

# Coffs Coast Gold Congress at Opal Cove Resort



**4** Sunday 23 August

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## Teams after 6 of 8 rnds

### Open (80 Teams)

1	18	Steffensen	121
2	5	Hans	120
3	9	Richman	114
4	3	Otvosi	114
5	1	Neill	112
5	16	Finikiotis	112
7	2	Horwitz	111
8	7	Havas	111
9	11	Reitzer	109
10	21	Jakes	109

### Restricted (26 Teams)

1	1	Rae	115
2	3	Crossman	111
3	9	Francis	107
4	14	Lawrence	107
5	17	Kearney	104
6	4	Cooke	104
7	11	Kassam	102
8	7	Wilson	102
9	13	Kite	98
10	19	Campbell	95

but most didn't. Best could be ♠10, so West knows to withhold the king. Gosney's raise to game looks aggressive but he knew he wasn't getting a heart lead. Why? A sleepy East (me) was holding his cards so that partner could see them. She caught sight of ♣A and admitted as much to the director, so I had to lead it. Pity she didn't see ♠A instead. That would have caused some head-scratching for the directors.

### Match 6, Bd 22

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

This is the sort of slam you tend to bid on impetus, or because you can't stop in 4NT.

Michael Courtney reckoned he needed one card from partner to add to his ten tricks, then some squeeze will take care of the 12th.

### Three-quarter time

With this morning's matches to go, the two unbeaten teams — they drew their head-to-head — are nicely clear.

Queenslanders Kevin **Steffensen**, Neville Francis, Carolyn Miller & Roman Morawiecki lead from Sydney-siders Sartaj **Hans**, Tony Nunn, Catherine Ritter, Nye Griffiths.

### Some hands

It was hard to find players who got these right, so this is mostly a litany of missed brilliancies.

I doubt anyone made this slam from Friday night, unless East doubled ..

### Teams 1, Bd 15

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

You pitch a club on the ♠A, play ♣A and a ruff then cash ♠A. One off now. To make, you need to take a first round spade finesse.

One thought is to lead ♠10 to tempt a cover, hopping ace if East plays low smoothly. Even if you pull that off, you still need to squeeze West to make it. Get real!

Opal Cove is an ideal bridge venue. The ABF might even consider trialing some other events here.

One issue is transport. People from Southern states still need to change planes in Sydney, for added time and cost. Apart from that, it's all good!

### Match 3, Bd 10

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

It's normal to open 4♠ as East, passed out for -100 on ♠A lead. Kevin Steffensen led a low heart, so that was +200.

One international found the losing lead of ♣10. This allowed declarer to pitch two heart losers after exhausting North's trumps with overruffs.

Some Wests couldn't bring themselves to pass and paid a bigger penalty.

How strong is your 1NT opening?

### Match 4, Bd 25

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Edgton		Gosney
	No	No	1♦
No	1NT	No	3NT
End			

If South opens 1NT, North will probably pass for +120 on a heart lead, or make a pushy raise for -50.

Most Souths would open 1♦ then decide how high to raise. East should probably lead a heart anyway

And so it proved. He won ♠Q lead, ran a few diamonds then ducked a spade. As expected, South was squeezed in the reds for +1440.

Kennet Christiansen found the same line, choosing not to be dummy in 6♣, which can also make.

South can defeat 6NT by leading a club, North withholding the queen. I don't think so!

### Match 6, Bd 25

N/EW ♠ 8 6 2  
♥ 7 2  
♦ K Q J 10 6 5 3  
♣ 5

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

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	3♦	3♥	No
4♦	No	4NT	No
5♠	No	6♥	End

A possible auction to slam. South is unlikely to swing ♣A-another, in which case declarer can make.

Draw trumps, play a club to the queen, then ruff a diamond and a spade. North is down to all diamonds, so lead dummy's ♦4 and pitch a club. Easy! No, we haven't found anyone who found that.

### Match 6, Bd 26

E/Both ♠ A J 10 8 7 3  
♥ 10  
♦ 10 5 4 3  
♣ Q 10

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

♠ K Q 9 2  
♥ K J 8 4  
♦ 9 6  
♣ 4 3 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		No	No
1♦	2♠	No	3♠
4♥	End		

The textbook sequence. Best not to open 2♣. With a 2-suiter, especially one with a spade void.

If South bounces to 4♠, West might try 4NT, correcting 5♣ to 5♦ to show red suits.

4♥ is high enough. Ruff ♠A, cash ♥A then basically claim, allowing the defence to score their three trumps. More than one declarer played ♥A-another, allowing South to draw trumps and cash spades for five off!

### Match 5, Bd 13

N/Both ♠ J 2  
♥ 9 7 2  
♦ Q 9 7 6 4  
♣ K 9 4

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

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

All slams can be defeated. Kim Morrison and Marilyn Chadwick made 6♠, escaping the club lead that should come from either side.

That's a bid mean because it takes a **diamond** lead to shoot 6♥/E.

Now a case of too much information:

### Match 5, Bd 14

E/Nil ♠ 9 5 2  
♥ -  
♦ 8 6 5 2  
♣ A J 10 7 6 5

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

♠ 4  
♥ 9 8 6 4 3  
♦ A 9 7  
♣ K Q 9 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♠	No
2NT <sup>Jac</sup>	No	3♣ <sup>spl</sup>	No
3♥ <sup>cue</sup>	No	4♥ <sup>cue</sup>	No
4♠	End		

After South led ♣K, East & West praised each other on their elegant Jacoby auction. East prepared to claim as North played ♣J at trick one. One off. Sigh.

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

### Local knowledge

The town was originally named 'Korff's Harbour' by John Korff in 1847.

### The big ones nearby

Ayers Rock - Karuah  
Axe - Kew  
Bowl - Lake Cathie  
Bunch of bananas - Sawtell  
Mosquito - Hexham  
Oyster - Taree  
Windmill - Coffs  
Ballina's Big Prawn is in some danger of being shelled.

### Friday walk-in

NS Andy Hegedus  
Andrew Mill  
EW Saima King  
Barbara Griffiths

### Next major ABF Gold Point event is Spring Nationals

21-29 October

Hakoah Club, Sydney

21-23 SNT qualifying  
also Restricted teams

24-25 Dick Cummings Pairs

26-28 Womens/Seniors



At the Congress dinner

### Timetable

#### Teams (8 x 14 bds)

Sun 10am Teams 7 & 8  
Prize-giving  
Finish at 2pm