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WELCOME TO THE 58TH GOLD COAST CONGRESS

FAREWELL FROM YOUR OUTGOING EDITOR



In 2007, I read the Gold Coast Daily Bulletins and felt that I could make an improvement on the content, the quality and the timeliness of match reporting contained in those Bulletins. And so it was that I decided to write to Therese Tully, the incredibly hard-working Tournament Organiser, asking for the job. She replied, "I always wanted you to be somehow involved in the tournament but I never thought in this capacity....why not?" And, so started my eleven year editorship of the Daily Bulletin.

I recall the first two years when I did the entire Bulletin by myself and the subsequent warm reception I received from Therese at the idea that we should engage Barry Rigal to assist. This was followed a few years later to include Brent Manley. Readers should be aware that I regard Barry and Brent as the two best Bridge Bulletin Editors in the world and the tournament is extremely lucky to have them associated with this event which, in fairness, is only appropriate as this is one of the best tournaments in the world.

Then there were the times that I had to submit drafts to Therese for approval and the point at which she said I trust you just go for it. Thanks Therese for the Trust you placed in me during these years.

And of course Kim and Ray Ellaway, Matthew McManus, Laurie Kelso and all of the tournament directors and staff who have combined to make the editorship of the Bulletin not only easier but also damned enjoyable.

After eleven years it is time to find new blood who will bring a new, brighter and improved future to the Bulletin and I am so pleased that my good friend Andy Hung has agreed to take over "my baby" and be your editor from 2019 onwards.

Thanks to all for your supportive comments and constructive criticisms over the years and I look forward to seeing you at the tables for many years to come.

David Stern

A WELCOME FROM ANDY HUNG



Well, David has thrown me in at the deep end and even with his, Brent, Liam and Barry's help this is a daunting task. For those who don't know me, I moved to Australia in 1993, having lived in Brisbane all my life – until now that is. I have taken over the teaching role in Western Australian Bridge Club as Peter Smith has handed the torch over to me.

Although I hold a degree in Aerospace Engineering, I took a decision 9 years ago to make bridge my life. This has seen me; represent Australia both at the Youth level and the Open Level; teaching bridge to beginners, improvers and intermediate players; coaching aspiring bridge players; running bridge holidays in Australia and Europe; editing youth and congress bridge bulletins; make friends from all over the world; and most importantly, I have a selfie with Bill Gates at the bridge table. And thus making bridge my life.

I look forward to hearing of your bridge exploits, the good, the bad and especially the funny ones through the Bulletin submissions box or using the phone number or email address contained in the bulletin header.

WELCOME FROM STEVEN CIOBO MP
Co-Patron 2019 Gold Coast Congress

The Hon Steven Ciobo MP



It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 58th Annual Bridge Congress. Located in the heart of our vibrant city, the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre is a world class facility befitting these prestigious tournaments.

As the Federal Member for Moncrieff, I take pride in welcoming you to our beautiful city, and trust you have a very enjoyable event. The Gold Coast thrives on tourism and I hope in your downtime you will make the most of our beaches, entertainment venues and laidback lifestyle.

This year we are fortunate enough to welcome players from many countries such as America, Poland and China. This is a testament to the events' popularity. A special thanks must go to the event organisers who have been preparing for many months to make this a memorable experience for domestic and international competitors.

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

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

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

WELCOME FROM JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP
Co-Patron 2019 Gold Coast Congress



As the State Member for Surfers Paradise and patron of the Surfers Paradise Bridge Club, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 58th Annual Bridge Congress on the fabulous Gold Coast! The Bridge Congress grows bigger and better every year and I'm proud to have such a wonderful event in my electorate of Surfers Paradise.

Whether it's your first time on the Gold Coast, or you're a return visitor, there's no shortage of things to see and do in our city. From exploring the natural wonders to checking out our theme parks, there's plenty to keep you entertained during your stay.

We're also a city that is constantly evolving. Following the 2018 Commonwealth Games, we've seen new infrastructure, more investment and a plethora of exciting events in our City. That's what keeps visitors returning time and time again.

The Commonwealth Games was a sensational time for our City. Our athletes certainly proved why we're called the 'Gold' Coast, snagging 80 Gold, 59 Silver and 59 Bronze medals. There were so many highlights including Kurt Fearnley's gold medal moment and the Campbell sisters' victories in the pool. We also witnessed spectacular acts of sportsmanship from our runners who waited at the finish line for the final athlete to complete the 10,000 metre final.

Locals will agree that our greatest asset on the Gold Coast is our community. Our Bridge clubs are an important part of the fabric of our community. It's a place to forge new friendships, engage in some friendly competition, and learn new skills. That's why I have always supported the Annual Bridge Congress here on the Gold Coast.

I wish you a very successful tournament. I hope you enjoy your stay on the sunny Gold Coast and that you take the time to experience all that our city has to offer.

Yours sincerely

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

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

**WELCOME FROM ALLISON STRALOW
President Australian Bridge Federation**



On behalf of the ABF, I welcome you to the Gold Coast, which is famous for its long sandy beaches, and the successful Gold Coast Bridge Congress every February. This year the congress celebrates its 58th year.

Many international and Australian players make the yearly pilgrimage to play in this wonderful event, one of the largest bridge events in the Southern Hemisphere. This year nearly 2000 players of various levels will play in a variety of pairs events and 1200 players will participate in team events that suit their level.

Congratulations to Tim Runting and his team for the excellent planning that will ensure the event will run with the precision we have all come to expect. Every bit of planning is aimed at the players to make the experience a memorable one for all.

Enjoy this wonderful event, be kind to your partner and your opposition, and embrace all the Gold Coast has to offer. I look forward to seeing you during the team week.

The best of bridge to you all.

**Allison Stralow
President Australian Bridge Federation**

**WELCOME FROM RICHARD WALLIS
President Queensland Bridge Association**



Another year has passed and as the President of the QBA it is my pleasure to welcome you all to the 2019 GCC the – biggest congress in Australasia and the Southern Hemisphere.

While many of you are returning to participate in this great event, if this is your first time at the GCC I hope you are encouraged enough to come back again next year. Tim Runting is the Tournament Organiser but is ably supported by numerous people behind the scenes to provide an event that caters for every level of play from Beginner to Expert. In 2019 the success of the GCC continues as proof of ever-increasing entries for the various events.

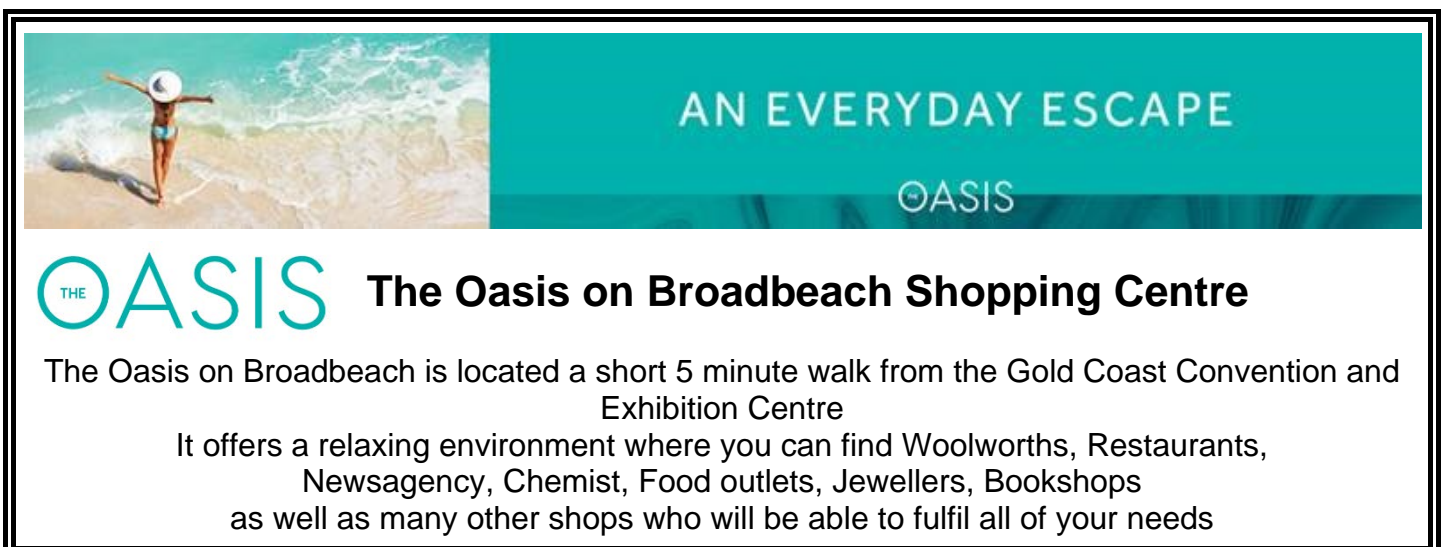
The success of the tournament is also due in no small part to the ongoing support of our sponsors who provide funding, prizes as well as goods and services. I would like to thank them for their partnership as well as their foresight in seeing the pre-eminence which the Gold Coast Congress holds in terms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

Whilst we have a new change at the helm this year with Tim, we also have a new Bulletin editor change with Andy Hung taking over from David Stern.

Please thank David when you see him around for the wonderful 11 years he has performed as the Bulletin editor of the GCC. And please give Andy the same support by contributing any interesting hands, either by giving him or his supporting Editors, Liam Milne or Brent Manley a report directly or through the Congress desk.

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

Richard Wallis – President Queensland Bridge Association



THE OASIS The Oasis on Broadbeach Shopping Centre

The Oasis on Broadbeach is located a short 5 minute walk from the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre

It offers a relaxing environment where you can find Woolworths, Restaurants, Newsagency, Chemist, Food outlets, Jewellers, Bookshops as well as many other shops who will be able to fulfil all of your needs

WELCOME FROM TIM RUNTING
Gold Coast Congress Tournament Organiser



Welcome to the 58th Annual Gold Coast Tournament! This year marks my first as the full-time Convenor, however, it would be very remiss of me if I didn't include my partner, Sue Ziegenfuss. Sue has helped me enormously throughout the year providing some excellent ideas along with her overall support. Sue also looks after the Social activities of the GCC which of course includes the Bridge Widows programme.

Throughout the year we have thoroughly enjoyed marketing the Gold Coast Congress as we visited such lovely clubs as Stanthorpe, Mackay, Gympie, Hervey Bay, Toowoomba, Gold & Sunshine Coasts and of course the ANC Hobart – what a great venue it was, and the weather was superb!

Over the next 12 months we intend getting around more clubs across Australia, meeting and making more friends as we market the Gold Coast Congress even more - look out for us on our travels!

On a sad note Queensland and Australia Bridge lost a legend in Tony Jackman this year; Tony not only represented Queensland and Australia but played in the inaugural Gold Coast Congress winning team in 1962, he was also the GCC organiser from 1986-2005.

Lastly, please again support our Trivia at the Beachside Pavilion on Monday night, the same location as last year at the beach end of the Oasis Shopping Centre; it will be a fun and social evening with all proceeds going to the Friends of Youth Bridge fund!

Tim Runting
Gold Coast Congress Tournament Organiser



POLOS FOR SALE

Gold Coast Congress polo shirts are available for sale.

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

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

GET YOURS NOW



Get 25% off at the Kurrawa Surf Club (bistro or beachside café)
Only available from the Broadbeach App!

TRIVIA NIGHT



Monday Night 18TH February FROM 6:00pm

This year the Trivia night will be held again at

BEACHSIDE PAVILION BROADBEACH

(Beach end, The Oasis, Victoria Ave, Broadbeach)

**A big welcome to our hosts:
Dominique and Tony Treloar**

Food commencing 6:00pm for a start of Trivia at 6:30pm

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

The bridge menu is below, and we hope all players will avail themselves of these specials and arrive before 6pm to give time to order their meal and drinks ready to start play at 6.30pm.

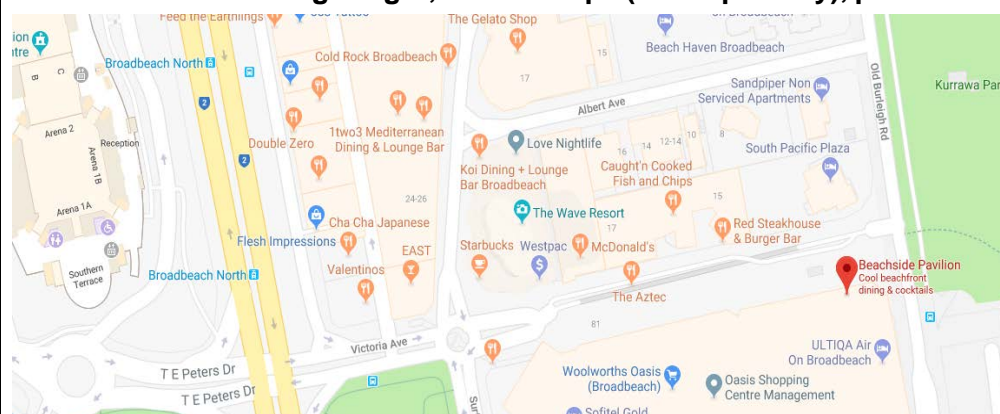
There will be a fee of \$10.00 per player with all proceeds going to Friends of Youth Bridge Fund to specifically be used to facilitate youth attendance at the Gold Coast Congress with the objective of having apartments for the week where youth players can stay for free or minimal (+/- \$10) charge.

Tables are made up of eight sittings, we will upon payment be allocating a table number. All individual/team registrations must be paid in full at the **Bridge Administration desk at the GCCC before Monday 1:30pm**, later entries at the organiser's discretion.

The members of the top three winning teams will receive prizes and other random prizes are available.

\$25 Trivia Menu Selection will be available

Pavilion will be offering burger, Fish & Chips (their specialty), pasta and salad options for vegetarians



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

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

PROBLEMS

Tim Runting is the Tournament Organiser, and Kim Ellaway is the Manager of the event. If you experience any problems with the events see one of them. Kim can be contacted on 0412-064-903 at any time during the congress or Tim on 0458-448-765.

ENTRY FEES

Entry Fees – A few players, because of extenuating circumstances, have not been able to pre-pay their entry fee. If this means YOU, then please proceed to Bridge Administration Desk and take care of the matter.

Your team or pair cannot commence play if an entry fee is unpaid.

- Weekend Swiss Matchpoint Pairs (3 Sessions) \$260 per pair
- Open Seniors Intermediate Restricted or Novice Pairs \$310 per pair
- Monday Swiss Butler Pairs (2 Sessions) \$150 per pair
- Open Seniors Intermediate Restricted or Novice Teams \$740 per team
- Rookie Pairs (1 or 2 Sessions) \$50 per pair per session
- Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs (Single Session) Tuesday \$50 per pair
- Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs (Two Sessions) Wednesday \$90 per pair
- Under 50 Masterpoint Pairs (Two Sessions) Thursday \$90 per pair
- Seres-McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs \$150 per pair
- Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs \$210 per pair
- Friday Novice Pairs \$150 per pair
- Holiday Walk-ins \$15 per session per player payable at the table before each session

CALENDAR

Friday 15th Feb	Saturday 16th Feb	Sunday 17th Feb	Monday 18th Feb	Tuesday 19th Feb	Wednesday 20th Feb	Thursday 21st Feb	Friday 22nd Feb	Saturday 23rd Feb
	Pairs Championship							
	Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs		Monday Butler Pairs					
		Rookie Pairs				Rookie Pairs		
No Frills Pairs								
	Walk-In Pairs x2	Walk-In Pairs	Walk-In Pairs x2	Walk-In Pairs x2	Walk-In Pairs	Walk-In Pairs	Walk-In Pairs x2	Walk-In Pairs
				Teams Championship			Teams Finals	Open Team Final
				0-50 MP Pairs	0-50 MP Pairs	0-50MP Butler Pairs	Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs	
							Seres McMahon MP Pairs	
							Friday Novice Pairs	
								Dinner Dance

SESSION TIMES

All session times are shown daily in the Bulletin.

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

Entries for the end-of-week events close:

Butler Pairs Thursday Noon 21st February
Seres-McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs Thursday Noon 21st February
Novice Pairs Thursday Noon 21st February

To relieve the pressure on the Administration Desk at this time and to cut down on the queues, we are leaving the web site on-line entries open right up until Noon Thursday 21st February closing time for players wishing to enter and pay on-line by credit card.

You will still be able to pay at the Administration Desk using cash, cheque or credit card. Changes to existing entries (different players, changing events, cancellations etc.) will need to be done at the Administration Desk. Late entries and changes no longer incur a \$10.00 administrative fee.

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

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

- In accordance with Australian Bridge Federation policy, all players born on or after 1st January 1994 are entitled to a 50% discount on entry fees.
- Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, all players born on or after 1st January 1999 (Under 20 years), or before 1st January 1919 (over 100 years) are entitled to free entry!

PARKING

Parking will be available for \$12 per entry per day or \$60 for a weekly pass with unlimited entry from Saturday 16th February to Saturday 23rd February inclusive.

The Bridge Administration Desk is the ONLY place you can obtain a weekly pass. It will be open on Friday 15th February from noon until 30 minutes after play. Weekly passes can only be used from Saturday to Saturday inclusive.

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

EVENT INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

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

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

NZ ELIGIBILITY

ROOKIE	Under 10 MPs as at 30-Sep-2018	Less than NZ Certificate of Proficiency as at 01/01/2019
UNDER 50	Under 50 MPs as at 30-Sep-2018	Less than NZ Club Master as at 01/01/2019
NOVICE	Under 100 MPs as at 30-Sep-2018	Less than NZ Local Master as at 01/01/2019
RESTRICTED	Under 300 MPs as at 30-Sep-2018	Less than NZ Master as at 01/01/2019
INTERMEDIATE	Under 750 MPs as at 30-Sep-2018	Less than NZ National Master as at 01/01/2019
SENIORS	Must be born prior to 01-Jan-1959	
0-500 MPs	Under 500 MPs as at 30-Sep-2018	YOUTH Born prior to 1 st January 1994 (See Page 6)

TEAM CATEGORIES

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

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

0-50, ROOKIE AND NOVICE EVENTS

Help will be available as follows:

Rookies	Sunday 17 th February play starts 10:30am help from 9:30am onwards Thursday 21 st February play starts 3:00pm help from 2:00pm onwards
Under 50s	Tuesday 19 th February play starts 10.30am help from 9.30am Wednesday 20 th February play starts 10.30am help from 9.30am Thursday 21 st February play starts 10.30am help from 9.30am
Novices	Saturday 16 th February Novice Pairs starts 10:30am help from 10:00am Tuesday 19 th February Novice Teams starts 10:30am help from 10:00am Friday 22 nd February Novice Pairs starts 10:00am help from 9:30am

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

Our thanks to our helpers: Mick Fawcett, Lyn Tracey, Graham Rusher, Kathy Males, Richard Wallis, Lyn Carter, Tim Runting, Jim Evans, Therese Tully.

WITHDRAWALS

Players are permitted to withdraw from all divisions of the Championship Pairs (Open, Senior, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice) Finals (Sunday 17th February and Monday 18th February) at the end of the qualifying rounds, provided that they notify the Chief Director or Bridge Administration Desk within **ONE HOUR** of the qualifying scores being posted. No portion of the entry fees will be refunded.

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

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

Open Teams	1.12 gold masterpoints for each win
Seniors Teams	0.84 gold masterpoints for each win
Intermediate Teams	0.50 gold masterpoints for each win
Restricted Teams	0.41 gold masterpoints for each win
Novice Teams	0.36 gold masterpoints for each win
Open Butler Swiss Pairs	0.64 gold masterpoints for each win
Intermediate Butler Swiss Pairs	0.29 gold masterpoints for each win
Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs	0.23 gold masterpoints for each win
0-50 MPs Butler Swiss Pairs	0.16 gold masterpoints for each win
Seres-McMahon MP Swiss Pairs	0.32 gold masterpoints for each win
Friday Novice Pairs	0.21 gold masterpoints for each win

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

SUBSTITUTES

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

STAFFING

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEAMS SESSIONS

Think Fancy – Think Blue – Think Sand and Ocean PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED GROUP IN THE “SAND to SEA” THEME



We encourage all players to dress in keeping with the Gold Coast Annual Theme for Wednesday Teams Sessions. The theme is “Sand to Sea” – make of it what you will! The photography will commence when play finishes and the parade from 2:30pm to 3:00pm Wednesday 20th February. Prizes will be available for some combination of groups, pairs or individuals.

PSST: insider’s tip.....theme for 2020 is Feathers and Fauna!

BULLETIN

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

- See a Bulletin Editor – there is almost ALWAYS one at the venue at any given time
- (Preferable) Send an email to the address on the front page of Daily Bulletin (andygccbulletin@gmail.com)
- Put a submission in the Bulletin Submission box opposite the Administration desk
- Phone or SMS the number on the header of the Daily Bulletin (0425-101-094)

PENS

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

ROOM SETUP - COLOUR CODING

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

Open — Light and Dark Blue

Intermediate — Yellow and Dark Yellow

Restricted — Green and Dark Green

Novice — Maroon

Seniors — Pink

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

Rookies — Fuchsia

0-50 Events — Fuchsia

Weekend Swiss Open & Monday Butler Open — Orange

BRIDGEMATES

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

PLAYER NUMBERS FOR THE TEAMS USING BRIDGEMATE II

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

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

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

WEB RESULTS PAGE

On the 2019 GCC Results Page, <http://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/results2019.php> (or if you hate typing like your editors <https://tinyurl.com/y9nu3hjs>), there is an option, "Individual Player Results." Click on this and enter your surname or ABF number (or anyone else whose results you may be interested in). You will now see a list of every session in which you played at the 2019 GCC, your score, the number of masterpoints won, and a link to your scorecard for the session. (This page will be updated at the end of each day's play).

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

IF YOU ARE "CONNECTED".....

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

LUNCHES

The Convention Centre Kiosks will sell a few sandwiches, salads and sausage rolls.

COFFEE AND TEA

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

ON-SITE PERSONNEL

Attending the congress during the tournament will be:

Australian Bridge Federation

Allison Stralow – President
Bruce Neill - ABF President Emeritus
Roy Nixon – Treasurer
Kim Frazer - Secretary
Mark Guthrie - National Technology Officer
Jane Rasmussen – Secretariat
Peter Cox – Head of Marketing
Joan Butts – National Teacher Coordinator
Richard Wallis – Management

New Zealand Bridge

Allan Morris –Chairman New Zealand Bridge
Alister Stuck – Executive Secretary – New Zealand Bridge

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

Matthew McManus – Joint National Event Coordinator

John McIlrath – ABF National Director Development Officer.

David Morgan – Chairman ABF Tournament Committee

Andy Hung – Bulletin Editor, ABF What Should I Bid

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

Liam Milne – Executive member of the International Bridge Press Association, Bulletin Editor

David Stern – Vice President International Bridge Press Association; Member World Bridge Federation Youth Committee, Bulletin Editor

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

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Appeals Committee Convenor:	Kim Morrison
Appeals Scribes:	Brent Manley, David Stern, Sebastian Yuen
Chief Scorer:	Matthew McManus
Recorders:	Craig Francis, Bob Sebesfi, Therese Tully, Richard Wallis
Appeals Advisers:	Neville Francis, David Appleton, Liam Milne, David Beauchamp
Rookie and 0-50 Player Liaison:	Tim Runting (0458-448-765)

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR

- **ALL EVENTS TO BE PLAYED AT THE NORTHERN (BRISBANE) END OF THE GCCEC**
- Starting time for the Saturday and Sunday of the Pairs Championships is now 10:30am finishing by 6:15pm
- Starting time for Monday Pairs Final is 1:30pm, finishing by 5:00pm
- Late fee on Friday events has been scrubbed – but we strongly encourage you to enter by 12:00 noon Thurs
- The No-Frills Walk-in on Friday Evening returns with staggered start times from 6:00pm until 6:30pm.
- More Holiday Walk-In Pairs and “Events”! Players can play in any event in any session, with each session awarding voucher prizes. An overall prize will also be given in each event to the pair with the best scores in: Event 1: Best 3 of 5 session scores, Event 2: Best 3 of 4 session scores, Event 3: Best 2 of 3 session scores
- Monday Butler Swiss Pairs – Open now played as 2 fields with 6x9 board matches
- Specific phone number to text for scoring errors
- Theme afternoon Wednesday 20th February - "Sand to Sea"

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

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

Please return your form before Wednesday 20th February @ 5:00pm and seating allocation will be based on the time of lodgement of your form.

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

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

Pre-dinner drinks will be served in the GCCEC foyer from 7:00pm, followed by dinner at 7:30pm with doors opening at 7:20pm.

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

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

PSST.....QUEENSLANDERS ONLY

Restricted Pairs at the Gold Coast Congress – Thanks to the generosity of the Australian Bridge Federation, a Prize of free entry and subsidy for two pairs to be awarded to the best and second best Queensland Pair playing within the Restricted Pairs at this Gold Coast Congress to participate in the Restricted Pairs at the Australian National Championships in Melbourne. Eligibility for the ANC is based on both players in the partnership being under 300 masterpoints on 31st December 2018. In addition the best performing QLD novice team wins free entry into both the Restricted Pairs and Teams at the 2019 Spring Nationals.

WINNERS – SPRING NATIONALS FREE ENTRY TO GCC

- The winners of the Team Entry to the GCC as a result of their win in the 2018 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams were Craig MIETZKE - Denis KRISTANDA - Peter BARDOS - David EMMERSON
- Winners of the Restricted Pairs Entry to the GCC as a result of their highest datum scores in the 2018 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams were Fiona FAWCETT - Catherine ELSE, and Ingrid COOKE - Sally FRASER

If you are a restricted player then consider entering the 2019 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams for your opportunity to win free entries for the 2020 Gold Coast Congress!

CORRECTING SCORES

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

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

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

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

NEW The Scoring team may be advised of potential scoring errors via text to: 0487-062-138 (receives texts only, max 100 characters). Include the following information: Event, Session/Match, Pair number, Board number, Contract, Declarer, Score, What you believe is correct. The scoring team has a protocol to follow to determine if a result is manifestly wrong. You will be advised by return text whether the correction has been allowed.

If it is not accepted or if the error relates to the number of tricks taken, you will need to obtain written confirmation from your opponents as described above.

SCORE CORRECTION PERIODS

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

Pairs Championships

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

Final Two	2:00pm Monday
Final Three	One hour after scores are posted
Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs	
Matches 1-3	11:30am Sunday
Matches 4-6	4:00pm Sunday
Matches 7-9	One hour after scores for Match 9 are posted
Monday Butler Swiss Pairs	
Matches 1-3	2:00pm Monday
Matches 4-6	One hour after scores for Match 6 are posted
Teams Championships	
Matches 1, 3, 5, 7, 9	One hour after the end of the next even numbered match
Matches 2, 4, 6, 8, 10	At the start of the next even numbered match
Matches 11, 12	8:30pm Thursday for corrections affecting Final series qualification. Midnight, Thursday, for all other corrections
Ivy Dahler Open, Intermediate and Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs	
Matches 1-3	3:00pm Friday
Matches 4-7	11:00am Saturday
Matches 8-10	One hour after scores for Match 10 are posted
Seres-McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs and Friday Novice Pairs	
Matches 1-3	3:00pm, Friday
Matches 4-7	Twenty Minutes after scores for Match 6 are posted
All Other Sessions	
Sessions Not Listed Above	20 minutes after scores for the session are posted

World Championships have been awarded based on scoring errors. E/W Pairs should not simply acknowledge the scores on the Bridgemate, but must check them carefully. Incorrect scores can change the result of an event even though the relevant pairs may have nothing to do with the scoring error. They may also affect: draws for Teams and Swiss Pairs events, Masterpoints, Playoff Qualifying Points.

SYSTEMS - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

System regulations are published on the GCC website after 1 January 2019.

<http://www.gldbridge.com.au/gcc/2019/2019GCCSystemRegulations.pdf>

Each pair is required to have two current ABF approved, systemically identical system cards on the table for the opposing pair before the start of each round. Overseas players will be permitted to use New Zealand and WBF system cards in addition to ABF cards. ABF system cards and guide to completing them are available at this site: <http://www.abf.com.au/member-services/system-cards/>

Subject to protection, **GREEN**, **BLUE** and **RED** systems as well as **BROWN** Sticker conventions may be used during the Open Pairs and Teams, Seniors Pairs and Teams, Intermediate Pairs and Teams, Mixed Teams, Friday Teams and Ivy Dahler Open Swiss Pairs, subject to protection. (Note: protection will not be available for the major final of the Open Pairs).

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

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

Teams proposing to use **YELLOW** systems should have already lodged an adequate copy of their system (including a bona fide suggested defence) with the CTD before 10:00am on Friday 5th February 2019. Such systems are available for inspection as well as posted on the GCC website using the information tab.

BROWN STICKER

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

PROTECTED PAIRS

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

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

ALERTS - SUMMARY

PRE-ALERTS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ALERTS DURING THE AUCTION

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

DON'T ALERT:

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

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

DO ALERT:

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

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

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

IF PARTNER STUFFS UP

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

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

INFORMATION FOR PLAYERS

Matthew McManus

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

Unintended calls

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

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

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

Calling the Director

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

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

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

Calls out of turn

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

Claims

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

DEFENCE IN DETAIL

Liam Milne



Defence is one of the most difficult aspects in bridge, so the deals in this year's Bulletin series feature hands that have been played through congresses, national, and international tournaments! Don't worry, they don't involve trying to foresee and prevent declarer from executing a double squeeze at trick two or anything. In fact, these hands are always about trying to think about the *distributions* that will lead you to the right defence. In other words, bread and butter defence problems. Try them out without looking at the solutions too quickly!

When all looks well, it's time to check your sums.

Sitting East and playing matchpoints, you pick up the following and hear this auction:

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

¹ Forces 2♦

² Invitational, five (or more) spades

Your partner leads a low spade and an unusual dummy comes down:

Matchpoints	♠ A 10	
Dealer: North	♥ A 8 2	
Vul: Nil	♦ A Q 8 2	
	♣ 9 8 4 2	
		You (E)
		♠ 6 5 3
		♥ Q 4 3
		♦ K 9 3
		♣ A 10 7 6

You might not have raised to 3♠ with only doubleton support, but that's not your concern.

Declarer takes the ace of spades and continues with a low club (you duck) to his king. The king and queen of spades draw all of the trumps (partner following) and declarer continues with the jack of hearts around to your queen. What now?

Seeing no particular need to play a club, you return a heart to declarer's ten, queen and ace. Declarer plays a third heart to his

nine (partner following up the line to show that he originally held an even number of hearts). Now comes a low club to partner's jack. How should you defend?

Declarer is marked with five spades and three hearts. With ♣KQx, declarer would have led a second round of clubs towards his hand rather than playing this way, so partner holds ♣QJx and declarer is down to two spades and three diamonds at this point.

Having worked this all out, it is easy to see that there is no pressing need to do anything on a double dummy basis. Partner can simply play a third club and declarer will be forced to play the diamonds himself. No problem, right...?

The full deal:

Matchpoints	♠ A 10
Dealer: North	♥ A 8 2
Vul: Nil	♦ A Q 8 2
	♣ 9 8 4 2
	You (E)
♠ 9 7 4	♠ 6 5 3
♥ K 7 6 5	♥ Q 4 3
♦ J 7 5	♦ K 9 3
♣ Q J 5	♣ A 10 7 6
	W N E S
	♠ K Q J 8 2
	♥ J 10 9
	♦ 10 6 4
	♣ K 3

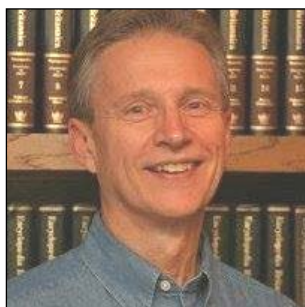
The hand looks a little different to partner after you leave them on lead. Unsure about declarer's distribution in the minors, partner is worried about playing a third club in case clubs are 4-3-3-3 around the table and the thirteenth club provides declarer with a discard (i.e. if declarer's shape is 5=3=2=3, playing a club will establish dummy's thirteenth club for a diamond pitch).

When partner eventually produces a low diamond, a cheerful declarer runs this around towards his ten to make his overtrick for +170 and a VERY good score. Nevertheless, if you weren't awake, it was you taking the blame for this sad outcome. All that was required was for you to overtake partner's jack of clubs with the ace and return a low club, thereby destroying any chance of a misdefence.

Point to remember: when you can see the winning line, take charge of the defence. Leave partner to guess enough times and they'll eventually guess wrong.

WELCOME TO NEW PLAYERS AT THE GCC

Brent Manley



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

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

These columns are highlighting common areas where you may not have discussed with your partner that can potentially cause some confusion!

Have You Discussed? Part 1

I once played in a Swiss teams match against a team of experts. My partner and I were nowhere near the pair at our table in talent and experience, but we had an advantage: We worked hard on our bidding and knew our agreements very well. Our opponents were unfamiliar partners and had little time to discuss bidding. We ended up winning the match because our opponents had some bidding misunderstandings that costed them IMPs each time.

The point of this introduction is that if you and your partner work on your bidding and discuss important points, you will improve your results significantly.

In these articles, we will focus on an area of bridge play that is often overlooked – the nuances of the various conventions you play. You will see that it's not enough to mark Stayman on your convention card. As you will see, there's a lot more to it than that.

Now and then, I will start an article with an anecdote I hope you find amusing, partly to remind you that bridge is supposed to be fun. Some might not be relevant to the topic of the day, but they should at least be worth reading.

The late Harold Levitt had the kind of wit that usually hit the nail on the head. For example: "Playing bridge without a system is like winking at a girl in the dark. You know what you're doing, but nobody else does." If you and your partner fail to discuss your agreements thoroughly, you may find yourself winking in the dark.

For example, you may have decided to play a certain defence against the opponents' 1NT openers. In the U.S., Marty Bergen's DONT system has many followers, in part because of its simplicity. DONT is one of many schemes for competing against 1NT openers.

But what if the opponents are playing a "weak" 1NT? Do you use the same system? Many experts vary the system to be able to double directly to show a good hand (usually 14 or more high-card points).

Alert! Important point ahead!

Before you start thinking about an alternative system for “weak” 1NT openers, you and partner must define “weak.” I have seen many experienced players using their weak 1NT takeout system when partner considered the opener to have been in the “strong” category.

Agree on the definition before you adopt a second system to compete against it. A range such as 10-12 is easy to define as weak, but what about 11-14? 13-15? What’s best for competing is less important than agreement between you and your partner about the range for strong and for weak.

Another important topic for discussion is continuations by advancer (the partner of the overcaller). What if advancer has a good hand? Many pairs play that all good hands (i.e., worth opening bid) start with 2NT. This will come up more against the weaker 1NT openers but it’s handy to have in your arsenal for all occasions. It’s frustrating to miss a game because of the opponents’ system.

It would also be helpful to discuss the kinds of hands you will have when you enter the auction. The Rule of 8, a guideline created by Mel Colchamiro of New York, can help. When deciding whether to enter the auction over a strong 1NT opener, take the number of cards in your two long suits and subtract the total number of losers in your hand (one loser for each missing ace, king and queen in a suit of three cards or longer; low doubletons have two losers, singletons one, voids none). If the answer is zero or one, pass. If the answer is two or higher, get in there. It becomes the Rule of 8 with the stipulation that the overcaller must have at least 6 high-card points to get involved.

While you are discussing competing against strong openings, decide on a defense to the artificial Precision 1♣ opening (or any strong 1♣). There are many gadgets for this task, but simple is best, at least at the start. The easiest to work with is Mathe: Double shows the majors, 1NT shows the minors. Other bids are natural.

Continuing with the thought, you can use the same defence against the strong 2♣ opener, but there is more risk involved because you have to start a level higher. The system chosen is less important than both partners’ being on the same page.

Personalised Results via SMS Text

If you would like to receive a text message at the end of each match with your result and next round draw, register your phone number at:

<https://tinyurl.com/GCCSMS>

The service will be operating for Teams and Swiss Pairs events, and will be available to Australian phone numbers only.

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Recorders may receive oral or written communication from players at the end of each session regarding issues that have arisen during the event relating to player ethics or behaviour. Please feel free to consult with them about any concerns you might have.

The Recorders for this event are: Craig Francis, Bob Sebesfi, Therese Tully, and Richard Wallis. Their contact details are recorded on score booklets throughout the event.



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

ZEPHYR EDUCATION INC

2019 GOLD COAST CONGRESS CHARITY

My name is Carmel Martin and I'm a bridge player and the treasurer of Zephyr Education Inc. For the third consecutive year, the QBA is sponsoring Zephyr as their charity to be supported at the Gold Coast Congress.

Zephyr Education Inc is a Brisbane based charity whose sole purpose is to help children, whose lives and education have been disrupted by domestic violence, get back to school as

quickly as possible by supplying: school uniforms and shoes; textbooks and stationery specific to the year and school they attend; school bags, lunch boxes, water bottles, headphones and other school items. Zephyr also supplies swimming gear and pays resource levies (e.g. for eLearning), camp fees and sports fees to make sure the children don't miss out on these important activities.

Many of these children arrive at domestic violence shelters with just the clothes they are wearing. It is vital for their self-esteem and continuing education that they fit in at their new school by having the same uniform, books and equipment as the other children. It is also an unfortunate fact of school life that children who stand out because they don't have the correct uniform have a higher risk of being bullied.

At the time of the GCC in 2016 Zephyr was supporting 16 Qld shelters. Zephyr currently supports the educational needs of children in 73 shelters and family services organisations throughout Queensland from the Gold Coast to Weipa and west to Mt Isa, Roma and the Downs.

Since February 2017, Zephyr has also been supplying school gear to children in in Tasmania. In September 2018, Zephyr started helping children in 2 shelters in Perth with the intention of increasing that number as resources permit.

This charity is all about volunteers. Everyone who works for Zephyr is a volunteer. No one is paid to work or reimbursed for private expenses. After almost 6 years in operation, Zephyr is being regarded as a game changer. One shelter operator wrote:

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Your Support: As a bridge player, I turned to the bridge community for donations when we realized that the size of the charity was going to go beyond the boundaries of our two families and close friends. The support from the bridge community has been overwhelming, humbling and gratefully received. Apart from the hugely generous financial support we've received, we've been spurred on by the massive endorsement of what we are trying to do. I know I'm talking in superlatives but there are no words to describe the support we are receiving.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Please hail the bus. They will have a sign Gold Coast Congress Bus in front left hand windscreen. Please do not ask bus drivers to vary the course that has been advertised as they will have to say no.

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

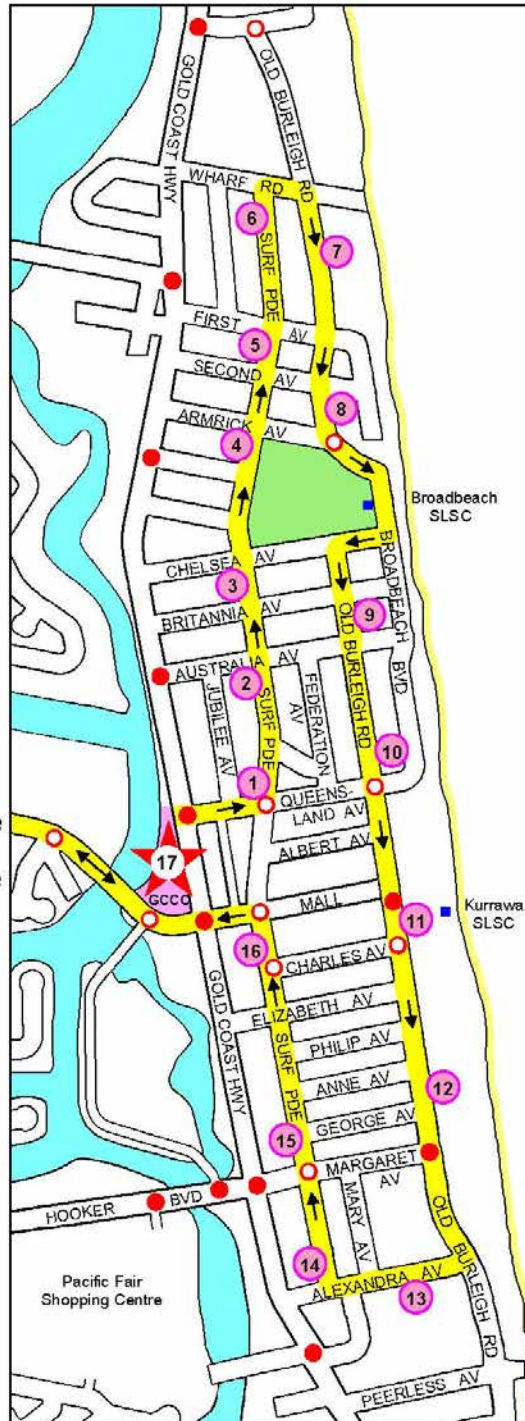
Buses will also be available at the end of each playing session, stopping again at indicated stops. Regrettably buses will not be available to take people to the dinner dance.

Courtesy Bus Stops & Route



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

Freshwater Pick-Up on Request



Unfortunately, there will be no bulletin deliveries. However, there will be plenty of copies available at the Gold Coast Convention Centre



M = Multi Level
N = Novice
A = Advancing
E = Expert

Where? upstairs **Cost: minimum \$5 (Free entry for youth players)**
Opposite **will be given to ABF Friends of Youth Bridge Fund**
Admin office

Saturday 2.00-2.45pm	Paul Marston	Accurate slam bidding using Two over One - the 3 agreements you need to make with your partner. <i>(Bring your lunch to eat at this session)</i>	M
Sunday 9.30-10.15am	Joan Butts	Working with Partner: Misfits: To bid or not? It would be nice if your side has a good fit on every hand, but life is not like that.	M
Monday 12.30-1.15pm	Andy Hung	How to be a Fearsome (annoying) Opponent in the Auction <i>(Bring your lunch to eat at this session)</i>	M
Tuesday 9.30-10.15am	Kate McCallum	Trick One Thinking – Declarer or Defender, what to think about!	N A
Thursday 9.30-10.15am	William Jenner-O'Shea	Modern Weak Twos and Pre-empts. Will's talk will also provide an Introduction to IMPs Scoring & Strategy.	N A
Thursday 2.00-2.45pm	Laura Ginnan & Pete Hollands	Delve into Pete and Laura's top 5 Conventions and find out why they have such a good return on investment! <i>(Bring your lunch to eat at this session)</i>	M



Paul Marston has won more than 50 open national titles and his books have sold more than 500,000 copies.

His talk is suitable for anyone who has an interest in Two over One. For newer players it will be an eye opener; for more experienced players it will be a discussion point.



Joan Butts has represented Australia in world championships. Quarter finalist 2018 South West Pacific Teams at the Summer Festival of Bridge. Her passion is bridge education.

Joan's Online School of Bridge is extremely popular. As the ABF National Teaching Coordinator, she trains teachers and arranges professional development programmes.



Andy Hung is a professional bridge player and teacher who has represented Australia at both Youth and Open competitions. He has won several Australian titles and

titles and is a part of the 2019 Australian Open Team to compete in the Asia Pacific and World Championships. He thoroughly enjoys teaching and coaching bridge at all levels, and regularly runs bridge holidays.



Kate McCallum is a full-time professional player, a six-time World Champion as well as a teacher, mentor and partnership coach.

Kate will be speaking about one of her favourite topics for up-and-coming players, "Trick One Thinking".



Will Jenner-O'Shea has been teaching bridge for over 10 years. He has taught hundreds of Beginners and thousands of Intermediate and Advanced players. Will has taught at most of the larger clubs in Sydney, as well as

presented bridge lessons during various National Events. He has represented Australia and won several National events.



Laura Ginnan & Pete Hollands are Melbourne based professional bridge players and teachers. Pete represented Australia at the Bermuda Bowl.

They are revolutionising the way bridge is taught through online video teaching from their website Bridge Vid: www.bridgevid.com



CALENDAR OF SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2019

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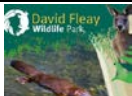

NOVICE AND ROOKIE ACTIVITIES

Rookies Help Available	In the Playing Area Rookies Section	9:30am to 10:30am	2:00pm to 3:00pm
Under 50MPs Help Available	In the Playing Area Under 50s Section		9:30am to 10:30am 9:30am to 10:30am 9:30am to 10:30am
Novices Help Available	In the Playing Area Novices Section	10:00am to 10:30am	09:30am to 10:00am 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 9:00am	From 10:00am
Fashion Parade With our Guest Models Jill Dunning & Nicky Waurich	Change Alley Oasis Level 1 Top of Escalator Above Woolworths	10:30am to 11:30am	
TBIB Daily Prize Wheel You Must be Present to Win	Foyer GCCEC		
Trivia Night Hosted by Tony Treloar Teams to a Maximum of 8 Participants	Beachside Pavilion Beach End Oasis Shopping Centre	Entries in by 1:30pm Trivia to start at 6pm	
Hospitality for Bridge Teachers Hosted by Joan Butts	Apartment 3204 Air on Broadbeach		6:30pm to 7:30pm
National Directors Development Meeting Hosted by John McIlrath	Upstairs Rooms 10, 11 and 12		
Directors Get Together Hosted by Jan Peach	Upstairs Room 10		8:30am
Parade Entrants Sand to Sea Theme	Foyer GCCEC		2:30pm to 2:45pm
Champagne Breakfast For Shoe Shoppers In Her Shoes	In Her Shoes Ground Floor Oasis Shopping Centre	 local & imported shoes · bags · accessories	

BRIDGE 'WIDOWS' ACTIVITIES

Get Together Non-Bridge Playing Partners	Apartment 3204 Air on Broadbeach	11:00am to 12:00 Noon	10:30am to 11:30am
Hosted Bridge Widows Expedition to Crystal Castle and Shambhala Gardens Cost \$20.00 each for return bus	Depart Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach	11:15am to 5:00pm	
Unhosted but bus canpick up and drop off to Sanctuary Cove	Depart Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach	Depart 11:45am Pickup 3:45pm	
Following Get Together Above Hosted Expedition to Kingscliff and Fingal Head Cost \$20 p.p. for return bus	Depart Apartment 3204 & Grnd Floor Lobby Air on Broadbeach		Depart 11:30am Return Appr 4:30pm
Unhosted Excursion David Fleay Wildlife park Cost \$10 p.p. for return bus	Depart Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach		 Depart 12:30pm Pickup 4:30pm
Hosted Bridge Widows Expedition Sirromet Winery and Tasting Cost \$20.00 p.p. for return bus	Depart Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach		

All Golf Enquiries to
Geoff Nice 0407-620-373 • gnice200@gmail.com

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	Friday 15th Feb	Saturday 16th February	Sunday 17th February	Monday 18th February	Tuesday 19th February	Wednesday 20th February	Thursday 21st February	Friday 22nd February	Saturday 23rd February
OPEN EVENTS									
Open Pairs Championship		10:30am Q1/2 3:00pm Q2/2	10:30am F1/3 3:00pm F2/3	1:30pm F3/3	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	9:00am 2x12 Brds 2:00pm 4x10 Brds	Finals Teams 9:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final
Open Teams		3:00pm 1/3	10:30am 2/3 3:00pm 3/3	9:30am 1/2 1:30pm 2/2				10:00am 1/3 2:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3
Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs									
Monday Butler Swiss Pairs									
Ivy Dahler Open Butler Swiss Pairs									
SENIORS EVENTS									
Seniors Pairs Championship		10:30am Q1/2 3:00pm Q2/2	10:30am F1/3 3:00pm F2/3	1:30pm F3/3	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
Seniors Teams									
INTERMEDIATE EVENTS (Under 750MPs)									
Intermediate Pairs Championship		10:30am Q1/2 3:00pm Q2/2	10:30am F1/3 3:00pm F2/3	1:30pm F3/3	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	10:00am 3/3
Intermediate Teams									
Ivy Dahler Intermediate Butler Swiss Pairs									
RESTRICTED EVENTS (Under 300MPs)									
Restricted Pairs Championship		10:30am Q1/2 3:00pm Q2/2	10:30am F1/3 3:00pm F2/3	1:30pm F3/3	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	10:00am 3/3
Restricted Teams									
Ivy Dahler Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs									
NOVICE EVENTS (Under 100MPs)									
Novice Pairs Championship		10:30am Q1/2 3:00pm Q2/2	10:30am F1/3 3:00pm F2/3	1:30pm F3/3	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R1-R4	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R5-R8	10:30am Start 4 x 14 Brds R9-R12	10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	10:00am 3/3
Novice Teams									
Friday Novice Pairs									
0-500MP EVENTS									
Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs U500		3:00pm 1/3	10:30am 2/3 3:00pm 3/3	9:30am 1/2 1:30pm 2/2					
Monday Butler Swiss Pairs U500									
ROOKIE PAIRS (Under 10MPs)									
Rookie Pairs - Single Session Events			10:30am 1/1				3:00pm 1/1		
0-50MP PAIRS									
0-50 Masterpoint Pairs					10:30am 1/1	10:30am 1/2 3:00pm 2/2	10:30am 1/2 3:00pm 2/2		
MATCHPOINT SWISS PAIRS									
Seres/Mitchellson Matchpoint Swiss Pairs									
WALK-IN NO FRILLS PAIRS									
Staggered Start 6:00pm to 6:30pm	6:00pm 1/1								
OASIS WALK-IN PAIRS									
Walk-in Pairs Event 1: Best 3 Scores Count		10:30am E1S1 3:00pm E1S2	3:00pm E1S3	9:30am E1S4 1:30pm E1S5					
Walk-in Pairs Event 2: Best 3 Scores Count					10:30am E2S1 3:00pm E2S2	3:00pm E2S3	10:30am E2S4		
Walk-in Pairs Event 3: Best 2 Scores Count								10:00am E3S1 2:00pm E3S2	10:00am E3S3

**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.

TODAY'S CHESS PROBLEM



White to move and win

Solutions in the next bulletin issue

TODAY'S SUDOKU [HARD]

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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 2 nd May to Monday 6 th May 2019	Entries: ANOT.organiser@gmail.com Jinny Fuss 0474-074-005 Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showground
Australian National Championships and Butler Pairs.	Saturday 13 th July to Thursday 25 th July 2019	Entries: belinda_lindsay@inet.net.au Belinda Lindsay 0409-853-769 Venue: Bayview Eden Hotel, 6 Queens Road, Melbourne
Coffs Coast Gold Congress	Tuesday 13 th August to Sunday 18 th August 2019	Entries: jon@australiawideconferences.com.au Phil Houlton 0419-486-333 Venue: Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour
Territory Gold Bridge Festival Pairs and Teams	Wednesday 4 th September to Sunday 8 th September 2019	Entries: tgbf@abf.com.au Eileen Boocock (08) 8952 4061 Venue: Crowne Plaza Lasseters Hotel Casino and Convention Centre
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 16 th to Thursday October 24 th 2019	Entries: sn@abf.com.au Mike Prescott 0435-528-872 Or NSWBA 02-9264-8111 Canterbury Park Racecourse, Sydney



Come and see us at the Gold Coast Congress 2019

VISIT THE TBIB TEAM AT TBIB'S KIOSK IN THE FOYER AT THE GOLD COAST CONGRESS ON THE Monday 18th February TILL Friday 22nd February, 2019.

*The team can talk to you about **ABF Travel Insurance** or any of your insurance matters right there at the GCC*

You can talk to us about

- Travel insurance
 - Home and contents and motor vehicle insurance
 - Insurance for your business
 - Cover for your investment or commercial property
- and,*
- Insurance for your Bridge Club

Try your luck at the TBIB Prize Wheel

Each day, 5 names will be drawn from the congress register and those 5 will get a chance to spin the TBIB Prize Wheel to win Bridge gift vouchers and a bunch of TBIB goodies. Don't miss out!



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