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THANK YOU THERESE

Kim Ellaway

Therese, Theresa, Tull or Genevieve – she answers to many names, but it's all the same person has been your Tournament Organiser for 12 years and in that time we've doubled the size of the tournament.

When, in 2007, we moved from the ANA Hotel to the Gold Coast Convention Centre because of the growing popularity of the tournament Therese took over as the Tournament Organiser. As you will see from below, referring to her as the Tournament Organiser is something akin to calling Napoleon a Corporal.

We first used the Arena and some of the Central Areas of the Convention Centre noting that this year we are using those areas in addition to Halls 1 and 2.

A small list of Therese's triumphs:

- Coloured tablecloths for each section
- Fabulous Signage
- Successful Bridge Widows where even the bridge players sometimes attend
- Celebrity Speakers – all major events have followed suit
- Guest Overseas Directors
- The best Bulletin at a Congress
- The best Scoring at a Congress
- Rookie Events
- 0-50 events
- Hospitality
- Trivia night
- Theme Day – into which she puts 150% effort always decked out in the theme of choice for the entire event.

And so much more that I can't even think of right now.

We have used most of the Tully brothers, sisters-in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and great friends and we thank them all. You may all now enjoy restful Februaries.

I first met Therese while representing Queensland as a youth player – Therese was the other half of the team. Who knew that together we would be running what I consider to be the best Congress in the world and there are few people who would argue with this.

Therese won't disappear; she will continue to be a big part of the Congress but only as a player

The staff will miss you swanning around the venue dressed in whatever the theme is for the year. Ray will certainly miss the drinking sessions when you tried to solve the world's problems with him.

From all the staff over the past 12 years, thank you, thank you thank you.

From me personally, a **BIG** thank you, especially for the last couple of years which have been extremely rough on me. Your address to all the bridge players the day after my mum died was extremely special to me and I will never forget it. Kim

The Numbers Game

	Pairs					Teams			
	Open	Seniors	Intermediate Restricted & Novice	Swiss	Total	Open	Seniors	Intermediate Restricted & Novice	Total
2006	324	98	156		578	244	56	86	386
2007	297	91	180		568	243	45	103	391
2008	332	104	162		598	274	48	96	418
2009	284	106	180		570	246	46	96	388
2010	314	102	204		620	214	44	138	396
2011	304	98	292		694	240	46	150	436
2012	264	94	282		640	220	46	138	404
2013	194	88	308	242	832	200	52	174	426
2014	198	70	312	296	876	196	46	184	426
2015	198	52	328	320	898	208	36	192	436
2016	184	52	350	350	936	206	34	216	456
2017	186	48	326	470	1030	214	40	228	482
2018	190	56	352	448	1046	226	36	202	464

DIVISIONAL WINNERS – PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

The following pairs were winners of divisional positions in the Pairs Championships.

Open

Best Womens Marianne Bookallil and Jodi Tutty
 Best Queensland Chuan Qin and Charlie Lu

Seniors

Best Queensland Larry Moses and Richard Touton

Intermediate

Best Queensland not prize winners Chris Larter and John Lahey

Restricted

Best Queensland Mick Fawcett and Lyn Tracey

Novice

Best Queensland not prize winners Andrew and Susan Sharp

OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING MATCH 1

Barry Rigal

To play with me once might be regarded as a misfortune; to play with me twice looks very much like carelessness --- or something much worse. But David Appleton asked me to augment a team, apparently having forgotten the torments he had experienced a few years ago, and I was not prepared to let him off the hook.

The very first deal saw a really neat piece of technique – but I'm not sure I can justify it on any grounds, other than that it works.

Dealer: North ♠ A Q 9
 Vul: None ♥ Q 10 4
 Brd 1 ♦ A 7 6 5 3
 Open Tms Qual R1 ♣ J 5
 ♠ K 10 7 5
 ♥ A 3
 ♦ K Q J 9
 ♣ A 9 3

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

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

At the table our teammates, Jodi Tutty and Marianne Bookallil bid the E/W cards to 3NT from the West seat, which was comfortably the best game. At our table my feeble attempts to put up a smokescreen by responding 1♥ to 1♦ as South had the effect of keeping our opponents out of game. They played a spade partscore from the East seat, and after a diamond lead and continuation declarer won in dummy, crossed to a top club and led a spade to the 10 and queen. Now a third round of diamonds promoted the defenders' spade spots to a fourth trick.

So let's look at what declarer might do to prevent this, if in 4♠. I suppose if South has passed his partner's opening bid, one might win the second diamond in dummy and play North for the spade ace-queen by leading a low trump from dummy. Now that neutralizes the trump promotion. For the record, 57 pairs played 4♠ here, half making game and half being defeated.

Dealer: East ♠ K 3 2
 Vul: N-S ♥ A Q J
 Brd 2 ♦ K J 2
 Open Tms Qual R1 ♣ A 8 7 2
 ♠ 10 8
 ♥ 9 7 6 3
 ♦ 10 8 6 5
 ♣ K 4 3

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

West	North	East	South	
	Appleton		Rigal	
		1♣	Pass	
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	1♠	
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT	
Pass	3NT	All pass		
Makeable Contracts				
-	3	-	2	NT
-	4	-	3	♠
1	-	1	-	♥
-	2	-	2	♦
-	1	-	1	♣

We reached this deal at the end of our set, by which point we had already missed two games and a slam (yes, par for the course, I know, I know). In an eager attempt not to miss a third game I may have taken a step too far, on the given auction:

Should 2♣ be checkback on this auction by South at his third turn? No-trump looked better to protect the tenaces, and indeed after a heart lead Appleton was in decent shape. He cashed the spade king and took the spade finesse then led a diamond to the jack and queen. Had East played back a third spade what line would you recommend? You must run the spades of course but may eventually have to guess whether East began life with 3-4-3-3 shape or her actual 3-4-2-4 pattern. In fact when East won the diamond queen it looks natural to play a club and hope to find partner with the ace or king. True enough: but as the cards lie, that allows declarer to build the ninth trick from clubs rather more easily.

Dealer: East ♠ J
 Vul: E-W ♥ 9 4
 Brd 6 ♦ A J 10 9 7 4 2
 Open Tms Qual R1 ♣ A 6 3
 ♠ K Q 10 8
 ♥ J 8 7 6 3
 ♦ 8
 ♣ 7 5 2

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

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

This board proved very hard for the N/S field, including my partnership. It seemed natural for South to open 1♦ and for North to produce an inverted raise to 2♦. Our partnership methods allowed me to bid 2♠ to suggest some form of extras, but over 3♦ I wasn't sure if we were in a force, so we played an undignified 3♦ for +130. Still at least we did have three top losers in diamonds, even if 3NT was absolutely cold for at least nine tricks.

About one third of the field did bid the hand to 3NT, but the majority of the field went down in game. That meant that the datum was only +110 for N/S. certainly if North shows a diamond raise with short spades you can understand South wanting to avoid 3NT, can't you?

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

♠ Q 3
 ♥ 7 6 3
 ♦ J 9 2
 ♣ Q J 10 7 3

♠ A 7 6 2
 ♥ J 5
 ♦ A Q 10 5 4
 ♣ 8 2

West	North	East	South
1♥	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	2♠
			?

Makeable Contracts				
-	5	-	5	NT
-	7	-	7	♠
-	2	-	3	♥
-	4	-	4	♦
-	1	-	2	♣

The next board also proved a problem for N/S. if South passes initially it will be very hard to reach slam. But even after a sequence shown above.

Should you play 4♦ as a splinter in diamonds? And if so should it be a bid that suggests you need a suitable maximum to cooperate? I think so. Maybe it is better to bid 3♥ and then make a slam try over the 3♠ sign-off. Now when you make a further slam try South may cooperate, but that third round heart control is critical for slam and South may not appreciate the point.

The datum was 920 – meaning about a third of the field found their way to slam.

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

♠ A 8 7 5 4
 ♥ A Q 3 2
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ 10 8

♠ 10 3
 ♥ K J 7 6
 ♦ Q 5 4 2
 ♣ Q 9 7

West	North	East	South
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Makeable Contracts				
-	4	-	4	NT
-	1	-	1	♠
-	1	-	1	♥
-	4	-	4	♦
-	4	-	4	♣

Another fascinating problem for North; when 1♠ by East is passed round to you, would you double or bid 2♦ – and if not what else can you do? When you bid 2♦ you hear 2♥ on your left and 3♦ from your partner. What now? If you bid 3♠ to reach 3NT you will survive if partner has either the spade jack or ten – but what are the odds of that. If I had to guess, I'd assume it might be right to bid 3NT now and assume that since the opponents had not raised spades you are likely to find partner with a heart stop. Again, the field had real problems here; the datum was +270, meaning only a quarter of the field bid a making game here.

Klinger/Mullamphy had the tools to solve the problem. At his second turn, Klinger could bid 3♥ to ASK for a heart stopper. Mullamphy showed one but bid 3♠ to get Klinger to declare 3NT the right way up.

Dealer: West ♠ 9 6 5
 Vul: N-S ♥ 7 5
 Brd 12 ♦ K J 10 7
 Open Tms Qual R1 ♣ K Q 8 3
 ♠ 10 7 4 3
 ♥ 9
 ♦ A Q 9
 ♣ J 9 7 5 4

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

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

West	North	East	South
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Makeable Contracts				
-	1	-	1	NT
1	-	1	-	♠
-	2	-	1	♥
-	4	-	4	♦
2	-	2	-	♣

Another challenging deal: as South when you hear 1♥ to your right would you consider taking any action? I think passing seems normal, but after you hear 1♠ to your left and 2♣ to your right, should you bid 2♦ now? In theory assuming you haven't lost your mind, when you come into a live auction having passed at your first turn, this should show diamonds and heart length. That would have worked very well today, but I wimped out and passed, conceding -90 in 2♣ instead of going plus in a diamond partscore.

The final score in the match was 45-2 for our side, since our teammates had a card that matched ours very nicely. But I was then informed that the team had a bench that needed warming and I was the natural candidate for the role.

INTERMEDIATE TEAMS QUALIFYING MATCH 1 - REVERSING COURSE

Brent Manley

If you have played bridge – especially duplicate – for any length of time, you understand that there are good days and bad days. The best you can do is to adopt the philosophy of Bob Hamman, one of the all-time greats. No matter what happens, Hamman puts it in the past so he can focus on the present.

In the first round of the Intermediate Teams qualifying on Tuesday, the squad captained by Jamal Rayani got a bit of practice in shrugging off the negatives, and they did it well enough that their results in the second set were much improved. They finished the day with a 36-18 IMP win.

Rayani was playing with his wife, Parveen. Before he retired in 2014, Jamal worked as IT procurement manager for various companies. Parveen is retired from a job as executive secretary at AstraZeneca, the biopharmaceutical company. Their teammates were Fay Morris, and Brenda and Howard Rees. All are from Sydney.

The set started with this deal, played against Paul Corry and Chris Fernando of Melbourne:

Dealer: East	♠ J	West	North	East	South
Vul: E-W	♥ 9 4	Corry	Jamal	Fernando	Parveen
Brd 6	♦ A J 10 9 7 4 2			Pass	1♦
Int Tms Qual R1	♣ A 6 3	Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
♠ K Q 10 8		Pass	5♦	All Pass	
♥ J 8 7 6 3	♠ 9 5 4 2	Makeable Contracts			
♦ 8	♥ A 10 5 2	-	3	-	3
♣ 7 5 2	♦ 6	2	-	2	-
	♣ K Q J 8	1	-	1	-
	♠ A 7 6 3	-	4	-	4
	♥ K Q	1	-	1	-
	♦ K Q 5 3	-	-	-	-
	♣ 10 9 4	1	-	1	-

As you can see, the contract has no play despite the trump length and high-card points. Parveen could take no more than 10 tricks. At the other table, Kathryn and Larry Attwood did very well to stop in 3♦, taking the same 10 tricks for plus 130 and a 5-IMP gain.

The next board was a vulnerable slam swing in favour of the opponents, so the Rayani team was quickly 18 IMPs in the hole.

They broke through on the fifth board of the set when there was action at both tables.

Dealer: East	♠ K Q 9	West	North	East	South
Vul: Both	♥ 9	Corry	Jamal	Fernando	Parveen
Brd 10	♦ K J 9 8 3			1♠	Pass
Int Tms Qual R1	♣ A K 6 4	Pass	Dbl	Pass	2♥
♠ J 6 2		Pass	3♦	All Pass	
♥ 10 8 5 4	♠ A 8 7 5 4	Makeable Contracts			
♦ 10 7	♥ A Q 3 2	-	4	-	4
♣ J 5 3 2	♦ A 6	-	1	-	1
	♣ 10 8	-	1	-	1
	♠ 10 3	-	4	-	4
	♥ K J 7 6	-	-	-	-
	♦ Q 5 4 2	-	4	-	4
	♣ Q 9 7	-	4	-	4

Jamal lost a spade, a heart and a diamond for plus 130, an 8-IMP gain because at the other table the Morris and Brenda Rees ended up doubling the Attwoods in 5♦ and collecting plus 200.

On this deal, about midway through the set, Corry played well to land a 4♠ contract.

Dealer: East ♠ K 4
 Vul: None ♥ K Q 10 5
 Brd 14 ♦ J 2
 Int Tms Qual R1 ♣ A Q 9 8 2

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

♠ 5 3
 ♥ 9 7 4 2
 ♦ Q 9 8 7 6
 ♣ 7 3

West	North	East	South
Corry	Jamal	Fernando	Parveen
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Dbl	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

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

Jamal started with the ♦J, which went to declarer's ace. At trick two, Corry played a heart to dummy's ace and ran the ♠6 to North's king. Corry won with the diamond continuation and played the ♠10, followed by a spade to dummy's 9, then played a club to his jack and North's queen. Declarer ruffed when Jamal continued with the ♥K. When Corry played the ♣K and Jamal covered with the ace, Corry paused to consider his play, finally calling for a low diamond from dummy. Jamal won the trick but had no diamond to play, and if he continued with the ♥Q, Corry could ruff and use the established ♥J for a discard. He finally played a club to declarer's 10. The result was plus 420 for East-West.



Parveen Rayani, Brenda Rees, Howard Rees, Jamal Rayani and Faye Morris.

Although things weren't going their way, the Rayanis kept their heads in the game, earning a small gain with alert defence on this board.

Dealer: West ♠ 9 6 5
 Vul: N-S ♥ 7 5
 Brd 12 ♦ K J 10 7
 Int Tms Qual R1 ♣ K Q 8 3

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

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

West	North	East	South
Corry	Jamal	Fernando	Parveen
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	All Pass

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

Parveen started with the ♦8, taken in dummy with the ace. At trick two, Fernando called for the ♣J: queen, ace. He then played a low heart from hand, taken by Parveen with the ace. She continued with a diamond. Declarer ruffed when Jamal covered dummy's ♦9 with the 10. He then played the ♥Q, covered by the king and ruffed. A spade went to his queen and Parveen's king and she played a third round of diamonds: 5, queen, king, ruff. At that point, Fernando erred by playing the ♠A. When he followed with the ♥J, pitching a spade, Jamal was able to ruff low, cash the ♣K and exit with a spade to his partner's jack. When Parveen played another heart, dummy held the ♣9 7, Jamal the ♣8 and the ♦J. Whatever declarer did, Jamal was certain to make his ♣8 for the setting trick. East-West played 2♠, making, at the other table for plus 110.

OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING MATCH 3

Barry Rigal

I sat down to watch what turned out to be a very well-played match between JoAnn and Danny Sprung (E/W) and Kevin Rosenberg and Nabil Edgton (N/S respectively).

On the first deal both East/West pairs reached a marginal game, needing two of three finesses, all of which worked. Both sides then played a quiet no-trump game, before Edgton struck in an unusual fashion:

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

♠ 10 6 5 3 2
 ♥ J 8 5 3
 ♦ 3
 ♣ A 7 3

♠ Q 8 7
 ♥ 10 9 6
 ♦ 9 8 6 5 2
 ♣ 9 5

West Danny	North Rosenb'g	East JoAnn	South Edgton
1♦	1♥	Pass	3♦ ¹
Double	4♥	All pass	
¹ Mixed Raise			

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

Danny's double suggested extras and a desire to compete but Rosenberg was ready to bid game and bought a decent dummy for his choice. JoAnn led the club nine and declarer finessed, eventually needing the spade ace onside to bring home +420. (Note that if declarer goes up with the club ace at trick one, when trumps do not break, there are not enough entries to dummy to play clubs and spades from the board.)

5♦ is a good save at unfavourable vulnerability, but in the other room this was the somewhat unusual auction:

West Thompson	North McCallum	East Smith	South King
2NT	Double	Pass	2♠ ¹
3♣	Double	3♦	Pass
¹ 5 spades with 0-8 HCPs			
			All Pass

You might say that N/S deserved to lose the heart fit after the systemic 2♠ opening. I couldn't possibly comment...and yes maybe North might have balanced with 3♥ here.

On the next deal I thought Rosenberg earned his swing after the opening lead had given him a chance.

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

♠ A Q 2
 ♥ Q 6 5 4
 ♦ 9
 ♣ A Q 9 5 2

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

West Danny	North Rosenb'g	East JoAnn	South Edgton
Pass	1♠	3♣	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

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

JoAnn led her doubleton heart against 4♠. Danny won to return the suit. Rosenberg won in hand and led a trump to dummy, then played a trump back to the six...and seven. He knocked out the trump king, and won the ♦A to draw the last trump. Then he could unblock hearts and give up a trick to the ♦K, with the fourth diamond being discarded on the ♥Q.

Yes, an easier way to go plus on the N/S cards would have been to pass over 3♣, and let the reopening double go, when after a diamond lead the defenders can collect 1100.

In the other room Smith led the club jack. McCallum put up the ace, and when it was ruffed away, she needed to guess who had the diamond king to make her game. When she played West for that card, she had to lose one trick in each suit.

At this point Edgton led 23-0 and added three more undertrick IMPs when they played a 4-3 major suit, down on a ruff, while 3NT (with a heart stopper of the bare queen facing J64 and an ace to knock out) was not a success.

Both N/S pairs then did well to bid to slam – worth 12 IMPs on the datum but no IMPs in real life. On the next deal Victor King took an aggressive, and unlucky, position to save in 4♠ at equal vulnerability. The good news was that his side had a 6-4 solid trump fit; the bad news was that his sides' other assets consisted of a random king queen and jack, none of which represented a seventh trick for his side, so the penalty was 800, and a further 8 IMPs to Edgton, now leading 34-0.

Each side scored an overtrick over the next three deals, leaving the match score at 35-1 before McCallum started a mini-revival.

Dealer: West ♠ J 9 8 3
 Vul: N-S ♥ K 9 5
 Brd 12 ♦ K 7 6
 Open Tms Qual R3 ♣ K 6 4
 ♠ 10 7 4
 ♥ A J 7 6
 ♦ J 3
 ♣ A 8 5 3

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

♠ A Q 2
 ♥ Q 8 2
 ♦ 9 5
 ♣ J 10 9 7 2

West	North	East	South
Danny	Rosenb'g	JoAnn	Edgton
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Double	Rdbl	3♣	3♦
Pass	3NT	All pass	

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

The auction in one room was less than stimulating; in fourth seat King, playing a light opening system, opened one diamond and McCallum ended up in 2♠, making +110.

In the other room this was the auction as shown above.

After a club lead there were 7 tricks, available, but no more. That was 7 IMPs to McCallum, and there was more to come.

Dealer: North ♠ K J 9 5 4 2
 Vul: Both ♥ 4
 Brd 13 ♦ J 10 8 6 5
 Open Tms Qual R3 ♣ Q
 ♠ A 6 3
 ♥ K Q 9 3
 ♦ A K 9
 ♣ 9 8 4

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

♠ 10 8
 ♥ A J 7 6 2
 ♦ 7
 ♣ K 6 5 3 2

West	North	East	South
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Makeable Contracts				
2	-	2	-	NT
-	2	-	2	♠
4	-	4	-	♥
-	3	-	3	♦
3	-	3	-	♣

What would you think would be the relative fates of 4♥ and 3NT? In one room N/S preempted but didn't prevent their opponents from finding their way to the suit game.

Matt Smith played 4♥ from the East seat. It looks natural to cash the diamonds to pitch the spade loser, then play on clubs. The defenders can play on trumps, but then declarer arranges to ruff out the clubs. Or they can force declarer to ruff in hand – but he can ruff diamonds low and if necessary a third round of spades high. What you cannot do is play three rounds of trumps early, as the 4-1 club break leaves you short of entries to your hand.

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

In the other room after a weak 2♠ Edgton raised 2♠ to 3♠ and Danny Sprung guessed to bid 3NT, while Joann had to guess whether to transfer to hearts, and got it wrong. Sprung received a spade lead; he won the second and cashed off the hearts, reaching this ending:

On the last heart Edgton discarded a diamond and Rosenberg threw a diamond. Now declarer could play three rounds of diamonds to endplay Edgton to lead clubs into dummy's tenace for the ninth trick.

That 12 IMPs made the match score 35-20 for Edgton but the last board opened the gap again.

Dealer: East ♠ K 3
 Vul: None ♥ A J 10 8
 Brd 14 ♦ A 8 7
 Open Tms Qual R3 ♣ A 6 4 2
 ♠ Q J 10 6
 ♥ 3 2
 ♦ Q 9 6 3
 ♣ J 10 5

♠ A 9 8 7 4
 ♥ K Q 9 6 4
 ♦ K J
 ♣ 7

♠ 5 2
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ 10 5 4 2
 ♣ K Q 9 8 3

West	North	East	South
			1♠
	2♣		2♥
	3♥		4♦
	4NT		5♠
	5NT		7♥
Makeable Contracts			
-	4	-	4 NT
-	5	-	5♠
-	7	-	7♥
-	2	-	2♦
-	1	-	1♣

This one was all about the bidding. McCallum/King had a relay screw-up and stopped in the small slam, while Rosenberg/Edgton had the natural sequence shown above.

Had Edgton bid 6♦ over 5NT Rosenberg would have bid 7♥ (and maybe that would avoid playing the grand slam with king-third of spades facing ace-fifth. The 11 IMPs made it a win by 26 IMPs for Edgton, who were now up to 6th place (but Braun were in the lead with three perfect 20s, and 60VPs in the bag, having racked up 229 IMPs, so far.

WELCOME TO NEW PLAYERS AT THE GCC

Brent Manley

Common Errors – How to Avoid Them - Not Understanding Captaincy

A fundamental principle of bidding is the need for one member of the partnership to limit his hand as soon as possible.

If you are uncertain about what that means, consider the most common limit bid you have in your repertoire: an opening bid of 1NT.

In the USA, most play that a 1NT opener shows 15-17 high-card points in a balanced hand, but some prefer 14-16. There are many different ranges around the world, but most are narrow.

Consider the difference between a 1NT opener and an opening of, say, 1♥. In most systems, an opening of one of a suit can be made on a good – or maybe even a not-so-good – 11 HCP up to 20 or more, perhaps just short of a strong, forcing opening.

That's a wide range. The sooner opener more clearly defines his hand – perhaps via a 1NT rebid or by rebidding his suit at a minimum level – the better the chances that the partnership will arrive at the correct contract.

Similarly, in the auction, 1♣–Pass–1♥, responder's range can be pretty wide. Responder, in fact, could have a very strong hand with which he prefers to go slowly.

So what is all this leading up to? It is a discussion of a principle known as captaincy.

Basically, captaincy comes into play when one member of a partnership limits his hand. At that point, the other player becomes "captain" of the auction.

It makes sense, doesn't it?

When you open 1NT with, say, a range of 15-17 HCP, who in the partnership knows how high the bidding should go? Not you. You have no idea how strong partner's hand is, especially if partner is an unpassed hand. The captain on this auction is your partner, who can look at his own hand and know whether to

1. Give up on game – perhaps passing 1NT or transferring and then passing.
2. Invite game in some way, perhaps by bidding 2NT or transferring and bidding 2NT or raising the transfer suit.
3. Insist on game in one of a variety of ways.
4. Invite slam, perhaps by bidding 4NT directly (not asking for aces).
5. Insist on slam.

You must answer partner's questions and/or respond to his invitations and, most important, abide by partner's decisions.

You will profit in your results and earn respect as a player by making this your mantra: Once I have described my hand, I will not bid again unless forced to do so by my partner.

PLAY BRIDGE WITH BARRY

Barry Rigal

Sometimes the idea of false-carding with an honour is sufficiently obscure that the theme is unlikely to come up again. Regardless of that, the following is the approximate layout on a deal that features my favourite of Martin Hoffman's coups.

Dealer: East	♠ J 9 6	West	North	East	South
Vul: All	♥ A 10 3	2♠ ¹	Double	Pass	1♥
	♦ A J 9 5	Pass	4♥	Pass	3♣
	♣ A 10 4	Pass		All Pass	
♠ A K 10 8 3 2					
♥ K 6					
♦ 6 3					
♣ J 5 2					
	♠ 5 4				
	♥ J 9 2				
	♦ 10 8 7 5				
	♣ Q 9 7 6				
	♠ Q 7				
	♥ Q 8 7 5 4				
	♦ K Q 2				
	♣ K 8 3				

¹ Intermediate 9-13 and six card suit

Consider the defence's chances. After two top spades West shifted to a club and Martin's nine forced the king. Declarer, knowing the heart king was to his left, led low to the ace and played a heart back, intending to duck this to the king. But look what happened when Martin as East followed with the jack on the second round of trumps; can you blame declarer for covering the jack with the queen? Now West took his king and led a third spade, re-promoting the heart nine to the setting trick.

2017 INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS AWARDS

The International Bridge Press Association (IBPA) is a worldwide organization of bridge writers, mostly professional, and whose reports, series and articles appear in newspapers and magazines and other publications around the world, where bridge tournaments and bridge events occur. This group also includes authors, radio hosts and even television hosts. In order to become a part of this prestigious organization, membership is required.

In 2017, the awards were handed out in Lyon and Australian player, Nabil Edgton won the Richard Freeman Junior Deal of the Year as reported by Liam Milne. Here is Liam's article which led to that award,

Event: 16th World Youth Team Championships, Salsomaggiore

Dealer: East	♠ A 10	West	North	East	South
Vul: E/W	♥ A 8 7 5 3	1♥ ²	2♥	1♣ ¹	Pass
Brd 22	♦ A 5 4	Double ³	Pass	2♠	3♥
	♣ Q 7 2			4♠	All Pass
♠ K 6 5 4					
♥ K 6 2					
♦ Q 9 8 7					
♣ K 10					
	♠ Q 9 8 7				
	♥ 9				
	♦ K 6				
	♣ A J 9 5 4 3				
	♠ J 3 2				
	♥ Q J 10 4				
	♦ J 10 3 2				
	♣ 8 6				

¹ Natural or any bal 11-14 or 18-19

² 4+ spades

³ Minimum opening with 4 spades

Some contracts look pretty good when the dummy comes down. However, four spades, from the 2016 World Youth Teams Bridge Championships, is not one of them. South leads the ♥Q and continues with the ♥J. How should you, as East, play?

There are a number of issues to consider. To start, there are three unavoidable top losers. You can't afford to lose a second trump trick, so you'll need a doubleton ace somewhere. In addition, your side suit needs a bit of love: you need clubs 3-2, and there is the small matter of locating the club queen. Finally, you are in danger of losing trump control: the opponents have led hearts and they'll get in at least once more to shorten the trumps in East.

With his dubious heart holding, the overcaller is more likely to have the trump ace than his partner. If you ruff at trick two, cross to the king of clubs, lead a spade to the queen, then duck a spade to North's ace, he can continue with the ace of hearts to make you ruff again. Having contributed trumps to tricks two through five, you will be out of trumps at this point, while South still holds one and dummy the king-low. If the club queen started life as a doubleton, you will make it home from here by running clubs through South – a trump substitution play. You'll over-ruff South in the dummy and get back to hand in diamonds.

What if the clubs aren't so generously laid out for you? If a defender holds the queen-third of clubs, drawing trumps straight away is not going to work because of the continuing heart tap. If South holds the protected lady, you can finesse the ten of clubs. Drawing trumps (through East) will work

fine after the clubs are set up. However, if North holds Her Majesty, things are more difficult. North holding the queen-third of clubs is inconvenient because it seems to require too many entries to the dummy. After ruffing at trick two and crossing to the king of clubs, if you lead trumps, you won't be able to take a finesse in clubs through North – there is no convenient way back to the dummy. You could try crossing to the king of clubs and leading the club ten. If you run it and it wins, you are back in the money by leading trumps. Your clubs are good and the trump substitute play works here as well.

However, if North does have a doubleton queen of clubs, you will be in your hand without having drawn any trumps and in the wrong hand to do so. South might have the doubleton spade ace instead of North, which would allow you to succeed by drawing trumps the other way, but this can't be the most likely layout.

At the table, declarer was not content with guessing whether the queen of clubs was doubleton or third and found a different line: after he ruffed the second heart, he played a club to the king, a spade to the queen, the ace of clubs and then another club, ruffing it in the dummy (South discarding a heart). After playing a diamond to his king, declarer was left with:

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



Declarer could no longer play trumps – North would win and tap out the last trump in the East hand. Then, the hearts would be good after dummy over-ruffed South on the run of the clubs.

Instead, declarer started the trump substitution play by running clubs through South, being careful to discard the same suit from dummy as South discarded, to prevent an eventual promotion of the jack of spades. Declarer lost one spade, one heart and one diamond.

Could the defence have prevailed? Yes. The defence had two chances. East could have risen with the ace of spades and continued the force; that would have made life too difficult for declarer, but was not an obvious play. The real chance was missed at trick six, when declarer ruffed his third club; South discarded a heart, but had he thrown a diamond instead, he would have been ahead in the trump promotion race. Eventually, he'd have made a trick with the jack of spades (after following to the king of diamonds with his second and discarding a third diamond on the fourth round of clubs as North ruffed with his ace of spades). The ace of diamonds and another diamond from North would then have allowed South to make his jack of spades.

Declarer's line avoided taking a club finesse, so that as well as retaining the chance of the club queen doubleton in either hand, he had the very real chance of coming home after the club queen turned out to be protected. Had South held the queen-third of clubs, he would have succeeded and, with North holding the queen-third, he needed a not-so-obvious defensive error.

Well done to Nabil Edgton who gently guided this deal home for 12 IMPs to Australia in the World Juniors. Nabil used a bit of imagination to find the trumps lying well, a bit of intuition to decide to ruff out the clubs, then a touch of technique at the end to watch the discards and find the right counter.

THE KLINGER QUIZ

Ron Klinger

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

Playing Teams
 Dealer: East
 Vul: All

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

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

¹ Weak two bid 6-10 HCPs with 6 spades

West leads the ♣Q. What card should East play?

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

Solution: Contract: 4♠ by South. Lead: ♣Q.

Accurate signalling can be a delicate matter. There is a natural temptation for East to encourage clubs, but this is short-sighted. What East wants is a heart, and so East should discourage clubs.

If declarer ducks trick one and West shifts to the ♥2, declarer should insert the ♥9, East must play the ♥10, since the ♥2 indicated an honour in hearts, i.e., the jack. The ♥10 wins and East will come to a second heart trick later. If declarer plays the ♥Q, East wins with the ♥K and returns the ♥3 to the jack and ace. East later collects the ♣K and the ♥10.

If East encouraged clubs, South might duck and a second club might be fatal. South wins and leads a trump. South can now easily draw trumps, eliminate diamonds and ruff dummy's clubs. A heart to the ♥9 will then endplay East.

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World Champion, Kate McCallum, Imparting Some Of Her Wisdom To A Very Eager Audience

TRAVELLERS

The team that probably travelled the farthest to compete in the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship was Scotland White. Their travels were rewarded when they reached the semi-finals which they lost to the Australia Gold who went on to win the Silver Medal in the final. They have asked me to thank the organisers of both events for the hospitality that they have been shown during their visit.



Scotland White (LtoR): Victor Silverstone, John Murdoch, Derek Diamond, Barnet Shenkin, Gerald Haase, Iain Sime

ANONYMOUS REPORT

This one should probably be anonymous since I haven't asked teammates if it's ok to report it.

But a certain well-seasoned pair had a spectacular "oops" revolving around whether an opening 4♣ bid showed hearts or clubs.

North opened 4♣ which South thought was solid hearts and jumped immediately to 6♥!!

Just eight down for -400!

Apparently they play 4♣ is hearts in some seat positions and natural with clubs in others.

As their teammate I can only hope that they have now worked out which is which!!



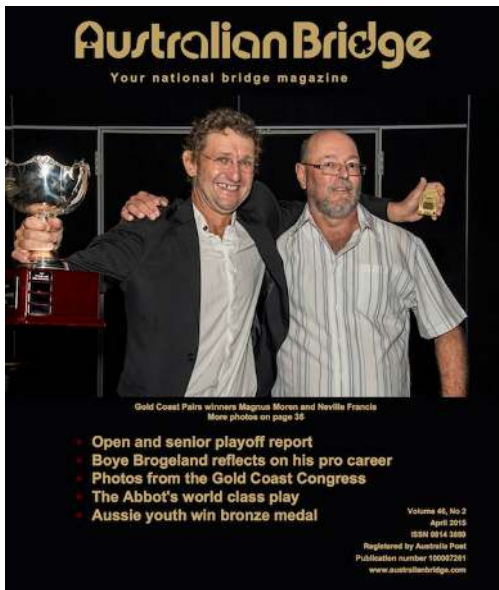
Holidaying on the Gold Coast, these two Swedish tourists heard about the Gold Coast Congress and wandered in deciding to play in the Walk-In Duplicate

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Brad Coles, owner of Australian Bridge has generously donated four Subscriptions to Australian Bridge and four Subscriptions to the Novice Edition which will be used as prizes at the GCC.



The following article by Mike Lawrence appeared in the July 2017 issue of Australian Bridge Magazine.

Your left-hand opponent opens 1NT, showing 15-17 points. This is passed to you. Their side is vulnerable, yours is not. What should you bid with the following four hands? What you do depends on your methods, so my answers will be generic.

West	North	East	South
1NT	pass	pass	?

Hand One

♠ Q 10 7 ♥ K J 8 3 ♦ A K 2 ♣ Q 7 3

Hand Two

♠ 7 3 ♥ K 9 7 6 4 ♦ K Q 6 ♣ A 6 2

Hand Three

♠ K Q 7 3 2 ♥ 2 ♦ Q J 10 4 2 ♣ 8 7

Hand Four

♠ 3 2 ♥ Q J 8 7 ♦ A K 7 6 ♣ 8 6 3

Answers

1. Pass. Even if you play a double as penalty, doubling with this hand is bad. LHO has most of the missing points, and if dummy has half of the rest, your values will be compromised. Some players like to double with 10 points, thinking that partner has to have a good hand. Some of the time he does, and you set 1NT doubled. Some of the time he doesn't, and they make a redoubled overtrick. Keep this in mind. It is also much easier for declarer, who knows what he has to work with in the play. The defenders often don't learn what is going on until it is too late.
2. Pass. This hand falls into the category of the previous hand. It is balanced, with fewer high cards. When you have a balanced hand with a poor suit, do not bother bidding. If your partner has enough for you to make 2♥, he probably has enough to beat 1NT.
3. Bid whatever your system calls for. If using Cappelletti/Hamilton, bid 2♠, showing spades and a minor. If using DONT, bid 2♦, showing diamonds and one of the majors. When you have shape and can offer two suits to play in, your chances of finding a fit are far better than when you have just one suit. This hand has only 8 HCP, but it is much safer than the 15-point hand shown in Problem One.
4. Bid 2♦ if using DONT. Do not bid if you are using Hamilton/Cappelletti. DONT gives you a fair chance of playing in 2♦ or 2♥. You do not have a lot of shape but you are showing two suits, and all you require is partner to have a few good values and four cards in one of your suits. This is a dangerous bid, but when you think of the pleasures of defending 1NT with partner's lead of the ♠4, you can see that bidding has its merits. For the record, you should balance on almost any hand that has a singleton.

Here are two examples of the extremes you might go to balance:

Hand Five

♠ J 10 7 6 4 ♥ K 9 8 4 3 ♦ 4 ♣ 9 3

Hand Six

♠ 2 ♥ A J 10 4 ♦ 9 8 4 ♣ Q J 8 6 3

Both of these examples require good fortune. But why shouldn't you get it? West has an average of 16 HCP. On Hand Five, you have 4 HCP, but the bidding tells you your partner has a lot. If he has a fit (and why shouldn't he?), you can seriously hope to find a making contract. On Hand Six, you have 8 HCP. This leaves

16 HCP unaccounted for. East's silence usually hints at six or fewer, leaving ten or more for your partner. Take a chance and bid. Also, bid like you really mean it. Do not show by your tone that you are not happy with bidding. Let them discover that later.

One reminder for both of these hands: if you pass, you will end up defending, and on both of these hands you know partner will lead a suit that you do not like.

Here's my advice in a nutshell: if 1NT is passed to you and you have a singleton, try really hard to bid something.



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See you there!



Our youngest competitor this year Jasmine playing with her mother Therese Brockhurst

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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.

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Here all week from China are Flemming Kaalund and his wife Wu Xiaoli. Flemming is one of the largest manufacturers of bridge supplies and giftware in the world and supplies Paul Lavings with most of his goods.

When Paul started out in club supplies the early 1990s dealing with China was a nightmare because so few Chinese spoke English. In 2008 Paul played in the Far East in Macao and Flemming had a stall there.

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	Wednesday 21st February	Thursday 22nd February	Friday 23rd February	Saturday 24th February	
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Open Teams	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	Q/F Teams 9:00am 2x12 Brds S/F Teams 2:00pm 4x10 Brds	Finals Teams 9:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
Ivy Dahler Open Butler Swiss Pairs			10:00am 1/3	2:00pm 2/3 10:00am 3/3	
SENIORS EVENTS					
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		
INTERMEDIATE EVENTS (Under 750MPs)					
Intermediate 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 Intermediate Butler Swiss Pairs			10:00am 1/3	2:00pm 2/3 10:00am 3/3	
RESTRICTED EVENTS (Under 300MPs)					
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	
NOVICE EVENTS (Under 100MPs)					
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	
ROOKIE PAIRS (Under 10MPs)					
Rookie Pairs - Single Session Events		10:30am 1/1			
UNDER 50MP PAIRS					
Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs	10:30am 1/2	3:00pm 2/2			
MATCHPOINT SWISS PAIRS					
Seres/McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs			10:00am 1/2	2:00pm 2/2	
WALK-IN PAIRS - BEST 3 SCORES COUNT					
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	
	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	

THE ELVIS COUP
Joan Butts

I was amused to recently read an article in a recent ACBL magazine, about a variety of coups, and my favourite was called "The Elvis Coup" and unfortunately it happened to me here at the Gold Coast two days ago.

My partner and I had bid and raised spades, and I was on lead with ♠ A J x x. I didn't have any other attractive lead, so I led the ♠A, and another, with partner contributing the ♠Q to declarer's ♠K.

This is the Elvis Coup - THE KING LIVES!

CALENDAR OF SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES GOLD COAST




		Tuesday 20th February	Wednesday 21st February	Thursday 22nd February	Friday 23rd February
Venue					
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	09:30am to 10:30am		
Novices Help Available	In the Playing Area Novices Section	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 10:30am			
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TBIB Lucky Draw You Must be Present to Win	Foyer GCCEC	10:15am			
Directors Get Together Hosted by Jan Peach	Upstairs Room 5	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 <small>local & imported shoes · bags · accessories</small>			
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All Golf Enquiries to Geoff Nice 0407-620-373 • gnice200@gmail.com		Tuesday 20th February	Wednesday 21st February	Thursday 22nd February	Friday 23rd February

TABLE COUNT TO THE END OF PLAY TUESDAY NIGHT 4094

(Last Year 4032)
Note: this year we held a Friday Setup Pairs

SESSION 4 HOLIDAY PAIRS 1 - LEADING SCORES

Place	North-South	%	Place	East West	%
1	Peter Karol - Joanne Crockford	61.11	1	Penny Johnson - Rosalyn Stevens	62.57
2	Dianne Mullin - Eddie Mullin	60.98	2	Joyce Donovan - Lynn Harris	58.48
3	Lesley Martin - Roger Cael	60.71	3	Merit Morgan - Gill Ross	55.65
4	Anne Lamport - Linden Raymond	57.14	4	Kevin Balkin - Pauline Balkin	55.03
5	Judy Leiba - Robyn Lichter	56.22	5	Lile Williams - Sue Cheney	54.10
6	Betty Lee - Mike Robson	55.29	6	Kay Dixon - Max Pike	52.08
7	Justine Beaumont - Jenny Mendick	53.70	7	Michael Rosen - John-Claud Farrugia	50.93
8	Linda Norman - Judy Hildebrand	50.79	8	Ethel Lavin - Pam Schiller	50.00
9	Elaine Crommelin - Barbara White	50.00	9	Paul Thiem - Margaret Liversage	49.70

TUESDAY 0-50MP PAIRS - LEADING SCORES

Place	North-South	%	Place	East West	%
1	Kym Batt - Suzie Bucknell	60.26	1	Keith Cohen - John Kelly	63.61
2	Georgina Blum - Paulette Bourke	60.21	2	Karen Sweep - Rhonda Henry	61.16
3	Lynette Miles - Devi Thillainathan	59.16	3	Fenna Cooper - Sandra Aring	60.36
4	Carol Parker - Linda Smith	58.45	4	Robert Olander - Rick Webster	60.21
5	John Simmonds - Sue Evershed	58.26	5	Karen Thompson - Jennifer Matheson	59.06
6	Maxim Wilson - Bruce Stephens	57.36	6	Lesley Sutherland - Bob Still	58.81
7	Desley Nixon - Di McCready	56.71	7	Jenny Burchmore - Barbara Richardson	58.16
8	Lin McLaren - Annette Cameron	56.36	8	Bronwyn Taylor - Fran Golding	57.91
9	Cecelia Hains - Mimma Fazio	55.74	9	Vesna Markovic - Voyko Markovic	56.36
10	Gary Petterson - George Blacklock	55.41	10	Kirsten Mallam - Frankie Craven	56.16
11	Di Court - Peter Uldrich	54.65	11	Upasana Shanti - Lynda Laffan	55.56
12	Di Agostino - Christine Egan	54.34	12	Paul Nitschmann - Stanley Law	55.51
13	Michael Hewett - Liz Milner	54.10	13	Arjen Draaisma - Margot Harris	54.10
14	Annette Hendry - Paul Hendry	53.85	14	Barbara Huddy - Cheryl Millar	54.05
15	Merrilyn Hooper - Wayne Hooper	52.59	15	Robert Hogarth - Gillian Hogarth	53.60
16	Heather Douglas - Judy Wallace	52.50	16	Fiona Ferwerda - Penny Robertson	52.40
17	Phillip Douglas - Deborah Nilsson	51.95	17	Kathryn Kelly - Jan Ford	52.15
18	Carla Ferro - Cathy Mathieson	51.69	18	Robyn Green - Ann Smith	52.00
19	Fred Cole - Robert Mischlewski	51.50	19	Jan Flanigan - Bevely D'Aquino	51.20
20	Frances Hammond - Ian Hammond	51.45	20	Diane Enahoro - Pamela Bedwell	51.15
21	Brian Stringer - Robert Berry	50.30	21	Anna Jadach - Katherine Collins	50.75
22	Carolyn Waters - Anne Sandeman	49.95	22	Janet Franklin - Deanna Cruickshank	50.20

Qualifying Scores After 4 Rounds - Open

Place	No.	Team Members					Score
1	8	J Haffer - P Markey - M Henbest - D Wiltshire					71.79
2	15	I Sime - J Murdoch - G Haase - B Shenkin - D Diamond - V Silverstone					70.14
3	2	L Milne - N Griffiths - A Hung - K Lazar - M Whibley - R Lee					66.77
4	16	P Buchen - I Thomson - M Yuen - N Stock					65.95
5	1	M Ware - G Tislevoll - P Hollands - M Brown - J Mill - T Nunn					65.77
6	110	N Domichi - S Gupta - A Braithwaite - S Braithwaite					65.65
7	28	R Simpson - J Simpson - J Cormack - G Jarvis - F Whitaker					63.56
8	7	P Hackett - R O'Shea - D Patterson - J Hackett - J Hackett - J Sansom					62.49
9	100	A Bailey - J Bailey - T Strong - E Strong					61.93
10	44	H Dawson - R Douglas - Y Li - J Scotford					61.77
11	3	M Cornell - A Bach - T Leibowitz - E Erichsen					61.76
12	12	G Kozakos - G Smolanko - S Hinge - B Haughie					61.17
13	5	J Carruthers - J Silver - J Gartaganis - N Gartaganis - M Mullamphy - R Klinger					60.40
14	22	S Jacob - T Jacob - N Jacob - E Jacob - A Henry - S Henry					59.97
15	78	D Badley - P Boughey - A Stuck - A Tarbutt					59.73
16	46	Q Yao - H Yuan - S Zeng - X Liu					59.49
17	6	N Edgtton - M Smith - J Thompson - P Gosney - K Rosenberg					58.66
18	29	A Mill - H Grosvenor - B Nash - J Wallis					58.39
19	42	E Sophonpanich - S Baisamut - V Svangsopakul - A Riamsri - P Sitthicharoensawat - K Promsak					58.23
20	10	M Van Der Vlugt - M Lewis - P Dalley - P Gill					57.89
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
21	18	Thompson	56.77	124	197	Barda	38.99
22	17	Cheval	56.54	125	162	Kovacs	38.98
23	11	McCallum	56.50	126	105	Allanson	38.97
24	32	Francis	55.39	127	96	D Coats	38.75
25	45	J Reynolds	54.28	128	122	Weerasinghe	38.64

Qualifying Scores After 4 Rounds - Open

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
26	60	Lynn	54.27	129	135	Harrison	38.57
27	13	Hirst	54.19	130	20	Callaghan	38.00
28	90	Phillips	53.94	131	158	Shugg	37.87
29	21	Wylie	53.91	132	93	Thorp	37.62
30	41	Cartner	53.81	133	125	T Allen	37.36
31	24	Mayo	53.44	134	69	Weathered	37.14
32	75	Mott	52.65	135	160	Leach	37.09
33	148	McFall	52.33	136	188	Lee	36.67
34	33	Davies	52.24	137	208	Geare	36.63
35	54	Driscoll	52.20	138	31	Watts	36.50
36	47	Chen	51.96	139	73	Mottram	36.12
36	72	Dibley	51.96	140	56	Berger	36.11
38	43	McLeish	51.83	141	130	Morrison	36.04
39	4	Kanetkar	51.61	142	53	Wallis	36.01
40	14	Harper	51.59	143	129	Moore	35.74
41	25	Crichton	51.58	144	207	Spilsbury	35.33
42	34	Brown	51.33	145	220	Scott	35.27
43	19	Burke	51.06	146	166	Blinco	35.13
44	26	Otvosi	50.31	147	114	Clarke	35.06
45	40	Bouton	49.53	148	128	McAlister	34.63
46	126	Glasson	49.49	149	143	Keenan	34.62
47	224	Woodhead	49.46	150	218	Martelletti	34.51
48	175	Schoutrop	48.86	151	63	Faranda	34.47
49	113	Medhat	48.77	152	168	Scrivens	34.37
50	106	Kruiniger	48.12	153	172	Holloway	34.00
51	30	Jones	48.11	154	87	Gaspar	33.71
52	35	Fischer	48.08	155	66	Steinwedel	33.62
53	170	Warnock	48.02	156	184	Bach	33.58
54	58	Dennison	47.90	157	181	Trigg	33.47
55	52	Collins	47.76	158	89	G Allen	33.43
56	91	Zeller	47.47	159	77	Kefford	33.30
57	136	Fletcher	47.35	160	219	Spencer	33.14
58	173	Morris	47.25	161	163	Delcourt	33.11
59	9	Hinden	47.09	162	171	Watson	32.93
60	50	Chadwick	47.02	163	159	Kingham	32.53
61	101	Lewis	46.81	164	213	Julie Rose	31.70
62	62	Mundell	46.79	165	139	Nichols	31.63
63	27	Giura	46.75	166	107	Tredrea	31.50
64	37	Bolt	46.64	167	59	Mellings	31.44
65	174	Nilsson	46.50	168	97	Soutter	31.40
66	57	Kaplan	46.46	169	165	Fernon	31.37
67	71	Gidley-Baird	46.44	170	177	Birss	31.15
68	198	Bayliss	46.43	171	142	Nicholson	31.08
69	190	I Bailey	46.40	172	74	Arnold	31.00
70	38	Ingham	46.33	173	127	Berzins	30.92
71	104	Belonogoff	45.80	174	194	Dormer	30.55
72	23	Lockwood	45.51	175	202	McCarthy	30.53
73	178	Rudzyn	45.43	176	195	Hanson	30.21
74	55	De Luca	45.25	177	152	Bourke	29.73
75	70	Macleod	44.89	178	222	Knight	29.53
76	140	Stewart	44.80	179	200	Andrews	29.37
77	132	Shennan	44.75	180	212	Page	29.20
78	65	Brockwell	44.55	181	123	Mitchell	28.99
79	134	Small	44.49	182	118	Maguire	28.79
80	103	Murray-White	44.21	183	193	Mountjoy	28.39
81	68	Wilks	44.09	184	216	Ham	28.20
82	108	Bugler	43.91	185	206	Jay	28.18
83	116	Gunner	43.86	186	115	Valentine	27.74
84	187	John Rose	43.84	187	180	Hewson	27.71
85	137	Wanz	43.82	188	210	Goodwin	27.67
86	81	Bodycote	43.77	189	191	Barfoot	27.62
87	82	Mangos	43.75	190	203	Read	27.33
88	205	Inglis	43.37	191	226	Gue	27.12

Qualifying Scores After 4 Rounds - Open

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
89	79	Abdelhamid	43.32	192	109	Andrew	27.09
90	150	Buckley	43.24	193	146	De Nett	26.83
91	133	Toon	43.10	194	88	Gehrke	26.77
92	153	Stanton	42.91	195	141	Biddick	26.66
93	61	Jeffery	42.72	196	131	Goodall	26.50
94	161	Noonan	42.69	197	186	Cordingley	26.34
95	85	French	42.55	198	76	Gray	26.33
96	117	Doust	42.34	199	95	Perrin	26.20
97	154	Stoneman	42.28	200	64	Boulton	26.14
98	156	Yuill	42.02	200	176	Parkin	26.14
99	138	Webber	41.93	202	179	Cooke	25.73
100	112	Berry	41.90	203	167	Seal	24.93
101	102	Bugeia	41.82	204	225	Orsborn	24.72
102	36	Pemberton	41.79	205	183	Baker	24.53
103	39	Gower	41.51	206	169	Krosch	24.46
104	199	Campbell	41.42	207	182	Hoole	24.40
105	157	Doddridge	41.39	208	151	Carroll	24.19
106	67	Finikiotis	41.12	209	221	Matskows	23.42
107	98	Martin	41.09	210	147	Gibbs	23.36
108	83	McDonald	41.07	211	92	Kahn	23.00
109	120	Pisko	40.99	212	99	Evans	21.88
110	51	Moritz	40.97	213	155	Quigley	21.84
111	144	Fox	40.88	214	192	Baguley	21.29
112	121	S Reynolds	40.64	215	214	Neels	20.88
113	211	Ajzner	40.46	216	209	E Coats	20.67
114	84	Abrams	40.04	217	201	Hazell	20.46
115	48	Ward	40.03	218	217	Fardoulys	20.02
116	119	Fleischer	39.93	219	111	Grant	19.69
117	86	Glover	39.88	220	124	Gilfoyle	19.55
118	149	Howes	39.79	221	215	Grieve	19.47
119	164	Plummer	39.76	222	80	Abbenbroek	16.96
120	49	Adler	39.71	223	196	King	15.59
121	145	Tuxworth	39.40	224	204	Van Wyck	14.25
122	94	Lorraway	39.01	225	223	Hancox	8.95
122	189	Dalziell	39.01	226	185	Redhead	7.43

Qualifying Scores After 4 Rounds - Seniors

Place	No.	Team Members	Score
1	10	B Waters - S Mendick - T Marinos - P Grant	64.81
2	3	B Short - A Goodman - A Symons - S Duncan	61.91
3	11	L Guy - S Gray - R Freeman-Greene - D Lacey	56.72
4	5	D Zines - T Moss - D Stern - R Grynberg - M Bloom - N Rosendorff	56.38
5	17	I McKinnon - V Dressler - K Johnman - P Johnman	55.43
6	8	J Butts - M Doran - L Carter - M Carter - T Hutton	54.93
7	16	B Palmer - N Stuckey - G Palmer - C Wilson	53.14
8	13	N Strasser - P Strasser - E Shand - L Varadi - G Bilski	49.95
9	1	R Brightling - D Hoffman - R Krochmalik - P Lavings	49.38
10	7	P Jeffery - L Grewcock - A Johannsson - S Bock	47.63

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	14	Woodhall	46.92	24	19	Luck	33.45
12	36	Perera	46.82	25	21	Davis	32.54
13	9	Klofa	44.84	26	28	Macaulay	31.93
14	6	Chan	43.91	27	15	Smith	30.65
15	12	Kahler	42.51	28	24	Jackson	30.28
16	2	Nagy	42.31	29	22	Lane	30.09
17	33	Oyston	41.01	30	27	Rooney	29.23
18	4	Walsh	40.74	31	30	Lawrie	27.71
19	18	Gough	38.91	32	20	Harman	27.62
20	31	Carmichael	36.14	33	29	Stephenson	27.55
21	35	Brown	35.64	34	25	Rusher	25.03
22	23	Dudley	34.72	35	32	Lee	19.59
23	34	Carr	34.57	36	26	H Jeffery	15.01

Qualifying Scores After 4 Rounds - Intermediate

Place	No.	Team Members	Score
1	81	K Hajmasi - A Michl - J Whale - B Whale	67.27
2	73	K Barber - C Mitchell - J Stewart - D Owen	66.95
3	17	C Roxburgh - H Crisp - M McAuliffe - W Roberts	64.18
4	21	G Gosney - M Plunkett - A Gosney - C Larter	62.08
5	86	B Humphrey - P Carson - A Chappell - M Kennedy	60.24
6	80	A Deaker - M Copland - E Tie - L Mould	60.12
7	42	M Packer - V Seward - R Moore - L Coli	55.35
8	10	A Bell - A Nothling - J Routley - C Elliott	54.93
9	6	M Rogers - J Rogers - S Moffitt - K Moffitt	54.78
10	1	J Swanson - K Homik - K Dean - B Hunt	53.42

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
11	18	Bailey	53.12	49	49	Power	38.64
12	8	Lohmann	52.69	50	59	Davis	38.22
13	19	Sadigh	52.60	51	7	Keating	36.88
14	14	Tucker	52.53	52	52	Stuart	36.40
15	13	Kite	52.42	53	40	Steinhardt	36.27
16	35	Hurst	51.97	54	30	Winter	35.84
17	84	Zink	49.63	55	57	Coppin	35.80
17	16	Mander	49.63	56	46	Cockbill	35.40
19	74	Zulfqar	49.40	57	67	Ramsund	35.23
20	5	Tomlinson	48.43	58	24	Giles	34.59
21	61	Armstrong	48.16	59	44	Dean	34.58
22	3	Donovan	47.85	60	22	Sear	34.34
23	39	Ward	46.50	61	43	Burgess	33.93
24	85	Rolls	46.22	62	77	Gunner	32.54
25	33	Weaver	46.06	63	62	Cook	32.44
26	36	McNaughton	45.25	64	66	McMaster	32.32
27	75	Jenny Swanson	44.26	65	28	Munro	32.03
28	11	Corry	43.85	65	38	Houlton	32.03
29	12	Sheldrake	43.75	67	60	Gooley	31.25
30	29	M Williamson	43.38	68	9	Lowe	31.03
31	32	Delaney	42.74	69	26	Innes	30.40
32	45	J Williamson	42.71	70	54	Rayani	29.39
33	82	Snelling	42.33	71	20	Carr	29.09
34	34	Clift	42.32	72	68	B Rossiter-Nuttall	29.01
35	37	J Rossiter-Nuttall	42.30	73	31	Hyland	28.96
36	25	McLay	42.16	74	64	Haley	28.87
37	83	Haslett	41.98	75	65	Lynch	27.03
38	23	Richards	41.93	76	79	Rohald	26.91
39	15	Van Bakel	41.08	77	50	Fenwicke	26.89
40	2	Wylie	40.94	78	71	Hoschke	26.23
41	41	Holewa	40.89	79	78	Jacobs	24.68
42	70	Nikolic	40.59	80	4	Sleat	24.53
43	55	Rosengren	40.47	81	48	Cotton	22.98
44	47	Schmalkuche	39.93	82	51	Codognotto	22.74
45	63	Stick	39.39	83	58	Routley	20.91
46	69	Knox	39.23	84	72	Tomalak	20.88
47	56	Wippell	39.12	85	76	Logan	16.67
48	27	Anderson	38.84	86	53	Sutherland	13.97

Qualifying Scores After 4 Rounds - Restricted

Place	No.	Team Members	Score
1	82	N Bowers - J Watkinson - D Garret - R Stuart	66.72
2	43	A Simon - M Fanning - A Ramsden - M Thompson	59.09
3	3	J Price - R Spelman - M Fawcett - L Tracey	58.62
4	20	C Chaffey - A Goodchild - R Ward - P Halloran	58.28
5	61	I Bannister - F Martin - C Hagen - J O'Brien	58.22
6	42	L Sylvester - R Feyder - M Brassil - L Brassil	57.25
7	59	S Miller - J Silberberg - L Fitzhenry - K Wright	57.11
8	1	H Van Weeren - P Clarke - J Conroy - J Blenkey	56.57
9	4	J Coventry - M Glover - M Butcher - F Ding	54.40
10	5	B Rydon - J Howe - J Simmons - K Wilman	54.36

Qualifying Scores After 4 Rounds - Restricted

Place	No.	Team Members					Score
11	6	Heck	54.14	50	80	Lenton	38.73
12	13	R Smith	53.15	51	55	Ledger	38.42
13	31	Hapeta	52.98	52	39	Hooper	37.93
14	88	Kalma	52.55	53	32	Knight	37.68
15	49	Walsh	52.34	54	41	C Webb	37.25
16	23	Morahan	51.85	55	62	Kommeren	37.23
17	14	Parmenter	51.63	56	9	Sommerton	36.72
18	81	Chatterton	49.47	57	79	Quilty	36.64
19	71	Lane	48.89	58	38	Little	36.57
20	34	Bunworth	48.87	59	10	Treloar	36.51
21	84	K Smith	48.40	60	50	Bowen-Thomas	36.26
22	26	Koster	47.78	61	37	Musgrave	35.14
23	77	Woodbury	47.02	62	28	Wright	34.73
24	44	Nugent	46.89	63	33	P Webb	34.42
25	52	Morgan	45.46	64	30	Merrin	34.41
26	18	Bakas	45.45	65	15	Allen	33.96
27	66	Dey	45.13	66	22	Hart	33.68
28	11	Riley	44.27	67	87	Cliffin	31.17
29	64	Nilsson	43.95	68	19	Crooke	30.98
30	72	Hartley	43.85	69	54	Rosetta	30.96
31	21	Duncan	43.26	70	83	Kerr	30.23
32	57	Macintosh	43.14	71	73	Chappell	29.30
33	7	Opray	42.34	72	36	Chatfield	28.99
34	12	Frost	42.29	73	8	Sivewright	28.94
35	70	Singer	42.26	74	69	Russell	27.79
36	56	Gibney	42.18	75	68	Michelsson	27.58
37	45	Wlodarczyk	41.84	76	16	Paterson	26.88
38	2	Dunlop	41.43	77	48	Beyer	26.75
39	67	Clarke	41.17	78	47	Egan	26.57
40	29	Trengove	41.06	79	53	Bustany	26.36
41	46	Brink	40.97	80	24	Junge	25.76
42	58	Bellis	40.63	81	65	Vary	25.63
43	60	Rooke	40.50	82	75	Reid	25.04
44	25	Cahill	40.12	83	63	Gilder	23.61
45	74	Delgado	40.06	84	85	Skarupsky	22.65
46	35	Hall	39.25	85	51	G Smith	22.63
47	78	Mabin	38.96	86	76	Macdonald	21.84
48	17	Thillainathan	38.90	87	27	Caddy	16.48
49	40	Mathieson	38.82	88	86	Haslett	16.38

Qualifying Scores After 4 Rounds - Novice

Place	No.	Team Members					Score
1	11	D McAuliffe - P Barnett - M Coote - J Harvey					68.27
2	7	D Mathieson - J Gilbert - C Van Kruistum - J Gryg					59.18
3	4	G Devrell - G Davis - K Bartlett - C Bartlett					55.95
4	10	D Burke - G Rydon - P Goldman - M Main					52.51
5	27	P Bailey - L Stafford - J Reeve - S Simmons - M Bunn					51.33
6	1	R Hurst - H Colenbrander - A Kolding - M Borthwick					48.62
7	24	A Delorenzo - L Shonk - E Voveris - J Thomas					48.59
8	19	A Anderson - G Kerswell - A Parkins - C Flowers					45.56
9	3	B Northey - D Thatcher - M Smith - D Campi					45.02
10	5	S Reilly - J Gillis - M Toogood - J Toogood					43.91

Place	No.	Team Members					Score
11	13	Bain	43.72	20	23	Carter	32.77
12	17	Muller	43.40	21	22	Kendall	30.89
13	8	Sharp	42.75	22	6	Metcalfe	28.51
14	15	Howitt	42.64	23	2	Gibbards	27.93
15	20	Innes	41.61	24	16	Davey	26.60
16	14	N Anderson	39.62	25	28	Treloar	25.42
17	26	Dunworth	38.21	26	21	Sheldrake	23.11
18	12	Bunting	37.99	27	9	Clark	21.82
19	18	Eather	33.05	28	25	Waters	21.02



**Tuesday 0-50 Winner North-South
Kym Batt and Suzie Bucknell**



**Tuesday 0-50 Winner East-West
Keith Cohen and John Kelly**



Celebrity Speakers Pete Hollands & Laura Ginnan interacting with their keen audience

FORGET ABOUT IT

An elderly husband and wife visit their doctor when they begin forgetting little things. Their doctor tells them that many people find it useful to write themselves little notes.

When they get home, the wife says:

"Dear, will you please go to the kitchen and get me a dish of ice cream? And maybe write that down so you won't forget?"

"Nonsense," says the husband, "I can remember a dish of ice cream."

"Well," says the wife, "I'd also like some strawberries and whipped cream on it."

"My memory's not all that bad," says the husband. "No problem, a dish of ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream. I don't need to write it down."

He then goes into the kitchen, and his wife hears pots and pans banging around. The husband finally emerges and presents her with a plate of bacon and eggs. She looks at the plate and asks:

"Hey, where's the toast I asked for?"

(ED: a little too close to home for me)

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

YESTERDAY'S DIFFICULT SUDOKU SOLUTION

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TODAY'S DIFFICULT SUDOKU

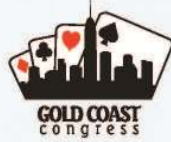
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SERVICES

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: ian@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 – NSWBA 02-9264-8111 Canterbury Park Racecourse, Sydney



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Gold Coast Congress 2018

TBIB

“5 in 40 Card” Lucky Draw

One lucky person playing in the Gold Coast Congress Teams Championship will have the opportunity of playing the TBIB “5 in 40 Card” Lucky Draw with a chance to walk away with a prize of \$50,000.

To Qualify - Any person playing in the teams events (Open, Seniors, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice) will automatically qualify for the initial draw. From these qualifiers, 5 people will be drawn, and then a final draw from the 5 qualifiers will select the lucky person to play the TBIB “5 in 40” Card Lucky Draw. The person must be present at the draw to qualify.

The Challenge - There are 40 envelopes and in each envelope will be a coloured card. There will be 5 blue cards, 6 red cards, 9 green cards and 20 yellow cards. The lucky person begins by selecting an envelope and the coloured card will be displayed. They keep selecting envelopes and displaying the coloured cards until they have revealed 5 matching coloured cards. Once 5 cards of the same coloured are selected the game is over.

If they find 5 blue cards before they find 5 red, green or yellow cards then they win \$50,000. If they find 5 yellow cards first then they win a \$250 consolation prize and so.

The prizes are as follows:-

\$50,000 **Blue cards**

\$10,000 **Red cards**

\$ 500 **Green cards**

\$ 250 **Yellow cards**

Finer Point - Only one lucky person will have the opportunity to play the TBIB “5 in 40 Card” Lucky Draw. The 4 unlucky people in the final draw will win a consolation prize. The person must be present at the draw otherwise a redraw will be done. The envelopes will be prepared, sealed and provided by an independent insurance loss adjuster.