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## RONI PIETERS

Kim Ellaway

Friends of Therese Tully and myself know that if we start talking about the Gold Coast Congress and begin probing as to what their availability might be, they run away as they invariably know what is behind the question.

Roni had not been warned about this and had only been in Australia (returning from living in Hong Kong) for a couple of weeks when we asked if she would like to help at the Gold Coast Congress. We needed a bus driver to escort the bridge players and Roni eagerly said yes. Little wasn't she to know that after 10 plus years she would still be with us.

Roni now also organises the Dinner Dance (I tease her by stating it was a promotion) and has been doing this for a number of years very very successfully, I should add.

When we moved from the ANA Hotel, Therese's dream was to enable players to find their seats easily. We tried balloons, coloured tablecloths and then Roni suggested Flags. At the time I thought she was mad HOWEVER she is totally responsible for the idea of the many flags we see today and this will remain her legacy.

She is our go-to person when we, Therese and I – mostly Therese – have a vision of making life easier, we simply leave it to Roni to suggest how we can implement the vision. The table numbers with the Restaurant Table holders – Roni's idea and there are many more.

Since Roni moved back to Australia all three of her children have moved different countries AROUND THE WORLD and so, in two weeks' time, Roni will herself move back overseas to be with her children and grandchildren.

Roni – thank you for all your vision, friendship and nursing skills – Roni's first year was a nightmare – we had the ambulance to the GCCEC every night and Roni was the person who looked after each patient. The Dinner Dance won't be the same without you and the congress will certainly miss you and your ideas.

## OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING ROUND 8

Barry Rigal

Frances Hinden and Graham Osborne come all the way from England, and who do they play? The Scots Team. Osborne played 4♥ nicely here, I thought.

Dealer: West  
Vul: E-W  
Brd 16  
Open Tms Qual R8

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

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

West	North	East	South
Diamond	Osborne	Silverstone	Hinden
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
Makeable Contracts			
-	1	-	1 NT
-	-	-	♠
-	3	-	2 ♥
-	3	-	3 ♦
-	3	-	3 ♣

There is only one lead by East to defeat 4♥, a small trump. After Silverstone's lead of a top diamond honour, Osborne carefully won the ace to ruff a diamond, and crossed to a top club to lead a third diamond, ruffed by Diamond and overruffed. Now a club to dummy to ruff another diamond, the spade ace and a spade ruff produced this ending:

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

Osborne led a diamond from dummy and when Diamond ruffed with the four he discarded a spade. No matter what East did, Osborne could pitch a spade if necessary on the next trick and ensure two more tricks. In the other room declarer mistimed the cross ruff and ended with one too many trumps for the endplay to work.

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

A fascinating variation arises if Diamond retains both his trumps as West. Compare this position: if declarer leads a diamond from dummy in this position, West ruffs with the ♥4, declarer discards a spade, and East undertruffs. Now a trump through the AJ10 lets East win and cross back with a spade to allow East to score one more trump trick. Instead, declarer leads a club from dummy, and pitches a spade as West wins the jack, again catching East in a sort of decompression. He wants to leave partner on lead, but that forces him to pitch his spade. Now the defenders' communications have been cut.

A series of relatively flat boards ensured, both E/W pairs bidding a poor but laydown slam, earning 13 IMPs to par, but no IMPs at the table.

Two challenging defences followed on consecutive deals at the table I was watching, and on each occasion E/W were weighed in the balance and found wanting.

Dealer: North      ♠ 10 9 8 5  
 Vul: N-S          ♥ J 2  
 Brd 21            ♦ 9 5 2  
 Open Tms Qual R8 ♣ A J 10 3  
 ♠ 7 6 3  
 ♥ K Q 9 7 4  
 ♦ J 8 7 6  
 ♣ 6

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

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

West	North	East	South
Diamond	Osborne	Silverst'ne	Hinden
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

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

The auction was the same in both rooms.

Osborne thought for quite a while before passing out the double, and in a sense he was right, since 1♠ is a more comfortable spot. When Diamond led a club to Silverstone's queen, he shifted after much thought to a trump. Diamond took his queen and erred by returning a small trump (a diamond shift would suffice to beat the contract still, so long as the defence return a diamond, then West wins his remaining top heart honour and returns a top heart).

After the heart jack won the third trick declarer played a diamond towards her king, and finessed the queen on the spade return. Now she had two spades, one diamond, and could lead a club towards the ace and ensure seven tricks against any defence.

In the other room Renee Cooper won the club lead at trick one and returned a club for the ruff. Back came a diamond to the ace, another club ruff, and a second diamond. Now to escape for one down Murdoch had to play carefully; he led a low heart from hand to Kieran Dyke's queen, ruffed the diamond return, then played ace and another heart, and ruffed away the last diamond.

In the three-card ending he could lead a low spade round to Cooper, and could finesse the queen at trick 12 for one down. One heart doubled came home more often that it was defeated here (occasionally with overtricks).

Dealer: East      ♠ A K Q  
 Vul: E-W        ♥ 10 3  
 Brd 22          ♦ A Q 6  
 Open Tms Qual R8 ♣ K J 9 8 4  
 ♠ 10 8 6 5 4 3  
 ♥ K 9 8  
 ♦ 3  
 ♣ A 6 5

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

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

West	North	East	South
Diamond	Osborne	Silverst'ne	Hinden
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	3NT	Pass	1NT
		All pass	

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

Hinden and Osborne's transfer responses forced Hinden to respond 1NT after Silverstone's remarkable silence over the 1♣ opener. Naturally Diamond led a spade, and Hinden smoothly won the queen and led the ♣K from dummy, ducked all round. Now came the ♣J losing to the queen. When Silverstone shifted to a low heart Diamond won his king and returned the suit. Hinden could cash two hearts to pitch a diamond from dummy, then drive out the club ace and take nine tricks without needing the diamond finesse.

Silverstone might have done better to lead the ♥Q instead of a low heart. But Hinden could win and return the suit, then duck the diamond return to endplay East to lead a red suit and concede the ninth trick.

Dealer: East      ♠ A K 8 5 4  
 Vul: Both        ♥ Q 10 9 7 5  
 Brd 26          ♦ J 8  
                  ♣ A

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

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

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

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

David Wilshire showed me a fascinating theme. He played 2♥ from the North seat, after showing the majors over a strong no-trump.

To make 2♥ against best defence on a top club lead you may need to manipulate the trump spots very carefully.

Win the ♣A and play three rounds of spades, leaving West on play; win the club return in dummy, pitching a diamond, and lead a trump. When West wins the ♥A you unblock the seven then when West takes the ♦A and exits with a club you ruff with the nine, to reach this ending:

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

In this ending Wilshire can ruff a spade with the heart four, overruffed with the eight. When West exits with a club declarer ruffs low in hand and overruffs in dummy, cashes the diamond king to pitch a spade, and has the trump coup at trick 12.

Alternatively and less elegantly you can discard from dummy instead of ruffing. Now whether West ruffs in or not, the defenders cannot stop declarer crossing to dummy to take the heart finesse.

At the table the Datum Score was N/S -20 and the average number of tricks taken was eight.

# OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING ROUND 9 – NEWS FROM THE FRONT

Barry Rigal

David Appleton and I played match nine against Glenn Coutts and Johnny Davidson, in a match where there was considerable potential to fall from grace on the E/W cards. Having benefited from our opponents' unsuccessful foray to the five level, we returned the favour on the next deal.

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Coutts	Appleton	Davidson	Rigal
2♠	Pass	4♠	All pass

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

We defended to 4♠ after an 8-10 weak 2♠ opener. Yes a heart lead would kill the contract, but after the lead of ♦K declarer was in with a chance. Coutts won the ace and cashed the ace and king of spades to find the bad news. Coutts led a club to the king, and ruffed a diamond back to hand to lead a second club up. At this point the defenders must win the ♣A but have the luxury of shifting either to a heart (which disrupts the entries) or a top diamond to allow South to pitch a club, after which declarer cannot single in his trumps effectively.

We didn't manage that, but it was a flat board when against our teammate Marianne Bookallil North won the first club and tried to cash a diamond. Declarer could ruff, cash off the clubs, ruff a diamond, then lead a heart to the ace to ruff another diamond for the tenth trick.

On my next offering just look at the North cards and the following auction.

North	West	North	East	South
Coutts	Appleton	Davidson	Rigal	
♠ 8 7 6 2	1NT	Pass	2NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass
♥ K 5 4	3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
♦ 9 8 5	4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
♣ 8 6 5	5♠	Pass	6♣	Pass
	6♦	Pass	6NT	Pass
	7♦	Pass	7NT	Double //

<sup>1</sup> Diamonds or Minors

Time now to select your opening lead.

David correctly decided that dummy had forgotten the system and just had clubs. Since he would have been expected to lead a heart on this auction (he might not have done so today, but his partner didn't know that) he should lead a diamond. That turned out to be an extremely good decision as you will see from the full deal.

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

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

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

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

7NTx-1 gained 14, but on any other lead 7NT rolls home with the ♠Q10 obliging, and the heart finesse working.

That made the match score 33-4, and when we added insult to injury by bidding a slam missing an ace and the trump queen after using keycard (persuading the defender on lead to attack trumps!) the match ended with a somewhat deceptive 43-4 victory for us.

## OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING ROUND 10 – THE OTHER SHOE DROPS

Barry Rigal

For match 10, David Appleton and I took on Jan Cormack and Fred Whitaker. We managed to shoot ourselves enough times in the foot to create a create some serious flesh wounds, and our opponents did the right thing far too often for our liking.

We did however score the first blow, when both Souths heard partner open 1♥ and a 1♠ overall.

Holding: ♠ Q 7 5 ♥ 7 4 3 ♦ 9 8 4 2 ♣ K 10 2

One table raised to 2♥, one passed. If you raise, your partner will bid 4♥, one down in top tricks as you can see from the full deal:

Dealer: West ♠ K  
 Vul: E-W ♥ A K Q 9 6 5  
 Brd 16 ♦ J 10 5 3  
 Open Tms Qual 10 ♣ A 8  
 ♠ J 9 3  
 ♥ J 10 8  
 ♦ A Q  
 ♣ Q 9 6 5 3

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

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

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

If you pass over 1♠, partner will compete to the three-level. Not that this is sure to work well for you, since 3♠ might be let through. After a heart lead, will North shift to ♣A in order to get the ruff with his singleton trump?

The next board saw a larger swing in the other direction when Whittaker-Cormack judged well to stop low on all fitting combined 23HCP, where our teammates were doubled for 300 in game.

The match score had advanced to 16-14 for Simpson, when another delicate game came up.

Dealer: North ♠ Q 10 7 2  
 Vul: N-S ♥ 7  
 Brd 21 ♦ 7 6  
 Open Tms Qual 10 ♣ A Q 6 4 3 2  
 ♠ 9 8 6 4  
 ♥ Q J 8  
 ♦ A 4 3  
 ♣ 8 7 5

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

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

West	North	East	South
Cormack	Appleton	Whitaker	Rigal
	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All pass

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

After the lead of the club ten to North's ace, the only defence is to shift to diamonds immediately. When North played for a club ruff, declarer won and now needed to play to build a discard for the diamond loser. If he plays a trump to dummy to ruff a club high he sees the club layout, and now knows South is likely to have the spade length. There are two sensible plays, one being to draw trumps ending in dummy and run the spade nine. The second is to cash the spade ace early, which works as the cards lie, but may not cover all the bases.

As the cards lie, if you run the spade nine it will be covered by ten jack and queen. South must return a spade and the strength of the spade spots means that the spade four will be established for the fourth round of the suit.

That was a flat board in 4♥ down one at the table though, when neither declarer exploited the spades to best advantage.

This was a tough hand, I thought.

Dealer: West      ♠ A 8 6  
 Vul: None        ♥ A K Q 6  
 Brd 24            ♦ A 10 2  
 Open Tms Qual 10 ♣ J 7 5  
 ♠ K Q J 7 5  
 ♥ 8  
 ♦ J 3  
 ♣ 10 9 6 4 2

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

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

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

Both tables played 3NT from North, but at one table West had shown a weak two, in the other West had shown a two suiter. Both defences led and continued spades, declarer winning the second. What now? You could certainly make an argument for cashing the heart ace-king, playing for 3-3 hearts or the jack to fall doubleton. The alternative approach is to cross to a club to play a diamond to the ten; this wins if West has one of the top three diamond honours in a two- or three-card suit, but if you are wrong your entries may have been compromised for playing on hearts to best effect. At one table Jo Simpson played on diamonds, while David Appleton went after hearts, and that was 10 IMPs to the bad guys. It really isn't clear to me which line is better but it is certainly clear which line works.

Dealer: North      ♠ A K 7 3 2  
 Vul: E-W          ♥ Q 3  
 Brd 25            ♦ 10  
 Open Tms Qual 10 ♣ A J 9 6 5  
 ♠ 6  
 ♥ A K 8 7 6 5  
 ♦ A K Q J 6  
 ♣ Q

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

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

Makeable Contracts				
-	-	-	-	NT
-	2	-	2	♠
4	-	4	-	♥
5	-	5	-	♦
-	4	-	4	♣

Jan Cormack did very well here when after 1♠ - 1NT she jumped to 4♥, and bought it there for ten tricks. By contrast after Robert Simpson passed 1♠ as South David Morgan bid 2♠....and Jo Simpson found a 3♣ call which allowed her side to save in 5♣. Even 6♣ would have been very cheap against 5♦.

The match ended with an 18 IMP victory for Simpson, now just 7 VPs out of a qualifying place.

## OPEN TEAMS QUALIFYING ROUND 1 – FLIM FLAM AS SUGGESTED BY TERRY BROWN

Barry Rigal

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

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

♠ J 4 3 2  
 ♥ K J 7 2  
 ♦ 8 2  
 ♣ K 4 2

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

When I wrote up this deal originally I commented that to make 4♠ it would be necessary after a diamond lead and continuation to handle trumps very carefully.

I commented that if South has passed his partner's opening bid, it might be best to 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.



Let me revisit that statement; it might be necessary – but would it be sufficient? Over to Terry Brown, who writes as follows:

“In round one of the Open Teams you arrive at the table and are greeted by Don and Judy Scown of Forster NSW. On the evidence provided by this deal, Forster BC must be full of hucksters con artists and flim-flam merchants.

After North opened a 12-14 no-trump South bid 2♠, transfer to clubs, West doubled, showing spades, North bid 3♣ and West raised his partner’s 3♠ call to game. Don led the diamond ten, and Judy won the ace and returned the suit. Brown now won in dummy and led a low trump; well done!

Not to be outdone, Judy took the ace(!) and returned a third diamond. Yes maybe declarer should have ruffed in with the jack – would you have thought of it? At the table Terry discarded and South scored his ♠8 and Judy had the trump queen to come for one down.

So be warned: make sure to keep your wallet well and truly hidden if you go to Forster. There are some horse-thieves out there after your hard earned cash”.

## SENIORS TEAMS QUALIFYING ROUND 9 - EYES ON THE PRIZE

Brent Manley



Robert Krochmalik, Paul Lavings, Richard Brightling and David Hoffman (seated)

In the Senior Teams, as in most of the other teams events at this tournament, everyone was striving to make it to the top two, the only way to keep playing in the event.

After eight qualifying rounds, the Richard Brightling team was in second place with 109.64 victory points, barely behind the Zolly Nagy squad, whose VP total was 109.99.

Four more qualifying rounds were played on Thursday, and in the first set of the day, Brightling faced the fourth-place team: Noel Woodhall, Andrew Janisz, Elli Urbach and Ferenc Budai.

It was a lively match and ended with a strong showing by Brightling and company, winners by the score of 53-13.

This was one of four double-digit swings for Brightling:

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

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Budai	Lavings	Urbach	Krochmalik
2♥	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

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

Budai’s 2♥ opener showed a weak hand with a long spade suit, both minors or a strong balanced hand. Lavings’ aggressive overcall was just what Krochmalik needed to bid the 19-point game.

Budai led his fourth-best spade, which went to the 9, 10 and queen. The ♦J was ducked, but Urbach won the second round to play a second round of spades, instead of the more natural top club. The ♠8 was covered by the jack and king, but when Budai cashed the ♠A, the 6 had turned into a winner. Krochmalik won the ♠6 and played the ♥J to East’s ace. That was the opponents’ fourth and last winner as Krochmalik scored up plus 600.

At the other table, Hoffman opened 2♠ with the West hand and was allowed to play there, just making for plus 110 and a 12-IMP swing.

The next deal brought another 12-IMP swing to Brightling.

Dealer: North  
 Vul: N-S  
 Brd 5  
 Sen Tms Qual 9  
 ♠ K J  
 ♥ 10 5 2  
 ♦ K 10 5 4 3 2  
 ♣ Q 3

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Budai	Lavings	Urbach	Krochmalik
	1♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

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

Krochmalik's 3♣ showed four-card spade support and 6-9 high-card points.

Urbach started with the ♣7, covered by Lavings with dummy's 10. Budai played the queen and Lavings won the ace. He played the ♠A and a second spade. In with the ♠K, Budai had a chance to defeat the contract by switching to a diamond, but he exited with a low heart. Lavings won the ♥A and played his three club winners, pitching a diamond from dummy. He claimed at that point, with only a heart and a diamond to lose.

At the other table, the opening lead was the ♥K, so declarer had no play.

This board was another big swing for Brightling.

Dealer: East  
 Vul: Both  
 Brd 10  
 Sen Tms Qual 9  
 ♠ 10 9 6 5 2  
 ♥ 10 6  
 ♦ K 10 5  
 ♣ Q 9 6

♠ K J 8  
 ♥ A Q 9  
 ♦ J 2  
 ♣ A 10 8 4 2

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

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

West	North	East	South
Budai	Lavings	Urbach	Krochmalik
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

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

Krochmalik's 3♣ was puppet Stayman, asking about five-card majors. 3NT denied a four- or five-card major.

Urbach started with the ♥5, which went to the 10 and ace. Lavings played a club to dummy's king and continued with a low club to his 10. Urbach won the ♣J and continued with a second low heart. That went to Lavings' 9. He finished with four hearts, four clubs and the ♦A for plus 600 and a 10-IMP swing. At the other table, Brightling and Hoffman defended 1NT, holding it to two for minus 120. That was another 10 IMPs to Brightling.

The Woodhall team did have some bright spots, one of them occurring on this deal:

Dealer: West  
 Vul: N-S  
 Brd 12  
 Sen Tms Qual 9  
 ♠ K J 8 7 3  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ K 10 9 8 7 2  
 ♣ 10

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Budai	Lavings	Urbach	Krochmalik
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

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

The 2NT opened showed at least five spades and at least five cards in hearts or diamonds. Urbach's 3♣ asked for more information. When Budai showed that diamonds was his second suit, Urbach bid the game.

Lavings led a low heart, taken in dummy with the queen. Budai then played the ♦Q, ducked by Lavings. He also played low on the ♦J, but he won the ace when Budai played a third diamond to his hand. Lavings won



the ♦A and got out with the ♣K, but the defenders could not keep Budai out of his hand. He finished with 10 tricks for plus 430. At the other table, Hoffman played in 3♦, scoring plus 110 for a 7-IMP loss.

There weren't enough swings for Woodhall, however, as Brightling prevailed 53-13 to move into first place in the overall standings. The margin, however, was only about half a VP with three qualifying rounds to play.

## SENIORS TEAMS QUALIFYING ROUND 10 - EYES ON THE PRIZE

Brant Manley

After the big win over the Woodhall team, Brightling and friends sat down against the Brian Short team (Alan Goodman, Anne Symons and Sandy Duncan). In a close set with no swing higher than 7 IMPs, Short prevailed 21-20, dropping Brightling to second behind Nagy.

This board was a swing for Brightling/

Dealer: South ♠ 7  
 Vul: E-W ♥ J 6 3 2  
 Brd 19 ♦ A 8 5 2  
 Sen Tms Qual 10 ♣ K 8 5 2  
 ♠ 6 5 3 2  
 ♥ 8 7  
 ♦ K Q 6 3  
 ♣ 10 7 3

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

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

West	North	East	South
Symons	Lavings	Duncan	Krochmalik
			1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

### Makeable Contracts

-	5	-	5	NT
-	6	-	6	♠
-	2	-	2	♥
-	2	-	2	♦
-	6	-	6	♣

Krochmalik's 2♣ was the Gazzilli convention, showing 16 or more high-card points. Lavings's 2♦ indicated 8 or more HCP and was forcing to game. After Krochmalik showed the long, strong spade suit, Lavings bid the game.

Duncan led a low heart, won in dummy by the 10. Lavings then cashed the ♠A and continued with the queen. Duncan won the ♠K and cashed his two high hearts, but Lavings claimed 10 tricks, losing only two hearts and a spade. At the other table, North-South stopped in 3♠, making six for plus 230 and 5 IMPs to Brightling.

This swing was in favour of Short.

Dealer: North ♠ A K 7 3 2  
 Vul: E-W ♥ Q 3  
 Brd 25 ♦ 10  
 Sen Tms Qual 10 ♣ A J 9 6 5  
 ♠ 6  
 ♥ A K 8 7 6 5  
 ♦ A K Q J 6  
 ♣ Q

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

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

West	North	East	South
Symons	Lavings	Duncan	Krochmalik
	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♠	3♣	Pass	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	5♣
5♦	All Pass		

### Makeable Contracts

-	-	-	-	NT
-	2	-	2	♠
4	-	4	-	♥
5	-	5	-	♦
-	4	-	4	♣

Duncan didn't have much, but he did have four trumps and only a couple of hearts – just what Symons needed. Lavings led the ♠K and continued with the ♣A. He played another club, but Symons ruffed, cashed the ♦A, then followed with the top hearts and a heart ruff in dummy. When Krochmalik followed to the third round of hearts, Symon could claim for a 7-IMP gain. At the other table, Brightling and Hoffman got only plus 300 from 5♣ doubled.

## A LETTER FROM MICHAEL COURTNEY

At the Gold Coast Congress we take all suggestions, criticisms and of course compliments very seriously. For that reason we publish this letter received from Michael Courtney together with responses thereto.

### Towards Equity

Let me first observe firstly that these protests are absolute not relative. I am very far from suggesting that there is a better organised tournament anywhere or indeed an equal. However in terms of equity there are some obvious things that could be easily fixed.

## A Matter of Direction

It is of course considerably more tiring to play EW than NS. Moving between rounds, waiting for your seat, finding your table when you have left the playing area, are all more tiring than simply keeping your seat.

It is evident that it is somehow superior to keep the two fields separate and that is no problem. In invoking that idea, matters of equity must be considered. How can we arrange it so that both fields are NS half the time?

Assume you have 400 pairs and a two session final.

Session one: Pairs 1-200 N/S Pairs 201-400 E/W  
Session two: Pairs 1-200 E/W Pairs 201-400 N/S

## Matters of timing

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

This was the deal that led to Sue Ingham (my partner) and I missing the surfers final by 0.32%. We held North's 3NT to 430 and thought little more of the deal.

O'Farrell, visiting with Maureen Dennison from the UK told me the tragic tale of how the 14th qualifiers shot 3NT for +100 on the EW cards for 100% of the matchpoints.

It was of course mis-boarded, The South and West hands having been swapped.

O'Farrell-Dennison did not look at their score sheet till the next morning so the mis-boarding was not reported till 10:40. The director ruled that the protest was too late and the entered score stood. He did not inform either pair 14 or pair 15 (Sue and I) of

the mis-boarding or subsequent events.

I think such an entry should be routinely investigated by the directing staff. Indeed, a deal such as this, with an apparent four trick discrepancy should be brought to the scorers attention by the scoring software. Something like "Possible Fouled board Alert".

## Response from Matthew McManus – Chief Scorer

The scoring program highlights potential anomalies, which are then referred to the Directors for checking. It identifies contracts which are played in the same denomination in both directions, contracts making fewer than four tricks and significant differences from the average score on a board. If it is no longer possible to check with the players and there is a score which appears manifestly incorrect, the scorers will make a judgement as to whether it should be altered - for example, NS entered as making 11 tricks in hearts, when everyone else is playing hearts EW. If there is no alternative contract which could result in NS making 11 tricks, the result is likely to be changed.

On the board in question, the contract was played in no-trump by N/S at 94 of the 98 tables, so the program would not have highlighted this result as an anomaly. Checking all boards where there is a large discrepancy in the number of tricks between tables would not be practical with between 400 and 500 tables in play. In just this particular section, there were discrepancies of four or more tricks on about a third of the boards, with two boards having six trick differences!

## Response from Laurie Kelso – Chief Tournament Director

The official end of the Score Correction Period for the Open Pairs Qualifying occurred at 7:45pm on the previous evening. In exceptional circumstances the new Laws do allow for the correction of a score after the expiration of the Correction Period. The nature of the actual error, coupled with the fact that the Finals were due to commence at 11:00am, meant that none of the necessary criteria were fulfilled.

Almost all competitive endeavours have some sort of 'statute of limitations' and bridge is no different.

## Response from Therese Tully, Tim Runting and Kim Ellaway - Tournament Organisers & Administrator

We all desperately strive to do everything possible to ensure accurate results, relying as we do on the professionalism of the Chief Scorer and Chief Tournament Director.

We are very receptive to constructive criticism and we intend to publish the scoring correction periods and the correct people to contact (phone numbers etc.) in the scoring books in future. We apologise if this has not been as clear as it could have been in the past.

## WELCOME TO NEW PLAYERS AT THE GCC

Brent Manley

### Common Errors – How to Avoid Them - No Plan at Trick One

Someone said more contracts are lost at trick one than at any other time in the play. It's true that there are probably no hard and fast statistics to back up that assertion, but it was most likely spoken by a veteran who has been there, done that.

If you watch true experts play, you may notice that after the opening lead is made, few of them call a card from the dummy right away. Most top players give even the most routine looking contracts a study before playing. The expert might be thinking that the contract looks too easy and is trying to figure what might go wrong – and, if so, whether he can do anything about it.

You should develop the same habit. Check out the opening lead: does it look like fourth best? Did the opening leader overcall but decline to lead his suit? What does that say about his holding in that suit? Are you in the right contract?

The following is a classic example of the demise of a contract from an error at trick one.

♠ A 4 3 2	West	North	East	South
♥ K 6		1♣	Pass	1♦
♦ 8 7	Pass	1♠	Pass	3NT
♣ A K 4 2	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♠ J 5				
♥ A J 5				
♦ K Q J 10 9				
♣ 6 5 3				

West starts with the ♥7. How will you play? If you consider only the fact that you have a free finesse in hearts, you will probably go down. Say you play low from dummy and East produces the queen. You win the ace and start on the diamond suit. Unless the opponent who holds the ♦A is your brother or a kindly uncle, he will surely duck the first round of the suit, winning the second. Come to think of it, even your mother would probably duck the first round of diamonds. Now your hand is stone dead and you have gone down in a cold contract.

What if, at trick one, you make the counter-intuitive play of the ♥K, possibly giving up the extra trick in hearts? Now you're in good shape. You go after diamonds, playing the suit until someone takes the ace – and you still have the ♥A to get to those good diamonds. You take at least four diamonds, two hearts, two clubs and a spade – more if West has the ♦A and continues with a heart when he gets in.

If you thought things over at trick one and decided to play the king, congratulations. You are on your way to becoming a formidable opponent.

### PLAY BRIDGE WITH BARRY

Barry Rigal

Not all our unusual second hand plays have to be ducks. For example, avoiding the practice finesse is also important.

Dealer: South	♠ K J 10 3	West	North	East	South
Vul: Nil	♥ Q J 8 6				1♥
	♦ A Q 3	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
	♣ A 9	Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥ <sup>1</sup>
♠ Q 9 6 4		Pass	6♥	All Pass	
♥ 10					
♦ 10 9 5 2	♠ 8 7	<sup>1</sup> Two Aces			
♣ K J 5 3	♥ 9 7 2				
	♦ K J 8 4				
	♣ 10 8 4 2				
	♠ A 5 2				
	♥ A K 5 4 3				
	♦ 7 6				
	♣ Q 7 6				

Consider the play in six hearts from South on a diamond lead. The key is to take the diamond ace at trick one, draw trumps, and finesse in spades by leading to the ten. Then cross to hand with the spade ace and repeat the spade finesse. Now you can discard your diamond loser on the spade king, concede a club trick, and ruff your last club in dummy.

If you take the diamond finesse at trick one, then whether it succeeds or fails you will still have a club loser, and need the spade finesse to make your slam. You can discard one, but not two, clubs on spades.

However, if the spade finesse succeeds, you can discard your diamond loser, and if it fails, the diamond finesse won't save your contract. [Note that drawing all the trumps and leading the spade ace and a spade to the jack locks you in dummy; you have to pay off to the singleton spade queen offside to pick up queen fourth onside].

## AN AMUSING FLASHBACK TO 1950 – CALLING ALL SLAM BIDDERS

Len Dixon is a long time bridge journalist, resident in Canberra. He sent me the following article, first published in 1950 in the Contract Bridge Journal, the official publication of the English Bridge Union. Hope you like it.

Having read in the May issue, the Ed's review of "Hester's Winning Count" and the anonymous description of the "Nightingall System", I feel that this is the moment to give the world a preview of my own brainchild: "The Hammond Losing Count" which I threaten to publish shortly.

It must be clearly understood that, my system, as is apparently the case in those of Messrs. Hester and Nightingall, is based on the premise (or promise) that the opponents will not be so unsporting as to contest the bidding in any way.

The opening bid does not relate to strength or specific suit holdings but merely shows the shape. Hence 1♣ denotes 4-3-3-3, 1♦ 4-4-3-2, 1♥ 4-4-1-1 and so on. The responses are similarly stepped. When each partner hold 13 cards of a suit, the auction is apt to be a little crowded, the first two bids being 6♠ - 11♥, but this is not likely to be frequent occurrence and this slight disadvantage may be ignored.

The second round of bidding, assuming of course, that there is room for a second round, shows the point count, the rebid being stepped once for every two points held over 13. It follows that if the opener holds less than 13, he signs off by passing.

It is possible that in some cases, there may be time for further rounds of bidding. On these occasions, the true scientific beauty of the system become apparent, for the opener now proceeds to call his worst suit and the responder is immediately aware of one contract for which partner will show no enthusiasm. So, by the process of elimination, the partnership, through an exquisite sequence of negative influences, arrives at the best trump fit, even if the contract is a trifle high for comfort.

As no new system can be justified without the inclusion of a couple of illustrative hands, the following will be of special interest

♠ A K x x	♠ Q J 10 x x x	West	East
♥ K Q x x	♥ A	1♥ 4-4-4-1	3♦ 6-3-3-1 Take my word for it
♦ K x x x	♦ A Q x	3♠ 15 points	4♣ 17 points
♣ x	♣ A x x	5♣ Worst Suit	5♥ Worst Suit
		6♦ Next Worst Suit	7♣ Next Worst Suit
		7♥ This suit not so hot either	7♠ Brilliant Deduction

The second example I have reserved for the cover of my masterpiece. Proudly, I must point out that by no other system could one arrive at this unbreakable grand slam contract.

♠ 7 6 5 4 3 2	West	North	East	South
♥ 8 7 6 5 4 3 2				4♣ <sup>1</sup>
♦ —	Pass <sup>2</sup>	7♠ <sup>3</sup>	Pass <sup>4</sup>	Pass <sup>5</sup>
♣ —	Double <sup>6</sup>	Pass	Pass	Redouble <sup>7</sup>
♠ K	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♥ A K Q	<sup>1</sup> 5-4-4-0			
♦ A K Q J	<sup>2</sup> Sitting on the fence			
♣ A K Q J 10	<sup>3</sup> 7-6-0-0			
♠ A J 10 9 8	<sup>4</sup> Wouldn't you			
♥ —	<sup>5</sup> Less than 13 points			
♦ 5 4 3 2	<sup>6</sup> Falling off the fence			
♣ 5 4 3 2	<sup>7</sup> Confidence in the system			

For those of you who are interested (and who wouldn't be) I propose to offer this great work for two shillings and six pence per copy, or, if I can persuade Terrence Reese to write the forward, at one guinea per vol. It is my intention to include 2,000 explanatory hands in the form off an appendix, which, if not required, may be painlessly removed without extra cost under the National Health Scheme.

## THE KLINGER QUIZ

Ron Klinger

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

Playing Teams  
Dealer: South  
Vul: Nil

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♥
2♠	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

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

<sup>1</sup> Weak two bid 6-10 HCPs with 6 spades

West leads the ♠A, ♠K, winning, and the ♠Q. Dummy discards the ♦2. What should East play?

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

**Solution:** 4♥ by South. Lead: ♠A.

West has shown up with ♠ A K Q, 9 HCP. East cannot expect anything more of substance from West, given the weak jump-overcall. East has one trick with the ♦A, but where will the defence find a fourth trick?

East should ruff West's ♠Q with the ♥9. That cannot hurt. The ♥Q was doomed anyway.

If East discards on the third spade, South ruffs, crosses to the ♣A and leads the ♥J-♥Q-♥A-♥2. After a low heart to the ten, South returns to hand with a club, draws West's last trump and concedes a diamond.

When East ruffs the ♠Q with the ♥9, South over-ruffs with the ♥K. South crosses to the ♣A and plays the ♥J-♥Q-♥K-♥2 and a heart to dummy's ♥10. West's ♥8 has become the top trump and the contract is one down.

### REPORTED BY BEN THOMPSON

We finish scoring for match 10, with some.....interesting.....swings in each direction.

Team mates always discuss the hands very calmly, and their post mortem on this match starts and continues in exactly that way

"What happens if you win the queen?"

"When?"

"The second time we defended 1NTxx".

I smoothly headed out the door.

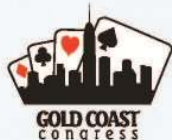
For the curious, we gained one net IMP on the two 1NTxx hands. The perpetrators were of course the inimitable Phil Markey and Joe Haffer.

### CHOCOLATE FROG AWARDS

A swag of awards has arrived for the attention of the Editor:

Caddy Jessie	Wonderfully efficient – boards appeared like magic and problems dealt with efficiently
Stephen Singer	Showed wonderful sportsmanship
Chris Williams	Such a tolerant partner
Peter Allingham	Kept his cool for four days in a row
Ronnie Ng	Sorted out a board mixup before it arrived and has been helpful throughout
Caddy Finn	Got hit by a bus while on his way to the play – brave taking on a bus
Caddy Tricia	Her service and enthusiasm as a caddy has been outstanding, above and beyond – although all caddies have been great
John McIlrath	As a director he has a great sense of humour and fun
Caddy Zoe	Very efficient combined with a lovely manner – ther perfect caddy
Chris Snook	A great director





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## THURSDAY ROOKIE PAIRS LEADING SCORES

Place	North-South	%	Place	East West	%
1	Yvonne Kergan - Maura Reilly	64.28	1	Vesna Markovic - Voyko Markovic	61.82
2	Robyn Hawkins - Julie Lowe	62.07	2	Jenny Sanders - Keith Sanders	60.67
3	Nick Bricknell - Bernice Cooper	60.06	3	Andrew Gordon - Andrew Arthur	59.98
4	Heather Douglas - Gloria Newton	59.56	4	Peter Leggo - Daphne Leggo	57.02
5	Donna Gillies - Mark Loewenthal	58.50	5	Peter Green - Sue Green	54.66
6	Tom Ferris - Lee Chenoweth	55.88	6	Pam Schiller - Judith Zillman	53.82
7	Ian Nicholson - Jenny Nicholson	50.90	7	Graeme Seaton - Therese Knauer	53.42
8	Selby Downing - Marie Downing	49.55	8	Jane Gordon - Marjory Harms	53.11
9	Megan Du Plessis - Margy Roskam	49.27	9	Phillip Douglas - Deborah Nilsson	52.86
10	Bernadette Dwyer - Charles Rees	48.56	10	Edna Brown - Cathy Legh	51.99



**Winners N/S of the Thursday Rookies**  
Yvonne Kergan and Maura Reilly



**Winners E/W of the Thursday Rookies**  
Vesna Markovic - Voyko Markovic

### FINAL QUALIFYING SCORES AFTER 12 ROUNDS - OPEN

Place	No.	Team Members					Score
1	9	F Hinden - G Osborne - R Cooper - K Dyke					168.81
2	5	J Carruthers - J Silver - J Gartaganis - N Gartaganis - M Mullamphy - R Klinger					167.65
3	13	B Hirst - P Gue - S Eginton - G Hyett - D Weston - J Foster					161.03
4	40	V Bouton - S Williams - F Rew - J Brake - B Johnston					160.61
5	7	P Hackett - R O'Shea - D Patterson - J Hackett - J Hackett - J Sansom					157.52
6	16	P Buchen - I Thomson - M Yuen - N Stock					157.50
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
7	15	Sime	157.27	117	128	McAlister	119.13
8	55	De Luca	156.04	118	59	Mellings	118.90
9	26	Otvosi	156.03	119	188	Lee	118.50
10	18	Thompson	155.56	120	50	Chadwick	118.47
11	1	Ware	155.33	121	132	Shennan	118.42
12	33	Davies	154.22	122	156	Yuill	118.01
13	35	Fischer	153.86	123	191	Barfoot	117.05
14	11	McCallum	153.31	124	172	Holloway	116.41
15	8	Haffer	153.09	125	196	King	116.15
16	44	Dawson	152.81	126	202	McCarthy	116.04
17	22	Jacob	151.95	127	92	Kahn	115.97
18	39	Gower	151.49	128	100	A Bailey	115.72
19	78	Badley	149.30	129	164	Plummer	115.67
20	29	Mill	148.81	130	103	Murray-White	115.66
21	14	Harper	147.62	131	43	McLeish	115.56
22	19	Burke	146.45	132	66	Steinwedel	114.94
23	83	McDonald	146.20	133	95	Perrin	114.51
24	10	Van Der Vlugt	145.88	134	111	Grant	114.45
25	107	Tredrea	144.34	135	146	De Nett	114.17
26	12	Kozakos	143.28	136	137	Wanz	114.08



**FINAL QUALIFYING SCORES AFTER 12 ROUNDS - OPEN**

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
27	34	Brown	143.14	137	135	Harrison	114.03
28	41	Cartner	143.09	138	153	Stanton	113.91
29	28	Simpson	141.53	139	215	Grieve	113.63
30	49	Adler	141.45	140	143	Keenan	113.47
31	47	Chen	141.37	141	101	Lewis	113.40
32	2	Braun	141.25	142	56	Berger	113.23
33	86	Glover	141.22	143	152	Bourke	113.22
34	102	Bugeia	140.68	144	149	Howes	113.10
35	58	Dennison	140.01	145	166	Blinco	113.02
36	3	Cornell	139.88	146	113	Medhat	112.98
37	4	Kanetkar	139.54	147	73	Mottram	112.67
38	159	Kingham	139.47	148	189	Dalziel	112.62
39	32	Francis	139.40	149	169	Krosch	112.58
40	62	Mundell	138.28	150	186	Cordingley	112.57
41	112	Berry	138.24	151	125	T Allen	112.52
42	27	Giura	137.71	152	85	French	112.28
43	70	Macleod	137.53	153	192	Baguley	112.03
44	106	Kruiniger	136.95	154	157	Doddridge	111.68
45	42	Sophonpanich	136.83	155	218	Martelletti	111.54
46	75	Mott	136.82	156	64	Boulton	111.51
47	38	Ingham	136.75	157	139	Nichols	111.50
48	53	Wallis	136.73	158	150	Buckley	111.42
49	21	Wylie	136.66	159	178	Rudzyn	111.05
50	25	Crichton	136.27	160	87	Gaspar	111.04
51	6	Edgton	136.20	161	168	Scrivens	110.54
52	98	Martin	136.15	162	120	Pisko	110.30
53	69	Weathered	135.01	163	93	Thorp	109.14
54	24	Mayo	134.57	164	129	Moore	108.71
55	110	Domichi	134.49	165	194	Dormer	108.43
56	104	Belonogoff	133.66	166	74	Arnold	108.29
57	52	Collins	132.89	167	155	Quigley	107.89
58	31	Watts	132.73	168	51	Moritz	107.65
59	221	Matskows	132.17	169	158	Shugg	106.95
60	71	Gidley-Baird	132.12	170	183	Baker	106.55
61	48	Ward	132.10	171	122	Weerasinghe	106.14
62	30	Jones	131.88	172	207	Spilsbury	106.06
63	79	Abdelhamid	131.76	173	117	Doust	106.02
64	126	Glasson	130.65	174	105	Allanson	105.14
65	46	Yao	130.58	175	94	Lorraway	104.89
66	36	Pemberton	130.00	176	97	Soutter	104.78
67	162	Kovacs	129.90	177	130	Morrison	103.75
68	119	Fleischer	129.40	178	187	John Rose	103.58
69	224	Woodhead	128.80	179	123	Mitchell	103.39
70	45	J Reynolds	128.26	180	180	Hewson	103.16
71	198	Bayliss	128.11	181	220	Scott	102.88
72	67	Finikiotis	127.49	182	138	Webber	102.62
73	60	Lynn	127.45	183	99	Evans	102.50
74	68	Wilks	127.43	184	199	Campbell	102.36
75	84	Abrams	126.85	185	170	Warnock	101.97
76	127	Berzins	126.76	185	140	Stewart	101.97
77	57	Kaplan	126.67	187	89	G Allen	101.55
78	177	Birss	126.43	188	163	Delcourt	101.43
79	136	Fletcher	126.35	189	181	Trigg	100.45
80	116	Gunner	126.24	190	182	Hoole	100.39
81	76	Gray	126.01	191	206	Jay	100.21
82	77	Kefford	125.96	191	213	Julie Rose	100.21
83	144	Fox	125.55	193	193	Mountjoy	100.14
84	114	Clarke	125.33	194	179	Cooke	99.96
85	63	Faranda	125.22	195	222	Knight	99.01
86	115	Valentine	125.19	196	161	Noonan	98.22
87	90	Phillips	124.87	197	225	Orsborn	97.79
88	20	Callaghan	124.76	198	219	Spencer	97.12
88	91	Zeller	124.76	199	165	Fernon	97.06

**FINAL QUALIFYING SCORES AFTER 12 ROUNDS - OPEN**

Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
90	54	Driscoll	124.72	200	141	Biddick	97.03
91	82	Mangos	124.68	201	216	Ham	96.97
92	174	Nilsson	124.49	202	208	Geare	96.59
93	108	Bugler	124.35	203	201	Hazell	96.44
94	72	Dibley	124.13	204	190	I Bailey	96.00
95	203	Read	123.57	205	167	Seal	95.87
96	171	Watson	123.24	206	142	Nicholson	95.25
97	17	Cheval	123.09	207	223	Hancox	94.49
98	81	Bodycote	122.95	208	131	Goodall	93.85
99	23	Lockwood	122.75	209	88	Gehrke	93.59
100	197	Barda	122.71	210	151	Carroll	92.80
101	134	Small	122.68	211	109	Andrew	92.57
102	133	Toon	122.40	212	210	Goodwin	89.52
103	65	Brockwell	121.93	213	200	Andrews	89.31
104	145	Tuxworth	121.47	214	226	Gue	88.60
105	96	D Coats	120.97	215	214	Neels	88.49
106	173	Morris	120.91	216	217	Fardoullys	87.88
107	118	Maguire	120.80	217	160	Leach	86.78
108	154	Stoneman	120.32	218	212	Page	86.49
109	211	Ajzner	120.28	219	147	Gibbs	85.94
110	37	Bolt	119.75	220	204	Van Wyck	85.48
111	124	Gilfoyle	119.64	221	184	Bach	83.81
112	148	McFall	119.54	222	80	Abbenbroek	83.62
113	175	Schoutrop	119.38	223	195	Hanson	82.70
114	205	Inglis	119.31	224	176	Parkin	82.59
115	61	Jeffery	119.24	225	209	E Coats	82.01
116	121	S Reynolds	119.18	226	185	Redhead	41.89

**FINAL QUALIFYING SCORES AFTER 12 ROUNDS - SENIORS**

Place	No.	Team Members					Score
1	1	R Brightling - D Hoffman - R Krochmalik - P Lavings					172.78
2	2	Z Nagy - D Middleton - N Ewart - D Smith					166.13
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
3	10	Waters	159.50	20	7	P Jeffery	122.06
4	3	Short	155.69	21	36	Perera	121.99
5	17	McKinnon	138.15	22	14	Woodhall	120.07
6	11	Guy	137.93	23	19	Luck	118.62
7	8	Butts	135.72	24	22	Lane	114.20
8	16	Palmer	135.45	25	34	Carr	112.85
9	9	Klofa	132.28	26	25	Rusher	111.66
10	6	Chan	129.84	27	30	Lawrie	107.07
11	5	Zines	126.81	28	20	Harman	106.84
12	13	Strasser	125.65	29	28	Macaulay	97.82
13	12	Kahler	124.55	30	35	Brown	97.08
14	24	Jackson	124.19	31	29	Stephenson	93.41
15	4	Walsh	123.67	32	23	Dudley	92.39
16	21	Davis	123.27	33	31	Carmichael	88.59
17	18	Gough	122.90	34	32	Lee	86.42
18	33	Oyston	122.53	35	27	Rooney	82.03
19	15	Smith	122.38	36	26	H Jeffery	68.78

**FINAL QUALIFYING SCORES AFTER 12 ROUNDS - INTERMEDIATE**

Place	No.	Team Members					Score
1	81	K Hajmasi - A Michl - J Whale - B Whale					165.66
2	8	A Lohmann - D Cameron - J Randall - P Randall					161.97
Place	No.	Team	Score	Place	No.	Team	Score
3	17	Roxburgh	161.54	45	45	J Williamson	118.69
4	42	Packer	154.62	46	66	McMaster	118.18
5	18	Bailey	152.99	47	41	Holewa	118.03
6	86	Humphrey	151.45	48	36	McNaughton	117.19
7	19	Sadigh	148.99	49	47	Schmalkuche	116.53
8	11	Corry	144.81	50	9	Lowe	116.46
9	3	Donovan	142.56	51	85	Rolls	115.39

**FINAL QUALIFYING SCORES AFTER 12 ROUNDS - INTERMEDIATE**

Place	No.	Team Members					Score
10	61	Armstrong	142.21	52	32	Delaney	115.03
11	39	Ward	141.62	53	76	Logan	114.99
12	6	Rogers	141.38	54	60	Gooley	114.83
13	1	Jane Swanson	139.00	55	13	Kite	113.79
14	21	Gosney	138.72	56	20	Carr	111.85
15	14	Tucker	138.55	57	56	Wippell	111.29
16	16	Mander	137.22	58	7	Keating	111.23
17	82	Snelling	137.20	59	52	Stuart	110.49
18	80	Deaker	137.15	60	79	Rohald	109.49
19	23	Richards	136.83	61	54	Rayani	109.29
20	24	Giles	134.24	62	33	Weaver	109.20
21	37	J Rossiter-Nuttall	132.55	63	40	Steinhardt	107.52
22	74	Zulfiqar	131.73	64	62	Cook	107.32
23	34	Clift	131.58	65	51	Codognotto	106.73
24	83	Haslett	131.43	66	46	Cockbill	106.51
25	31	Hyland	130.30	67	22	Sear	105.81
26	35	Hurst	128.88	68	27	Anderson	105.37
27	57	Coppin	128.76	69	59	Davis	104.60
28	10	Bell	128.51	70	71	Hoschke	104.29
29	64	Haley	127.86	71	69	Knox	104.25
30	70	Nikolic	127.13	72	26	Innes	102.09
31	67	Ramsund	126.70	73	28	Munro	102.01
32	2	Wylie	125.58	74	65	Lynch	101.80
33	12	Sheldrake	125.32	75	4	Sleat	101.35
34	5	Tomlinson	124.70	76	72	Tomalak	101.28
35	73	Barber	124.47	77	68	B Rossiter-Nuttall	98.02
36	84	Zink	124.26	78	77	Gunner	97.65
37	25	McLay	123.44	79	48	Cotton	95.85
38	29	M Williamson	123.10	80	78	Jacobs	95.14
39	75	Jenny Swanson	121.61	81	58	Routley	92.02
40	63	Stick	120.64	82	53	Sutherland	86.79
41	15	Van Bakel	119.67	83	43	Burgess	86.15
42	44	Dean	119.54	84	55	Rosengren	82.30
43	49	Power	119.18	85	50	Fenwicke	78.38
44	38	Houlton	118.86	86	30	Winter	77.13

**FINAL QUALIFYING SCORES AFTER 12 ROUNDS - RESTRICTED**

Place	No.	Team Members					Score
1	49	N Walsh - D Poulton - L Yoffa - J Thomas					166.61
2	1	H Van Weeren - P Clarke - J Conroy - J Blenkey					163.52
Place	No.	Team Members					Score
3	88	Kalma	153.05	46	71	Lane	118.54
4	4	Coventry	152.98	47	45	Włodarczyk	118.34
5	82	Bowers	151.56	48	12	Frost	118.24
6	42	Sylvester	148.44	49	9	Sommerton	118.21
7	13	R Smith	147.49	50	15	Allen	117.47
8	61	Bannister	145.25	51	2	Dunlop	114.92
9	20	Chaffey	144.50	52	41	C Webb	114.70
10	81	Chatterton	143.94	53	79	Quilty	114.68
11	18	Bakas	143.35	54	67	Clarke	114.51
12	3	Price	143.19	55	54	Rosetta	114.22
13	21	Duncan	140.65	56	46	Brink	114.02
14	59	Miller	140.18	57	25	Cahill	113.60
15	11	Riley	138.76	58	58	Bellis	113.17
16	23	Morahan	138.64	59	85	Skarupsky	112.95
17	84	K Smith	137.76	60	32	Knight	112.79
18	62	Kommeren	137.28	61	14	Parmenter	110.89
19	60	Rooke	136.32	62	78	Mabin	110.48
20	34	Bunworth	135.85	63	56	Gibney	110.31
21	5	Rydon	135.58	64	33	P Webb	109.65
22	28	Wright	132.43	65	53	Bustany	108.92
23	26	Koster	130.89	66	29	Trengove	108.48
24	10	Treloar	130.24	67	35	Hall	106.87



### FINAL QUALIFYING SCORES AFTER 12 ROUNDS - RESTRICTED

Place	No.	Team Members					Score
25	72	Hartley	129.70	68	48	Beyer	106.66
26	17	Thillainathan	128.95	69	83	Kerr	104.85
27	7	Opray	128.92	70	16	Paterson	104.00
28	77	Woodbury	128.85	71	39	Hooper	103.86
29	52	Morgan	128.30	72	68	Michelsson	103.75
30	66	Dey	127.30	73	36	Chatfield	103.04
31	69	Russell	127.20	74	31	Hapeta	103.00
32	76	Macdonald	126.38	75	19	Crooke	101.81
33	70	Singer	125.34	76	74	Delgado	101.63
34	47	Egan	124.93	77	87	Cliffin	101.54
35	6	Heck	124.36	78	37	Musgrave	98.48
35	50	Bowen-Thomas	124.36	79	51	G Smith	96.89
37	57	Macintosh	122.80	80	8	Sivewright	96.13
38	22	Hart	122.69	81	64	Nilsson	94.31
39	55	Ledger	121.78	82	75	Reid	94.24
40	43	Simon	121.58	83	73	Chappell	92.45
41	44	Nugent	120.25	84	24	Junge	89.39
42	40	Mathieson	120.06	85	27	Caddy	87.59
43	30	Merrin	120.02	86	63	Gilder	85.79
44	80	Lenton	119.62	87	65	Vary	75.48
45	38	Little	118.98	88	86	Haslett	67.99

### FINAL QUALIFYING SCORES AFTER 12 ROUNDS - NOVICE

Place	No.	Team Members					Score
1	24	A Delorenzo - L Shonk - E Voveris - J Thomas					165.47
2	11	D McAuliffe - P Barnett - M Coote - J Harvey					155.80
Place	No.	Team Members					Score
3	13	Bain	150.18	16	21	Sheldrake	115.78
4	1	Hurst	141.16	17	3	Northey	115.74
5	20	Innes	141.08	18	18	Eather	114.84
6	7	Mathieson	139.13	19	8	Sharp	114.63
7	5	Reilly	133.48	20	14	N Anderson	110.04
8	23	Carter	130.60	21	16	Davey	108.59
9	19	A Anderson	128.16	22	27	Bailey	104.67
10	26	Dunworth	125.95	23	6	Metcalfe	103.90
11	10	Burke	125.53	24	28	Treloar	103.31
12	15	Howitt	121.33	25	22	Kendall	98.90
13	12	Bunting	120.37	26	17	Muller	90.81
14	4	Devrell	118.44	27	9	Clark	89.41
15	2	Gibbards	116.94	28	25	Waters	75.76

## SESSION 2 HOLIDAY PAIRS 2 - LEADING SCORES

Place	North-South	%	Place	East West	%
1	Johan Roose - Judith Roose-Driver	61.08	1	Barbara Hackett - Roger O'Shea	59.68
2	Justine Beaumont - Jenny Mendick	56.94	2	Steve Murray - Ann Murray	57.52
3	Marge Scott - Jane Jordan	54.17	3	Anne Moase - Penny Talley	55.59
4	Michelle Behrens - Jenny Mawson	53.19	4	Barbara Kent - Neil Strutton	53.61
5	Margaret Baker - Margaret Munro	51.96	5	Florence Gibbons - Joy Mantello	53.37
6	Dianne Mullin - Eddie Mullin	51.71	6	Anne Alexander - Alan Corkhill	52.89
7	Christine Houghton - Wayne Houghton	51.58	7	Zacharia Davidson - Daina Davidson	48.39
8	Victor Hansom - Dennis Watkinson	50.33	7	John Martin - Colleen Kelly	48.39
9	Kelly hapman - Renate Pettit	50.18	9	Vesna Markovic - Voyko Markovic	47.91

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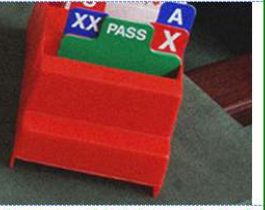
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# GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2018

	Friday 23rd February	Saturday 24th February
OPEN EVENTS		
	Q/F TeamsS/F Teams	Finals Teams
Open Teams	9:00am 2x12 Brds2:00pm 4x10 Brds	9:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final
Ivy Dahler Open Butler Swiss Pairs	10:00am 1/32:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3
SENIORS EVENTS		
Seniors Teams	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
INTERMEDIATE EVENTS (Under 750MPs)		
Intermediate Teams	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
Ivy Dahler Intermediate Butler Swiss Pairs	10:00am 1/32:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3
RESTRICTED EVENTS (Under 300MPs)		
Restricted Teams	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
Ivy Dahler Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs	10:00am 1/32:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3
NOVICE EVENTS (Under 100MPs)		
Novice Teams	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
Friday Novice Pairs	10:00am 1/22:00pm 2/2	
MATCHPOINT SWISS PAIRS		
Seres/McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs	10:00am 1/22:00pm 2/2	
WALK-IN PAIRS - BEST 3 SCORES COUNT		
Holiday Walk-In Pairs 2 - Play from 1 to 5 Sess	10:00am S32:00pm S4	10:00am S5
	Friday	Saturday

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.

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**YESTERDAY'S DIFFICULT SUDOKU SOLUTION**

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

**TODAY'S DIFFICULT SUDOKU**

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

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**CALENDAR OF SOCIAL AND OTHER**

		Friday 23rd February
Venue		
NOVICE AND ROOKIE ACTIVITIES		
Novices Help Available	In the Playing Area Novices Section	09:30am to 10:00am
SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES		
Champagne Breakfast For Shoe Shoppers In Her Shoes 	In Her Shoes Ground Floor Oasis Shopping Centre	8:15am
All Golf Enquiries to Geoff Nice 0407-620-373 • gnice200@gmail.com		Friday 23rd February

**TABLE COUNT  
TO THE END OF PLAY THURSDAY NIGHT 7930**

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Note: this year we held a Friday Setup Pairs





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After John\* scraped a knee climbing over a rock, he and wife (and travelling companion) June\* didn't figure on a 3 day stay in hospital and Doctor's orders to return home immediately.

**With the better part of their adventure tour still to go and unplanned travel expenses due to their medical advice to return home immediately from their remote location, it was looking like a painful and disappointing outcome to an eagerly awaited holiday.**

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- ✓ Daily bridge bulletins; Bridge quizzes on coach between cities; evening bridge discussions in the bar!

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## David Beauchamp

David was a member of the Australian Open Team for 2017 and played in the PABF in Seoul and the World Championships in Lyon. He won the 2018 Canberra National Open Teams. He is also one of Australia's leading bridge teachers.

## Anita Curtis

Anita speaks Japanese, Italian, German & some French! She was a member of the 2017 NSW Women's Interstate team & winner of Spring Nationals Womens & is a bridge teacher at NSBC & various other clubs in Sydney.