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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to the 59th Gold Coast Congress (GCC), situated in the lovely Broadbeach on the Gold Coast. For those who are new, my name is Andy Hung and I took over the role of the Bulletin Editor from David Stern since last year. Some of you may think I'm young, but believe it or not, this will be my sixteenth year at the GCC, having never missed a single year since I started attending in 2005. Throughout the years, I have nothing but great appreciation for the ABF, the QBA, Friends of Youth Bridge, the GCC, and many others who are great supporters of Australian Youth Bridge - giving youth players the opportunity to participate in these great tournaments.

The GCC is undoubtedly my favourite tournament in the world. I'm sure this would be true for many people (in particular the international players) who have said that the GCC is situated in a great location, and undoubtedly it is a World Class example of how a Bridge Tournament should be run. Starting from the year-long preparation before the actual event, The GCC have the technology as well as a great team of staff and sponsors that help make the GCC run smoothly. My two fellow co-editors Barry Rigal (from the UK) and Brent Manley (from the US), who have been to many international tournaments around the world (as players, and/or as a bulletin editors), have both said (without a gun pointing at their heads) that the GCC is by far their favourite tournament to attend!

Comparing this, I recently attended the Falls Nationals in the US with Liam Milne as we teamed up with some old school legends (i.e. Bob Hamman!) as we clutched for third in the premier Reisinger event. In the US, they still hand-shuffle boards in many of their events – comparing this to the 2019 GCC, where a total of 39,286 boards were dealt!

Another comparison: In 2018, I attended the World Championships, organised by the World Bridge Federation (WBF) in Orlando. My partner (Sartaj Hans) and I remember arriving at the table for the third day of qualifying where the session started with a 30 minute delay as the WBF staff had not yet finalised the movements in some sections (due to the drop-ins from the R32 teams). When it was finally announced that we could start play, five minutes into the first board there was a further announcement for everyone to stop playing as they had given out the wrong boards! It is true that we do take granted for 'what we already have', and we are very thankful for the people that help make the GCC possible.

Anyway, that's enough about me. On another note, I'm sure you all have heard about the recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus. We are quite safe here on the Gold Coast, but everyone must play a part to minimise the risks. So, please remember to wash your hands frequently, and if you cough, be courteous and use your arm – do not use your hands or your cards to cover your mouth! The GCC will also supply hand sanitisers that will be available at the congress for players to have access to.

Enjoy the 2020 Gold Coast Congress. Feel free to submit any stories from the bridge table, whether good, informative, or even the humorous ones!

Andy Hung
Bulletin Editor

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Friday 21st Feb: 6:00pm Walk-In Pairs (No frills)

Saturday 22nd Feb

10:30am	Pairs (O, I, Re, N) Qualifying 1/2
	Walk-In Pairs
3:00pm	Pairs (O, I, Re, N) Qualifying 2/2
	Weekend M/P (O, 0-500) Session 1/3
	Walk-In Pairs

O=Open, I=Intermediate, Re=Restricted, N=Novice

WELCOME FROM JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP
Co-Patron 2020 Gold Coast Congress

As the State Member for Surfers Paradise and patron of the Surfers Paradise Bridge Club, I am pleased to welcome you to the sunny Gold Coast for the 59th Annual Bridge Congress.

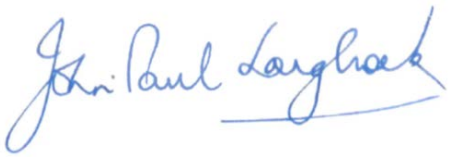
The Annual Bridge Congress is always a wonderful event here on the Gold Coast, and that's why so many competitors keep coming back. Congratulations to your organising committee!

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

The Gold Coast is no stranger to friendly competition, having hosted the Commonwealth Games in 2018. We're also home to the Gold Coast 600 and the World Bowls' Championships, just to name a few events. The Annual Bridge Congress is another fantastic event that shows our City's commitment to fostering a sense of community through sport and recreation.

I wish you a very successful tournament. Thank you for choosing the fabulous Gold Coast for the 59th Bridge Congress and I hope you have an enjoyable stay.

Yours sincerely



The Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP

Member for Surfers Paradise
Shadow Minister for 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games' Candidature
Shadow Minister for Sport and Racing
Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs

WELCOME FROM ALLISON STRALOW
President Australian Bridge Federation

On behalf of the Australian Bridge Federation I welcome players, both from Australia and overseas, to Broadbeach for the 59th Gold Coast Congress. This event has grown from its modest beginnings in 1962 to become a truly international event that draws experienced payers from all over the world. It affords another opportunity to bring together the bridge community in friendship, despite the fierce rivalry at the tables.

Thank you to the Tournament Organiser, Tim Runting and his efficient team of workers for the many hours of work that they have put into the planning and running of this event. I encourage players to support the sponsors of the Gold Coast Congress. Many of these sponsors return year after year providing cash or kind to support the event.

Bridge is the ultimate trick-taking card game and easily the greatest source of enjoyment that four people can have with a pack of cards. It is fascinating, challenging, strategic and addictive. Enjoy the experience and be kind to your partner your opposition, and the officials.

I look forward to seeing many you during team week.

Allison Stralow
President Australian Bridge Federation

WELCOME FROM RICHARD WALLIS
President Queensland Bridge Association

Here we are again for the 59th running of the Gold Coast Congress and I am pleased to report that once again total entry numbers continue to rise. Not surprisingly, since we are all getting older, the Seniors events are on a decline, and this year for the first time the Seniors Teams have been incorporated into the Open Teams. As an extra, the Open Teams also incorporates a Womens Teams Final.

This congress has been a must-attend event for myself and many of my friends for decades now, and judging by the returning entries, many interstate and overseas players feel the same way. Welcome to all players returning for their annual National congress and for those attending for the very first time. I look forward to playing against some of you during the following week.

Tim Runting, Kim Ellaway and the Congress staff will do their best to ensure that you have an enjoyable time, and keep you up to date with events via the Congress Bulletin, ably edited by Andy Hung and assisted by Brett Manley and Barry Rigal.

Richard Wallis – President Queensland Bridge Association

WELCOME FROM TIM RUNTING
Gold Coast Congress Tournament Organiser

Welcome to the 59th Annual Gold Coast Tournament! They say time flies when you're having fun, and so it is as we embark on another fabulous edition of this famous Congress. It gives me great pleasure to see the players in our Novice and Restricted fields are up, this is the growth area for Bridge which is a wonderful sign!

Open Team numbers are also up, even when incorporating the Senior's now into the event. The added addition of the Women's event (a first for Gold Coast) has only enhanced the field, as many players return to catch up with old friends and do battle at the table with new ones.

A warm welcome to our international guests – may you all have a wonderful time and when it is time to return home, please spread the word about our Congress to your friends, we would love to meet them too! A very big thank you again to my partner Sue, who has provided another entertaining Bridge Widows programme along with several social activities to keep everyone involved throughout the duration of the event. We have also brought on board several new restaurants in the Broadbeach area that are sponsoring the Walk-In events. Please support those that support us! A full listing is available in this Bulletin and on the screens throughout the centre.

The bulletins are your greatest source of information and once again Andy Hung will be heading our team together with Brent Manley, whilst welcoming Barry Rigal back after a year away – a very special thank you to Liam Milne for stepping in for Barry last year.

The theme this year is "Feathers and Fauna" – please come well-dressed on Wednesday in your best attire, as in the past I am certain it will be a fun event by all those that get involved!

I warmly welcome all our regulars as you are the backbone of our tournament – and to all first timers and especially novices - I hope it is a pleasant experience where you enjoy not only good bridge but a happy and enjoyable time.

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!

Happy Bridging,

Tim Runting
Gold Coast Congress Tournament Organiser

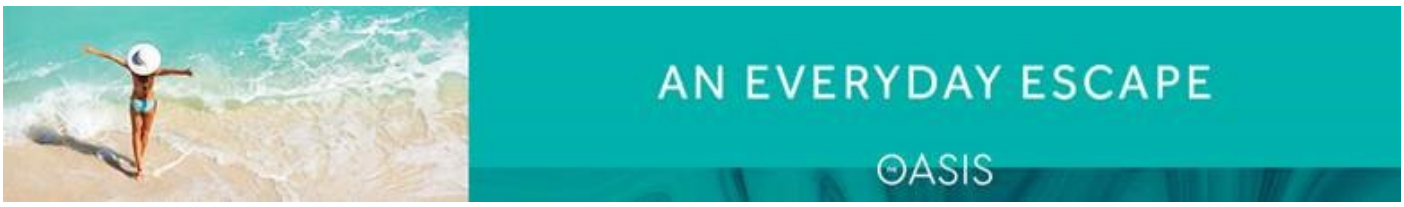
POLOS FOR SALE

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



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

Monday Night 24TH 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.

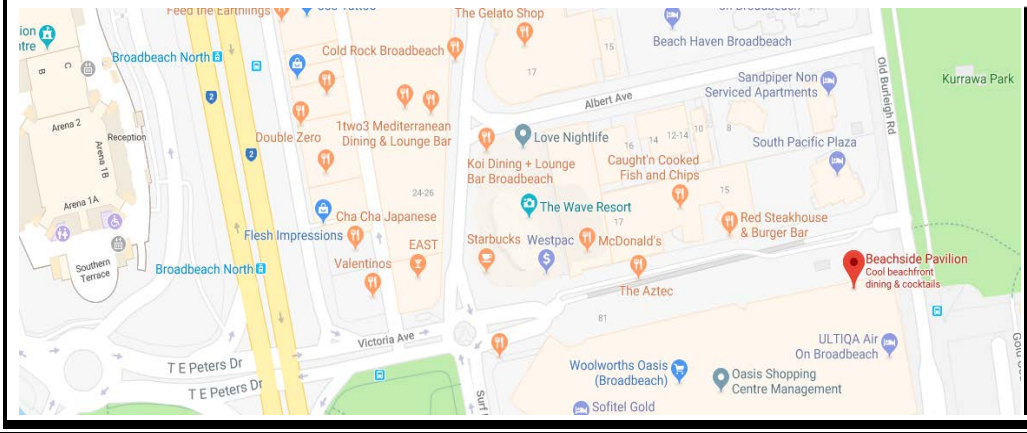
There will be a fee of $10.00 per player with all proceeds going to Friends of Youth Bridge Fund to specifically be used to facilitate youth attendance at the Gold Coast Congress with the objective of having apartments for the week where youth players can stay for free or minimal (+/-$10) charge.

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 Matchpoint Swiss Pairs (3 Sessions) $260 per pair
- Open 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 Pairsaw $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 21st Feb	Saturday 22nd Feb	Sunday 23rd Feb	Monday 24th Feb	Tuesday 25th Feb	Wednesday 26th Feb	Thursday 27th Feb	Friday 28th Feb	Saturday 29th 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 x 2	Walk-In Pairs x 2	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 3pm 27th February
Seres-McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs	Thursday 3pm 27th February
Novice Pairs	Thursday 3pm 27th 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 3pm Thursday 27th 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 1995 are entitled to a 50% discount on entry fees.
- Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress, all players born on or after 1st January 2000 (Under 20 years), or before 1st January 1920 (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 22nd February to Saturday 29th February inclusive.

The Bridge Administration Desk is the ONLY place you can obtain a weekly pass. It will be open on Friday 21st February from 3pm until 6pm then from Saturday one hour before play to half an hour after play finishes. Weekly passes can only be used from Saturday to Saturday inclusive.

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

EVENT INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

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

	GENERAL ELIGIBILITY	NZ ELIGIBILITY
ROOKIE	Under 10 MPs as at 30-Sep-2019	Less than NZ Certificate of Proficiency as at 01/01/2020
UNDER 50	Under 50 MPs as at 30-Sep-2019	Less than NZ Club Master as at 01/01/2020
NOVICE	Under 100 MPs as at 30-Sep-2019	Less than NZ Local Master as at 01/01/2020
RESTRICTED	Under 300 MPs as at 30-Sep-2019	Less than NZ Master as at 01/01/2020
INTERMEDIATE	Under 750 MPs as at 30-Sep-2019	Less than NZ National Master as at 01/01/2020
SENIORS	Must be born prior to 01-Jan-1960	
0-500 MPs	Under 500 MPs as at 30-Sep-2019	**YOUTH** Born prior to 1st January 1995 (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.

NOTE: Teams nominating in the Women's or Seniors' categories in the Open Teams:

i) are eligible to compete in their respective finals on Friday;
ii) are eligible for Women's/Seniors' PQPs (if applicable);
iii) are NOT eligible to qualify for the Top 6 Finals series in the Open Teams.

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

ROOKIE (0-10), 0-50, AND NOVICE HELP

Help will be available as follows:

Rookies	Sunday 23rd February play starts 10.30am help from 9.30am onwards Thursday 27th February play starts 10.30am help from 9.30am onwards
Under 50s	Tuesday 25th February play starts 10.30am help from 9.30am Wednesday 26th February play starts 10.30am help from 9.30am Thursday 27th February play starts 10.30am help from 9.30am
Novices	Saturday 22nd February Novice Pairs starts 10.30am help from 10.00am Tuesday 25th February Novice Teams starts 10.30am help from 10.00am Friday 28th 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, Richard Fox, Lorraine King, Helen Standfast, Kathy Males, Warren Males, Craig Francis, Jim Evans, Pamela Evans & Phil Hale.

WITHDRAWALS

Players are permitted to withdraw from all divisions of the Championship Pairs (Open, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice) Finals (Sunday 23rd February and Monday 24th 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
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.

DRESS UP THEME DAY (WEDNESDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEAMS SESSIONS)

We encourage all players to dress in keeping with the Gold Coast Annual Theme for Wednesday Teams Sessions. The theme is "Feathers to Fauna" – make of it what you will! The photography will commence when play finishes and the parade from 2:30pm to 3:00pm Wednesday 26th February. Prizes will be available for some combination of groups, pairs or individuals.

PSST: insider's tip…..theme for 2021 is diamonds!

BULLETIN

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

- See a Bulletin Editor – there is almost ALWAYS one at the venue at any given time
- (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

Rookies — Fuchsia

0-50 Events — Fuchsia

Weekend Swiss Open & Monday Butler Open — Orange

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

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 2020 GCC Results Page, http://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/results2020.php (or if you hate typing like your editors https://tinyurl.com/uhwpuy7), 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 2020 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 21.

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
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

Peter Reynolds – A/Chairman ABF Tournament Committee

Ben Thompson – Zone 7 President, WBF Management

Andy Hung – Bulletin Editor, ABF What Should I Bid

Barry Rigal – Bulletin Editor, President International Bridge Press Association

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

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

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Chief Scorer:	Matthew McManus
Recorders:	Richard Ward, Bob Sebesfi, Jodi Tutty, Liam Milne, David Beauchamp
Rookie and 0-50 Player Liaison:	Tim Runting (0458-448-765)

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR

- **Seniors' Pairs and Seniors' Teams events have unfortunately been discountinued**
  - **A Seniors' and Women's category have been introduced in the Open Teams (at the end of Round 12, the top 2 teams in the respective category will play in a 48-board playoff), with their own respective PQPs**
- There are Walk-In Pairs every session except for Sunday morning
- Thursday Rookie Pairs starts at 10:30am
- Late fee on Friday events has been scrubbed – but we strongly encourage you to enter by 3pm Thurs
- Theme afternoon Wednesday 26th February - "Feathers to Fauna" (parade at 2:30pm-2:45pm)

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 area. Table sizes are for 10 guests and unfortunately we are unable to accommodate larger tables than 10. Please advise us of any special dietary requirement when making your booking.

Please return your form before Wednesday 26th 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 Adelaide. Eligibility for the ANC is based on both players in the partnership being under 300 masterpoints on 31st December 2019. In addition the best performing QLD novice team wins free entry into both the Restricted Pairs and Teams at the 2020 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 2019 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams were Kevin Murray, Rob Holgate, Margaret Stevens, and Lydia Gibbs
- Winners of the Restricted Pairs Entry to the GCC as a result of their highest datum scores in the 2019 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams were Fiona Fawcett, Jenny Barnes, Nick Edginton, and Rhonda Graham

If you are a restricted player then consider entering the 2020 Spring Nationals Restricted Teams for your opportunity to win free entries for the 2021 Gold Coast Congress!

CORRECTING SCORES

Scoring Area Phone Number is 0456587765 – accepts text messages only

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 next to the Scoring Room.

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" next to the Scoring Room. 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.**

The Scoring team may be advised of potential scoring errors via text to: 0456-587-765 (receives texts **only**). 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.

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 4-6	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 2020.
https://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/2020/systemRegulations.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, Intermediate Pairs and Teams, and Ivy Dahler Open and Intermediate Swiss Pairs. (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 Monday 10th February 2020. 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*)
- Any Jump Raise in a contested auction

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.*)

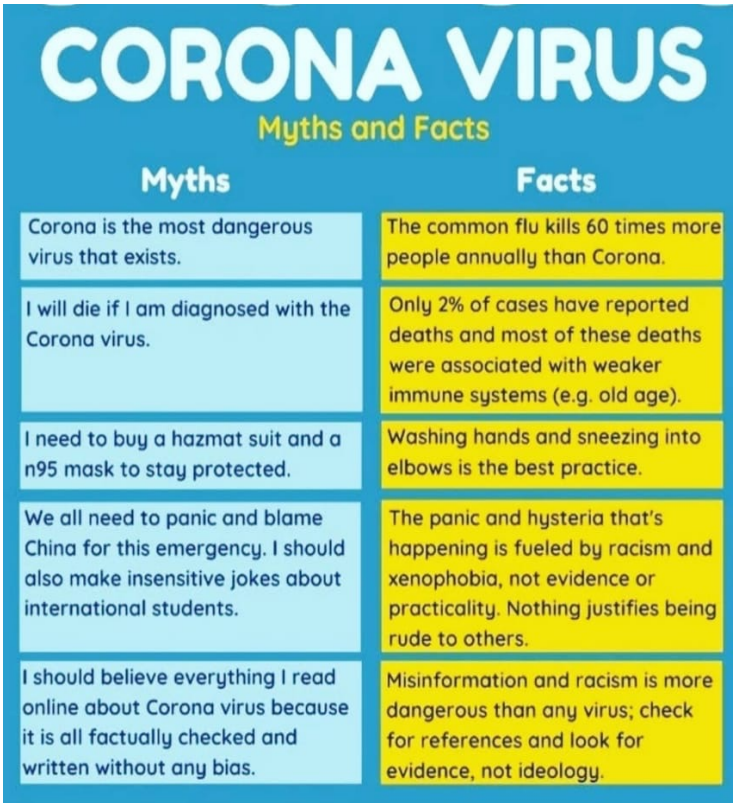
'Unusual' natural bids. These include: weak jump shift responses, pre-emptive jump raises, inverted minors, canapé tendency, negative free bids, transfer accepts that deny four trumps, etc.

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.



MEMES

An Internet meme is a type of meme which is spread via the Internet. Memes, traditionally but not exclusively, is a format that combines an image or a gif with a concept or catchphrase.

They are very simplistic, often a single word or phrase and sometimes with intentional mis-spellings. Here are some bridge memes for you to enjoy throughout the week – first one is below!

PLAY BRIDGE WITH BARRY

Barry Rigal

The deals in this year's Bulletin feature some elements of deception. See how you would fare

Sitting South, you are playing in 4♥ on the lead of the ♣3:

Dlr: South
Vul: All

♠ J 6 5
♥ A J 9 5
♦ J 8 6 2
♣ J 4

♣3

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 4
♥ K Q 8 6 4 2
♦ K 10
♣ A 10

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	3♥ [1]	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

[1] Mixed raise (6-9)

Plan the play.

Solution:

The opportunities for deception here arise from the fact that if you play low from dummy and East plays an honour, West will likely find the right defence to attack the spades. What you have to do is to give West an opportunity to go wrong by hiding the whereabouts of the ♣10! Let us examine the full deal:

Dlr: South
Vul: All

♠ J 6 5
♥ A J 9 5
♦ J 8 6 2
♣ J 4

♠ K 8 3 2
♥ 10
♦ A Q 9
♣ K 9 7 3 2

N
W E
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♠ Q 10 7
♥ 7 3
♦ 7 5 4 3
♣ Q 8 6 5

♠ A 9 4
♥ K Q 8 6 4 2
♦ K 10
♣ A 10

West leads a low club, and say you play low from dummy, queen and ace. You play a trump to dummy and a diamond to the five, ten and queen. West, knowing declarer has a likely 3-6-2-2 or 3-5-2-3 shape, will probably try a low spade, hoping partner has either the ♠Q, or the ♦K and that declarer does not guess the position.

Compare that eventuality with what might happen if you put up the club jack at trick one. That gives West an option of *underleading* his club king when in with the diamond queen, to let East shift to spades and beat the contract by force. If you do not give your opponents a chance to err, they can hardly take advantage of their opportunities, can they? Note that putting up the jack is actually the necessary play to confuse the defenders if you do have ace-five of clubs and the spade queen; otherwise West would know to underlead in clubs successfully when East's ten forces your ace. This way he has to guess what to do, with the spade play representing the losing option.

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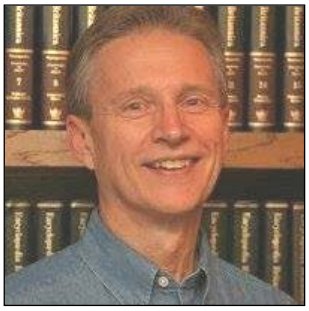
WELCOME TO NEW PLAYERS AT THE GCC

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! Whichever boat you're in, just remember, bridge is just a game (even though some might say it is not a game, but a war!).

Starting with this article, I intend to focus in this series on communication between partners at the bridge table.

Have You Discussed? Part 1

The auction, of course, is an important way of communicating as you and your partner describe your hands with the bids you make, the goal being to arrive at a reasonable, if not optimum, contract.

The focus of these articles, however, will be on communication before and after you sit down at the bridge table.

In these articles, I emphasise discussion because I believe it is important for you and your partner to do the work to assure that you are on the same page during the bidding. We will cover multiple important conventions and how they should work to get you to the right spot.

For now, allow me to bring up another aspect of bridge that I consider of prime importance: good partnership.

I often write about this topic because I believe it is critically important to the enjoyment of the game by you and your partner. A friendly atmosphere at the table is good for our game's survival and prosperity.

I have been playing duplicate for more than 40 years. During that time, I have observed many instances of bad partnership – a few times by me. Reflecting on all those cases, I have never seen bad behaviour result in better bridge from the other side of the table. When your partner is eager to point out your mistakes and critical of your bids and plays, you play worse, not better.

When I decided that not being on partner's side is a losing strategy and I became a good partner, I noticed something important: I played better because my head wasn't filled with angry emotions. Better yet, my partners' play improved because they weren't worried about what kind of reaction I might have to a bid or play that didn't work out. Today, I am a very good partner and determined to maintain that status.

If you are just starting out, you probably have a natural inclination to be supportive and understanding about what happens on the other side of the table. I encourage you to do what it takes to keep that mindset. You will have better games and, with a reputation as a good partner, you will receive more invitations to play.

Good luck at the tables during this tournament.

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GOLD COAST CONGRESS PRIZES

Out of all of the bridge tournaments in Australia, the GCC is well known for its largest pool of cash prizes – a staggering $68k in total (plus a further $5k in vouchers, wine, pens)!

Whether you're in the Open or in the Novice, it doesn't matter - the GCC will award cash prizes to first to third in most events! In fact, they also award prizes in the Bobby Richman Pairs Qualifying.

If you want to get serious about it, then you can find out the breakdown of the prizes here:
https://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/2020/2020Prizes.pdf

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

Be mindful of Hygiene

The QBA and GCC are taking every effort to minimise the risk of the spread of viruses. The GCC are endeavouring to source a supply of hand sanitisers that will be available at the congress for players to have access to.

The QLD Government has been pro-active in the measures they have taken to combat Coronavirus. Please remember to wash your hands, and do not cough on your hands or on your cards!

The Role of the Recorder

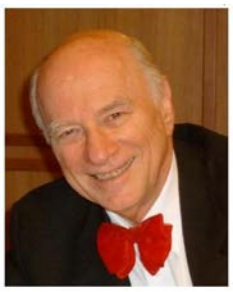
The ABF is keen to ensure events are played in the spirit of sportsmanship, and that players have an enjoyable experience at events run under the auspices of the ABF. The recorders at this event fulfil an important role in supporting this objective.

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: Bob Sebesfi, Jodi Tutty, Richard Ward, Liam Milne, and Dave Beauchamp. Their contact details are recorded on score booklets throughout the event.

THE KLINGER QUIZ

Ron Klinger



This series of quizzes consist of defensive problems, with some deals from actual tournaments. Here is the first problem:

Dlr: North
Vul: N/S

♠ A 10 4 2
♥ 9 8 5 4
♦ Q 6 3
♣ 9 7

You (W)
♠ 9 8 3
♥ J 10 7
♦ A 10 9 5 4
♣ K 3

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT[1]
Pass	3♠[2]	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

[1] *18-19 points, balanced*
[2] *Exactly four hearts and four spades*

Contract: 3NT by South
Lead: ♦4

1. West leads the ♦4 (attitude lead): three – seven – jack.
2. South plays the ♣2: three – nine – jack.
3. East returns the ♦8: king from South . . .

Plan the defence.

Solution:

Dealer: East
Vul: Both

♠ A 10 4 2
♥ 9 8 5 4
♦ Q 6 3
♣ 9 7

♠ 9 8 3
♥ J 10 7
♦ A 10 9 5 4
♣ K 3

♠ Q 7 6
♥ K 3 2
♦ 8 7 2
♣ Q J 6 5

♠ K J 5
♥ A Q 6
♦ K J
♣ A 10 8 4 2

This deal comes from the final of a National Open Teams.

At one table, North-South played in 3♣ for +110. At the other table, after the auction given, North-South were in 3NT on the ♦4 lead by West. South won trick 1 with the ♦J. After ♣2: three – nine – jack, East returned the ♦8: king – ace – six. West played a third diamond, taken by the ♦Q. South continued with the ♣7 to the ♣A and the ♣10, knocking out East's ♣Q.

East switched to a heart. South rose with the ♥A and cashed ♣8, ♣4. Then came the ♠5 to the ♠A, the ♠2 to the ♠J and the ♠K was declarer's ninth trick, +600 and +10 IMPs.

West should duck the ♦K at trick 3. South always has two diamond winners, whether West ducks the ♦K or takes it. Ducking leaves East with a diamond to allow that player to play a diamond on regaining the lead. If South began with three diamonds, West must hope the ♣K is an entry (perhaps East has ♣A).

Ducking the ♦K also denies declarer access to dummy with the ♦Q. Even though the ♥K is onside and declarer can pick up the ♠Q, declarer cannot do both if West ducks the ♦K.

An ugly duckling may turn into a swan, but at bridge, an ugly ducking can be the swansong for the defence.

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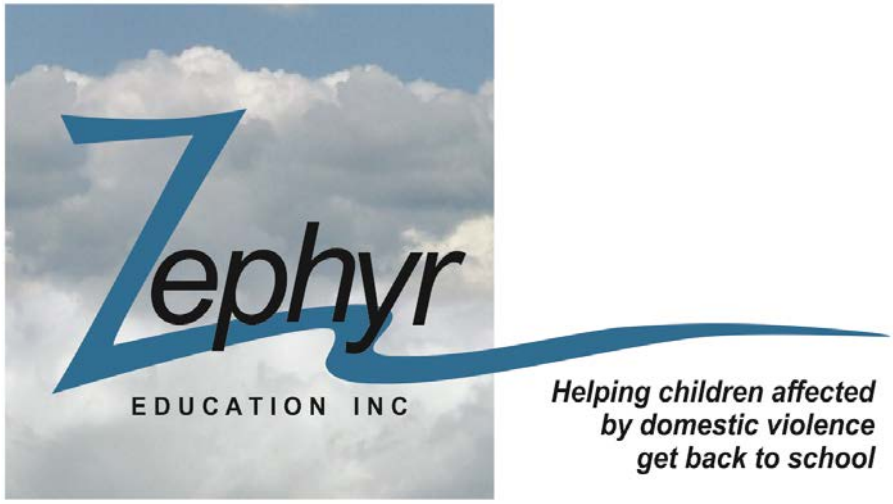

My name is Carmel Martin and I'm a bridge player and the treasurer of Zephyr Education Inc. For the fifth consecutive year, the QBA is sponsoring Zephyr as their charity to be supported at the Gold Coast Congress.

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 (usually within 24 to 48 hours) 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 (such as iPads and laptops since the level of donation has enabled us to provide this necessary piece of equipment). 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 88 shelters and family services organisations throughout Queensland from the Gold Coast to Weipa and west to Mt Isa, Roma and the Downs, all 7 shelters in Tasmania (including one that houses men and their children), and 9 in Western Australia with numbers rising.

This is a total of 104 Refuge Organisations under Zephyr's umbrella with 2800 children coming from these shelters and assisted by Zephyr in the last financial year.

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 7 years in operation, Zephyr is being regarded as a game changer. One shelter operator wrote:

"Your generous donations of school supplies, sports equipment, financial contributions to school resource fees and household goods are gratefully received by the families at the service crisis shelter.

Refuge can be a lonely and challenging time for families living in crisis accommodation. Your support assists us to alleviate some of the financial pressures that arise for families at this time. With your continual support we are helping families to get through times of desperate need that seemed hopeless, by giving them the support and encouragement they need.

Most importantly is the impact your support has on the children accessing our service. Your support enables children to transition to a new school with the appropriate resources they need that allows them to keep their dignity and self-worth, and minimises the risk of "standing out in the crowd". On behalf of the children who have benefited from your program I say thank you."

We don't meet the children we help or their mothers, so we can't ask them- but, from the emails received from the managers of the organisations we support, it's plain that Zephyr's role is vital, and often enough, life-changing.

A shelter manager wrote:

"*As always, I am so grateful for the support you provide our families! You should have seen this little boy on his first day of school with his uniform and books ready to go. Instead of being stressed his mum was able to relax and enjoy watching her baby start school. Your support has a huge impact on the lives of women and children and we can't thank you enough!*"

Your Support: As a bridge player, I turned to the bridge community for donations when we realised 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.

At the time of writing this, I know that Australia is being devastated by terrible fires and there are many, many Australians in dire need. Any help you can provide to assist children affected by domestic violence to get on with their education would be greatly appreciated.

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

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

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

In past years collection boxes have been passed about and volunteers have stood at the doors while you're trying to find your seats to start play. Zephyr is massively appreciative of your support but also concerned not to interfere too much with your enjoyment of this wonderful congress.

To that end, this year there will be donation flyers available at the Bridge Administration Office and on the table near our banner, with collection boxes in fixed locations. In this way you can make donations at a time most suitable to you.

I will also carry my Eftpos machine for the many supporters who make their yearly donation at this congress. Bridge Administration Office will be able to tell you where I am located.

The Gold Coast Congress urges you to keep up your wonderful support of this entirely volunteer–run charity whose support is aimed directly at children, the innocent victims of domestic violence.

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Fashion Parade

When: 10:30am -11:30am

Where: Change Alley, Oasis Shopping Centre. Level 1, opposite end to last year, outside Barcode cafe

Cost: free

Trivia Night

When: 6:00pm for dinner orders,

6:30pm trivia start, 8:45pm – 9:00pm finish.

Where: Beachside Pavilion Broadbeach, Oasis Shopping Centre, Victoria Ave.

Please book before 1:30 pm on the day

Cost: $10per player

For more detail please refer to the Bulletin

AIR CONDITIONING AND PLAYERS COMFORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The bus will run every 10-15 mins traffic permitting, commencing one hour before the start of play for each session (but not one session and walk-ins), picking up passengers at the listed stops in numerical order. **NOTE**: There is no courtesy bus pickup from Jupiters or Freshwater Point Resort - if you are staying there, contact Kim (0412-064-903) and she will organise someone to pick you up

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.

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Stops & Route

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13. 10-16 Alexandra Ave - Breakfree Diamond Beach
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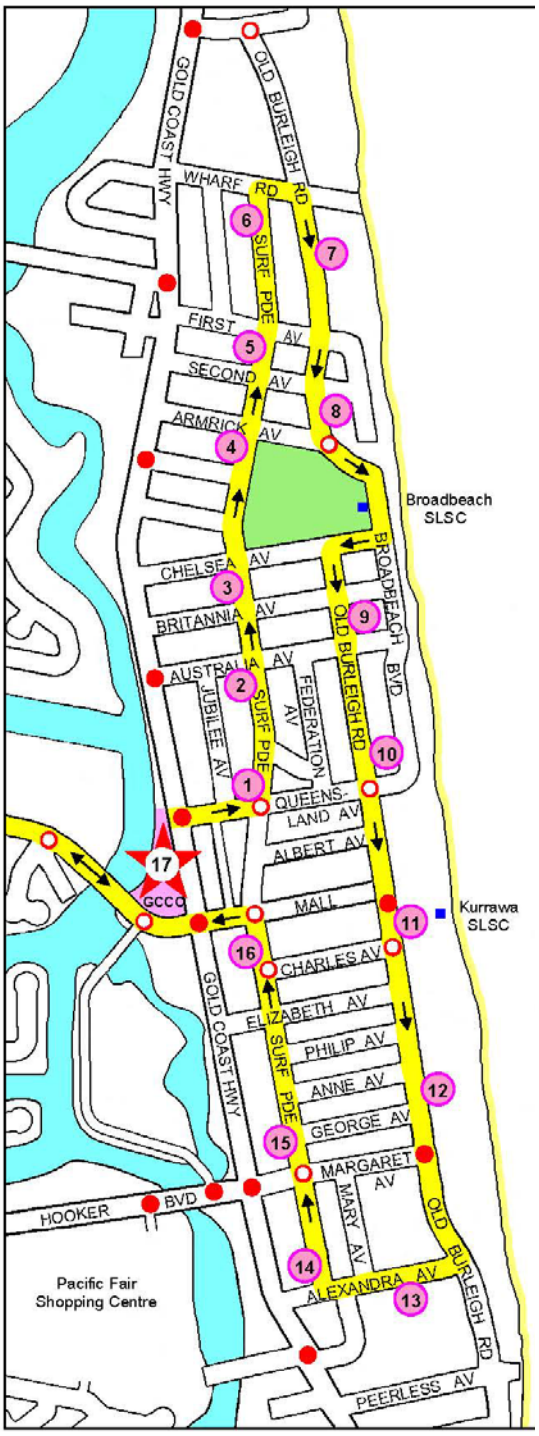


Unfortunately, there will be no bulletin deliveries. However, there will be plenty of copies available at the Gold Coast Convention Centre

Located upstairs opposite Administration office

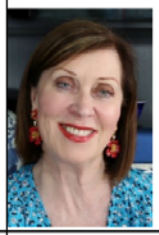
Min $5 contribution to ABF Youth Bridge (free for Youth)

Saturday
2.00-2.45
Paul Marston
Improve your bidding judgement
Four tips that will help you to become an expert bidder

- Choosing between two trump suits (4-4 v 5-3 and the Vondracek Phenomenon)
- When to grab the contract
- When to bid super-tight games
- When to prefer notrumps ahead of a proven major suit fit

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

Sunday
9.30 – 10.15
Joan Butts
Major Suit Raises- a vital decision



Whether you play a partscore, game or slam is often based on responder's decision when showing support for opener's major.
The number of trumps, the shortages, and the overall quality of the hand all impact on the bid responder chooses.
As the Australian Bridge Federation's National Teaching Coordinator, Joan trains teachers, introducing them to the latest methods in bridge education.

Monday – 2 sessions
11.30 -12.15 (for Bobby Richman players)
12.30 – 1.15 (for Monday Butler players)
Andy Hung
Expert Tips on Opening Leads
(With lead problems that Andy has faced in international tournaments!)

If you find yourself stressing on Opening Lead dilemmas, come to Andy's talk and he will give some insightful tips!
Andy Hung is a professional bridge player and teacher who has represented Australia at both Youth and Open competitions. He has won several Australian National titles and is once again on the Australian Open team for 2020. He thoroughly enjoys teaching bridge at all levels, and regularly runs bridge holidays.
Second session is a repeat.

Tuesday
9.30 – 10.15
Laura Ginnan & Pete Hollands
Tricks for not falling into card play traps

If you feel like you are always one trick off the pace you might be making some common card play errors. Come along to find out what they are and clean them out of your game.
Laura Ginnan & Pete Hollands are Melbourne -based professional bridge players and teachers. Pete has represented Australia at the Bermuda Bowl.

Thursday
9.30 – 10.15
William Jenner-O'Shea
Handling Interference After Our 1NT (And Interfering with Theirs)

How to compete to the best contract and bid your games after your 1NT gets overcalled. Will also discusses the most effective ways to interfere with their 1NT and some additional NT responses that you may not already play.
Will Jenner-O'Shea has represented Australia in several bridge events, including the World Mind Sports Games in Beijing in 2008. Will has also built a successful career teaching.

Thursday
2.00-2.45
Kim Frazer
Gaining the mental edge at Bridge

Kim will discuss one of the themes from her newly published book, ***Match Pressure,*** together with some real-life situations and hands which are featured in the book.
Kim Frazer represented Australia on numerous occasions in target shooting winning numerous Australian titles and other awards. She first represented Australia in Bridge in 2018 as a member of the Australian Women's Team.

CALENDAR OF SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2020

	Venue	Saturday 22nd February	Sunday 23rd February	Monday 24th February	Tuesday 25th February	Wednesday 26th February	Thursday 27th February	Friday 28th February
NOVICE AND ROOKIE ACTIVITIES								
Rookies Help Available	In the Playing Area Rookies Section		9:30am to 10:30am				9:30am to 10:30am	
Under 50MPs Help Available	In the Playing Area Under 50s Section				10am to 10:30am	10am to 10:30am	10am to 10:30am	
Novices Help Available	In the Playing Area Novices Section	10:00am to 10:30am			10:00 am to 10:30am			10:00am to 10:30am
SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES								
Collection for Zephyr Education Inc. The GCC Official Charity Helping Children affected by Domestic Violence Getting Back to School	Foyer GCCEC Collection boxes and donation slips available							
Fashion Parade With our Guest Models Jill Dunning & Lana Politi	Change Alley Oasis Level 1 Outside Barcode Café			10:30am to 11:30am change alley SINCE 1975				
TBIB Daily Prize Wheel You Must be Present to Win. A TBIB lucky star under a chair in main playing area for a spin opportunity	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				
Directors Get Together Hosted by Jan Peach	Upstairs Room 10					8:30am		
Parade Entrants Feathers and Fauna Theme	Foyer GCCEC					2:30pm to 2:45pm		
Champagne Breakfast For Shoe Shoppers In Her Shoes	In Her Shoes Ground Floor Oasis Shopping Centre					inherSHOES local & imported shoes · bags · accessories		8:15am
BRIDGE 'WIDOWS' ACTIVITIES								
Get Together Non-Bridge Playing Partners	Apartment 3204 Air on Broadbeach	11:00am to 12:00 Noon			10:30am to 11:00am			
Hosted Bridge Widows Expedition to Tropical Fruit World Cost $20.00 each for return bus Adults $48, Concession $39	Depart Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach		11:15am to 4:30pm					
Following Get Together Above Hosted Expedition Mt Tambourine and Skywalk 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 Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary Cost $10 p.p. for return bus	Depart Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach					Depart 11am Pickup 4:30pm		
Hosted Bridge Widows Expedition Byron Bay Cost $20.00 p.p. for return bus	Depart Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach						Depart 10:45am return 4:30pm	
Sanctuary Cove Lunch	Depart Ground Floor Air on Broadbeach							Depart 11am return 4:30pm
All Golf Enquiries to Ian Wright 0417194347 • ian83@me.com		Saturday 22nd February	Sunday 23rd February	Monday 24th February	Tuesday 25th February	Wednesday 26th February	Thursday 27th February	Friday 28th February

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	Friday 21st Feb	Saturday 22nd February	Sunday 23rd February	Monday 24th February	Tuesday 25th February	Wednesday 26th February	Thursday 27th February	Friday 28th February	Saturday 29th 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				Q/F Teams S/F Teams	Finals Teams
Open Teams (incl. Women's and Seniors')**					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 2:00pm 2x12 Brds 3x12 Brds	9:00am 4x12 Brds
Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs		3:00pm 1/3	10:30am 2/3 3:00pm 3/3						
Monday Butler Swiss Pairs				9:30am 1/2 1:30pm 2/2					
Ivy Dahler Open Butler Swiss Pairs								10:00am 1/3 2:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3
Seres/McMahon Matchpoint Swiss Pairs								10:00am 1/2 2:00pm 2/2	
WOMEN'S and SENIORS EVENTS									
** Seniors Teams Final (top 2 from Open after Match 12)								10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
** Women's Teams Final (top 2 from Open after Match 12)								10:00am Start 4x12 Brds Final	
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					
Intermediate Teams					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	
Ivy Dahler Intermediate Butler Swiss Pairs								10:00am 1/3 2:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3
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					
Restricted Teams					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	
Ivy Dahler Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs								10:00am 1/3 2:00pm 2/3	10:00am 3/3
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					
Novice Teams					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	
Friday Novice Pairs								10:00am 1/2 2:00pm 2/2	
0-500MP EVENTS									
Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs U500		3:00pm 1/3	10:30am 2/3 3:00pm 3/3						
Monday Butler Swiss Pairs U500				9:30am 1/2 1:30pm 2/2					
ROOKIE PAIRS (Under 10MPs)									
Rookie Pairs - Single Session Events			10:30am 1/1				10:30am 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		
WALK-IN PAIRS									
Walk-in Pairs (No Frills only on Friday 21st Feb)	6:00pm (No Frills)	10:30am 3:00pm	3:00pm	9:30am 1:30pm	10:30am 3:00pm	10:30am 3:00pm	10:30am 3:00pm	10:00am 2:00pm	10:00am
		Saturday 22nd	**Sunday 23rd**	**Monday 24th**	**Tuesday 25th**	**Wednesday 26th**	**Thursday 27th**	**Friday 28th**	**Saturday 29th**

Dinner Dance 7:00pm for Drinks

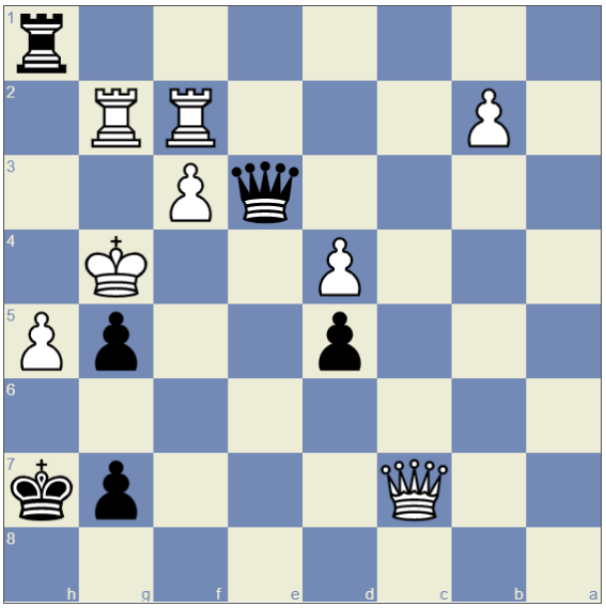
7:30pm Start

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.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

TODAY'S CHESS PROBLEM



Black to move and win

TODAY'S SUDOKU [MEDIUM]

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Solutions in the next bulletin issue

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 30th April to Monday 4th May 2020	Entries: AutumnNationals@gmail.com Jinny Fuss 0474-074-005 Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showground
Australian National Championships and Butler Pairs.	Saturday 11th July to Thursday 23rd July 2020	Entries: aabdelha@icloud.com Adel Abdelhamid 0402-433-674 Venue: Derby Pavilion, Morphettville Racecourse, SA
Coffs Coast Gold Congress	Tuesday 11th August to Sunday 16th August 2020	Entries: jon@australiawideconferences.com.au Phil Houlton 0419-486-333 Venue: Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour
Territory Gold Bridge Festival Pairs and Teams	Wednesday 26th August to Sunday 30th August 2020	Entries: tgbf@abf.com.au Neil Williams 0487-730-277 Venue: DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin
Spring Nationals Open Teams, Restricted Teams Dick Cummings Open Pairs Restricted and Novice Pairs Linda Stern Women's Teams Bobby Evans Seniors Teams	Wednesday October 14th to Friday October 23rd 2020	Entries: sn@abf.com.au Mike Prescott 0435-528-872 Or NSWBA 02-9264-8111 Canterbury Park Racecourse, Sydney

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