, Lyn Tracey, Therese Tully and Richard Wallis

WITHDRAWALS

Players are permitted to withdraw from all divisions of the Championship Pairs (Open, Senior, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice) Finals (Sunday 18th February and Monday 19th February) at the end of the qualifying rounds, provided that they notify the Chief Director or Bridge Administration Desk within **ONE HOUR** of the qualifying scores being posted. No portion of the entry fees will be refunded.

MASTERPOINT AWARDS – WALK-IN PAIRS ARE RED MASTERPOINTS - ALL OTHER EVENTS INCLUDING ROOKIES AND 0-50MPS ARE GOLD MASTERPOINTS

Weekend Matchpoint Open Swiss Prs	0.36 gold masterpoints for each win
Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Prs 0-500	0.29 gold masterpoints for each win
Monday Butler Swiss Pairs	0.28 gold masterpoints for each win
Monday Butler Swiss Pairs 0-500	0.22 gold masterpoints for each win
Open Teams	1.12 gold masterpoints for each win

Seniors Teams	0.84 gold masterpoints for each win
Intermediate Teams	0.50 gold masterpoints for each win
Restricted Teams	0.41 gold masterpoints for each win
Novice Teams	0.36 gold masterpoints for each win
Open Butler Swiss Pairs	0.64 gold masterpoints for each win
Intermediate Butler Swiss Pairs	0.29 gold masterpoints for each win
Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs	0.23 gold masterpoints for each win
Seres-McMahon MP Swiss Pairs	0.32 gold masterpoints for each win
Friday Novice Pairs	0.21 gold masterpoints for each win

Substantial awards for outright places (top half of field in pairs, top third of field in Teams and Swiss pairs). All masterpoint awards are subject to final field size.

SUBSTITUTES

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

STAFFING

Our Floor Managers, Kim, Amber, Scott and Jinny are dressed with in light blue vests. Our Caddies are in purple however they are only here to caddy – see our floor managers if further assistance is required. Also, our Directors led by Laurie Kelso have the navy vests with blue undershirts.

Our Scoring Staff are led by Matthew McManus and can be found wearing Black Shirts. However all scoring issues should be addressed to the Scoring Enquiries Desk outside the scoring room just inside the doors in the centre of the playing area.

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

WEDNESDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEAMS SESSIONS

Think Simple – Think Fancy – Think Australiana PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED GROUP IN THE AUSTRALIANA THEME




We encourage all players to dress in keeping with the Gold Coast Annual Theme for Wednesday Teams Sessions. The theme is “Australiana” – make of it what you will! The photography will commence when play finishes and the parade from 2:30pm to 3:00pm Wednesday 21st February. Prizes will be available for some combination of groups, pairs or individuals.

PSST: insider’s tip.....theme for 2019 Sand to Sea

BULLETIN

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

- see a Bulletin Editor – there is almost ALWAYS one at the venue at any given time
- phone or SMS the number on the header of the Daily Bulletin (0411-111-655)
- send an email to the address on the header of the Daily Bulletin (gcb@thesterns.com.au)
- put a submission in the Bulletin Submission box opposite the Administration desk

PENS

Pens will be issued at the start of the Pairs and start of the Teams and belong to the players who are responsible for carrying their own pens from table to table.

ROOM SETUP - COLOUR CODING

Coloured flags will identify your section, results and playing areas. For the whole event, the room tablecloth colours will be:

Open — Light and Dark Blue

Intermediate — Yellow and Dark Yellow

Restricted — Green and Dark Green

Novice — Maroon

Seniors — Pink

Weekend Swiss 0-500 & Monday Butler 0-500 — Purple

Rookies — Fuchsia

0-50 Events — Fuchsia

Weekend Swiss Open & Monday Butler Open — Orange

BRIDGEMATES

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

PLAYER NUMBERS FOR THE TEAMS USING BRIDGEMATE II

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

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

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

WEB RESULTS PAGE

On the 2018 GCC Results Page, <http://www.qldbridge.com/gcc/results2018.php> (or if you hate typing like your editors <https://tinyurl.com/y7qfrojh>), there is an option, "Individual Player Results." Click on this and enter your surname or ABF number (or anyone else whose results you may be interested in). You will now see a list of every session in which you played at the 2018 GCC, your score, the number of masterpoints won, and a link to your scorecard for the session. (This page will be updated at the end of each day's play).

An alternate website for results can be found at <http://www.gcc.bridgeaustralia.org>.

IF YOU ARE "CONNECTED".....

The draw for the next round in the Teams and Swiss Pairs events will be published on the web at exactly the same time it is displayed on the projector screens at the venue. So if you are "connected" you can check your standings and the draw online. Alternatively download the Apple/Android App!! – see details on page 20.

BAR

Subject to patronage, the Bar, located opposite the Bridge Administration Office and run by the Convention Centre, will be open on Monday and Thursday only for one hour commencing 30 minutes before the end of play until 30 minutes after the end of play.

COFFEE AND TEA

As a service to participants the event will be operating a tea and coffee service. Coffee is made from freshly ground coffee beans with fresh milk and will cost \$3.50 a cup (additional \$2.50 for an extra shot) and cookies at \$3.00 each. The service will start around one hour before play and continue until late into the last session of the day. Please understand that the service is run for the benefit of players by volunteers. Correct change is a blessing but not essential.

ON-SITE PERSONNEL

Attending the congress during the tournament will be:

World Bridge Federation

Gianarrigo Rona – President of the World Bridge Federation

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

Australian Bridge Federation

Bruce Neill – President

Roy Nixon – Treasurer

Allison Stralow – Secretary (Teams)

Kim Frazer - Member Management Committee

Jane Rasmussen – Secretariat

Peter Cox – Head of Marketing

Joan Butts – National Teaching Coordinator

New Zealand Bridge

Allan Morris – Interim Chairman New Zealand Bridge

Alister Stuck – Executive Secretary – New Zealand Bridge

Laurie Kelso - Joint National Event Coordinator and Secretary of WBF Laws Committee

Matthew McManus – Joint National Event Coordinator

John McIlrath – ABF National Director Development Officer.

David Morgan – Chairman ABF Tournament Committee

David Stern – Vice-President International Bridge Press Association. WBF Youth Committee Member

Barry Rigal – President International Bridge Press Association

Brent Manley - International Bridge Press Association Executive Committee Member, WBF Bulletin Editor

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Tournament Organisers:

Therese Tully – 0409-870-324 and Tim Runting 0413-444-802

Chief Tournament Director:

Laurie Kelso – 0412-559-171

Bulletin Editors:

David Stern – 0411-111-655, Barry Rigal and Brent Manley

Appeals Committee Convenor:

Michael Wilkinson, Chairman

Appeals Committee:

Finalised at the venue

Appeals Scribes:

Brent Manley, Barry Rigal, David Stern and Sebastian Yuen

Chief Scorer:

Matthew McManus

Recorders:

John Brockwell, Allan Doddridge and Carmel Martin

Appeals Advisers:

David Appleton (Pairs and Teams), David Beauchamp (Pairs and Teams), Neville Francis (Pairs, Teams and Ivy Dahler) and Richard Ward (Pairs and Teams). The Director will guide you to the appropriate adviser

Rookie and 0-50 Player Liaison:

Tim Runting

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR

- **ALL EVENTS TO BE PLAYED AT THE SOUTHERN (CASINO) END OF THE GCCEC**
- The No-Frills Walk-in on Friday Evening returns with staggered start times from 6:00pm until 6:30pm.
- Starting time for the Saturday and Sunday of the Pairs Championships is now 11:00am finishing by 6:30pm
- Starting time for Saturday Afternoon Sessions of Swiss Pairs is now 3:15pm
- Weekend Swiss Pairs events now nine matches of 9 boards each
- Starting time for Saturday Walk-In is now 11:00am
- Theme afternoon Wednesday 21st February - "Australiana"
- Players in the Walk-In Holiday Pairs can play in either of the Holiday Pairs events with each session awarding voucher prizes. An overall prize will also be given in each event to the pair with the best three scores out of what are now a four and a five session event.

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

Entry forms can be collected from the Dinner Dance Desk located in the main playing area. Table sizes are for 10 guests and unfortunately we are unable to accommodate larger tables than 10. Please advise us of any special dietary requirement when making your booking.

Please return your form before Wednesday 21st February @ 5:00pm and seating allocation will be based on the time of lodgement of your form.

To help us in providing you with the best possible food, wine and entertainment at the GCC, as well as eliminating the waste of no shows, we are asking all of the Gold Coast Congress participants (which excludes Walk-In Duplicates) to contribute \$20. Walk-In Duplicate players as well as non-players are asked to pay \$50. No tickets will be issued. Your table allocation will be posted on boards next to the dining hall doors.

The evening includes a 3 course meal, prize giving, and the return of the fabulous “Captain Wow” to dance the night away.

Pre-dinner drinks will be served in the GCCEC foyer from 7.00pm, followed by dinner at 7.30pm with doors opening at 7.20pm.

The GCCEC has strict guidelines regarding its liquor licence and the responsible serving of alcohol. Under no circumstances can alcohol be brought onto the premises for consumption at the dinner dance, nor can any alcohol purchased at the GCC Dinner be taken from the premises during or after the event. No alcohol will be served to those under 18, or the drunk and disorderly. Please refer to GCCEC website for its policy on the responsible serving of alcohol. <http://www.gccec.com.au/responsible-service-alcohol>

Should you have any further questions regarding the dinner dance, please see Veronica at the Dinner Dance desk in the playing area.

PSST.....QUEENSLANDERS ONLY

Restricted Pairs at the Gold Coast Congress – Thanks to the generosity of the Australian Bridge Federation, a Prize of free entry and subsidy for two pairs to be awarded to the best and second best Queensland Pair playing within the Restricted Pairs at this Gold Coast Congress to participate in the Restricted Pairs at the Australian National Championships in Hobart. Eligibility for the ANC is based on both players in the partnership being under 300 masterpoints on 31st December 2017. In addition the best performing QLD novice team wins free entry into both the Restricted Pairs and Teams at the 2018 Spring Nationals.

WINNERS – SPRING NATIONALS FREE ENTRY TO GCC

- The winners of the Team Entry to the GCC as a result of their win in the 2017 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams were Hans Van Weeren, Peter Clarke, Jeff Conroy and Jill Blenkey
- Winners of the Restricted Pairs Entry to the GCC as a result of their highest datum scores in the 2017 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams were Rodney Macey-Ceda Nikolic and Liz Sylvester-Catherine Chaffey

If you are a restricted player then consider entering the 2018 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams for your opportunity to win free entries for the 2019 Gold Coast Congress.

CORRECTING SCORES

After each session, a printout of the results for each pair or team will be made available. For the last session of a stage of an event, you may obtain a copy on request from the Scoring Enquiries Desk located outside the scoring room just inside the doors in the centre of the playing area.

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

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

Agreed scoring errors need to be advised within the scoring correction period for the session in which the error occurred. The scoring correction periods are displayed prominently near the scoreboards. At the conclusion of the scoring correction period, scores become final and, under the Laws of Bridge, no further changes can be made. **This is critical for the last rounds when the correction period is limited and scorers may not pick up anomalies. You are responsible for your own actions - or lack thereof.**

SCORE CORRECTION PERIODS

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

Pairs Championships

Qualifying One	7:00pm Saturday
Qualifying Two	One hour after scores are posted
Final One	7:00pm Sunday
Final Two	2:00pm Monday
Final Three	One hour after scores are posted

Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs

Matches 1-3	11:30am Sunday
Matches 4-6	4:00pm Sunday
Matches 7-9	One hour after scores for Match 9 are posted

Monday Butler Swiss Pairs

Matches 1-3	2:00pm Monday
Matches 4-7	One hour after scores for Match 7 are posted

Teams Championships

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

Ivy Dahler Open, Intermediate and Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs

Matches 1-3	3:00pm Friday
Matches 4-7	11:00am Saturday
Matches 8-10	One hour after scores for Match 10 are posted

Seres-McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs and Friday Novice Pairs

Matches 1-3	3:00pm, Friday
Matches 4-7	Twenty Minutes after scores for Match 6 are posted

All Other Sessions

Sessions Not Listed Above	20 minutes after scores for the session are posted
---------------------------	--

World Championships have been awarded based on scoring errors. E/W Pairs should not simply acknowledge the scores on the Bridgemates, but should carefully check them as incorrect scores, apart from affecting the results of the event which may involve others not related to the scoring error, but may also affect: draws for teams and Swiss Pairs events, Masterpoints, Playoff Qualifying Points.

SYSTEMS - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Each pair is required to have two current ABF approved, systemically identical system cards on the table for the opposing pair before the start of each round. Overseas players will be permitted to use New Zealand and WBF system cards in addition to ABF cards.

Subject to protection, **GREEN**, **BLUE** and **RED** systems as well as **BROWN Sticker** conventions may be used during the Open Pairs and Teams, Seniors Pairs and Teams, Intermediate Pairs and Teams, Seres-McMahon Swiss Pairs, Ivy Dahler Open Swiss Pairs, Ivy Dahler Intermediate Swiss Pairs, Weekend Matchpoint, Monday Butler Swiss Pairs and Under 500MP events. (Note: protection will not be available for the major final of the Open Pairs).

Only **GREEN** and **BLUE** systems may be used during the Restricted Pairs and Teams, Novice Pairs and Teams, Rookie Pairs, Friday Novice Pairs, Ivy Dahler Restricted Swiss Pairs and Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs.

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

Teams proposing to use **YELLOW** systems should have already lodged an adequate copy of their system (including a bona fide suggested defence) with the CTD before 10:00am on Tuesday 6th February 2018. Such systems are available for inspection as well as posted on the Gold Coast Congress website using the information tab.

BROWN STICKER

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

PROTECTED PAIRS

Pairs playing a **GREEN** system can apply for an Orange sticker if both are below Life Master or one is below State Master.

This affords protection from **BROWN Sticker** conventions in all events where they are permitted with the exception of the major Final of the Open Pairs.

ALERTS - SUMMARY

PRE-ALERTS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announce the number of clubs contained in a 1♣ opening and the HCP range of a 1NT opening. Those playing a strong club system just need to announce 1♣ as “Strong 16+”.

ALERTS DURING THE AUCTION

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

DON’T ALERT:

- Any double or redouble
- Any call beyond 3NT, except a conventional opening bid
- A bid of a suit *bid or shown* by an opponent
- Any 2♣ response to a 1NT opening bid in an uncontested auction (*e.g. Stayman*)

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

DO ALERT:

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

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

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

IF PARTNER STUFFS UP

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

Defenders: wait until the *end of the hand* before piping up.

THE NEW LAWS - INFORMATION FOR PLAYERS

Matthew McManus

In August this year, the new Laws of Bridge came into force in Australia. In many cases, the variations are of little practical effect. I have summarised some of the more significant changes that players may notice and need to know about. This summary is not intended as a complete description of the relevant laws.

Unintended calls

The opportunities to change an unintended call have been significantly reduced. An error which arises because of the player’s loss of concentration as to the level of the auction can no longer be changed. This is the case even though the call may not be one which the player ever intended to make. For example, with spades agreed as trumps, West bids 4NT, Blackwood. East responds 5H (two without the queen). West starts thinking about whether to bid the slam or sign off at the five level. Eventually, he decides that 5S is enough, but this decision comes out as Pass. Even though he never intended to pass, he can no longer change the call to the bid of 5S he intended. (The same restriction will apply in other similar situations: for example, when a player passes an artificial Bergen-style raise.)

The same principle now also applies in regard to declarer’s call of a card from dummy. Effectively, only legitimate slips of the tongue can now be changed. Loss of concentration or changes of mind are not viable excuses to correct. For instance, saying “small, I mean ace” will now mean that no change is allowed. The director can allow a change if he is satisfied that it was just a slip of the tongue. Potential allowable examples:

1. “king of hearts, I mean king of diamonds”
2. “small spade” while declarer is pointing at dummy’s clubs

Calling the Director

It has always been a requirement in the Laws that the director be called whenever there is an irregularity. This has been reinforced in the new laws. It may become particularly relevant if, at the end of the auction, the

declaring side reveals that there has been incorrect information given about their bidding. If the players fail to call the director at the time and it turns out that the director could have done something to rectify it had he been called, then both sides are liable to get their worst possible score on the board.

The new law specifically states that ignorance of the law is no excuse.

Calls out of turn

Under the old laws, the penalties arising due to calls out of rotation could be very harsh. Often times, a player's partner was barred from bidding for the whole auction. Under the new laws, the partner can make his normal call. Depending on the action now taken by the player who originally called out of turn, the auction will either continue without penalty or the player's partner will have to pass for one round. The director will make a determination on a case by case basis using the guidelines in the laws regarding "comparable calls".

Claims

Previously when there was a claim, play stopped. If there was any dispute it was decided by the director. Now, play may be continued at the request of the non-claiming side provided all four players at the table agree. The result obtained at the table will stand.

PLAY BRIDGE WITH BARRY

Barry Rigal

The deals in this year's Bulletin feature some unusual card play combinations. Would you have found either West's or South's play here?

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

The contestants in this deal were Van Richard (South) and Ed Chapin (West), playing with their wives, Jane and Hilda. How should the play go in three no-trumps after West leads the queen of hearts? Declarer saw seven top tricks: one spade, two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. So, he needed to develop two extra club tricks, since four club tricks would be enough to see him home. Clearly, there was no problem if the five missing clubs were splitting 3-2. Equally, the contract was in trouble if East had four clubs to the queen. But what if it was West who had the queen of clubs in a four-card suit? If you finesse early in clubs you get only three tricks in the suit, since there are no entries to table to reach the good clubs.

Since declarer did not want to risk a spade switch, he won the ♥A, and had to decide what to do next. One approach is to duck a club immediately, but Richard cashed the king of clubs first, planning to duck the second club when West followed low. That would enable him to take the marked finesse in clubs on the next round of the suit if the suit was 4-1. However, when he led the second club, Chapin played his queen!

If ever anyone looked like a man who had started with a favourable doubleton queen of clubs, Chapin was that man. But Richard wasn't going to risk his contract for an insignificant overtrick. He called for a low club from the dummy and gave his opponent a knowing smile as the bad split came to light. He could now bring in the club suit for four tricks, and make his contract.

The writer remarked that he wished fighting was always that bloodless; but this hand just goes to show that at Bridge it is a lot more acceptable to use your head than at boxing.

WELCOME TO NEW PLAYERS AT THE GCC

Brent Manley

Welcome to the Gold Coast Congress. If this is your first as a newcomer, get ready for a great experience. If it's not your first, you have an idea about what you can expect, and you know you are in for a good time. To start you off on the right foot, here's a story to remind you that bridge is supposed to be fun.

In a light-hearted moment, a player asked his wife if she loved him more than bridge. "Of course," she said. "How about 7NT redoubled?" he continued. The wife thought it over for a minute then said, "Making?"

These columns are highlighting common errors and how to avoid them. We start with one of my pet peeves.

Off-shape takeout doubles

I once played against a bright intermediate player, a person I thought had potential. I changed my mind, at least for the time being, after I opened 1♠ and he made a takeout double with hand roughly like this one:

♠ A 8 6 ♥ Q J 4 3 ♦ 7 ♣ A K 6 5 2

I ended up playing a spade contract, and as the play progressed, it became obvious he had a singleton diamond. When the play was over, his partner made a remark about the double. His response: "But I had 14 points!"

That seems to be the mantra for many players who apparently were daydreaming or nodding off when the bridge teacher covered takeout doubles.

To be effective, a bridge partnership must have good communication. If you double an opening bid and put down a doubleton or a singleton in a suit partner bids, he is not going to be happy. Over time, partner will start responding to your doubles at a minimum level even when he has enough to bid higher because he will worry about what's coming down in dummy. No one likes to play 4-2 or 4-1 fits, especially doubled. When you make these undisciplined bids, the opponents – with more trumps than your side – will often pull out the red card.

But, you say, "If partner bids my doubleton, I can just bid no-trump, right?"

That is 100% wrong unless you have significant extras. You should never, ever double and bid no-trump with minimum or even medium values.

A double followed by a bid in no-trump shows a hand that is too strong to overcall 1NT directly. If your 1NT overcall range is 15-17, double then no-trump shows a good 18 or more high-card points in a balanced hand with a stopper in opener's suit.

You can, of course, double without support for unbid suits when you have a very strong hand, perhaps

♠ A K Q J 9 4 3 ♥ A ♦ K J 6 ♣ 10 9

A simple overcall risks missing game, so double and bid your suit over partner's response to show this kind of hand.



POLOS FOR SALE

Gold Coast Congress polo shirts are available for sale.

They will be available throughout the Congress or until stocks run out.

The cost is \$20 each with a wide range of sizes - available from the admin office.

GET YOURS NOW

THE KLINGER QUIZ

Ron Klinger

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

Playing Pairs
 Dealer: East
 Vul: Nil

West	North	East	South
		Pass	2♥ ¹
3♣	3♥	4♣	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

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

¹ Weak two bid 6-10 HCPs with 6 hearts

West leads the ♣A-♣2-♣9 (reverse count) and ♣10 from declarer, West, switches to the ♠8-♠2-♠A-♠J. What next?

Solution: Contract: 4♥ by South. Lead: ♣A.

After the ♣A, West switched to the ♠8-♠2-♠A-♠J, East reverted to clubs, hoping West had started with five clubs only. South ruffed, knocked out the ♥A and had ten tricks. East-West made their three aces, but no more.

At trick 3, East should return a spade. When West plays the ♠5, East knows West began with a doubleton spade. On coming in with the ♥A, East can give West a spade ruff. The ♠8 could be a singleton (possible, but not likely) or top from a doubleton or ♠Q-10-8.

South's ♠J could not be a singleton. That would mean West had led the ♠8 from ♠Q-10-8-5. Impossible. From that, West would lead the ♠5 or possibly the ♠Q.

Dealer: East	♠ K 7 4 2	
Vul: Nil	♥ Q 9 5 3	
	♦ A K	
	♣ Q 4 2	
♠ 8 5		♠ A 9 6 3
♥ 9 6		♥ A
♦ 9 7 3		♦ J 10 8 6 4
♣ A K J 8 7 6		♣ 9 5 3
	♠ Q J 10	
	♥ K J 10 7 4 2	
	♦ Q 5 2	
	♣ 10	

When East returns a spade at trick three, if West shows a doubleton, the rest is easy. If it transpires that West began with ♠Q-10-8, the spade return does no harm. East can still play for a second club trick when in with the ♥A after the spade position has been clarified.

RonKlingerBridge.com

IMPROVE YOUR GAME

Join over 35,000 members

Money back guarantee

Improve your game with hundreds of quality bridge articles. Access the best bridge resources available. Receive bridge problems emailed to you daily. And much more...

The website will rapidly improve your game. After joining, you have all of these available:

Daily Problems, sent to you daily by email, for experienced players, Daily Problems, sent to you daily by email, for new players and novice players

Unlimited access to the Online Library: a broad range of bridge-related topics with a huge amount of content, including opening leads, declarer play, defence, constructive and competitive bidding, conventions and countermeasures. It's easy to search and find what you need quickly. New content every day

BRIDGE HOLIDAYS WITH SUZIE AND RON KLINGER IN 2018

Sunday 8 th July, to Sunday 15 th July 2018	Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort – Moreton Island, off Brisbane, includes Whale Watch cruise and Island Tour.
Sunday 7 th October to Sunday 14 th October 2018	Norfolk Island includes Welcome Dinner, Clifftop Breakfast, Island Tour, Beachside Barbecue, Outdoor Fish Fry Dinner and Farewell Dinner.

TELEPHONE: (02) 9958-5589 OR 0411-229-705 EMAIL: SUZIE@RONKLINGERBRIDGE.COM

Brochures available on request – HOLIDAY BRIDGE, P.O. BOX 140, NORTHBRIDGE NSW 1560



*Helping children affected
by domestic violence
get back to school*

**ZEPHYR
2018
GOLD COAST CONGRESS
CHARITY**

My name is Carmel Martin. I'm a bridge player and the treasurer of Zephyr Education Inc. Most bridge players now know about Zephyr as this is the third year that the QBA, under the auspices of Theresa Tully, Kim Ellaway, Richard Wallis and Tim Runting, has sponsored Zephyr as its official Gold Coast Congress charity.

Owing to the huge support and generosity shown by the bridge community, \$34,000 was raised last year. All of that money has been used to do a great deal of good. 1400 children were helped by Zephyr last financial year and more shelters have been taken on since then.

In April 2013, my sister, Isabella, read an article in the Courier Mail highlighting the plight of mothers and their children arriving at domestic violence shelters, often with only the clothes on their backs. The article made a plea for essential school items for the children, such as school bags and shoes.

A drastic consequence of the upheaval in the lives of these children is that their education is often severely disrupted. This makes their transition to a new school in a new location far more difficult, firstly because without the proper clothing and equipment they stand out from the other children at a time when it is important for their self-confidence that they fit in. Secondly, without the relevant text books etc they will quickly fall behind in their schooling. They encounter many other problems, two examples of which are that without a hat they may run up against the 'no hat no play' rule, or without proper school shoes they may not be allowed to play sport.

We decided to set up a charity focusing on supplying uniforms, shoes, text books, stationery, school bags, lunch boxes, water bottles, swim wear and other school items. We also pay resource and other fees as required.

Research shows that it is vital for the children's well-being that they get back to school as soon as possible and that they don't stand out from other children at their new school during this difficult time. Therefore, we respond to requests from shelters (usually), within 24 hours.

This charity is all about volunteers. Everyone who works for Zephyr is a volunteer. No one is paid to work or reimbursed for private expenses.

Your Support: As a bridge player, I turned to the bridge community for donations when we realized that the size of the charity was going to go beyond the boundaries of our two families and close friends. The support from the bridge community has been overwhelming, humbling and gratefully received. Apart from the hugely generous financial support we've received, we've been spurred on by the massive endorsement of what we are trying to do. Bill Haughie informs me that the bridge community regards Zephyr as their charity. I know I'm talking in superlatives but there are no words big enough to describe the support we continue to receive. Everyone is drawn to the idea that you can break the cycle of disadvantage with education.

At the time of the Gold Coast Congress 2016 we were supporting 16 refuges. In December 2016, that figure numbered 41 refuges. On Christmas Eve we registered our 60th Queensland shelter and we support all 7 shelters in Tasmania. The Qld shelters stretch from Weipa to the Gold Coast and west to Mt Isa and beyond. Our hope is to replicate this simple, highly effective, successful model in other states. One shelter which we assist in Tasmania supports men and their children. Zephyr is about the needs of the children but parents, teachers, coordinators and others involved also benefit hugely.

Domestic violence has reached epidemic proportions in Australia and any help you can provide to help children affected by it to get on with their education would be much appreciated.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Details for donations are as follows:

Zephyr Education Inc BSB: 084-004 Account number: 15-629-0526 Ref: Your name

We have Credit Card and EFTpos Facilities available at the raffle prizes table.

If you make a donation, please email your contact details to admin@zephyreducation.com.au so we can send you a tax deductible receipt. You can find out more about Zephyr Foundation at www.zephyreducation.com.au and on Facebook.

We will be collecting throughout the tournament, mainly Sunday and Wednesday morning and ask players to support this exceptionally worthy charity either through a donation or the purchase of raffle tickets - 1 ticket \$5 or 10 tickets \$10.

The first prize will be one entry (two players) to the 2019 GCC Pairs Championship. Second prize is another Leonie Spence Scrumble. The next nine tickets drawn will be to "win a club game with an expert". At the discretion of the winning ticket holder, another prize as listed at the ticket sales desk may be substituted for the club game.

The raffle will be drawn during the 10.30am Teams session on Thursday 22 February and winners will be announced at 3.00pm Teams session immediately before the commencement of play.

In relation to the game with an expert: There will be 9 winners drawn, with each winner, (in order of being drawn), being given the option of choosing from the remaining pool of experts to play one club session of bridge with the expert at a mutually agreed time and place. Entry fees for both player and expert to be paid by the winning ticket holder.

**ALL FUNDS RAISED THROUGH DONATIONS OR RAFFLE TICKETS SALES
GO TO ZEPHYR EDUCATION INC
HELPING CHILDREN AFFECTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GET BACK TO SCHOOL**

PENLINE®

SUPPLIERS OF QUALITY PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITES WWW.PENLINE.COM.AU AND

WWW.GLOBALCATALOGUE.COM

Penline Is A Proud Sponsor Of The Queensland Bridge Association



AIR CONDITIONING AND PLAYERS COMFORT

Remember that there are approximately two thousand players at the venue, ensuring the comfort of ALL players is a challenge.

Over time the organisers have noticed that there are areas where it is particularly cold due to air pockets coming from the air conditioner.

The room sometimes leaks from condensation due to the amount of air conditioning we are using.

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

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

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

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



TWO MEN AND A TRUCK

YOUR COMPLETE MOVING PROFESSIONALS

we move people

Proud Supporters
of Bridge



Phone: 1300 880 412



Email: truck@twomen.com.au



Online: www.twomen.com.au



A family
owned
Australian
business



Residential
Removals



Commercial
Removals



Insurance



Packing &
Materials



Piano
Removals



Interstate
Removals



Storage



Junk
Removal

EARN A CHOCOLATE FROG



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

We are pleased to announce that the value of the frogs is again \$200.

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

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

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

No responsibility for weight gains to those who receive multiple nomination – **BUT MUCH ADMIRATION**



**DO YOU HAVE AN APPLE OR ANDROID DEVICE?
Download the Gold Coast Congress APP**
On this APP you will be able to follow
**CONTACT DETAILS, SCORES, PHOTOS, INFORMATION, GUEST
SPEAKERS AND NOTIFICATIONS**

For the online version click on the appropriate logo
iPhone Store <http://tinyurl.com/jbtrxtz> iPad Store <http://tinyurl.com/hfgnhjq>
Android Store: <http://tinyurl.com/joybod9>
**IF YOU HAVE LAST YEAR'S APP PRESS THE TOP LEFT TO UPDATE IT TO THIS YEAR
IGNORE APP STORE REFERENCES TO IT BEING 2017 IT IS DESIGNED FOR 2018**

magnus

TROPICAL NURSERY PTY LTD

Magnus Moren

Phone: 0456-181-841

Email: magnusmoren1@gmail.com

Address: 27 Riverdale Rd, Oxenford QLD 4210

PLANTS FOR THIS EVENT

GENEROUSLY PROVIDED BY MAGNUS

Contact Magnus Tropical Nursery for a complete landscape service, including design, construction, maintenance and environmental management

Sage Cafe Restaurant + Pizzeria & Yellowfin Seafood Restaurant

**WELCOME TO MEMBERS OF THE
2018 GOLD COAST BRIDGE CONGRESS**

Sage Cafe Restaurant + Pizzeria

5538 9938

www.sagerestaurant.com.au



yellowfin
seafood restaurant

5504 5335

www.yellowfinrestaurant.com.au



Cnr Surf Pde & Queensland Ave, Broadbeach
(Directly across from the GC Convention Centre)



Let's Carpool²⁺

**NEED TRANSPORT HOME FROM THE GOLD COAST CONGRESS?
OR DO YOU WANT TO SHARE A TAXI TO THE AIRPORT**

If you are looking for a "ride" home after the tournament you really should visit the travel desk outside the Administration Office where players can exchange offers of a ride with people needing one



During the Tournament Kombi Katering located in the main lobby will offer LIMITED availability of the following menu items

Cappuccino	)	Mixed Nuts	4.00	Assorted Muffins	4.00
Flat White	)	Soft drinks	4.50	Roast Veg and Feta Scroll	5.50
Mocha	)	Water	4.50	Chicken and Pumpkin Filo	5.50
Hot Chocolate	)	Apani Sparkling	4.50	King size sausage rolls	4.50
Latte	)	Apple and Orange Juice	4.50	Four & Twenty pies	4.50
Long Black	)	Powerade	6.00	Condiments	0.50
Tea	)	Red Bull	6.50	Fruit Shakers	5.50
Crisps	)	Chocolate Bars	3.00	Salad Shakers	8.00
Home Style Cookies	)	Assorted Sandwiches	7.50	Sushi	5.50

The bus will run every 10-15 mins traffic permitting, commencing one hour before the start of play for each session (but not one session and 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.

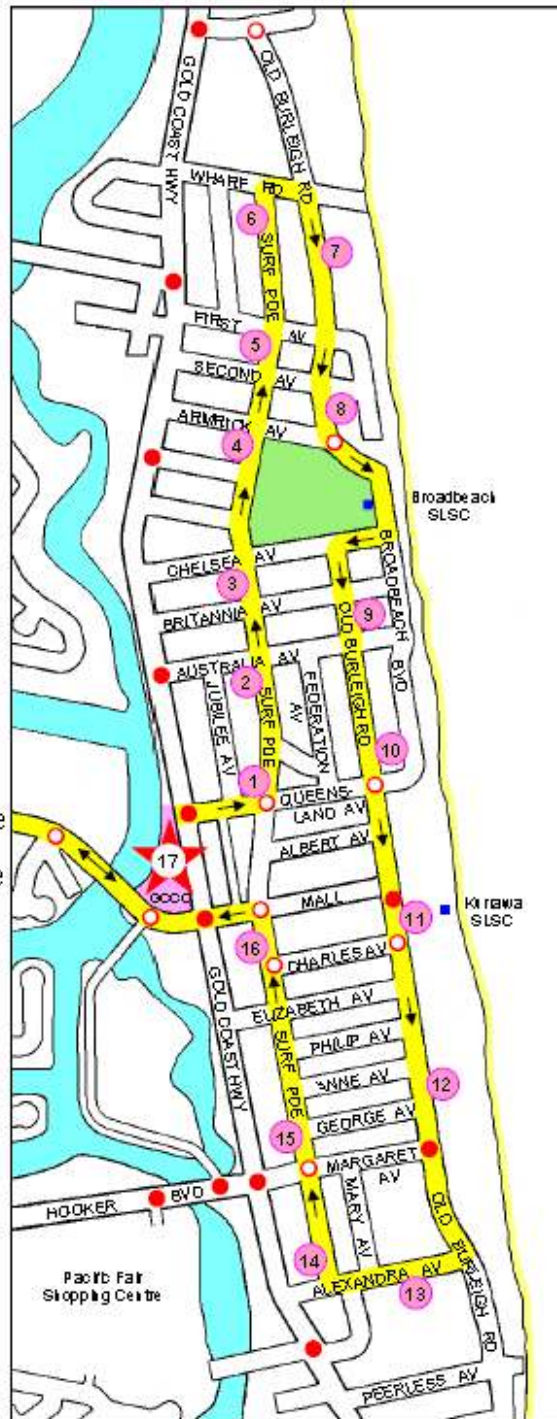
Buses will also be available at the end of each playing session, stopping again at indicated stops. Regrettably buses will not be available to take people to the dinner dance.

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 - Back of 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 Gold Coast Convention Centre

Freshwater Pick-Up on Request










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

- Air on Broadbeach**
- Coffee Club**
- Hi Ho Holiday Apartments**
- Mantra Broadbeach on the Park**
- Markham Court**
- Sofitel Hotel**
- Starbucks**
- Waves Apartments**









**GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2018 - CALENDAR OF CELEBRITY SPEAKERS
LOCATED UPSTAIRS ROOM 5 VIA ESCALATOR OR LIFT**

LAURA GINNAN	Common Mistakes You Make at Bidge	SATURDAY		Laura Ginnan is a National Director and will discuss some of the basic whoopsie situations that occur at the table and how to handle them as a player. The killer lead or awesome bid which has the opponents calling for the director, to address lead out of turn or insufficient bid.
		10:00am to 10:30am		
JOAN BUTTS	The Road to Success Learning to Count	SATURDAY		Joan Butts has represented Australia in world championships. Quarter finalist 2018 SWP Teams SFOB. Her passion is bridge education. As the ABF National Teaching Coordinator she trains teachers and arranges professional development programmes. Joan is also involved with bridge online
		2:15pm to 3:00pm		
PAUL MARSTON	"How to get the best out of Two over One – 4 Simple Agreements You Need to Make With Your Partner"	SUNDAY		Paul Marston has won more than 50 open national titles and his books have sold more than 500,000 copies. My talk is suitable for anyone who has an interest in Two over One. For newer players it will be an eye opener; for more experienced players it will be a discussion point.
		10:00am to 10:45am		
ANDY HUNG	How to Gain an Edge in the Bidding	MONDAY		Andy Hung is a professional bridge player and teacher who has represented Australia at both Youth and Open competitions. He has won several Australian National titles, and is a current member of the Australian Open team. He thoroughly enjoys teaching and coaching bridge (at all levels) and plans to be the next world's best bridge coach!
		12:00pm to 12:45pm		
KATE MCCALLUM	Points Don't Take Tricks	TUESDAY		Kate McCallum is a full-time professional player, is a six-time world Champion as well as a teacher, mentor and partnership coach. She will be speaking about one of her favourite topics for up-and-coming players, "Points Don't Take Tricks!"
		9:30am to 10:15am		
LAURA GINNAN & PETE HOLLANDS	Same Hand - Different Situations Recommended for Novice and Improvers	TUESDAY		Peter Hollands and Laura Ginnan are Melbourne based professional bridge players and teachers. In 2017 Pete represented Australia at the Bermuda Bowl in Lyon and Laura became a Nationally accredited Director. They are revolutionising the way bridge is taught through online video teaching from their website Bridge Vid. bridgevid.com/
		2:15pm to 2:45pm		
WILLIAM JENNER-O'SHEA	Expert Stayman and Expert Transfers	THURSDAY		William Jenner-O'Shea has taught bridge for the past 10 years and is joint CEO of the Sydney Bridge Centre which recently merged with the NSW Bridge Association. Will has won numerous National tournaments and also represented Australia..
		9:30am to 10:15am		

MINIMUM \$5 Contribution to the ABF Friends of Youth Bridge Fund (Free for Youth Players) - GREATER Contributions Greatly Appreciated By Our Youth Players

CALENDAR OF SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2018

		Saturday 17th February	Sunday 18th February	Monday 19th February	Tuesday 20th February	Wednesday 21st February	Thursday 22nd February	Friday 23rd February
NOVICE AND ROOKIE ACTIVITIES								
Rookies Help Available	In the Playing Area Rookies Section	10:00am to 11:00am			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	10:30am to 11:00am				10:00am to 10:30am	09:30am to 10:00am	
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 10:00am			From 10:30am			
Zephyr Raffle Draw Prizes to be Collected At the End of Play	Foyer GCCEC							10:30am Announced 3:00pm
Fashion Parade With our Guest Models Evelyn Mander & Sue Ziegenfuss	Change Alley Oasis Level 1 Top of Escalator Above Woolworths	10:30am to 11:45am						
TBIB Lucky Draw You Must be Present to Win	Foyer GCCEC							10:15am
Trivia Night Hosted by Tony Treloar Teams to a Maximum of 8 Participants	Beachside Pavilion Beach End Oasis Shopping Centre				Entries Close 2:30pm Trivia From 6:30pm			
Hospitality for Bridge Teachers Hosted by Joan Butts	Apartment 3204 Air on Broadbeach				6:30pm to 7:30pm			
National Directors Development Meeting Hosted by John McIlrath	Upstairs Rooms 10, 11 and 12				From 6:30pm			
Directors Get Together Hosted by Jan Peach	Upstairs Room 10				8:30am			
Parade Entrants Aussie, Aussie Aussie Australiana Theme	Foyer GCCEC				2:30pm			
Champagne Breakfast For Shoe Shoppers In Her Shoes	In Her Shoes Ground Floor Oasis Shopping Centre						8:15am	
BRIDGE 'WIDOWS' ACTIVITIES								
Get Together Non-Bridge Playing Partners	Apartment 3204 Air on Broadbeach	11:00am to 12:00 Noon				10:30am to 11:30am		
Hosted Bridge Widows Expedition to Natural Arch Springbrook & Hinze Dam Cost \$20.00 each for return bus	Depart Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach	11:00am to 5:00pm						
Unhosted but bus can drop off & pick up from Seaworld Cost \$10.00 p.p. for bus return	Depart Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach				Depart 11:45am Pickup 3:45pm			
Get Together Non-Bridge Playing Partners Following Get Together Above Hosted Expedition to Mount Tamborine Cost \$20 p.p. for return bus	Apartment 3204 Air on Broadbeach Depart Apartment 3204 & Grnd Floor Lobby Air on Broadbeach				10:30am to 11:30am Depart 11:30am Return Appr 5:00pm			
Unhosted Excursion Currumbin Bird Sanctuary Cost \$10 p.p. for return bus	Depart Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach				Depart 12:30pm Pickup 4:45pm			
Hosted Bridge Widows Expedition Tweed Regional Gallery Margaret Olley and/or Tropical Fruit World Cost \$20.00 p.p. for return bus	Depart Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach						Depart 10:45am Return Appr 5:00pm	
All Golf Enquiries to Geoff Nice 0407-620-373 • gnice200@gmail.com		Saturday 17th February	Sunday 18th February	Monday 19th February	Tuesday 20th February	Wednesday 21st February	Thursday 22nd February	Friday 23rd February

GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2018

	Friday 16th Feb	Saturday 17th February	Sunday 18th February	Monday 19th February	Tuesday 20th February	Wednesday 21st February	Thursday 22nd February	Friday 23rd February	Saturday 24th February
OPEN EVENTS									
Open Pairs Championship		11:00am Q1/2 3:15pm Q2/2	11:00am F1/3 3:15pm F2/3	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	9:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	9:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final
Open Teams								10:00am 1/3 2:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3
Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs		3:15pm 1/3	11:00am 2/3 3:15pm 3/3	10:00am 1/2 1:00pm 2/2					
Monday Butler Swiss Pairs									
Ivy Dahler Open Butler Swiss Pairs									
SENIORS EVENTS									
Seniors Pairs Championship		11:00am Q1/2 3:15pm Q2/2	11:00am F1/3 3:15pm F2/3	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									
INTERMEDIATE EVENTS (Under 750MPs)									
Intermediate Pairs Championship		11:00am Q1/2 3:15pm Q2/2	11:00am F1/3 3:15pm F2/3	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									
RESTRICTED EVENTS (Under 300MPs)									
Restricted Pairs Championship		11:00am Q1/2 3:15pm Q2/2	11:00am F1/3 3:15pm F2/3	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									
NOVICE EVENTS (Under 100MPs)									
Novice Pairs Championship		11:00am Q1/2 3:15pm Q2/2	11:00am F1/3 3:15pm F2/3	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									
UNDER 500MP EVENTS									
Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs U500		3:15pm 1/3	11:00am F1/3 3:15pm F2/3	10:00am 1/2 1:00pm 2/2					
Monday Butler Swiss Pairs U500									
ROOKIE PAIRS (Under 10MPs)									
Rookie Pairs - Single Session Events			11:00am 1/1						
UNDER 50MP PAIRS									
Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs					10:30am 1/1	10:30am 1/2 3:00pm 2/2			
MATCHPOINT SWISS PAIRS									
Seres/McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs									
WALK-IN NO FRILLS PAIRS									
Staggered Start 6:00pm to 6:30pm	6:00pm 1/1								
WALK-IN PAIRS - BEST 3 SCORES COUNT									
Holiday Walk-in Pairs 1 - Play from 1 to 4 Sess		11:00am S1	3:15pm S2	1:00pm S3	10:30am S4				
Holiday Walk-in Pairs 2 - Play from 1 to 5 Sess									

**Dinner
Dance
7:00pm
for
Drinks
7:30pm
Start
Bookings
Essential**

A popular climax to the week. Attendees will be invited to register for this event during the week. The cost will be \$20 to anyone who played in an event (walk-ins not included) and \$50 otherwise.

ADVENTURES IN NUMBERLAND

BY PROFESSOR ONESTONE

In this series of Daily Bulletin puzzles, the theme is one of numbers: some involve small numbers while others involve very large numbers. Some of them even have a bridge theme, as in this first problem.

If you are numerically minded, or even if you are not, you might enjoy testing your skills. None of the problems involve knowledge beyond elementary high-school mathematics.

PROBLEM 1

Assuming the most favourable distribution of the opponents' cards, what is the least high-card point count between you and your partner to be able to make

- (i) a grand slam in a suit contract; and
- (ii) a grand slam in no-trumps, both on best defence ?

TODAY'S DIFFICULT SUDOKU

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

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.

DIARY OF SELECTED MAJOR NATIONAL EVENTS

Event	Date	Website / Contact / Venue
Autumn Nationals (ANOT)	Thursday 3 rd May to Monday 7 th May 2018	Entries: ANOT.organiser@gmail.com Jinny Fuss 0474-074-005 Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showground
Australian National Championships and Butler Pairs.	Saturday 28 th July to Thursday 9 th August 2018	Entries: dalbaby48@gmail.com Dallas Cooper 0427-724-266 Venue: Tattersalls Park Function Centre Hobart
Coffs Coast Gold Congress	Tuesday 14 th August to Sunday 19 th August 2018	Entries: jon@australiawideconferences.com.au Phil Houlton 0419-486-333 Venue: Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour
Territory Gold Bridge Festival Pairs and Teams	Wednesday 29 th August to Sunday 2 nd September 2018	Entries: tgbf@abf.com.au Judy Herring 0411-200-140 Venue: DoubleTree by Hilton 116 The Esplanade Darwin
Spring Nationals Open Teams, Restricted Teams Dick Cummings Open Pairs Restricted and Novice Pairs Linda Stern Women's Teams Bobby Evans Seniors Teams	Wednesday October 17 th to Thursday October 25 th 2018	Entries: sn@abf.com.au Mike Prescott 0435-528-872 Or NSWBA 02-9264-8111 Canterbury Park Racecourse, Sydney



PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR ABF MEMBERS TRAVEL INSURANCE FOR 2018-2019?

VISIT THE TBIB TEAM AT TBIB'S KIOSK IN THE FOYER AT THE GOLD COAST CONGRESS ON THE 18th till the 22nd of FEBRUARY, 2018.

The policy for the 2018-2019 is available to purchase online right now.

We can look after your application right here at the Congress, or you can visit our website www.tbib.com.au and follow the links to *ABF Travel Insurance* to find out more and apply for cover.

Some of the policy benefits include:

(please refer to the PDS for full terms & conditions)

- Your choice to apply for Annual Multitrip cover or Single trip cover
- Your choice to include or exclude coverage for North America
- Your choice to include or exclude pre-existing medical conditions
- Simple online application process
- Same generous coverage benefits and policy limits apply
- Automatic cover for trips up to 90 days in duration.
- Access to TBIB's claims advocacy service.
- Australian based emergency assistance.

Come and see us to register for the daily lucky door prize.



2019 GOLD COAST 58TH INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE CONGRESS

FRIDAY 15 - SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY

Gold Coast Convention Centre Broadbeach



**OPEN TO ALL LEVELS &
CASH PRIZES TO BE WON**

For more information contact **Kim Ellaway**
manager@qldbridge.com · +61 7 3351 8602 · +61 412 064 903

qldbridge.com/gcc