

Coffs Coast Gold Congress at Opal Cove Resort



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Friday 21 August (& Saturday) Editor: Nick Hughes

Swiss Pairs results

Open (108 pairs)

1	S Hans, T Nunn	153
2	R Speiser, P Gosney	148
3=	J Mottram, E Quittner	146
3=	K Morrison, M Chadwick	146
5	M Wilkinson, N Griffiths	144
6	B Neill, F To	143
7	C Miller, R Morawiecki	143
8	M Jakes, R Green	141
9	D Beauchamp, M Watts	140
10	S Palfreyman, S Palfreyman	139

Restricted (62 pairs)

1	C Whiddon, M Allison	148
2=	Y Carter, M Fox	145
2=	D Kwok, E Lam	145
4	J Mills, E Miller	143
5	B Crossman, B Crossman	143
6	C Tolley, M Siford	138
7	T Free, K Free	138
8	M O'Donohue, P Thompson	135
9	R McArthur, C Stone	134
10	D McIntyre, J Dyson	132

The defence can thwart this by continuing diamonds at trick 2, which kills the club suit. Say you ruff and play a heart. South wins to switch to a trump. Now you have to lose three heart tricks for one off.

Declarer has a neat counter. When the defence continue diamonds at trick 2, pitch a heart instead of ruffing! Now declarer can cope.

Anything could happen here:

Match 5, Bd 8

W/Nil	♠ K 8		
	♥ 3		
	♦ AK10 9 2		
	♣ AJ10 7 3		
♠	AQJ10 3 2	♠	9 7 6 5 4
♥	AK 2	♥	5
♦	—	♦	J 7 5 4
♣	9 5 4 2	♣	K Q 8
	♠ —		
	♥ QJ10 9 8 7 6 4		
	♦ Q 8 6 3		
	♣ 6		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	2♦	4♠	5♥
5♠	X	no	?

It's brave to risk partner's ire by bidding here but how often are you dealt 12 red cards? -650 vs 5♠x was common enough, while 6♥ escapes for -100. Some South's even dived unsuccessfully at the 7-level.

Favourites win

Top Australian pair Sartaj Hans and Tony Nunn went through undefeated to score an expected victory in the Open Pairs.

Victorians Catherine Whiddon and Mary Allison won the Restricted.

There were two very tough declarer hands in Match 5. Not many made this game. Would you?

Match 5, Bd 1

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

West leads ♣Q against South's 4♥. Should East unblock the king? It's right here but not if partner has ♣QJ 432 or similar.

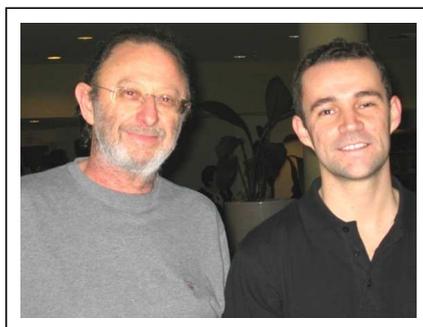
Anyway, the simple line is to win the second club, then take the diamond finesse to pitch a club. If it loses, you can still hope ♠A is onside.

When it wins, you can ruff twice in one hand or the other.

3NT is okay too. Win the second club then run hearts to squeeze West in three suits. He can start by pitching two spades but must then



Sartaj & Tony



2nd - Ron Speiser & Paul Gosney

part with a club. Now take a diamond finesse then duck a spade for an elegant +400.

Match 5, Bd 10

E/Both	♠ 8 6		
	♥ 9 7 6		
	♦ AK 8 6 2		
	♣ K J 4		
♠	J 9 2	♠	AKQ 5 3
♥	5 4	♥	K10 8 3 2
♦	5	♦	10 7
♣	A 10 9 8 6 3 2	♣	Q
	♠ 10 7 4		
	♥ A Q J		
	♦ Q J 9 4 3		
	♣ 7 5		

This time East plays 4♠ on ♦Q lead. North might overtake to play a trump. With ♥A offside, declarer's chance is to set up dummy's clubs. Win ♠A, then ♣A and a high club ruff. Now the tough bit. Play a spade to dummy's 9, ruff another club high then cross to dummy's ♠J to enjoy the clubs.



Restricted winners

Catherine Whiddon & Mary Allison

Do you overcall with length in their suit? We didn't and paid:

Match 6, Bd 27

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

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

♠ K
♥ A J 10 8 6 3
♦ A K 10
♣ J 10 7

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Giura	Mill	Hughes	Hegedus
No	1♠!	No	3♥
No	3NT	End	

I led a club, which set up declarer's ninth trick. Andrew Mill's 1♠ prevented a spade lead, which looks to shoot 3NT. However, declarer can run five diamonds to put the squeeze on West. Eventually he has to pitch a spade, then declarer can set up a club trick in comfort.

If West overcalls 1♠, East-West rate to go plus. It might go

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♥
1♠	1NT	3♠	4♥
X	End		

That's +500 out of thin air. Michael Wilkinson did better, making 4♠x.

The defence can prevail on most leads but South panicked by ruffing in with ♠K. Keep your powder dry.

Did you bid this grand?

Match 6, Bd 25

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

WEST	EAST
	1♠
2♥	4NT
5♣ ^{1 or 4}	5♦
6♣	6♦
7♥	

Blackwood looks okay, giving me a chance to plug 1430, which leaves room for 5♦ as a queen ask. 3041 is so last century. With a 6-card suit, West might pretend he has ♥Q, then



0-299 winners

Dominic Kwok & Eric Lam

show ♣K as well. 6♦ might check for ♦K and there they are. Maybe.

Been to Newcastle lately? Read on.

Match 7, Bd 4

W/Both ♠ A
♥ K J 10 9 2
♦ A K Q J 3
♣ J 3

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

♠ 6 5 3
♥ A Q 8 4 3
♦ 6 2
♣ 9 8 7

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3NT	4♥	4♠	5♥
5♠!	X	End	

A plausible auction after a gambling 3NT. South led ♥A against Bobby Richman's 5♠x, so he duly racked up +850.

More usual was +650 the other way but one North-South did better. At Gary Riddell's table, East thought West's 3NT opening showed both minors. Eventually they stumbled into 5♦x, which went a cool 8 off for -2300 (Newcastle). This was originally scored as -2600 (Canberra).



0-149 winners

Robin deVries & Alex Ngan

The score change turned a draw into a 16-14 win for East-West. Well held.

This slam earned Kim Morrison and Marilyn Chadwick a share of third place:

Match 8, Bd 16

W/EW ♠ K 6 3
♥ K 8 6 3 2
♦ 10 9 8 7 6
♣ —

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

♠ 8 4 2
♥ Q 10 7
♦ K 2
♣ J 10 7 6 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Morrison	Watts	Chadwick	B'champ
1♦		1♠	
2♣		2♥	
3♥		4♣	
4♦		4♠	
6♣		No	

Morrison won the diamond lead in hand and cashed ♠A. Hmm.

♥A and a successful spade finesse was an improvement. Then came ♠A, spade ruff, heart ruff, ♦Q, heart ruff. Beauchamp was down to ♣JT76 and had to ruff the next spade high, overruffed. A diamond ruff with dummy's bare ♣Q, then declarer's ♣8 made *en passant*.

Next year's dates
17-22 August

Timetable

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