Coffs Coast Gold Congress at Opal Cove Resort



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Wet Sail Winners

Ervin Otvosi's foursome were trailing by 7 VPs overnight but came home with 24 and 25 to win comfortably. First prize was \$3600.

Second-placed Sartaj Hans, Tony Nunn, Catherine Ritter & Nye Griffith would no doubt have liked a 28-board play-off. There is a random element in Swiss Teams; you need to be in the right place when the music stops. One way to have a final would be to swap the pairs & teams, then have a teams final on Friday morning. However, the more popular teams is better placed over the weekend.

Third were Andrew Mill, Andy Hegedus, Ishmael & Kim Del'Monte.

The Swiss Pairs was also a bit under-swissed. Perhaps it could start on Tuesday night, or even switch to three matches per session.

These are not criticisms, just modest suggestions.

The Restricted teams winners were Jan Rae, Kath Rooney, Joan Mills and Errol Miller.



Restricted winners

There were category prizes within the Restricted event. Winning the 0-299 section were Berneice Kearney, Christine Atwal, Pat Haigh, and Pauline Griffin.

The 0-149 winners were Pat Kennedy, Geoffrey Norris, Ken Anderson & Lindy Anderson.



Ervin's teammates -Paul Gosney, Nabile Edgtton & Kennet Christiansen

Teams 8, Bd 21			
N/NS	★ J 10	543	
	♡ 43		
	♦ –		
	♣ AK	9832	
★ 87		_	AQ92
♡ 1072		\Diamond	986
♦ Q97	63	♦	K1082
♣ J65		•	74
	★ K 6		
	♡ AK	QJ5	
	♦ A J	54	
	♣ Q10)	
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUT

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Edgtton		Gosney
	1♣ !	No	1♦ ^{♡s}
No	1♠		2\$
	2♠		3♣
	4♣		4NT
	5♡		6♣

It's the 6th club that seals it. Those who passed the North hand or opened a Multi often ended up in game. 6NT/S is better but all was well.

Teams 8, Bd 22

E/EW	\spadesuit	A J 6		
	\triangle	72		
	\Diamond	KJ86		
	*	K 10 6 5		
☆ 5			\spadesuit	9842
♥ AQ108	3		\Diamond	K 5 4
♦ AQ72			\Diamond	93
♣ Q82			٠	AJ93
	\spadesuit	K Q 10 7	3	
	\triangle	J96		
	\Diamond	10 5 4		
	*	74		

Teams final standings

Open (80 Teams)

1	3	Otvosi	163
2	5	Hans	154
3	8	Mill	148
4	7	Havas	145
5	1	Neill	144
6	9	Richman	144
7	21	Jakes	143
8	18	Steffensen	142
9	10	Jamieson	142
10	19	Weathered	142

Postricted (26 Teams)

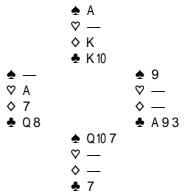
Restricted (20 realits)				
1	1	Rae	145	
2	11	Kassam	144	
3	9	Francis	143	
4	4	Cooke	141	
5	3	Crossman	139	
6	17	Kearney	133	
7	19	Campbell	129	
8	6	Leckie	127	
9	14	Lawrence	124	
10	15	Herring	124	

Sartaj Hans played 4♥ from West on a trump lead. Needing some luck, he played a club to the jack followed by a losing diamond finesse.

He won the next trump in dummy to play ♦A and a diamond ruff.

Then came a spade off dummy. South split and played another spade.

Declarer ruffed, drew South's trump then played the last trump in this position:



North had to pitch a reluctant and revealing ♠A on ♡A, so Hans exited with a diamond and ran the enforced club return to his gueen for +620.

North-South had chances when the spade was led. South could have switched a club or North could have overtaken to play ♦K.