



Gold Coast Bulletin

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Pairs final underway

As you read this, the Pairs final will be underway – 3 sessions, ending Tuesday afternoon. The qualifiers to the Championship final are on the back page.

Mad dogs

The English contingent has been strangely affected by the heat. Three offerings:

Pairs Q1, Bd 18

E/NS	♠ 432	♠ AK87
	♥ A984	♥ Q
	♦ J	♦ A1062
	♣ 106532	♣ AKJ9
♠ 1095	♠ QJ6	
♥ J5	♥ K107632	
♦ KQ73	♦ 9854	
♣ Q874	♣ —	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Foster	Jacob	Kaplan	J'owsky
		No	1♣
1♥	No	4♥	Db!
No	5♣	End	

When Rena declined to open a weak two with good spades and a void, Richard J started with a natural 1♣.

Julian sort-of assumed this was a Pole playing Polish club and tried a rank 1♥ (majors or minor). When partner's innocent raise got doubled, he decided to take his -800 like a man, till thoughtful Tom came to the rescue.

Pairs Q2, Bd 25

N/EW	♠ 954	♠ Q76
	♥ 1043	♥ AJ875
	♦ KQJ874	♦ —
	♣ 5	♣ Q10743
♠ AKJ32	♠ 108	
♥ 9	♥ KQ62	
♦ 9632	♦ A103	
♣ AK8	♣ J962	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pomfrey	R Wallis	Melbourne	Probst
	2♦	2♥	Db!
No	No	No	

This looks cold for at least 8 tricks but Howard was miffed at missing 6♣/♠ and somehow went for -200. Mike commented that John Probst was insane as usual. The same EW pair did better on this next hand. Try to wade through the play, the ending is nice:

Tuesday Night Seafood

Smorgasbords at Café Carinya, ANA or Patio Restaurant, GCI.

If you plan to attend you need to purchase your ticket from Gerald Schaaf or Pam Cridland at their function desks at the ANA (\$35 per person) and GCI (\$30) – subsidised by the Congress, includes a glass of wine. Tickets are not transferrable between the two venues and numbers are limited at both venues.

Please arrange to arrive between 5 and 6pm so that you can easily return to the bridge tables for the 8pm start.

Pairs Q1, Bd 1

N/Nil	♠ J6	♠ 1087
	♥ 7	♥ AKJ32
	♦ AK10842	♦ Q
	♣ QJ84	♣ 9753
♠ AQ3	♠ K9542	
♥ 10965	♥ Q84	
♦ J76	♦ 953	
♣ A62	♣ K10	

South contrived to reach 3♠ on a heart lead and switch to the ♦Q.

Declarer won the ♦A and played a club to the K-A. East ruffed the next diamond and returned a club. Declarer overtook to cash the ♣J, pitching a heart, then led the ♠6-8-9-Q. After another diamond ruff, East led the high ♠9, which declarer had to ruff high (with the five) as West pitched.

Then the ♥Q was ruffed with dummy's last trump. Dummy was down to diamonds and declarer had ♠K-4-2. West was sitting over this with ♠A-3, so the ♠3 was promoted!

More English madness on the next board:

Gold Coast Pairs (Senior & Restricted Pairs at GCI)

Mon	1.30 & 8 pm	Finals Rds 1 & 2
Tue	11.30 - 12.30	Teachers' Forum on <u>2nd floor</u>
	1.30	Finals Rd 3
	5.30 pm	Carinya Buffet dinner, tickets from Level 2

Gold Coast Teams (Senior & Restricted Tms at GCI)

Tue	8 pm	Swiss Rds 1 & 2, 2 x 14 bds
Wed	9 am	Walk-in Pairs (\$10)
	10 am	Directors' workshop on 4th Floor
	1.30 & 8 pm	Swiss Rds 3 - 6
Thu	10.30 & 3.30	Swiss Rds 7 - 10, don't sleep in
	9 pm	Semi-finals start, night off for the rest of us
Fri	10 am ?	Semis continue
	12.30	Swiss Rds 11 & 12, finishing at 5 pm
	1.30 ?	Final starts
	8 pm	Vu-graph, last 20 boards of final
Sat	9 to 9.30	ANA Shield starts, walk-in, 9.30 cut-off
	7.30 for 8 pm	Dinner/Dance

Applying the Hamman rule

Pairs Q2, Bd 26

E/Both ♠ K 8 5 4 3 2
♥ Q 3
♦ Q 9 7
♣ J 2

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

♠ Q 9 7
♥ —
♦ 8 6 4
♣ AK 10 9 7 4 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Etkin		Grenside	
		3♥	No

3NT! End

Maxine's 3NT is weird of course but the play was weirder. North led a spade to the J-Q-A. Best in theory is a diamond to the jack, picking up Q-x and Q-x-x in North, but declarer saw the advantage of putting North on lead. After a diamond to the king and the ♦J to North's queen, North had a little think. Needing to find an entry to partner's hand for a spade through declarer's 10-x, he reasonably decided to play partner for the ♥A! +690 was okay since slam was often missed. This was a good slam auction:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Baker		JDR	
		3♥	4♣
5♣	No	5♦	No
6♥	End		

Yes, that's the way to do it. Here's another way:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Fordham		Nunn
		3♥	4♣
4♥	4♠	No	No
5♥	No	No	5♠
No	No	6♥!	Dbl

Sucked in for -1660.

Teacher's Forum

Tuesday morning at 11.30,
Level 2 ANA.

A panel of leading teachers will be there to answer questions and discuss teaching methods. A must for bridge teachers and prospective teachers.

All welcome.

Carinya Walk-In Winners

These pairs receive dinner vouchers from one of the sponsoring restaurants on page 3. Collect from the ANA/GCI function desks. There were 81 tables.

W & E Sheldon	61.8
J Eddie - F Kovacs	59.0
L Waugh - M McMahon	61.3
F Brown - C Baker	63.7
J Ebery - L Gold	60.9
S Spurncy - T Lange	62.0
B Noble G Bilski	65.3
P Pembroke - F Hadwen	60.7
S Klofa - J Kahler	63.0
N & G Pentland	56.5
R Cunliffe - D Hatcher	60.7
K Schwabegger - K Daws	60.0
M Ginsberg - D Lees	62.3
L Abbenbroek - C Aikin	63.2
R Urpeth - L Lowe	59.7
V Croft - A Preece	68.1

ABF Alert Regulations

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 these 'self-alerting' calls:

- any double or redouble
- any call beyond 3NT
- a bid in a suit **bid or shown** by an opponent

At the end of the auction, the declaring side should offer an explanation of any 'self-alerting' calls.

Do alert:

- all other conventional calls (including Stayman)

Note: This natural-sounding bid:

2♥ = hearts & a minor

is conventional because it conveys a meaning other than a desire to play in hearts.

- '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.

Pre-alerts

The Pre-alerts section of your

Remembering Mary



Mary at the Victory Dinner in 2000

How did Mary make this one?

W/NS ♠ 8 4 3
♥ 6
♦ J 6 5 4 3 2
♣ A 4 2

♠ A Q J 10 5
♥ 8
♦ A K 10 8 7
♣ J 9

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
No	No	1♥	2♠
2NT	4♠	5♣	5♠
Dbl	End		

West leads the ♦9 to East's queen. Plan the play, answer on page 3.

system card should include 'unusual' self-alerting calls, such as a double of 1NT that shows a 1-suiter; lack of negative doubles.

Also list methods that may require a prepared defence – complex defences to 1NT or a strong club; RCO Twos; transfer pre-empts; etc.

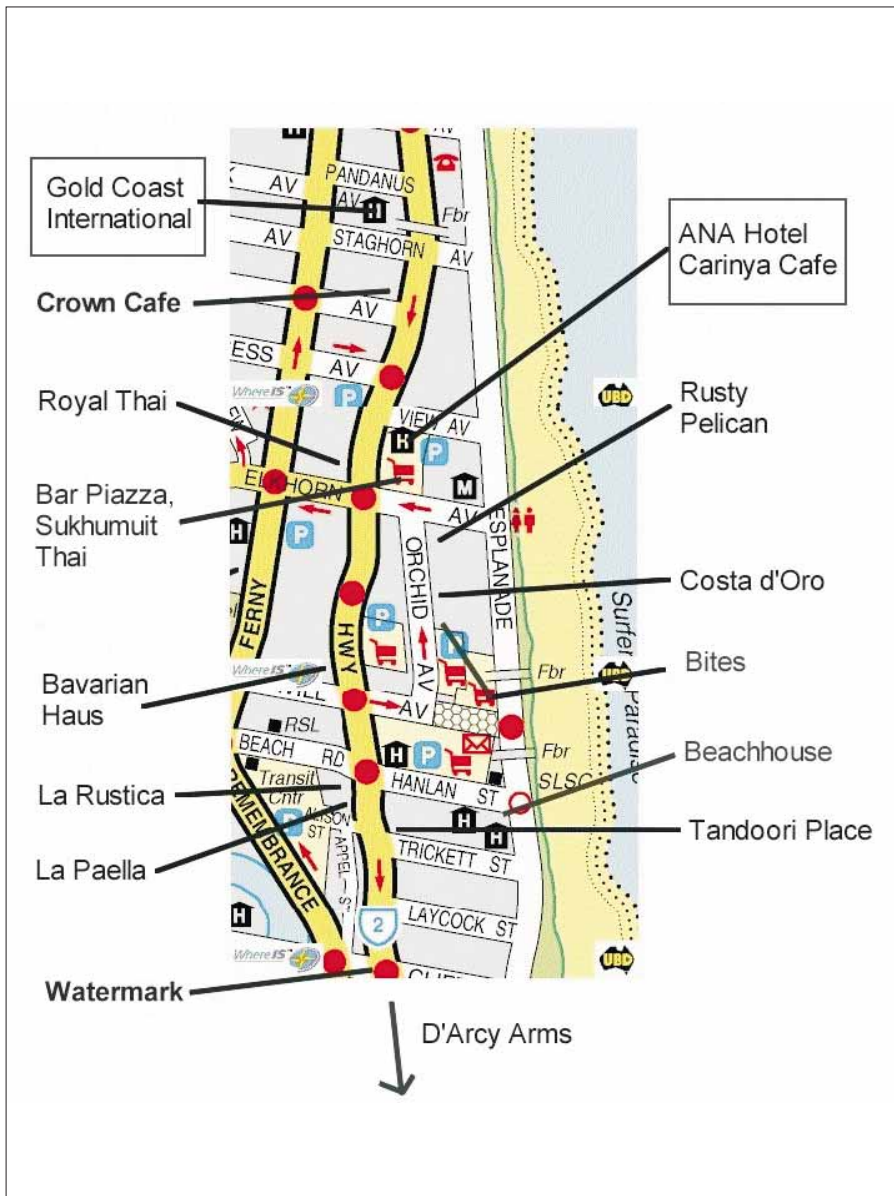
If partner stuffs up

If partner fails to alert or misexplains, wait till the end of the **auction** before calling the Director and correcting. If your side ends up defending, wait until the end of the **hand** before piping up.

This is a recording

On Level 2, Roger Penny was introducing the officials: "The Recorder on this floor is John Lenart from New Zealand. I'll ask John to stand up."

The response was a predictable "I am standing up."



How Mary made 5♠x

(Question on page 2)

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

Mary McMahon played 5♠x on the ♦9 lead. If she had played ♠A-Q-J, West could take the third trump and switch to a club after cashing the ♥K, locking declarer in dummy.

Mary led the ♠Q at trick 2, then the ♠J when West ducked. West won this and switched to the ♣K but declarer was able to draw trumps because dummy still had a spade, pitching were club loser on dummy's sixth diamond.

This hand comes from George Havas' Australian Book of Bridge. It's from the 1970 Far East Teams, won by Australia. (It's been 30 years since we've won the PABF Open Teams ...)

Sponsoring Restaurants

Carinya section winners get dinner for two at one of these:

Bar Piazza	ANA Gallery	
Bavarian Haus	Cavill / GC Hwy	5592 0882
Beachhouse Café	Esplanade/Hanlon	5531 5666
Bites	Orchid Ave	5538 8931
Carinya Café	ANA Ground floor	5579 1000
Costa D'Oro	27 Orchard	5538 5203
Crown Café	Crown Towers, 5-19 Palm Ave	5555 9905
D'Arcy Arms	2923 Gold Coast Hwy	5592 0882
La Paella	3114 Gold Coast Hwy	5527 5940
La Rustica	3118 Gold Coast Hwy	5570 1153
Patio Seafood	GC International	5592 1200
Royal Thai	Centrepoint 3290 GC Hwy	5538 0205
	(10% discount vouchers available)	
Rusty Pelican	Elkhorn / Orchard	5570 3073
Search & Rescue Club	Mark Centre, Orchard Ave	5526 8500
Sukhumvit Thai	ANA Galleria (5% discount)	5526 7711
Tandoori Place	GC Hwy/Trickett	5592 1004
Waves, Watermark Hotel	3032 Gold Coast Hwy	5588 8333

Congress Prizes

Prizes for the qualifying rounds of both the Pair & Team Championships – choice of Pen, or the book *Mind Games*.

Subsequent rounds of both – as above but also option of a wine prize from **Vintage Cellars**, in the ANA Galleria area (a stamped and signed form from the prize desk is needed). There is a choice of 2 whites or 2 reds. All bridge players get a 5% discount (carry a scorebook) from Vintage Cellars.

Bar Piazza

Also in the ANA Galleria area, Bar Piazza offers coffee and nibbles plus a range of draught beers and other drinks at excellent prices, especially during their 5-8 pm Happy Hour.

Floater

During the week, extra players are often needed as fill-ins because of sickness or no-shows. If you are not registered to play but available as a standby, please advise Noelene Rossiter at her desk at the ANA or Pam Cridland at her desk at the GCI.

Snack Bars on both floors

Fresh Sandwiches	4.00
sweet snacks	from 1.50
coffee or tea	3.00
beer or wine	from 4.95

I hate Namyats

Pairs Q2, Bd 7

S/Both ♠ K Q J 7 6

♥ 9 6 3

♦ 9 8 5 3

♣ 10

♠ A 10 9 8 5 2

♠ 4

♥ A J 4 2

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ A 4

♦ K Q J 7 2

♣ 8

♣ K 6 5

♠ 3

♥ 10 7

♦ 10 6

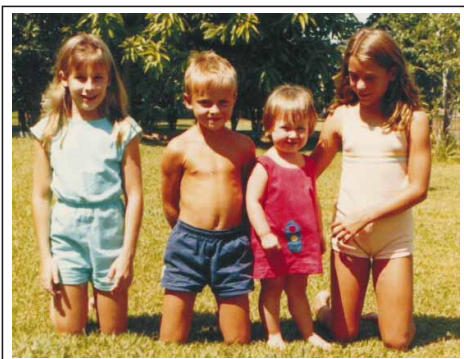
♣ A Q J 9 7 4 3 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Halmos	Hughes	Kiss	Giura

4♣

4♠	No	No	No
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I reckon everyone did okay here. It's generally right to bid the long suit with 6-4. NS +200. However, East-West will easily go plus if South has to open 3♣ or 5♣.



Ladies Man. Recognise anyone in this mid 80s photo?

Holiday Raffle



Tickets will be sold at the Reception Desks at both hotels and at the Seafood dinners, \$2 each for 3 for \$5.

The holiday prize is

Holiday for two at Daydream Island five nights accommodation in an Ocean Balcony room including breakfast. The holiday cannot be taken in peak holiday periods. Valued at \$2,080.

Spell Check

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It came with my pea sea

It plainly marks four my revue

Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word

And weight four it two say

Weather eye am wrong oar write

It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid

It nose bee fore two long

And eye can put the error rite

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Qualifiers to the Pairs Final

North-South

T Seres & Z Nagy	62.1
D Franklin & K Hume	61.7
T Brown & P Gue	61.7
I Del'Monte & A Bach	60.7
R Slobom & B Barden	59.8
G Lee & A Currie	59.7
T Jacob & R Jedrychowsky	59.0
P Fordham & T Nunn	57.9
A Hooper & P Hooper	57.6
M Prescott & P Gill	57.5
V Cummings & W Scott	57.3
E Caplan & S Gerdan	57.3
M Robson & B Lee	57.2
R Perry & M Dakin	57.1

East-West

M Pomfrey & H Melbourne	66.3
B Neill & R Klinger	64.1
S Browne & R Brightling	62.2
C Baker & J De Ravin	60.7
B Richman & M Thomson	60.0
R Van Riel & F Beale	59.7
J Foster & R Kaplan	59.7
E Otvosi & M Borewicz	59.7
T Antoff & A Simpson	59.6
R Moore & P Crittle	59.1
S Lusk & T Tully	58.7
R Nixon & A De Livera	58.4
J Hunter & R Morawiecki	58.4
T Burke & F Lyons	58.1

Recent numbers

	Aust	Eng
Ashes Cricket	4	1
Davis Cup	4	1
Rugby	15	21
Soccer	3	1

As top qualifiers and defending champs, Mike & Howard must have a good chance to redress the balance.

Contacting the Editors

Nicoleta and I are at the ANA, Rm 1606 if you're keen.

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Fill out a "What happened" form if you can find one, throw it in a Bulletins Contribution box or hand it to a passing director.

We'll be in the ANA bar for half an hour after each session.