

Coffs Coast Gold Congress at Opal Cove Resort



4 Sunday 20 August

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Teams after 6 of 8 rnds

Open (76 Teams)

1	5	Peake	131
2	2	Morrison	126
3	8	Powell	118
4	17	Ritter	113
5	4	Ebery	111
6	1	Otvosi	109
7	7	Hegedus	108
8	27	Farthing	107
9	11	Miller	106
10	44	Kent	106

Restricted (32 Teams)

1	2	Martin	121
2	7	Bolt	120
3	1	Dean	112
4	32	Gray	111
5	23	Thorpe	109
6	9	Beckett	102
7	3	Wells	101
8	19	Hirschhorn	99
9	16	McMurray	97
10	21	Mundell	97

Three quarter time

There was a huge 23-7 swing against the incumbents late on Saturday afternoon. As a result, **Andrew Peake - Arjuna DeLivera, Helena Dawson - Sartaj Hans** surged to the lead from **Kim Morrison - Simon Hinge, Phil Gue - Paul Wyr** with two rounds to go.

Meanwhile, the Restricted is on a knife-edge.

Some hands from the first six rounds:

Match 4, Bd 24

W/Nil ♠ Q10 9 8 7
♥ 9 8 6
♦ 5 2
♣ K 8 2

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

Having a weak 2♦ at his disposal, Ted Chadwick naturally used it and found himself in 6♦ after Jeanette Reitzer checked for the ace of trumps.

A lot of the field didn't have that option, so many Wests opened 3♦. I too checked for ♦A and naturally bid 7♦, hoping for a 7th diamond or a spade ruff. +1440 and a lesson unlearned.



Election night entertainment from *Julienne Mostyn and Warwick Gilbert.*

Match 5, Bd 6

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
no	?	2♥	x

East has a typical loose weak two. Maurits van der Vlugt tried one, giving North a problem.

After some agony, North decided to take the money against 2♥x. 500 is available to compensate for the missed slam but the defence panicked to concede -670.

Another enterprising East opened 2NT to show reds or blacks. West was having none of that and insisted on playing 3♠x for -1100.

+1090 in 6♣ Lightner doubled was a common result.

Match 4, Bd 19

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3♣	3♥	4♣	1♠
			?

6♥ is easy enough, though a few missed it. The trick is to get to seven. In this auction, South can bid 5♣

Voidwood, meaning count your key cards outside clubs.

Match 2, Bd 9

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠		2♦	
3♥ ?!		4♣	
4NT		5♥	
6♦		no	

A possible auction to this cold slam. Most would play the jump to 3♥ as a splinter, though stiff king is not ideal.



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Match 4, Bd 26

E/Both	♠ A 4 3		
	♥ Q 6 3		
	♦ A Q 2		
	♣ Q 10 7 6		
♠ 9 7		♠	
♥ K 9 7 5 2		♥ A J 10	
♦ J 9 7 6		♦ K 10 8 5 4 3	
♣ 9 3		♣ A J 8 5	
	♠ K Q J 10 8 6 5 2		
	♥ 8 4		
	♦		
	♣ K 4 2		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
no	no	1♦	4♠
?	?	X	no

What should happen now? Ted Chadwick bid 5♥ which had no play while 5♦ makes by picking up the red queens.

If West bids 5♦, what should North do? It's hard not to double but the winning decision is take the save in 5♠, as Paul Wyer did.

Match 2, Bd 24

W/Nil	♠ A 9 8 3		
	♥ Q 9 6		
	♦ 6 5 2		
	♣ 9 7 6		
♠ Q 6		♠ J 10	
♥ J 5 4		♥ A K 10 3	
♦ A J 7 4 3		♦ K Q 10 8	
♣ 5 4 3		♣ A Q 10	
	♠ K 7 5 4 2		
	♥ 8 7 2		
	♦ 9		
	♣ K J 8 2		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
no		2NT!	
3NT		no	

East's four 10s are worth an upgrade. It's easy for the defence to go wrong. After a spade lead, North may woodenly return ♠3 to block the suit.

After cashing four spades, North might recover by persuading declarer to take the wrong finesse.

On ♥9 switch, declarer will probably cash the top hearts, run diamonds then take the club hook.

Back to trick 2. North should return ♠9 to unblock, though there is some danger that South will duck, placing declarer with ♠JT8. Could be right.

We were well pleased to reach the making 4♥ after East found that partner had 2-3-5-3 shape.

Match 2, Bd 28

W/NS	♠ A 9 6		
	♥ K Q J 8 6 4		
	♦ A K Q J		
	♣		
♠ 5 4		♠ K Q 10 8	
♥ 10 9 3		♥ 5 2	
♦ 6 5 3 2		♦ 8	
♣ A Q 5 4		♣ 10 9 8 7 6 2	
	♠ J 7 3 2		
	♥ A 7		
	♦ 10 9 7 4		
	♣ K J 3		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	2♣		2NT
	3♥		4♥
	6♥		no

One plausible auction to the hopeless 6♥. Hopeless that is until East leads ♠K, as nearly everyone did. +1430 now.

6♦ is a decent slam, cold when trumps break, so failing this time. Our team mates had a relay auction to 7♦! South had bid diamonds first, putting West on lead. Showing scant respect for relay methods, West swung ♣A for -2140.

So 6♦ has no play while 7♦ is cold. Our opponents tried 6NT/S for -100 so our team gained 19imps. Anyone had more?

The last bulletin issue will be on the net Monday morning.



Friday walk-in winners

NS	
1st	Charlie Schwabegger Kerryn Daws 61.7
2nd	Jack Lindsay Lorraine Harkness 58.1
EW	
1st	Janet Merriman Pat Armstrong 63.2
2nd	Endar & Janice Beckett 61.6

Modern Multi Methods

Openings

2♣	near GF
2♦	weak 2 in a major
2♥	5♥s & 4+ minor (5-5 VUL)
2♠	5♠s & 4+ minor
2NT	20-21

Some include 20-21 in 2♦ and use 2NT to show 5-5 minors.

Use the same *Multi defence* to their 1NT but 2♣ = majors, 2NT = minors.

Over 2♣, partner can bid 2♦ to ask for the longer.

Over 2♦

2♥	pass or correct to 2♣
2♠	pass or bid 3♥/4♥ *
2NT	strong enquiry
3♣/♦	not forcing
3♥	to play 3♥ or 3♠.

* better is 3♣ with a max 2♥

After 2♦ 2NT

3♣	MAX weak 2♥
3♦	MAX weak 2♠
3♥	min 2♥
3♠	min 2♠

Interference changes

2♦	(x)	pass = diamonds
2♦	(2♥/♠)	X = bid your suit
2♣	(3♣/♦)	X = penalty

Defence to 2♦ in all seats

X any p♥ bid for tko
2NT = 15-18, stoppers unclear
Direct suit bids show good hands

In 2nd seat

X of 2♦ = 19+ or 13-15 bal
Pass then X = shapely tko

Over 2♥/♠ openings

2NT	strong enquiry
3♣	pass or correct to 3♦
3♦	invite in partner's major *
3♥/♠	preemptive raise

* Fancy stuff

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