

# Coffs Coast Gold Congress at Opal Cove Resort



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## Swiss Pairs final standings

### Open (112 pairs)

1	S Hans - H Dawson	159
2	B Nash - J Wallis	151
3=	P Gosney - N Van Jole	150
3=	K Yule - K Yule	150
5	S Crompton - D Weston	146
6	M Courtney - L Raymond	144
6	O Camp - A Shami	144
8	W Jenner-O'shea V Brown	143
9	K Steffensen - N Francis	142
10	I Robinson - A Braithwaite	140

### Restricted (66 pairs)

1	A Lamport - C Cooper	153
2=	A Collins - B Forbes	148
2=	I Bailey - A Ngan	148
4	M Pritchard - K Elmes	143
5	C Atwal - P Griffin	139
6	D Featherstone J Sherlock	138
7	A Dawson - B Lazarus	136
8	W Guymer P Cruickshank	135
8	W Carroll - F Carroll	135
8	M Owen - S Pang	135
8	K Murray - R Innes	135
8	L Shek - L Shek	135

## Repeat winners

A slip by the leaders in Round 7 led to tense final round. On a tough set of boards, Helena & Sartaj kicked on for his third & her second win in this event.

### Match 8, Bd 15

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

24 of 38 failed in 4♠. North cashes ♣A then is endplayed. On a diamond switch, you may as well finesse. Good, then ♠A reveals that North has two trump tricks. Damn.

When the heart finesse loses, it feels like one down. Anyway, you win the heart return in dummy, play ♦A and a ruff.

Then you need to **ruff your ♥A** in order to ruff another diamond. Down to ♠KQT & ♥J, you exit with the ♥J and claim the last three. Applause.

### Don't bid grands

It was the last board of the match so I said "What the hell" and put partner into 7♦.

### Pairs 5, Bd 16

W/EW	♠ Q J 10 6 5	
NS -970	♥ K J 10 3	
	♦ 7	
	♣ Q 10 8	
♠ 9 8 7		♠ AK 3
♥ A 9 5 4		♥ 2
♦ J 9 8 4 2		♦ AK Q 6
♣ 2		♣ AK 9 7 4
	♠ 4 2	
	♥ Q 8 7 6	
	♦ 10 5 3	
	♣ J 6 5 3	



Repeat Open Pairs winners  
Helena Dawson & Sartaj Hans

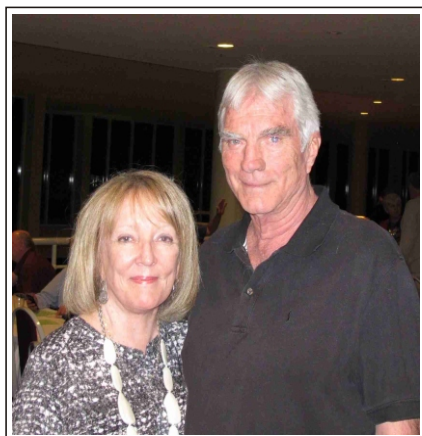
Datum was -970 NS so making 6♦ would have been worth 9 IMPs. Bidding 7♦ risked 21 Imps to gain 6 more. Three open pairs took those odds, all failing.

Should they have failed? Normal enough is to win ♠A at trick 1 & cash ♦AK. Then the trick is to take a heart ruff **before** setting up clubs.

So ♥A, heart ruff, ♣AK, club ruff.

Heart ruff with ♦Q, club ruff. When clubs are 4-3, draw South's ♦10 and claim.

Yes, you can also cross-ruff and make. That may depend on South having ♦10 but you can survive a bad club break. It's close.



Anne Lamport & Chris Cooper  
won the Restricted Pairs

## Bid your grands

On the other side of the world, the Australian Open team lost 25-4 to Iceland in their first MSO match. This didn't help:

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

6♣ is easy enough but the Icelandic North-South managed to find the making 7♦. Ouch!

7♦ is about 70%, which is acceptable at Butler, but only when you can guarantee that nearly everyone will be small slam at least.

In Lille last night, the Womens & Seniors lost their Round of 16 matches to Swedish opponents.

### Pairs 5, Bd 8

W/Nil ♠ J 8 7 5 3  
 NS -500 ♥ Q 10 8  
 ♦ J  
 ♣ K 8 7 2

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

♠ K 10 2  
 ♥ 6 2  
 ♦ 10 7 6 5 3  
 ♣ 10 6 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
no	no	2NT	no
3♦	no	3♥	no
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Opposite 21-22, West should just give in with 3NT. However, when East converts to 4♥, West can reconsider.

Note that East is right to remove to 4♥ – perhaps cueing along the way – despite 4333 shape. West does not show a balanced hand, might even have a singleton spade.

6♥ is a reasonable spot on a diamond lead. Looks bad when the trump finesse loses but the ♣K is onside and South gets squeezed.

6NT has no real play but Vicky Wiley made it with some help.

She won the diamond lead to take the heart finesse. North erred by switching to a club.

When the finesse held, declarer cashed her diamonds and ran dummy's hearts to reach this ending:

W/Nil ♠ J 8  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ K 8 7

♠ A 9 ♠ Q 6  
 ♥ 7 ♥ —  
 ♦ 9 ♦ —  
 ♣ 9 ♣ A Q 5

♠ K 10  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ 10  
 ♣ 10 6

North pitches a spade on ♥7. Declarer and South pitch clubs.

Then a club finesse followed by ♣A squeezes South. This is in fact a "single played as double" because

North would have been squeezed in the blacks holding ♠K.

North had to return a non-club at trick 4 to shoot it.

### Match 5, Bd 1

N/Nil ♠ 9 8 7 5  
 NS +110 ♥ Q 8 7  
 ♦ Q 2  
 ♣ 10 9 3 2

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

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Beauchamp		Watts
no	no	1♠	3NT
no	no	no	

There's a lot to be said for leaping to game early and often.

A quick +400. If South starts with 2♣ or double, EW rate to find their 4♠ save or even the making 4♥.

If East picks the South hand, there is a case for reopening.

### Match 5, Bd 2

E/NS ♠ 7 3  
 NS -310 ♥ A 10 9  
 ♦ 5 3 2  
 ♣ A 10 9 5 3

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

♠ K 9 8 4  
 ♥ 3  
 ♦ K 10 9 8 4  
 ♣ K J 7

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Courtney		Raymond
		no	no
1♥	2♣	2♥	3♣
4♥	end		

Michael started ♣A-another, declarer ruffing South's ♣J to start trumps.

After a trump to dummy and another to ♥K, Courtney found the strange-looking play of ducking.

Stuck in hand, declarer played a spade to dummy's queen and South's king.

Back came the ♦8 from Linden, who had pitched a discouraging dia-

mond. Declarer hopped ♦A, planning to pitch dummy's ♦J on his spades.

This would work so long as North had 3+ spades. Courtney ruffed the third spade with ♥A to cash partner's ♦K.

### Teams (8 x 14 bds)

Fri	9am	Directors' forum
	10.30	Workshop
	<b>2.30</b>	<b>Teams 1 &amp; 2</b>
	7pm	ABTA meeting
Sat	10am	Teams 3 & 4
		Buffet lunch
	2.30	Teams 5 & 6
Sun	10am	Teams 7 & 8
		Prize-giving
		Finish at 2pm

### Directors

Tony Howes  
 Matthew McManus  
 Jan Peach  
 Peter Marley  
 Peter Busch

### Appeals adviser

Neville Francis

Open Datums				
	R5	R6	R7	R8
1/15	110	-360	-40	10
2/16	-310	-970	-40	-630
3/17	-420	-80	420	-150
4/18	580	-90	90	-390
5/19	-20	430	70	130
6/20	-660	570	-350	-40
7/21	10	50	50	-220
8/22	-500	-380	-360	120
9/23	-580	-150	470	-460
10/24	-600	400	410	-30
11/25	280	160	-10	70
12/26	-150	-650	-420	-480
13/27	-650	70	80	-30
14/28	-50	140	450	1750