

Coffs Coast Gold Congress at Opal Cove Resort



Teams after 6 of 8 Rnds

5 Sunday 19 August

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Open (70 teams)

1	2	ROBINSON	120
2	3	BUTTS	117
3	17	SHARP	116
3	4	BEAUCHAMP	116
5	27	MCLEISH	115
6	31	GILKISON	114
6	1	GOSNEY	114
8	12	MARR	109
9	18	HOOYKAAS	108
10	7	YULE	105

Restricted (36 teams)

1	35	SHEK	125
2	13	MANDER	115
3	3	CAMPBELL	106
4	23	CHAMBERLIN	105
4	19	JACKSON	105
6	16	FEATHERSTONE	103
7	4	LECKIE	102
7	17	STRICKLAND	102
7	20	BAILEY	102
10	12	DAWSON	101

North had to put declarer in dummy for the heart finesse.

Teams 4, Bd 17

N/Nil ♠ Q 5
NS +250 ♡ K Q 10 2
♦ K J
♣ J 10 8 7 3

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

♠ A 9
♡ J 7 4
♦ A 10 7 5 2
♣ A 4 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♣	no	1♦
3♠	no	no	3NT

3NT is easy enough on a spade lead but Paul McLeish led ♡9. Surely East would win the ♡A if he had it but that penny failed to drop. When declarer fiddled about in the minors, a spade through meant -150.

Three-Quarter Time

Teams 2 & 3 clash this morning in the Open. **Ian ROBINSON, Andy BRAITHWAITE, Sartaj HANS, Helena DAWSON** play **Joan BUTTS, Paul WYER, Kim MORRISON, Simon HINGE.**

In the Restricted, **Larry SHEK, Linda SHEK, Judy ZHU, Sarah YANG** are comfortably clear.

Match 6, Bd 17

N/nil ♠ 10 5 3
NS -190 ♡ A 9 7 6
♦ 9 6
♣ A Q 9 6

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

♠ 8 2
♡ 4 2
♦ K J 8 7 5 2
♣ K 8 7

Will Jenner-O'Shea found a nice card here. Playing 4♠ from West on ♦9 lead, he called for ♦Q from dummy! Without drawing trumps, he led ♡K-J. North won the second heart and played a diamond, expecting a club back. Ruff, trumps, pitch a club on the long heart!

Match 5, Bd 1

N/Nil ♠ —
NS +490 ♡ A K 8 6
♦ A 8 7
♣ A K 7 6 5 3

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

♠ K Q J 10 5
♡ Q 10 3
♦ K 10 5 3
♣ 4

Some North's found it hard to stop with all those controls. The 3 pairs in 6NT made it. 5 of 6 made 6♣. Admittedly, 3 of those got the ♠A lead. The others should have failed on a dia-

mond lead. Looks like East may have panicked when in with the ♠Q. 6NT is quite poor. You need to finesse the ♡10 to make.

Teams 5, Bd 3

S/EW ♠ Q J 10 5
NS +460 ♡ K Q
♦ K 10 7 6 5 4
♣ J

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

♠ A K 7 4
♡ A 9 6
♦ J 8
♣ A 7 6 5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Dawson		Hans
			1NT
no	2♣	no	2♠
no	4♣ ^{spl}	no	slam

8 out the 9 in 6♠ got the diamond right to make. Stayman and splinter looks a good sequence.

Teams 5, Bd 4

W/Both ♠ K 10 9 6 5 4
NS +160 ♡ 10 8
♦ 8 7 6 2
♣ A

♠ J 2 ♠ Q 7
♡ A Q 9 7 4 3 2 ♡ J 6
♦ — ♦ K Q 3
♣ 8 7 4 2 ♣ K Q J 9 6 3

♠ A 8 3
♡ K 5
♦ A J 10 9 5 4
♣ 10 5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rankin	Dawson	Tully	Hans
3♡	no	4♡	end

With 4♠ likely to make, NS had to defeat 4♡. ♣A and ♠9 to the ace seemed a good start but South tried to cash the ♦A. Pele Rankin ruffed and exited ♠J. No club ruff now, plus



Timetable

Sun	9am	checkout!
	10am	Teams 7 & 8
	1.30	Prize-giving

Best is defending 3♠x, which the Strongs managed after Edda passed Tom's takeout double. (Tom didn't open his aceless 12-count)

With waste cardboard in dummy, that was +500.

Teams 3, Bd 13

♠ 10 9 6 ♠ Q 8
 ♥ A J 8 2 ♥ 3
 ♦ A K ♦ Q10 9 8 6 4 2
 ♣ A K Q 9 ♣ 7 3 2

2NT 3NT or 5♦?

It's close but the chance of an open suit or a diamond blockage are high.

Against that, two queens makes 11 tricks unlikely. Michael Johnston and John McIlraith were among those who chose right.

In fact, 42 chose diamonds – 6 in slam, 4 making – while 21 chose 3NT, some allowed to make.

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

Andy Braithwaite made this hand from yesterday's bulletin without taking the deep spade hook. He ruffed the ♣A lead to play ♠A-Q. North won to play another club.

Declarer ruffed and ran four hearts to reach this ending:

♠ 10 6
 ♥ —
 ♦ 3
 ♣ K Q

♠ — ♠ J 9
 ♥ — ♥ 8 2
 ♦ A K J ♦ 5
 ♣ 10 9 ♣ —

♠ —
 ♥ —
 ♦ Q 9 8
 ♣ J 7

He took the diamond hook then led top diamonds to coup North. Well done, though North might have seen

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this coming and returned a red card at trick 4.

From the ABTA seminar

I gave a presentation about system at the teachers' seminar on Friday night. I like to offer more flexibility to students, including the freedom to open 1NT on some 5422 & 6322 hands. There have been many off-shape 1NTs this week:

Teams 3, Bd 14 (rotated)

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

Normal is 1♥ - 2♥, with West trying for game, declined. I quite like

1NT! 2♣!
 2♥ no

5422 is "balanced" and 1NT appeals with good doubletons. East has a

good hand for "Garbage Stayman". Don't get me started on Extended.

The problem with 1♥ is a sequence like 1♥ - 1NT - 2NT. 16+10 is game but 2NT might be too high with the wrong declarer.

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

Team-wrecker datums

	R3	R4	R5	R6
1/15	-200	-140	490	-390
2/16	120	-560	110	-240
3/17	420	250	460	-190
4/18	-60	-130	160	280
5/19	-300	90	-240	300
6/20	80	-630	-270	50
7/21	90	-120	10	-140
8/22	-820	140	-40	10
9/23	40	-20	200	570
10/24	120	-260	-110	210
11/25	-60	-670	-410	-40
12/26	10	-40	-310	-70
13/27	-380	-30	-600	-180
14/28	-20	-400	-490	-100

Modified datums – top 10

1	P Hooykaas - J Solomon	132.3
2	M Waring - J Ebery	127.6
3	P Gosney - N Van Jole	118.5
4	N Van Vucht - W Boxall	111.4
5	F Lyons - H Cusworth	110.5
6	I Robinson A Braithwaite	103.5
7	K Dougall - A Dougall	95.4
8	M Johnson - B Tier	92.6
9	K Morrison - S Hinge	88.4
10	K Lemon - R Ng	87.3