

Coffs Coast Gold Congress

at Opal Cove Resort



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Thursday 20 August

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Swiss Pairs after 4 of 8 rnds

Open (108 pairs)

1	J Simpson, R Simpson	80
2	B Marr, M Marr	79
3	S Hans, T Nunn	78
4	P Gill, S Ingham	78
5	M Wilkinson, N Griffiths	77
6	S Browne, G Bilal	77
7	P Purbrick, P Corrigan	76
8	D Osmund, L Osmund	74
9	K Morrison, M Chadwick	72
10	M Jakes, R Green	72

Restricted (62 pairs)

1	C Whiddon, M Allison	81
2	Y Carter, M Fox	81
3	M O'Donohue, P Thompson	79
4	J Mills, E Miller	78
5	D McIntyre, J Dyson	74
6	F Campbell, H Grant	73
7	T Free, K Free	73
8	B Herring, C Birch	72
9	R Devries, A Ngan	71
10	C Tolley, M Siford	70

Pairs half way

One full day in, NZ-ers Jo & Robert Simpson have a narrow lead from ex-NZers Bruce & Merle Marr. Yes, our winters are warmer.

Some interesting hands:

Match 1, Bd 8

W/Nil	♠ 53		
	♥ KQ1064		
	♦ 86		
	♣ AQ102		
♠ AJ106		♠ 9872	
♥ -		♥ J82	
♦ K7542		♦ AQJ10	
♣ J984		♣ K5	
	♠ KQ4		
	♥ A9753		
	♦ 93		
	♣ 763		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
No	1♥	No	4♥
X!	No	4♠	End

This is the approved auction, seen at a few tables for 7 IMPs in. Ben Raaphorst lowered the bar by opening 1♦ with the West cards. Fortune and the brave.

Did you have the machinery for this?

Match 1, Bd 3

S/EW	♠ 9		
	♥ -		
	♦ KJ108		
	♣ AKQJ10962		
♠ Q1073		♠ J652	
♥ KQ953		♥ A10876	
♦ 3		♦ 974	
♣ 875		♣ 3	
	♠ AK84		
	♥ J42		
	♦ AQ652		
	♣ 4		

Against Neville Francis, North's 4♣ over South's 1♦ opening was a Gerber-style ace ask. South showed two odd aces and that was that.

Others had impressive scientific auctions – Voidwood anyone? – but few were prepared to punt. Datum was just +990.

A tougher field this year with Hans - Nunn making the trip. No playoff points available, so they were here for the money. (Playoff Points – like masterpoints – have lost some lustre. Upwards of dozen ABF events offer the PP hook. Fish are harder to attract these days)

Tony & Sartaj stumbled in round two against two more heat-seeking Kiwis:

Match 2, Bd 21

N/NS	♠ AQ9		
	♥ Q62		
	♦ J75		
	♣ 7654		
♠ 1082		♠ KJ763	
♥ 93		♥ AK10874	
♦ K9863		♦ A4	
♣ K83		♣ -	
	♠ 54		
	♥ J5		
	♦ Q102		
	♣ AQJ1092		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Stuckey	Hans	Boughey	Nunn
	No	1♠!?	2♣
2♠	2NT	6♠!	End

When North showed a spade stopper, Steve Boughey figured he could pick up trumps, so away he went.

Right he was, with both onside and no way to stop a heart ruff.

This was another swing board:

Match 2, Bd 24

W/Nil	♠ K9		
	♥ 1054		
	♦ K1093		
	♣ KQ87		
♠ J532		♠ A107	
♥ 872		♥ AKJ	
♦ Q852		♦ AJ	
♣ A6		♣ J10432	
	♠ Q864		
	♥ Q963		
	♦ 764		
	♣ 95		

Nunn led a heart against East's 3NT, not a good start. Declarer played

♣A-another, rising ♣J when North followed low. Is this the right line?

The alternative is to play low second time, gaining when South has honour-doubleton. It's close.

Anyway, Boughey cleared clubs as the defence cleared hearts, then he played ♣A-another, making when he found North with a doubleton honour there. Curious black suits!

Timetable

Swiss Pairs (8 x 14 bds)

Thu	10am	Pairs 5 & 6
	2.30	Pairs 7 & 8
		Prize-giving
Fri	9am	Directors' forum
	10.30	Workshop
	2.30	walk-in pairs

Teams (8 x 14 bds)

	7.30	Teams 1 & 2
Sat	10am	Teams 3 & 4
	2.30	Teams 5 & 6
	7.30	Congress dinner
Sun	10am	Teams 7 & 8
		Prize-giving
		Finish at 2pm

Match 3, Bd 8

W/Nil ♠ 8 7 6 2
♥ —
♦ Q 7 6 5
♣ K Q 9 4 2

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

♠ 3
♥ 10 7 6 5 3
♦ A J 10 3
♣ A 10 6

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Hans		Nunn
No	No	1♠	X
2♠	2NT*	4♠	No
No	X	End	

4♠ looks an okay spot, probably on ♦A onside. Nunn led ♥3, ruffed. Back came a ♣9-3-T-4. This meant South had three entries to give North three more heart ruffs for +800.

East might have saved a relatively meaningless trick by playing ♣J at trick 2. Then North might not risk a second underlead.

Very few bid high enough here:

Match 4, Bd 24

W/Nil ♠ 6 2
♥ A J 7
♦ J 9 7 6 2
♣ A 8 4

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

♠ 8
♥ Q 9 5 2
♦ 5
♣ K J 10 9 7 6 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
No	No	1♠	3♣
4♠	End		

A common auction. South should bid 4♣ instead. Now North has an auto raise. In practice you will be -100 in

5♣ doubled, which is still good. If you are lucky, they might bid 5♠ or you might divine to pin East's ♥8. Datum was -390 NS. Hmm.

Bruce Neill did something evil here:

Match 3, Bd 11

S/Nil ♠ A J 10
♥ A 6 5 4 2
♦ A J 8 4
♣ 3

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

♠ K 5 3
♥ J
♦ Q 10 9 6 3
♣ Q 10 4 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Wilkinson	Neil	Griffiths	To
No	1♥	No	1NT
No	2♦	No	3♦
No	5♦!	End	

East led ♣A then switched reluctantly to a spade. Bruce inferred that East would lead a trump if he didn't have ♦K, so he won ♠A and led a low diamond! Nye ducked, anxious not to crash his partner's possible bare ace. +420!

Here's a winkle from the pairs:

Welcome Bd 29

N/Both ♠ K J 10 9
♥ Q J 10
♦ 9 4
♣ Q 7 4 3

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

♠ A Q 8
♥ A K 9 8
♦ A J 10 6
♣ 10 9

Kieran Dyke (who else?) is always on the lookout for winkles. Playing

Friday Workshop

David Beauchamp & Ted Chadwick have a workshop at 10.30 on Friday morning, after the directors' forum. Topics include Declarer play in suit; in notrumps; hand evaluation; when to cover an honour.

Soccer

Get warmed up for the soccer on Friday. Approach one of the young guys if you'd like to play.

3NT/S on a passive spade lead, he won in dummy and ran ♦9 to West's king.

This was a mite dangerous as the defence could have four clubs to cash (give East ♣8) but West was stuck in matchpoint mode and continued spades.

Dyke ran his major winners, forcing East to come down to bare ♣K in order to keep ♦K guarded. The second diamond finesse won, then declarer exited with his bare ♠10 in this ending.

N/Both ♠ —
♥ —
♦ —
♣ Q 7 4

♠ — ♠ —
♥ — ♥ —
♦ — ♦ K 5
♣ A 8 6 ♣ K

♠ —
♥ —
♦ A J
♣ 10

If West ducks this, East is left on lead with ♦K-5. It's no better for West to hop ♣A like a crocodile, because that would leave dummy's ♣Q-7 over his 8-6. 11 tricks either way. ♣♦♥♠

Welcome Pairs — 45 tables

North-South

1st	Seamus Browne & Gulzar Bilal	64.4%
2nd	Ervin Otvosi & Kennet Chistiansen	64.0%

East-West

1st	Nicoleta Giura & Nick Hughes	65.7%
2nd	Gary Lane & Bill Westwood	62.3%

Gulzar & Seamus,

North-South
Welcome winners



Gulzar Bilal is a member of the Pakistan Open team.