

Coffs Coast Gold Congress at Opal Cove Resort



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Friday 20 August (& Saturday) Editor: Nick Hughes

Swiss Pairs Results

Open (112 pairs)

1	S Hans & H Dawson	166
2	M Watts & D Beauchamp	151
3	I Del Monte & A Delivera	150
4	C Briscoe & B Griffiths	145
5	J Mottram & E Quittner	144
6	I Dooland & A Raam	143
7	P Gue & P Wyer	142
8	C Miller & P Lavings	142
9	I Lisle & J Free	141
10	J Reitzer & E Chadwick	140

Restricted (76 pairs)

1	F Campbell & H Grant	156
2	N McIvor & K Potts	150
3	K & D Haywood	148
4	B & B Crossman	143
5	K & T Allen	140
6	A & J Norlyng	140
7	J White & D Shorter	139
8	M Owen & S Pang	138
9	J Strickland & L Quinn	137
10	A Dawson & E Zeller	136

Dream Debut

Helena Dawson and Sartaj Hans had a comfortable win in their first serious event together.

In a disciplined effort, they shunned the banter between sessions to dominate the second day.

Frank Campbell and Heather Grant won the Restricted.

Here are some hands that the top three handled well.

Match 5, Bd 13

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Watts	Ebery	B champ	Djurovic
	no	no	no
1♦	1NT*	2♦	no
2♥	no	3♥	no
4♥	end		

1NT was Comic. Marlene won ♣A and led a spade. South won to lead another club. She ruffed, played to ♠J, followed by a heart to the queen.

When North showed out on ♥A, things looked grim but the diamond finesse worked and South had to follow all the way in spades.

She scored her 10th trick by ruffing dummy's last club with ♥10.

Sartaj played the hand much the same way from East after

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Dawson		Hans	
	3♣!	no	no
X	no	3♥	no
4♥!	end		

Got to bid those vulnerable games.



*Winners - Helena & Sartaj
Well clear of the field*



*Frank Campbell & Heather Grant
won the Restricted..*

Match 8, Bd 20

W/Both	♠ J 9 4	♠ K 10 7 5 2
	♥ 7 6 4 3	♥ 8
	♦ 6 3	♦ J 9 8 7 5 2
	♣ A 8 3 2	♣ 9
♠ Q 8		♠ A 6 3
♥ J 10		♥ AKQ952
♦ A Q 10		♦ K 4
♣ K 10 7 6 5 4		♣ Q J

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Delivera		DelMonte	
1♣	no	1♠	X
2♣	no	no	2♥
no	3♥	no	4♥
end			

Ishmael made this 4♥ on a trump lead. He drew trumps, ran ♣J-K-A-9,

then ducked a spade to West, who got out with ♠Q to the ace.

Declarer cashed ♣Q, crossed to ♥7 then led a diamond, playing ♦4! West won and cashed ♦A but that was it. A club exit sets up ♣8 for a spade pitch. Neat.

How does West lead to shoot it? Big hint: there is only one card.

Overheard after a match yesterday Ishmael's client played quite well.

Here's neat technical play by Paul Gosney

Match 5, Bd 2

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Speiser		Gosney	
		1♥	
1♠		2♣	
2♥		3♥	
4♥		no	

Nice auction, allowing Ron to evaluate his club cards. What do you do on a diamond lead?

It looks normal to try the club finesse while you are there but you can't repeat the trump finesse if you do.

Instead Gosney took a trump finesse, ruffed the third diamond and got back to dummy via ♣QJ to repeat the finesse.

Well done, though it's not clear. If North wins ♣K, there might be a trump promotion on the fourth diamond.

Match 5, Bd 5

N/NS ♠ K Q 10 9 8 7
 ♥ 2
 ♦ K 9
 ♣ 10 8 4 2

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

♠ 6 5
 ♥ 5 4
 ♦ A J 10 8 3
 ♣ A K Q 6

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	2♦ ^{Multi}	no	2NT*
4♥	X	no	4♠
no	no	?	

Another unclear Multi auction, with North's double intended to show a good spade hand. 4♠ can make on heart leads. Declarer will be disappointed when West ruffs a club but can recover by finessing against ♠J, setting up diamonds for a club pitch.

Most Easts avoided this by taking the save in 5♥.



2nd Marlene & David, multiple winners of this event.

Match 6, Bd 21

N/NS ♠ Q 10 8 6
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ J 10 8 7 5
 ♣ 10 2

♠ J 9 5
 ♥ 8 6 4 2
 ♦ A 6 3 2
 ♣ Q 4

♠ AK 7 4 3 2
 ♥ Q 9 3
 ♦ K Q 4
 ♣ 6

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	no	no	1♠
?			

What should West do? I like Jon Free's suggestion of 3♠ stopper ask, removing to 5♣ to invite slam. East might then raise.

A direct 5♣ has merit and could well lead to +650 if South doubles and North elects to defend. If someone bids 5♠, West will surely bid one for the road with 8-4.

Match 7, Bd 4

W/Both ♠ A 8 5 3 2
 ♥ K 6 4
 ♦ A
 ♣ 7 6 3 2

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

♠ K Q 9 6
 ♥ J 9 3 2
 ♦ 9 8 4
 ♣ A 10

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
no	1♠	no	3♣ ¹
no	3♠	no	4♠!

1 Bergen, 4-cd limit

4♠ is a pretty good spot, duly made at many tables.

These Bergen auctions are troubling. If South regards his/her hand as a limit raise and North signs off, how can South then justify bidding game? All a bit suss. Make your bed and sleep in it.

In your scorebooks, the vul is correct for 15-28. For 1-14, look down two boards to see the right vul.

You can ring Nick & Nicoleta on 0414 601 175. Rm 222.

Timetable

Fri	9am	vote?
		Directors forum
	10.30	Workshop
	2.30	walk-in pairs

Teams (8 x 14 bds)

Fri	7.30	Teams 1 & 2
Sat	8am	vote ?
	10am	Teams 3 & 4
		Buffet lunch
	2.30	Teams 5 & 6
	7.30	Congress dinner
Sun	10am	Teams 7 & 8
		Prize-giving
		Finish at 2pm

Saturday voting

Closest is Korora Public School. From Opal Cove, turn left at the Highway, then take the second left at Korora School Road, before the metal bridge. Drive/walk up the hill and there you are.

Walk it in 15 minutes, or drive though parking could be tight. Bring some money for their fete!

Datums				
	R5	R6	R7	R8
1/15	470	560	-470	550
2/16	-220	20	-400	420
3/17	90	60	-980	-560
4/18	-600	-380	380	-110
5/19	-80	420	1420	440
6/20	50	100	50	80
7/21	-50	-470	650	560
8/22	-360	440	-340	440
9/23	350	660	360	150
10/24	650	-330	-50	0
11/25	470	300	-350	-40
12/26	290	-40	-200	-620
13/27	-260	720	40	440
14/28	-170	-20	-10	-100

