

Coffs Coast Gold Congress at Opal Cove Resort



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Teams final standings

Open (80 Teams)

1	3	Otvosi	163
2	5	Hans	154
3	8	Mill	148
4	7	Havas	145
5	1	Neill	144
6	9	Richman	144
7	21	Jakes	143
8	18	Steffensen	142
9	10	Jamieson	142
10	19	Weathered	142

Restricted (26 Teams)

1	1	Rae	145
2	11	Kassam	144
3	9	Francis	143
4	4	Cooke	141
5	3	Crossman	139
6	17	Kearney	133
7	19	Campbell	129
8	6	Leckie	127
9	14	Lawrence	124
10	15	Herring	124

Wet Sail Winners

Ervin Otvosi's foursome were trailing by 7 VPs overnight but came home with 24 and 25 to win comfortably. First prize was \$3600.

Second-placed Sartaj Hans, Tony Nunn, Catherine Ritter & Nye Griffith would no doubt have liked a 28-board play-off. There is a random element in Swiss Teams; you need to be in the right place when the music stops. One way to have a final would be to swap the pairs & teams, then have a teams final on Friday morning. However, the more popular teams is better placed over the weekend.

Third were Andrew Mill, Andy Hegedus, Ishmael & Kim Del'Monte.

The Swiss Pairs was also a bit under-swissed. Perhaps it could start on Tuesday night, or even switch to three matches per session.

These are not criticisms, just modest suggestions.

The Restricted teams winners were **Jan Rae, Kath Rooney, Joan Mills and Errol Miller.**



Restricted winners

There were category prizes within the Restricted event. Winning the 0-299 section were Berneice Kearney, Christine Atwal, Pat Haigh, and Pauline Griffin.

The 0-149 winners were Pat Kennedy, Geoffrey Norris, Ken Anderson & Lindy Anderson.



Ervin's teammates –
Paul Gosney, Nabile Edgton
& Kennet Christiansen

Teams 8, Bd 21

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Edgton		Gosney
	1♣!	No	1♦ ^{vs}
No	1♠		2♦
	2♠		3♣
	4♣		4NT
	5♥		6♣

It's the 6th club that seals it. Those who passed the North hand or opened a Multi often ended up in game. 6NT/S is better but all was well.

Teams 8, Bd 22

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

Sartaj Hans played 4♥ from West on a trump lead. Needing some luck, he played a club to the jack followed by a losing diamond finesse.

He won the next trump in dummy to play ♦A and a diamond ruff.

Then came a spade off dummy. South split and played another spade.

Declarer ruffed, drew South's trump then played the last trump in this position:

♠ A	♠ 9
♥ —	♥ —
♦ K	♦ —
♣ K 10	♣ A 9 3
♠ —	♠ Q 10 7
♥ A	♥ —
♦ 7	♦ —
♣ Q 8	♣ 7

North had to pitch a reluctant and revealing ♠A on ♥A, so Hans exited with a diamond and ran the enforced club return to his queen for +620.

North-South had chances when the spade was led. South could have switched a club or North could have overtaken to play ♦K.