



Gold Coast Bulletin

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Pairs Winners

Ron Klinger and Bruce Neill won the Gold Coast Pairs from Bobby Richman and Matthew Thomson. They were leading overnight and held on quite comfortably.

Ron played Bruce's system and it worked well. Ron's contribution was the 1NT structure.

Meanwhile the 220 strong Open teams has begun, with parallel Senior and Restricted events at the GCI.

This was the last board of the Pairs:

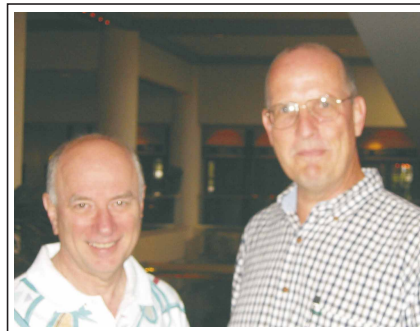
Pairs Final 3, Bd 27

S/Nil ♠ Q975
♥ Q
♦ AKQ7
♣ J873

♠ 4 ♠ J8632
♥ AK9875 ♥ J1064
♦ 9642 ♦ J
♣ 62 ♣ A54
♠ AK10
♥ 32
♦ 10853
♣ KQ109

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♣
2♥	Db1	4♥	No
No	?		

A typical start. North-South might land in 4♠, 5♣ or 5♦. A spade ruff easily shoots 5 of a minor while 4♠ can make 9 tricks but is likely to fall apart. What of 4♥x? It looks like a trump lead shoots it but not so (I keyed it in, just to be sure) because the long spade sets up. There were a lot of 590s in the Final.



Ron Klinger & Bruce Neill
Gold Coast Pairs winners

Here's a suit to block:

Final 3, Bd 26

E/Both ♠ 54
♥ A9642
♦ J1062
♣ 53

♠ Q972	♠ AJ86
♥ J5	♥ K8
♦ Q84	♦ K73
♣ AJ94	♣ K1076
♠ K103	
♥ Q1073	
♦ A95	
♣ Q82	

EW make 8 or 9 tricks in spades, depending on the club guess, so NS need to do the right thing if East's weak notrump is passed out.

After a heart to the ace, North returns the ♥4 (original 4th highest) and South should work out to unblock. It's not really possible that North could have ♥A42 and declarer ♥K986 – it would be deep for the king to appear at trick 2 on that layout.

Pairs Winners

Prize Money goes to the top three in all events, down to the Z Consolation (& to 5th in Championships, 4th in Plates). Major prizes will be presented at the Victory Dinner. Others can get theirs after 6pm Friday from the ANA desk.

Championship (& Playoff Points)

- 1 B Neill & R Klinger 32
- 2 B Richman & M Thomson 24
- 3 T Jacob & R Jedrychowsky
- 4 P Fordham T Nunn 16
- 5 M Prescott & P Gill 8

Best Women's Pair

S Lusk & T Tully

Open Plate

- 1 N Hughes & N Giura
- 2 J Green & B Marks
- 3 L Havas & P Wyer

Seniors Championship

- 1 L & L Kalmin 32
- 2= L Varadi & E Urbach 20
- 2= P & R Jamieson 20
- 4 W Westwood & I McKinnon 8

Seniors Plate

- 1 D Robson & J Brockwell
- 2 D Croft & J Dennis
- 3 T Skinner & A Chaudry

Restricted Championship

- 1 J Wood & P Hale
- 2 M Hoenig & G Torelli
- 3 A & F Brown

Restricted Plate

- 1 D & T Potter
- 2 J & P Hood
- 3 R O'Dell & K Wood

Gold Coast Teams (Senior & Restricted Tms at GCI)

Wed	1.30 & 8 pm	Swiss Rds 3 - 6, 4 x 14 bds
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

Bar Piazza

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.

Here's a fun board:

Pairs Final 3, Bd 12

W/NS ♠ A 9 8 5
 ♥ Q 9 2
 ♦ Q 2
 ♣ AK 9 7

♠ K Q ♠ 10 4 3 2
 ♥ AK J 8 3 ♥ 10 6 5 4
 ♦ J 5 ♦ 8 4
 ♣ J 8 5 3 ♣ 10 4 2

♠ J 7 6
 ♥ 7
 ♦ AK 10 9 7 6 3
 ♣ Q 6

For the winners, Klinger just bid 3NT over Neill's 1NT overcall, making 690 when West foolishly declined to cash out. Those in 5♦ made 12 quite easily because West is squeezed in three suits but they scored poorly of course.

Karen Lewis had a good score EW. For some reason, her off-shape 1NT opening was passed out.

After the ♣A and a club to South's queen, seven diamonds proved quite embarrassing, so much so that she emerged with zero tricks. -350 is always a nice result.

This slam shouldn't be hard to bid:

Pairs Final 3, Bd 20, W/Both

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

For the winners, Klinger opened 1NT and Neill bid 3♣ to show a *club* singleton. 4♣ from West showed slam interest and they cued to 6♦. The good matchpoint slam of 6♥ fails on the 5-1 heart break. Don't be too greedy.

Here's another for the greedy:

Pairs Final 3, Bd 22

E/EW ♠ 10 7
 ♥ 9 8 7
 ♦ J 9 8 5 4
 ♣ K Q 2

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

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

Julian Foster landed in 3NT, maybe after 1♠ - 2♣ - 3NT. South led the

♦2 to the king.

Say you play the ♥K to the ace because you can afford to, and take the winning spade finesse. Now what? Normal at pairs is to cross to the ♥A-J to repeat the finesse. When it fails, your 13 tricks become 11. Sigh. Shame on any South who won the ♠K first time, or hesitated to reveal its location.

Yes, you had an easy 12 but you've still done the right thing because you also gain when North started with ♠KTxx.

Some teams hands

Teams R1, Bd 6

E/EW ♠ —
 ♥ A Q 10 9 7 5 3
 ♦ A 9 4
 ♣ Q 9 7

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

♠ K Q
 ♥ K J 8
 ♦ Q 8 7 5 2
 ♣ J 10 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Griffin		Evans	
		No	1♦
4♠	5♥	No	No
5♠	Dbl		

Declarer will usually get the diamond guess wrong. Ted had even less reason to get it right because his North led the ♦9! Ted thought: *Looks like a doubleton. Don't want South to cash his ♦A-Q then score his partner's spade honour with a third round. I'll fly king to look like a man with short diamonds. If South tries to cash a heart at trick 2, I'll be home on trumps 1-1.* So he called for the ♦K. Hey presto!



Daily Bridge Problem

Here's a hand from the Daily Bridge Calendar.

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

♠ K 7 3
 ♥ K J 10 4
 ♦ K 10 6 4
 ♣ A 5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♦	1♥
1♠	3♣	Dbl	3NT
End			

"South's 1♥ overcall would not be everyone's choice. North's 3♣ was fit-showing, East's double showed 3-card support.

West leads the ♠Q to East's ace. Back comes the ♦7. What do you play on that, at pairs?"

(Answer on page 3)

Sartaj was up to his usual endplays in Match 2

Teams R2, Bd 21

N/NS ♠ 10 9 4
 ♥ J 10 8 3
 ♦ Q 3
 ♣ 10 6 4 3

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

♠ A Q 6 2
 ♥ Q
 ♦ J 5 4 2
 ♣ J 9 7 5

4♥ looks to have little play with trumps 4-1 and the ♠A offside but Sartaj made it. He won the club and didn't fancy a trump to the king for a spade up, so he led a low spade from hand. South hopped the queen and led another club. When he won the ♠A, he led a diamond round to the king (the ♥Q is better).

Sartaj cashed the ♠K and ♦K then crossed to the ♥K. When the queen appeared from South, he led another trump, *ducking* when North split. At trick 12, he was left with ♥A-9 over North's 10-8.

Wednesday 19th of February is the "Temporary Insanity Day". On this day in 1859 the defence of "temporary insanity" was first successfully pleaded in a USA court of law. Do something crazy! (just as long as it's legal and you have tolerant team mates)

Paul Lavings'

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J.Spooner P.Yovich
- 2000 P, J & J Hackett
R & R Harper R.Harper
- 2001 I.DelMonte E.Erichsen
C.Gower C.Convery
- 2002 M.Cornell M Mayer
T.Jacob R.Jedrychowsky.



Consolation winners

- A Con*
1 A Walsh & B McDonald
2 B Haughie & W Linderman
- B Con*
D Neumann & K Crowe-Mai
- C Con*
C Ritter & J Griffin
- D Con*
I Glanger & M Scudder
- E Con*
B Noble & G Bilski
- F Con*
P Livesey & R Thomas
- G Con*
G Finikiotis & K Huggan
- H Con*
C Haugh & H Knott

Seniors Consolation

J & J Dunlop

Restricted A Con

A Dennis & S Boulter

Restricted B Con

M & M Holzman

Restricted C Con

M Owen & E Meldrum

Daily Problem answer

This is one of Ron Klinger's hands from the excellent Daily Bridge Calendar. You might be able to grab one cheaply from Postfree Bridge Books at the GCI.

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

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

♠ K 7 3
♥ K J 10 4
♦ K 10 6 4
♣ A 5

Playing 3NT/S on the ♠Q to the ace and the ♦7 back, do you insert the ♦10 or play the ♦K?

The opponents hold 16 HCP West has the ♠Q-J so East should have almost all of the remaining 13 HCP for the 1♦ opening. Without the ♦A, East would have opened with only 9 HCP, hardly likely.

You should rise with the ♦K and accept the tiny risk. When you run the clubs, you may be able to place the ♥Q as well and finish with 12 tricks and a sterling lesson for East.

Playoff Teams

In two weeks time (6-9 March), the play-offs to decide the Australian Open and Women's teams will be held at the NSWBA in Sydney.

Winners will get to go to the PABF in The Philippines(?) or the World Championships in Monte Carlo (?)

OPEN

Z Konig - J Wallis, I Del'Monte - R Fruewirth, R Richman - M Thomson
P Fordham - D Beauchamp, M McManus - T Nunn, B Neill - J Roberts
J Rothfield - G Smolanko, P Gumby - W Lazer, K Dyke - S Browne
E Chadwick - A Kanetkar, J Haffer - P Reynolds, P Gill - J Courtney
B Noble - M Prescott, P Marston - S Hans, T Brown - P Gue
R Klinger - Z Nagy, P Markey - D Horton, G Lorentz - J Lester

WOMEN

M Bourke - J Hay, S Lusk - T Tully, F Beale - D Smart
B Travis - E Havas, V Cummings - C Feitelson, J Cormack - C Rothfield
S Bird - K Creet, J Hoffman - N Church, L King - C Wright
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A Clark - V Biltoft, J Del Piccolo - K Smith, S Coleman - D Jesner

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The Dohla Coup

by Seamus Browne

We can cope with our enemies but God save us from our friends. Poor bidding on my part landed us in 7♠, where 7NT offered 13 top tricks. A trump loser beats 7♠, or does it?

Pairs final 2, Bd 22

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

After winning the ♦Q lead, I led a spade from dummy, East playing the ♠9. A second trump revealed the bad break. Serious but not necessarily fatal. This seemed an opportunity for the rare Dohla coup – named after George Dohla, a former Sydney player. He was once doubled in 7♥ by a player sitting over his ♥AKQJ9 with Txxxx. George cashed the ♥A - K - Q - 9 - J and claimed his contract.

I called for the ♠Q and then called 'Spade'. By Law, this asks dummy to play the lowest card in the suit and at 11.30 pm, surely I had some chance that East would follow small. But in deference to my advancing years, my friends decided to look after me. Partner said "Do you realise that if you say 'spade' I have to play the smallest one?" East said "Don't be silly Richard, he means the jack." They both nodded happily and dummy played the ♠J.

Grrrr!



Paula Bryant
& David McLeish
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