

Coffs Coast Gold Congress at Opal Cove Resort



Timetable

Tue 6pm Cocktails
7pm Welcome Pairs

Swiss Pairs (8 x 14 bds)

Wed 10am Pairs 1 & 2
Buffet lunch
2.30 Pairs 3 & 4
Thu 10am Pairs 5 & 6
Buffet lunch
2.30 Pairs 7 & 8
Prize-giving

Teams (8 x 14 bds)

Fri 9am Directors' forum
10.30 Workshop
2.30 Teams 1 & 2
(change!)
7.30 night off
Sat 10am Teams 3 & 4
Buffet lunch
2.30 Teams 5 & 6
7.30 night off
Sun 10am Teams 7 & 8
Prize-giving
Finish at 2pm

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Wednesday 17 August

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All nights off

Okay, the Welcome Pairs was on last night. For the rest of the week there is **no evening play**. 10am start all days except Friday, which is a quietish day.

All that glitters

Those in the hunt for gold masterpoints should do well. Each 14-board match you win in the open events will earn you 0.42 gold points, plus outright points if you finish in the top third of the field.

Gold points are needed to become a Life Master. If that doesn't interest you, how about a major prize pool of \$15,750?

Cash prizes

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---------------|------|------|-----|
| 250 mp Pairs | 400 | 200 | 100 |
| 500 mp Pairs | 400 | 200 | 100 |
| 1000 mp Pairs | 400 | 200 | 100 |
| Swiss Pairs | 1800 | 900 | 450 |
| 250 mp Teams | 800 | 400 | 200 |
| 500 mp Teams | 800 | 400 | 200 |
| 1000 mp Teams | 800 | 400 | 200 |
| Swiss Teams | 3600 | 1800 | 900 |

To be eligible for the Restricted categories, all members of the pair/team need to be below the masterpoint limit. (MP status as at 30-6-11)

Last Year's Tied 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 25-3 in the final round.

Kim MORRISON, Simon Hinge, Paul Wyer & Phil Gue led overnight.) and had a 25 in Round 7.

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

S/Both ♠ 8 7 6
♥ K 10 7 2
♦ 3
♣ A 10 9 5 2
♠ 5 3 ♠ A J 10
♥ J 5 4 ♥ A Q 3
♦ 8 4 ♦ AKQJ 9 7 6
♣ K Q J 8 7 6 ♣ —
♠ K Q 9 4 2
♥ 9 8 6
♦ 10 5 2
♣ 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. Then ♠A-another is enough.

Last Year's Pairs

Helena Dawson & Sartaj Hans won the Open Butler from **Marlene Watts & David Beauchamp**. Here they both earned a vulnerable game swing:

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

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|-------|-------|---------|----------|
| Watts | Ebery | B'champ | Djurovic |
| 1♦ | 1NT* | 2♦ | no |
| 2♥ | no | 3♥ | no |
| 4♥ | end | | |

1NT was Comic. Marlene won ♣A and led a spade. South won to lead another club. She ruffed, played to ♠J, followed by a heart to the queen.

When North showed out on ♥A, things looked grim but the diamond

finesse worked and South had to follow all the way in spades.

She scored her 10th trick by ruffing dummy's last club with ♥10.

Sartaj played the hand much the same way from East after

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|--------|-------|------|-------|
| Dawson | | Hans | |
| X | 3♣! | no | no |
| 4♥! | end | 3♥ | no |

"Got to bid those vulnerable games."

Brown Sticker Conventions

2-level openings without an anchor suit (like RCO Twos) are Brown Sticker, though the typical Multi 2♦ is not. You can play Brown Sticker in all events. However, if you are playing BS in the Restricted – why would you? – then protected Pairs can ask you to ditch them for that match. Protected pairs are those where both

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are below National Master or one is below Local Master.

Pre-alerts

List your unusual and complex methods in the pre-alerts section of the system card.

For instance: RCO 2s, Bergen raises, DONT, unusual carding (leading low from doubletons). You should also draw your opponents' attention to these at the start of a match. The idea is to give them a chance to devise a defence.

Alerts

Don't alert any doubles, or bids beyond 3NT, or bids in suits bid or shown by an opponent, or any 2♣ response to a 1NT opening.

Alert other conventional calls and unusual treatments. Included here are negative free bids, transfers, Bergen bids, a 1♣ opening that could be a doubleton, inverted minors.

Puppet – a useful toy

Right. What do you open with these cards:

♠ KJ976 ♥ K7 ♦ KQJ ♣ AK7?

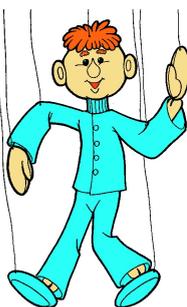
This balanced 20-count should open 2NT, showing 20-21 these days.

Alternatives are poor. 1♠ might get passed out, or partner might respond 1NT, leading to 3NT from the wrong side.

A 2♣ opening won't work either. If you rebid 2♠ over 2♦, you won't be able to stop opposite a Yarborough and partner will often end up as declarer.

No, 2NT is right, **IF** partner can check out all major fits. Puppet Stayman is the standard expert tool here. It finds nearly all those major fits while ensuring the strong hand declares.

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| 2NT | 3♣? |
| 3♦ | "I have a 4-card major" |
| 3♥/♠ | five-card suits |
| 3NT | no major |



Recent Winners & Table Numbers

| | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Swiss Pairs | 75 | 44 | 54 | 56 | 70 |
| Restricted Pairs | | 30 | 31 | 38 | 36 |
| Teams | 86 | 62 | 82 | 76 | 83 |
| Restricted Teams | | 30 | 26 | 32 | 36 |
| | 161 | 166 | 193 | 202 | 225 |

2010

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|------------------|--|
| Swiss Pairs | H Dawson & S Hans |
| Restricted Pairs | F Campbell & H Grant |
| Teams | = K Morrison, S Hinge, P Wyer, P Gue = A Powell, M Bourke, P Grant, T Marinos |
| Restricted Teams | G Martin, P Bugler, N Moore, J Kelly |

2009

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|------------------|--|
| Swiss Pairs | S Hans & T Nunn |
| Restricted Pairs | C Whiddon & M Allison |
| Teams | E Otvosi, N Edgton, P Gosney, K Christiansen |
| Restricted Teams | J Rae, K Rooney, J Mills, E Miller |

2008

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| Swiss Pairs | D Beauchamp & M Watts |
| Restricted Pairs | K Frazer & K French |
| Teams | G Bilski, T Brown, K Christiansen, E Otvosi |
| Restricted Teams | B Kassam, B Assaee, D Barnes, P Barnes |

2007

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| Swiss Pairs | D Beauchamp, M Watts |
| Teams | G Bilski, C Boylson, I Del'Monte, M Prescott |

Tournament Officials

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| Organisers | Robyn Bingham – 6651 7845 Helen Blewitt – 6651 1686 |
| Senior Directors | Tony Howes & Laurie Kelso |

Over 3♦, responder bids the major he **doesn't** have, allowing opener to declare the 4-4 fit. (For those with good memories, responder can bid 4♦ over 3♦ with both majors)

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

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| 2NT ²⁰⁻²¹ | 3♣ Puppet |
| 3♦ ^{a 4-cd major} | 3♥ spades |
| 3♠ | 4♠ |

Right contract, right declarer.

Not bridge

What to do when you are not at the bridge table?

For dinner, some will return to villas or apartments for a home-cooked meal. Fair enough!

However, **Horizons Restaurant and Bar at Opal Cove** is perfect for

a relaxed dining experience. The restaurant features modern Australian cuisine menus with creative flair, changing seasonally to take full advantage of the region's freshest produce and seafood. With views overlooking the swimming pool and beyond to the Pacific Ocean, guests are able to dine al fresco on the terrace or in air conditioned comfort.

Horizons Bar has an extensive wine list and fabulous cocktails on offer with Happy Hour daily from 5.00pm to 6.00pm.

Bulletins will be available most mornings before play.

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