

Coffs Coast Gold Congress at Opal Cove Resort



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Saturday 18 August

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Teams after 2 of 8 Rnds

Open (70 teams)

1	3	BUTTS	46
1	34	MITCHELL	46
1	5	CROMPTON	46
4	27	MCLEISH	45
5	6	WARING	44
6	4	BEAUCHAMP	43
6	14	NASH	43
8	24	MAYO	42
8	51	COLLIER	42
10	17	SHARP	41

Restricted (36 teams)

1	35	SHEK	49
2	7	BARNES	44
3	13	MANDER	42
4	16	FEATHERSTONE	41
5	20	BAILEY	40
6	29	REYNOLDS	39
7	23	CHAMBERLIN	37
7	18	COCKBILL	37
7	10	BINSTED	37
7	3	CAMPBELL	37

West's tasty 16-count accepts, checking for a 4-4 minor fit en route.

♠	K J 8 6 4 2	♠	Q
♥	K 2	♥	A Q 4 3
♦	5	♦	A 8 4 3
♣	A 9 4 2	♣	K Q J 10
1♠		2♣	
3♣!		4NT	
5♣ ¹⁴³⁰		6♣	

Another good slam in the 4-4 minor fit. 6♣ needs a 3-3 break.

Note the raise to 3♣, rather than showing six spades. "Support with support." Better to show four clubs rather than one more spade.

There was a short chat about 1430 Blackwood. As well as being easy to remember, there are theoretical advantages. For instance, when hearts are trumps, you can check for the ♥Q over the likely 5♣ 1 KC response.

Timetable

Sat	10am	Teams 3 & 4
		Buffet lunch
	2.30	Teams 5 & 6
Sun	10am	Teams 7 & 8
		Prize-giving
		Finish at 2pm

Here are two hands from yesterday. I'm impressed by the 11 declarers who made this 6♠ on a minor suit lead.

Teams 1, Bd 7

S/Both ♠ K 10 8 6
NS -390 ♥ 7 5 4 3
♦ 3
♣ K Q 6 5

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			no
2♦	no	2♠	no
3♦	no	6♥	no
6♠	end		

You ruff the ♣A, cash ♠A, cross to ♦A to lead a trump up. North presumably plays low. Now you have to slot the ♠9. Did that really happen 11 times?

I think I see. Some Souths had committed a 2NT minor opening. Don't tell Tojo.

Teams 1, Bd 14

E/Nil ♠ 6 3 2
NS +40 ♥ A 2
♦ J 10 8 7 6 4
♣ A 8

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

Martin Bloom made 4♥ here on the ♦3 lead. I'm guessing North won the first trump and tried ♣A-another.

South was thrown in with the ♣Q to lead away from the ♠K. Or maybe South threw ♣Q under the ace to be endplayed in that suit.

Paul Gosney played 4♠x at the other table. This looks like a make, playing the opener for ♠A-x. Gosney went down because West led the ♠9 on the fly. Get that one right!

A crucial Pairs hand

When the leaders met on Thursday morning, this hand decided the match.

Pairs 5, Bd 9

N/EW ♠ A 10
♥ A 9 8 7 4
♦ A 8 5
♣ 10 9 7

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hans	Howard	Dawson	Anderson
	1♥	1♠	4♦
4♥	5♥	5♠	6♥
6♠	X	end	

Helena Dawson ruffed the heart lead and could have led a trump for one off. Instead she ran clubs to pitch diamonds. This risked 2 off but would gain when clubs were 3-3 and North had both trumps. +1660!

Sartaj & David

Between them, these guys have won the Pairs five times.

In this year's workshop they focussed on minor suit slams. Here are a couple:

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

1NT	4NT
5♣	6♣

6♣ is virtually cold while 6NT needs ♥KQ onside, so 25%.

East's 16-count has great "togetherness" and is worth a slam invite.

Directors' Forum

About 30 turned up at 9am yesterday morning for the usual chat about obscure Laws.

Tony started with a bizarre example of cards exposed during the auction. South opened 1♣, West then "led" & North tabled "dummy"! Don't ask.

Then came unintended calls and a degree of controversy. You may not know this. **You can change an unintended call until such time as partner calls.** It doesn't matter that your left hand opponent has since passed.

Here's an example

♠ AKJ65 1♠ 3♠
 ♥ A54 4NT 5♥
 ♦ KQ6 pass
 ♣ K4

You try RKCB over partner's limit raise. 2 aces but no ♠Q means 6♠ is marginal. After mulling it over, you decide to sign off in 5♣. Unfortunately, you brain translates "sign off" into a slash on the bidding pad.

Your LHO quickly passes as you realise with horror what you've done.

"Director! I never intended that 5♥ be the contract. Please can I change it to my intended 5♠."

Some in the forum would say Yes. That's the general, lenient attitude in Australia. Others were hard line, quoting the WBF. "Your brain was thinking pass as you passed." Be careful who you summon!

Then we had insufficient, artificial calls. These used to bar partner but no longer.

WEST EAST
 2NT 2♦

Looks like a transfer gone wrong. If the director confirms this, you can probably change you 2♦ transfer to a 3♦ transfer without penalty.

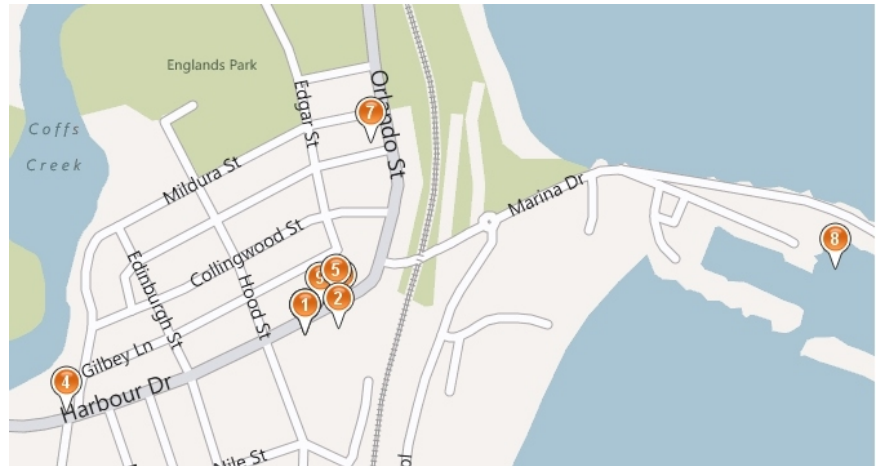


Overheard & seen

Pass - Pass - Sneeze.

"Alert. This hand is nothing to sneeze about."

10 Restaurants on the Jetty
 (Grabbed off the net, so no guarantees)



1. Maria's Italian
368 Harbour Dr, 6651 3000
2. Shearwater
321 High St, 6651 6053
3. Tahruah Thai
366 Harbour Dr, 6651 5992
4. Fountain
388 Harbour Dr, 6651 1978
5. Fisherman's Katch
394a Harbour Dr, 6652 4372
6. Oberoi Indian
Harbour Dr, 6651 9699
7. Indian Affair
23 Orlando St, 6651 5152
8. Tide & Pilot
55 Marina Drv, 6651 6888
9. Sawan Thai
376 High St, 6651 9899
10. Faro Latino
Harbour Drv, 6652 4818

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Team-wrecker datums				
	R1	R2	R3	R4
1/15	-40	-290		
2/16	50	300		
3/17	-90	290		
4/18	150	-40		
5/19	410	70		
6/20	-550	300		
7/21	-390	130		
8/22	-480	210		
9/23	-600	-610		
10/24	-230	20		
11/25	-450	150		
12/26	-130	300		
13/27	-310	-430		
14/28	40	-130		