

## **Gold Coast Bulletin**

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## Teams starts tonight

A record 350+ teams have entered the three events which start tonight. There are 100+ on each floor of the ANA. Only the top 4 (2 + 2) go through to the semis, which is tough. In the similar-sized Canberra event, 16 teams make it to the next stage.

#### Pairs at 2/3 distance

Beale - Van Riel skipped away to a big lead, to be overtaken by Klinger -Neill at the end of the first session. They maintained their lead in the third set, from Fordham - Nunn and Richman - Thomson. Looks like an exciting finish.

Green - Marks lead the Plate, an event marred slightly by a no show by Lasocki - Szymanowski, who didn't realise they were expected to notify if not playing. The Plate and Final shared boards, a welcome improvement.

At the GCI, Wood - Hale lead the Restricted while the old firm of

## **Tuesday Night Seafood**

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

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

Jackman - Hutton lead the Seniors. Some boards: Calling all real men Pairs final 2. Bd 13 ◆ 74 N/Both ♥ K 8 5 2 ♦ 743 뢒 J 10 9 5 ♠ Q3 ♠ 62 ♡ A 4 ♡ Q J 10 3 ♦ AKQ9652 ♦ J 8 🔶 K 7 AQ832 AKJ10985 ♥ 976 ♦ 10 64 \* WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

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Baker and Fordham cheerfully accepted their -300 in 3NT. There were others but Klinger guessed right with +600 in  $5\diamond$ .

The bookstall is at the GCI and open most days, from 12.30 to 1.30 and 5.30 to 8 pm.

Check out Paul and Denise's vast array of books and software.

Tue	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	<u>10.30</u> & 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



<b>Don't double with a void!</b> Pairs final 2, Bd 20				
W/Both	♠ A .	J 7		
	♡ —			
	♦ K (	2986		
	📥 A 🕏	9765		
🛦 K 10 9		٠	Q653	
♡K108	764	$\heartsuit$	AQ92	
♦ 1032		$\diamond$	J	
뢒 Q		*	J 10 8 3	
	<b>≜</b> 84	42		
	Δl	53		
	♦ A			
	◆ K			
	• N •	+ ∠		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	
2♡	Dbl	4♡	No	
No	Dbl			
-	-			

No! How can partner work out what to do if you bid like this? This was -790 instead of -100 or -200 in 5 $\diamond$ .

Opposite a big 4-1-4-4, it's right for South to defend. North should bid  $3\diamond$  first time then maybe double.

Even better,  $4\heartsuit$  over  $2\heartsuit$  should be minors, giving partner the chance to bid spades. With spades and a minor, use  $4\clubsuit/\diamondsuit$  as leaping Michaels.

#### Textbook line

A lot made 11 tricks on this hand. Seamus Browne took all 13:

Final 1. Bd 9 N/EW **♦** Κ ♡ KQJ108 ♦ 96 J6543 🛧 Q J 7 ▲ A 10 6 5 3 ♡ A 9 ♡64 ♦ KJ54 ♦ A Q 10 2 \Lambda K 9 8 7 ♣ A 2 9842 ♥ 7532 ♦ 873 ♣ Q10

Seamus played  $4 \$  on a heart lead. He won, crossed to the  $\$  K and played the  $\$ 7. Nothing fancy but nearly everyone else simply led the  $\$ Q off dummy, failing to cater for the actual layout. With no trump loser, he went for the ruffing club finesse, using diamonds as entries.

#### **Surrounding Seres**

Roman Morawiecki, ex Double Bay now a Gold Coast resident, found this thoughtful opening lead against Tim:

Pairs Fina	Pairs Final 1, Bd 15				
S/NS	<b>▲</b> 83				
	♡Q7532				
	♦ 85				
	\Lambda 975				
🛧 J 10 9 7	♠Q52				
♡ KJ96	♡ A 8 4				
♦ Q3	♦ J 4 2				
📥 J 8 2	🕭 K 10 6 4				
	🛧 AK64				
	♡ 10				
	♦ A K 10 9 7 6				
	♣ Q3				

Tim played 2NT/S after North had bid hearts. Picking declarer for a stiff heart, Roman found the spectacular lead of the  $\heartsuit$ J! In fact there are always 8 tricks but it was pleasing to pin the  $\heartsuit$ 10.

Pairs Fi N/NS	inal 2, Bo	J85 086		
<b>♠</b> 6			109432	
♡K93		\$	2 A 5 2	
♦ AK9	852	<	> 10 7 3	
♣ 764		4	J 10	
	🔶 A I	く7		
	♡Q.	74		
♦ Q 6 4				
	🕭 Al	< 3 2		
WEST	NORTH No	EAST No	SOUTH 1♣	
2\$	Dbl	No	3NT	
∠ v End		NU		

West has to lead a top diamond then sit back for +100, or find the brave heart switch for +400. A low diamond lead is more attractive at IMPs.

Don't think anyone in the final bid



and made grand slam here: Pairs Final 1, Bd 8 W/Nil ♠ K J 10 9 3 ♥ 973 ♦ A 5 4 ♣ 82 🛧 A 8 2 ♠ Q6 ♡KJ6 ♥ AQ1042 ♦ K J 10 8 2 🕭 K J AQ10963 ♠ 754 ♥ 85 ♦ Q9763 ♣ 754

There are only 12 tricks in 6♡ unless someone leads a diamond (or North leads a spade, or flies on a low diamond off dummy) but 7♣ makes when the ◇A comes down. Any claimants?

Would you have fallen for this:

Pairs Q2, Bd 23

S/Both	<b>4</b> 3		
•	♡J86		
•	◇ A 8 5 3	2	
	🕭 A 7 4		
<b>◆</b> 5		٠	98762
♡K72		$\heartsuit$	Q1094
♦ KQJ7		$\diamond$	94
🕭 KJ962		•	Q3
	🛦 AKQJ	10	
•	♡A53		
•	◊ 10 6		
	♣ 10 8 5		

Richard J played  $2 \le /S$  with 8 top tricks. He ducked the  $\diamond K$  lead and the club switch. He won the second club, drew all East's trumps, then crossed to the  $\diamond A$  to lead a heart up. Then a strange thing happened – East played the  $\heartsuit Q$ ! Declarer had correctly picked East for 5-4-2-2, in which case she was down to  $\heartsuit K$ -Q-x-x. So Richard ducked and ducked again when she exited with



Recently engaged MaryAnne Brifman & Ryszard Jedrychowski

the  $\heartsuit$ 9. West won his now bare  $\heartsuit$ K and cashed two minor winners for one off!

Remembering Mary				
How did Ma	arv n	nake th	is one?	
	A 3			
		_		
	2 K 7			
<	> K J	7		
	• K C	210		
2 2 4	7 7 A 9 > A 8 • A 8	54 43		
WEST NOF				
2 <b>≜</b> Dbl End		4♠	6♡ !	
West leads page 3.	the	<b>≜</b> K. An	swer on	

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## Name that tune

As someone who likes to sleep in, I sometimes wish someone would clock that carillon. With no great musical knowledge, I'm also finding it hard to pick some of the tunes, particularly when a lot of the chimes are off key.

Care to fill in the gaps:

8am 9am 10am 11am noon	Beethoven? sonata? Waltzing Matilda Greensleeves When the Saints ?		
1pm	Advance Australia Fair		
2pm	? (playing bridge)		
3pm	?("")		
4pm	?("")		
5pm	?("")		
6pm	Advance Australia Fair		
7pm	Edelweiss		

I always forget the words to the national anthem. How does it go? "When gallant Cook from Albion sailed ......"

On a related matter, what was the cause of the big explosion somewhere South of the ANA, around midnight on Sunday?

## **Brain teasers**

1. The manufacturer doesn't want to use it, the buyer doesn't need to use it, and the user doesn't know he's using it. What is it?

2. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and grey when you throw it away?

3. What is it that when you take away the whole, you still have some left over?

4. FOUR is HALF of FIVE.

Is this statement True or False?

## Answers

1. A Coffin

2. Charcoal

3. The word Wholesome

4. It's True. The Roman Numeral FOUR (IV) is in the middle of the word Five: F(IV)E

## System cards

Especially for the teams, each pair should have two identical ABF system cards.

I reckon there should be a prize for the neatest cards nominations please.

## Peter Hill Gallery

downstairs in the ANA, has donated an original painting. It can be viewed on the 2nd floor, next to the Admin desk.

To be eligible to win this prize, all you have to do is be a player in the Congress (or a hard-working scorer/ director/ caddie etc). The winner will be randomly selected at the Dinner Dance on Saturday night. Peter Hill Gallery is open from 10am till late, 7 days a week. Ph: 5504 7474.

#### How did Mary make 6♠?

W/NS ♠ A 3 2 ♡K742 ♦ KJ7 📥 K Q 10 ▲ KQJ864 10 9 5 ♡ J6 ♥ Q105 ♦ 1063 ♦ Q92 ♣ 72 J965 ♠ 7 ♡ A 9 8 3 ♦ A 8 5 4 ♣ A 8 4 3

In 6 $\pounds$ /S on the  $\pounds$ K lead, Mary won dummy's  $\pounds$ A and ruffed a spade to set up a dummy reversal. Then came  $\heartsuit$ A-K and another spade ruff. When she crossed to the  $\pounds$ K and exited with a trump, East was endplayed. If West had turned up with the long trump, East would be squeezed in the minors.

This hand is from her win in the 1972 Evian Pairs in France, with Tim Seres as her partner.

Mary won the Gold Coast Pairs six times, mostly with Tim, once with Ruth Eaton.



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#### Floaters

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#### **Snack Bars on both floors**

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

## A long time between drinks

Bill Winter of Sydney was born in Vienna where he knew Renate Wilson. She was in Australia in 1987 and keen to come back, so Bill rang her up and asked to come on over for a game. They're playing in the Seniors.

## **Mobile Phones**

Believe it or not, the Regulations for this event say "Mobile phones, pagers and other electronic communication devices are not permitted in the playing area."

This means that we are supposed to leave them in our rooms or drop them in a basket on our way in.

Get real.

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## It's Your Lead

by Ron Klinger This problem arose in Pairs Qualifying 2. S/NS WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH **1♣** <sup>15+</sup> 3NT 1♠ No No No No 4♡ No 4NT End No What would you lead as West from: ♠AQJ64 ♡A9 ◊65 ♣8765 On this unusual hand each side can make 10 tricks in notrumps provided that they have the first lead: (Directions changed for convenience) S/NS ▲ 107532 ♡ 52 ♦ K 3 10 4 3 ▲ AQJ64 • 8 ♡ A 9 ♥ Q1087643 ♦ 65 08 ♣ 8765 \Lambda KJ92 ♠ K 9 Ϋ́Κ ♦ AQJ109742 \Lambda Q

If North-South declare, a diamond to the king and the club finesse gives South ten tricks. East-West have seven hearts and three spades via the spade finesse plus the  $\bigstar K$ dropping. After the auction given West had the lead. Starting with the  $\heartsuit A$  would have taken 4NT seven down (at one table at least, North played 3NT and the easy heart from East lead saw East-West chalk up +600).

Here the ♥A lead is not so easy. Judging that declarer had ♠K-x and probably the same in hearts, West opted for a non-committal club lead, hoping this might force South into a suicide squeeze. Alas, it was more like partnericide and South promptly claimed 10 tricks.

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Leading at 2/3 distance				
1	Neill & Klinger	868		
2	Fordham & Nunn	793		
3	Richman & Thomson	784		
4	Prescott & Gill	777		
5	Cummings & Scott	762		
6	Franklin & Hume	748		
6	Seres & Nagy	748		
8	Van Riel & Beale	747		
9	Moore & Crittle	746		
10	Browne & Brightling	739		
In the Plate				
1	Green & Marks	828		

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2	Hughes & Giura	772

3 Benham & Cleaver 743

#### **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.