

Coffs Coast Gold Congress at Opal Cove Resort



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Teams final standings

Open (76 Teams)

1=	8	POWELL	160
1=	2	MORRISON	160
3	3	PEAKE	159
4=	4	EBERY	145
4=	26	MAYERS	145
6=	72	HUGGAN	144
6=	17	RITTER	144
8	1	OTVOSI	143
9	19	LANE	140
10	5	WATTS	138

Restricted (32 Teams)

1	2	MARTIN	156
2	7	BOLT	155
3	4	CAMPBELL	143
4	21	MUNDELL	141
5	1	DEAN	140
6=	9	BECKETT	137
6=	19	HIRSCHHORN	137
6=	32	GRAY	137
9	3	WELLS	134
10	17	McMURRAY	130

First ever tie in teams

An apparently unassailable lead evaporated in an amazing last round clash. For the first time in living memory a team 22 VPs adrift chased down the runaway leaders by nailing them 22-3 in the final round.

Kim MORRISON, Simon Hinge, Paul Wyer & Phil Gue led overnight. (There was a bridgemate data entry error in Round 6 that swung 6 VPs) and had a 25 in Round 7.

They came a cropper against **Anne POWELL, Margaret Bourke, Peter Grant & Tony Marinos**, losing 39 imps on these boards:

Match 8, Bd 23

S/Both	♠ 876	♠ A J 10
	♥ K1072	♥ A Q 3
	♦ 3	♦ AKQJ976
	♣ A10952	♣
♠ 53		♠ K Q 9 4 2
♥ J 5 4		♥ 9 8 6
♦ 8 4		♦ 10 5 2
♣ K Q J 8 7 6		♣ 4

5♦ in one room while 6♦ by Hinge failed on ♠K lead. After declarer wins and returns ♠J, South must exit with a spade (or ♦10!) to shoot it. Duly found for 12 IMPs.

On a club lead, declarer ruffs out the ace and leads ♥Q, which the defence must duck. Now ♠A-another is enough.



*Restricted winners
Geoffrey Martin, Patrick Bugler
Nikolus Moore
John Kelly (absent)*



*Simon, Phil, Paul & Kim
Two party preferred winners*



*Peter, Margie, Tony & Anne
won the popular vote*

Match 8, Bd 26

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

A dull 4♠ at one table while the other bid to 7♠x after a key-card accident. West showed 0 or 3 and East thought he knew. In the event, 4 EWs got to 7♠x, 10 settled for 6♠!

Match 8, Bd 24

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

Hinge - Morrison bid 6♣, down on a diamond lead for another 11 imps out.

Sartaj Hans led a spade against 6♣/W so cold now on the double heart hook. However, his declarer made the mistake of drawing all North s trumps before the heart play. Hans knew to hop with ♥Q to restrict declarer to one heart trick. Instructive!

From an earlier round :

Match 7, Bd 3

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

WEST Chadwick	NORTH Hans	EAST Reitzer	SOUTH Dawson 3♦!
X	3♠!	no	no
X	4♣!	no	no
6♠	7♦	no	no
X	end		

Playful bidding by Hans, setup by Dawson s bold preempt. -800 was worth 5 imps in.