

# Coffs Coast Gold Congress at Opal Cove Resort



**2** Thursday 19 August

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## Swiss Pairs after 4 of 8 rnds

### Open (112 pairs)

1	P Gue & P Wyer	87
2	S Hans & H Dawson	85
3	I Del'monte & A De Livera	84
4	J Pettitt & F Power	81
5	J Mottram & E Quittner	78
6	S Tishler & B Richman	78
7	J Rothwell & G Bilski	77
7	N Van Vucht & W Boxall	77
9	J Reitzer & E Chadwick	76
10	C Woolley & M Millar	76

### Restricted (76 pairs)

1	J White & D Shorter	82
2	H Wichmann & G Dawson	80
3	F Hall & B Jenner	79
4	N Mcivor & K Potts	79
5	E Story & G Richmond	78
6	F Campbell & H Grant	77
7	T Thatcher & J Thatcher	75
8	M Owen & S Pang	74
9	J Strickland & L Quinn	73
10	R Wylie & M Wylie	72

### Record fields

Two record fields this year, 18 more pairs than last year. Numbers for the teams has reached the venue limit, so get organised now for next year, 16-21 August.

At half way, Phil Gue and Paul Wyer lead narrowly from Sartaj Hans & Helena Dawson, with the new pairing of Ishmael Del'Monte and Arjuna DeLivera lurking.

The Friday talk will be on the Multi 2♦. There were lots of educational hands yesterday:

### Match 1, Bd 8

W/Nil ♠ 7 4 3  
♥ AKJ 9 5 4  
♦ 10 7 4 2  
♣ —

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

♠ J  
♥ 10 8 6 2  
♦ K 9 8 3  
♣ A 10 6 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
no	2♦ <sup>Multi</sup>	2♠	X
3♠	4♥	4♠	5♥
X	end		

2♦ – weak 2 in a major – is not a classic. The void makes the hand playable in two other suits. It worked okay this time.

South's double says "Pass with spades, show some life with hearts".

Either North or South should save in 5♥ for -100 against the cold 4♠.

Okay, a low club shoots 4♠ but nobody did that. Some Easts bid 5-over-5 for one off against the routine defence of a heart lead and a diamond switch.

If North tries to cash a second heart, declarer can make 5♠ by drawing trumps and playing a club to the nine! South ducks three times but is caught in a 3-card ending to lead away from ♦K.

### Match 1, Bd 9

N/EW ♠ K 10 8 5 4  
♥ 10 2  
♦ K 10 5  
♣ 10 8 5

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

♠ A Q J 9 6  
♥ 9 5 3  
♦ J 9 6  
♣ 9 4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	no	2♦ <sup>Multi</sup>	no
2NT*	no	3♣*	no
6♥!?	end		

3♣ showed a good weak two in hearts, which was enough for Michael Wilkinson.

This time partner had the right stuff in clubs & trumps. Perhaps 4♣ over 3♣ would please the viewers.

Would you have opened a weak two with those North cards?

### Match 2, Bd 15

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

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

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♥
2♦	no	3♦	X
no	?		

North has the shape for a shot at game but opener does not guarantee four spades so 4♠ is careless. Michael suggested 4♦, removing 4♥ to 4♠ to show this. Correct. Slam is marginal and unreachable.

I hope you didn't reach 4♥ ...

### Match 2, Bd 19

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

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

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			No
1♠	?		

4♣ looks right but some looked at the favourable vulnerability and 8-card suit. I did and shelled out -800 in 5♣x when I got hearts wrong.

Paul Lavings made 4♠/W. He won the diamond lead and cleared trumps. South saw the need to set up a heart trick, so led one when in with ♠10. This was short-sighted. A club to partner's ace for a heart through is enough.



### Match 3, Bd 8

N/NS ♠ 7 6 3  
 ♥ 10 7  
 ♦ K 6 4 3  
 ♣ K Q 8 7

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

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

The leaders lost a bundle on this board. Against Liz Quittner's 4♥, Phil Gue cashed two spades then exited a trump.

Too passive. Declarer played a diamond towards the queen and found herself with three tricks in the suit. Had to be a club switch at trick 3.

### Match 3, Bd 13

N/Both ♠ K 9 2  
 ♥ J 7  
 ♦ A K 10 6 4  
 ♣ A J 3

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

♠ Q 8 5  
 ♥ A 2  
 ♦ Q J 9  
 ♣ Q 8 6 5 2

The usual 1NT - 3NT leaves East to pick a major. Datum was +350 so about half the Easts guessed wrong.



Phil Houlton

"I think my partner saw your face."

Datums				
	R1	R2	R3	R4
1/15	30	480	-510	20
2/16	-30	-20	70	-280
3/17	-1200	420	200	340
4/18	-390	-90	640	10
5/19	-120	-190	-120	-610
6/20	530	-70	160	-610
7/21	-60	570	40	-370
8/22	-310	210	-100	70
9/23	-670	-610	40	-50
10/24	260	310	-120	-260
11/25	-90	-620	160	370
12/26	20	70	100	40
13/27	-70	-410	350	70
14/28	-10	620	10	-200

### A walk-in hand

Bd 2 3 ♠ 4 3  
 S/Both ♥ A K Q 9 2  
 ♦ A Q 9 8 7  
 ♣ 2

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

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
no	2NT *	3♣	2♦ <sup>multi</sup>
no	4♠	end	3♠

North is worth the 2NT inquiry over the Multi then has a shot at game, even though 3♣ presumably shows a minimum. (How would South show a max?)

### Welcome Pairs — 43 tables

#### North-South

1st	Ervin Otvosi & Kennet Chistiansen	64.1%
2nd	Phaik Yao & Glenys Fitzpatrick	63.8%

#### East-West

1st	Nicoleta Giura & Nick Hughes	74.2%
2nd	John & Jocelyn Steele	64.4%

Erwin & Kennett

The Otvosi team has won the last two teams events here.



### Swiss Pairs (8 x 14 bds)

Thu 10am Pairs 5 & 6  
 Buffet lunch  
 2.30 Pairs 7 & 8  
 Prize-giving

Fri 9am vote ?  
 Directors' forum  
 10.30 Workshop  
 2.30 walk-in pairs

### Teams (8 x 14 bds)

Fri 7.30 Teams 1 & 2

Sat 8am vote ?  
 10am Teams 3 & 4  
 Buffet lunch  
 2.30 Teams 5 & 6  
 7.30 Congress dinner

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

East wins ♣K at trick 1 and switches to a low trump. Easy now is to win ♠K, cross to dummy for another spade up.

You lose the two black aces for +620. Taking the risky diamond finesse also works.

### Gripes

Can we spread out and organise the display of results, draw, datums & personal results?

Can we get hand records online? (A request from Len Dixon)

### Saturday voting

Closest is Korora Public School. From Opal Cove, turn left at the Highway, then take the second left at Korora School Road, before the metal bridge. Drive/walk up the hill and there you are.

Walk it in 15 minutes, or drive though parking could be tight. Bring some money for their fete!