

ANC CONGRESS RESULTS

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MANGROVE WARBLER PAIRS

		VPS
1	M Watts, E Chadwick	149
2	R Rhodes, M Rhodes	147
3	K Steffensen, A Norris	133
4	R Mooney, E Jeffery	131
5	J Millar, M Millar	125

WALKIN BUTLER 3/8/08

1	M Mamet, L Allen	69
2	F Landy, C Schoutrop	26
3	A Norris, A Gibson	22



The 14th Barrier Reef Congress will be held in Cairns from 5-8 June, 2009.

This prestigious Gold Point Congress attracts players from throughout Australia as well as New Zealand.

The Congress will be held at the luxury 5 star Cairns International Hotel situated in down town Cairns. There is a great choice of accommodation, at the venue and in Hotels and Apartments within easy walking distance.

The program will feature the Eric Parsons Pairs (2 Sessions) and Barrier Reef Teams (4 Sessions). In addition there will be parallel Restricted Pairs and Teams events open to players with under 300 masterpoints on March 31, 2009.

Treat yourself to some extra days in Cairns, an international tourist destination offering many natural attractions including the Great Barrier Reef and tropical rainforest.

For further information, check the Congress web site www.qldbridge.com/brc or contact the Convenor Andrew Hooper (phone 07 4059 2907, email brc@cairnsbridgeclub.org.au).

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SOME HANDS FROM THE YOUTH TEAMS

The 2008 ANC is being played in Surfers Paradise and it didn't take long for the youth teams to bid some slams. Here are two boards from the Open Room table when NSW played SA. This match was particularly exciting because both pairs played a complicated Precision system.

17 ♠
N/Nil ♠AQ52
♦KQ642
♣K953

♠K9653
♥1064
♦9
♣A1082

♠QJ10842
♥J9
♦873
♣J4

♠A7
♥K873
♦AJ105
♣Q76

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
Jarrad Leigh Alex Hoi-Ming
Dunbar Matheson Dunbar Chan

1♦(1) P 1♥
1♠ 3♠(2) X 4♦(3)
P 4♠(4) P 4NT(5)
P 5♦(6) P 6♥

All pass

- 11-15 HCP, denies 5 card major or 6 card minor.
- Splinter agreeing ♥s, 4 card support and ♠ shortage.
- Cue showing the ♦A or K.
- Spade void and significant slam interest.
- Roman Keycard Blackwood.
- 1 or 4 key cards in hearts.

The ♦9 was led and the play was routine, drawing trumps, establishing a club, ruffing a spade and pitching a club on the last diamond.

The next board was less routine but no less action packed.

Directions changed for convenience.

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8 ♠QJ9852
♥K83
♦AQ76
♣
♠A
♥9754
♦852
♣KQ1086
♠K107643
♥
♦J1093
♣973

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alex	Hoi-Ming	Jarrad	Leigh
Dunbar	Chan	Dunbar	Matheson
		P	2♠
3♥	4♠	5♥	P
P	5♠	6♥	6♠
P	P	X	All pass

Matheson-Chan's style is to open solid weak 2s (6-10HCP) so this hand is pushing it. But the useful 9s and 10s are worth an upgrade and the side suit void cannot be ignored. Basically a hand with this much potential shouldn't pass.

4♠ was to play and 5♠ was good judgement of when to sacrifice 5 over 5. When East bid 6♥, South decided that letting EW make a slam was too risky, and therefore bid 6♠. This turned out to be a two way bet. You can see that if East has the ♦K and ♥A, 6♥ is cold so 6♠ is a good sacrifice. But if West has the ♦K, 6♠ makes.

The play was simple, cross-ruffing the first six tricks and eventually taking the diamond finesse. When the ♦K appeared, declarer claimed the contract plus a doubled beer card. Those useful 9s and 10s were worth their weight in gold. (Or beer. Ed.) The NSW non-playing captain, Kieran Dyke, mentioned that he'd never before seen a slam bid and made on a HCP count as low as 16.

I don't know who the kind person was wrote this but thanks for doing so. Ed.

Today...

Championship Events

Teams: Open, Women, Seniors, Youth
10am, 1.30pm, 4.30pm, 8pm

Congress Events

Gold Coast BC Teams 1/2 + Walk In Pairs — 10am
Gold Coast BC Teams 2/2 — 2pm
Walk in Pairs, Glowworm Eclectic 3/5 — 7.30pm

Cheeseburger

In Paradise – Day 12

One of a series by Blaine Howe

Drifting Off: “You Ain’t Going Nowhere”



I included this song for a number of reasons. The bridge reason is that’s the truth isn’t it? You love the game and “You Ain’t Going Nowhere”. Why should you? It’s too much fun.

The song was written by Bob Dylan and performed by the Byrds with a help from Earl Scruggs and friends. I had to include the Byrds (a big favourite of mine) and Bob Dylan (the finest modern American songwriter) somewhere in this selection.

Typical of Dylan’s lyrics, you think his songs don’t mean much but it isn’t so. They sound different each time they pass by and you catch a glimpse of something else.

Earl Scruggs is a very fine country musician. However, he is responsible for the theme song to “The Beverley Hillbillies”. The banjo and guitar work are excellent on that song but the lyrics drives me crazy.

Maybe I shouldn’t have watched the show. Oh well.

Articles plus links to song videos at:

www.bridgescores.net/songs.html

Check out musicians on www.allmusic.com – great website.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TEAMS

CHAMPIONSHIPS

DAY 2

The standings after 5 matches in the first Round Robin are:

OPEN

1	SA	43.4
2	WA	28.3
3	TAS	26.6
4	ACT	19.5
6	VIC	-28.8
7	NSW	-33.3
8	QLD	-56

WOMEN

1	QLD	47.9
2	NSW	28.6
3	VIC	26.9
4	SA	5.6
6	ACT	-29.9
7	TAS	-32.1
8	WA	-49

SENIORS

1	QLD	47.8
2	ACT	32.5
3	NSW	19.5
4	VIC	19
5	SA	16.2
7	WA	-28
8	TAS	-110

YOUTH

1	VIC	80.3
2	NSW	37.4
3	ACT	13.7
4	QLD	-11
5	SA	-23.8
6	WA	-97.3

In Round 4 of the Open Teams, NSW played VIC and I kibitzed Peter Gill-Nye Griffiths(NSW EW) against Adam Sarten-Leigh Gold (VIC NS).

I’ll start with the big one.

2	▲1098762
E/NS	▼102
	▲1052
	▲84
▲AQJ	▲AK764
▼QJ53	▼AJ
▲K64	▲AQ10652
▲KJ3	
	▲K543
	▼98
	▲Q9873
	▲97

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

Gill Sarten Griffiths Gold

		1♣	P
1♥	P	3♠(1)	P
4NT	P	5♣(2)	P
7♥	All pass		

- 1 Spade shortage, at least 4 hearts.
- 2 1 or 3 key cards in hearts.

A simple auction to reach a beautiful grand slam. Peter later told me that he considered the possibility of a club finesse before bidding 7, but with partner short in spades, the known club suit length was reassuring.

In the Open, all EWs were in the grand, one in 7NT. You don’t often see a datum of 1510.

In the Women, only two were in 7♥ (well done Maureen and Rosemary!), three in the Seniors, and one in 7♣, while 4 pairs bid 7♥ in the Youth.

Board 8 was interesting because of the opening bid.

8	▲	▼109754
W/Nil		▲Q53
		▲109875
▲J108743		▲AKQ6
2		▼Q63
▼K2		▲K7
▲AJ4		▲AQ42
▲J		
		▲95
		▼AJ8
		▲109862
		▲K63

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♠	P	2NT(1)	P
3♣(2)	P	4NT	P
5♣(3)	P	6♣	All pass

- 1 Jacoby, game force with 4 spades.
- 2 Club shortage, says nothing about strength.
- 3 1 key card in spades.

In my opinion, and bear in mind that I’m only a female bridge player, that West hand is a deadset worry. No opening bid really seems to describe it—1♠? 2♠? 3♠? All these bids set you on the rocky road to a losing postmortem in my experience, and yet you can’t possibly pass it. In literary circles, they call it “being on the horns of Morton’s Fork” but Gill’s 1♠ opening worked well.

Griffiths could see that most of Gill’s points were outside the spade suit and, upon checking for key cards, confidently bid the slam.

It would be interesting to know West’s opening bid at the other tables, but the auctions were obviously problematic as 6♠ was bid only four times in the Open, three times in the Women, Jakes-Green now on a hat trick (to anyone considering whingeing about bias towards the Queensland women, I have news for you. I’m a woman and I live in Queensland. Now read on) and one pair in 6NT, three times in the Seniors and three again in the Youth.

Board 19 was a pick up for NSW when Gill-Griffiths bid to the correct contract and their Victorian counterparts did not.

19	▲AJ1073	▲654
S/EW	▼762	▼AQ109
	▲10864	▲AJ53
	▲9	▲A3
▲9		
▼K43		
▲KQ9		
▲K107652		
	▲KQ82	
	▼J85	
	▲72	
	▲QJ84	

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

			P
1♣	P	1♦	P
2♣	P	2♥	P
4♦	P	5♣	All pass

All the bidding was natural except for the opening 1♣ which could be short as they play 2/1 Game Force.

North led the ♦6 to the K. Gill now played ♠A and K(Gold inserted the ♠J), and played on hearts. When they broke 3-3, he could discard a spade and just give up two club tricks. According to Deep Finesse, 5♣ can be made on any lead. Perhaps there is some sort of trump coup against South relying on the same heart break. There are so many experts here, I’m sure one of them could help me.

In the other room, Chua-Hinge were in 3NT which was unsuccessful.

Three Open pairs bid 5♣, one failing, two in the Women’s, one failing there too. The Seniors, never ones to conform, did not play in clubs at all. Three were in 3NT, one making obviously by casting a spell on NS so that they did not lead their spades. The others were in 4♥ making while George Gaspar-Boris Tencer showed everyone else up as wimps by bidding and making 6♥.

In the Youth, two bid and made 3NT! The other results were 2♥, 4♥, 4♠X (-500) and 5♣ one off.

SO, another day at the office for the players, and four matches for kibitzers to look forward to tomorrow.

Georges Paragon

Probably the best known Gold Coast restaurants. Located in Southport (5 minutes by cab) and Sanctuary Cove (maybe 25 minutes). Quality assured and half price lunches superb value. pp78-79 (centrefold) of HGC.

FRIVOLOUS GOSSIP & TRIVIA

Notice any strange cuts and bruising on Sean Mul-lamphy’s wrists? No, the players haven’t driven him to self-harm. It seems he forgot his cufflinks so tried using paperclips instead, which was quite painful. I hear he’s now discovered that small bulldog clips are far superior. They don’t call Sean ‘Mr Stylish’ for nothing.

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Somebody who would know tells me there have been two world records set at the ANC so far. Firstly, two of the Youth Teams have finished playing last not once, but TWICE. Also on the subject of time, Jill del Piccolo and Kate Smith finished one match FIRST. Whatever next????

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And so the excitement mounts. But definitely the coolest person on the floor is Dane, our wonderful caddy. Who walks around the room moving boards simultaneously reading a huge Stephen King novel. And they say that men can’t multitask!

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