

Coffs Coast Gold Congress at Opal Cove Resort



2 Thursday 18 August

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Swiss Pairs after 4 of 8 rnds

Open (136 pairs)

1	I Robinson - A Braithwaite	87
2	H Grosvenor - A Paton	84
3	E Otvosi - J Stepinski	79
3	P Collins - S O'Brien	79
3	K Yule - Mi Curry	79
6	J Rothwell - G Bilski	78
7	B Neill - M Scudder	77
7	B Raaphorst - M Kiraly	77
7	D Beauchamp - M Watts	77
7	Phil Gue - Paul Wyer	77

Restricted (72 pairs)

1	T Allen - K Allen	85
2	A Gunst - A Feiner	81
3	M Pisko - J Sear	77
4	E Mander - N Loxton	76
5	T Thatcher - A Noonan	75
6	S Scerri - A Scerri	74
7	B Herring - C Birch	72
8	E Zeller - A Dawson	71
9	R Binsted - J Scholfield	70
9	J Sheean - S Cryer	70
9	J Tredrea - G Keenan	70
9	D Shorter - B Haagsma	70

Record Pairs again

Yes, it's a tight fit, with 30 more Open pairs than last year. I feel for the cad-dies and directors but they seem to be managing.

The new partnership of Ian Robinson & Andy Braithwaite have a small lead in the Open, while Tony & Kelela Allen from Sydney lead the Restricted.

Some hands from yesterday ..

Match 2, Bd 16

W/EW ♠ AK853
♥ J1097
♦ Q
♣ K98

♠ J10 ♠ 742
♥ KQ ♥ 543
♦ AKJ109874 ♦ 6
♣ 10 ♣ QJ7632

♠ Q96
♥ A862
♦ 532
♣ A54

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♦	1♠	no	2♦
3♦	3♥	no	4♠
end			

Admittedly 4♥ is better but 4♠ should make with careful play.

On a diamond lead, you may as well ruff the second diamond with ♠8. Then you draw trumps and need to pick hearts to make.

Even if you carelessly ruff low at trick two, you can still make. Win the club return, draw trumps in two rounds, ruff dummy's last diamond then play ♥A-another.

West is down to diamonds. The ruff & sluff takes care of the club loser.

David Beauchamp & Sartaj Hans will present tips for defenders on Friday at 10.30.

"How to avoid the common mistakes."

Jacoby 2NT is such fun ...

Match 2, Bd 27

S/Nil ♠ J106
♥ AJ53
♦ AQ63
♣ J5

♠ 84 ♠ Q973
♥ Q8 ♥ 6
♦ K10842 ♦ J
♣ Q632 ♣ AK109874

♠ AK52
♥ K109742
♦ 975
♣ —

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
no	2NT	4♣	4♠
no	5♦	no	6♥

People seem to get carried away with Jacoby, cueing merrily to poor slams like this one. Two finesses later, eight declarers chalked up undeserved +980s.

South happily surged past game on a 10-count. From North's point of view, the bidding was committed to 5♥ so it seemed automatic to cue ♦A en route. Maybe ..

Here's a tight 3NT ...

Match 2, Bd 16

W/EW ♠ KJ
♥ J73
♦ AQ107
♣ KQ83

♠ 63 ♠ AQ42
♥ KQ6 ♥ 1095
♦ KJ6532 ♦ 8
♣ 96 ♣ J10742

♠ 109875
♥ A842
♦ 94
♣ A5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
no	1NT	no	2♣
no	2♦	no	2NT
no	3NT	end	

We all reach these shaky 24-point 3NTs. Some West's overcalled 2♦ and conceded at least -500.

After a club lead to the queen, declarer should lead ♠K. East wins this to lead another club.

When declarer leads a spade to the jack, East should duck. Declarer is in strife but the cards are very friendly.

Swiss Pairs (8 x 14 bds)

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

Lead a heart, ducking East's ♥10. Win the club exit to duck another heart to West.

After cashing the hearts, finesse ♦10 then lead ♦Q to West for the enforced diamond exit. Did you do that? (Or did East win the second spade?)

Transferring to clubs

Do you transfer to minors? May as well. That 2♣ response isn't doing anything useful. It's true that bidding 2NT to show diamonds takes away a useful bid but bear with me.

If 2♣ over 1NT shows long clubs, opener has the choice of 2NT or 3♣ to accept the transfer.

Traditionally, opener bid 3♣ with a dull hand and 2NT to super-accept. Modern theorists have suggested it's better to swap these. So

	1NT		
2♣ ^{clubs}	2NT	min	
	3♣	max	

This allows opener to declare clubs when it matters.

It also allows you to use 2♣ as a 2-way bid – either clubs, or a raise to 2NT with no major. (That is, the hands that used to bid 2NT until some people decided it was better to use 2NT to show diamonds)

This in turn means that 2♣ Stayman always contains a 4-card major. Why is this good? Consider

1NT	2♣ ^{clubs or a raise}
3♣ ^{max}	3NT

As compared to

1NT	2♣
2♣	2NT
3NT	

East had to start with 2♣ because 2NT shows diamonds. This gave the next hand room to act but luckily she didn't.

West showed spades and denied hearts, providing a roadmap for the defence. Not good!

Welcome Pairs — 36 tables

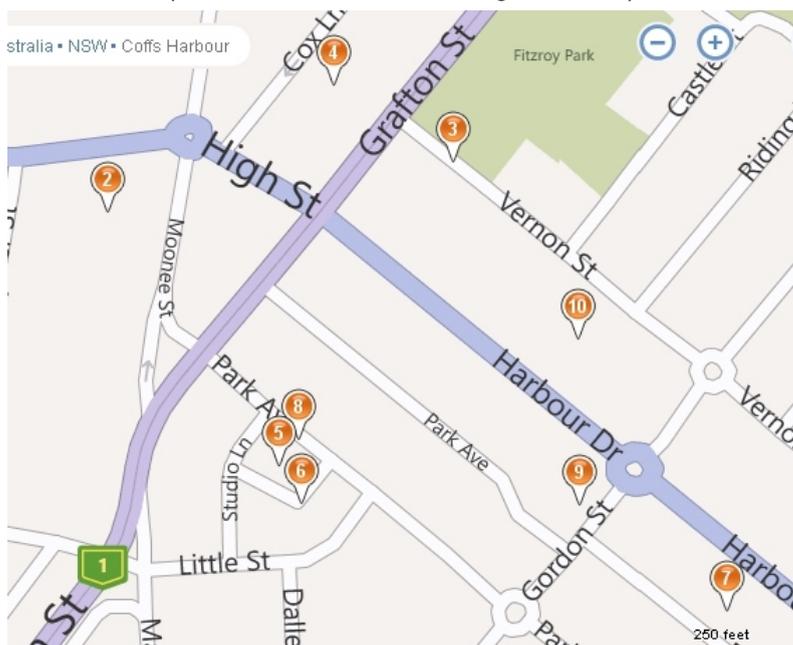
North-South

1st	Margaret Bourke & Joan Butts	65.18%
2nd	Colin Thomas & Stewart Duxbury	61.08%

East-West

1st	Marjorie Thomas & Pieter Kliffen	66.10
2nd	Jeanette Collins & Val Brockwell	59.65%

9 Restaurants in the town Centre (Grabbed off the net, so no guarantees)



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| 1. Dragon Chinese
108 Grafton St, 6652 4187 | 6. Koon Hong Seafood
16 Park Beach Plz, 6651 3881 |
| 2. Amalfi Pizzeria
10/42 Moonee St, 6658 0033 | 7. Tequila Mexican
Harbour Dr, 6652 1279 |
| 3. Happy Duck Chinese
7 Vernon St, 6651 8526 | 9. Suban Thai
Gordon St, 6651 2009 |
| 4. Indian Mumtaj
1/74 Grafton St, 6652 1011 | 10. Cocoa, 6650 9417
Palm Centre, 35 Harbour Dr |
| 5. Phoen Wong
10 Park Ave, 6652 3246 | Tomorrow, 10 on the Jetty Strip |

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"It's not the handling of difficult hands that makes the winning player. There aren't enough of them. It's the ability to avoid messing up the easy ones."
S. J. Simon

Open Datums				
	R1	R2	R3	R4
1/15	-20	-300	-80	160
2/16	670	170	300	110
3/17	-170	270	10	-60
4/18	600	250	420	-450
5/19	-340	90	-350	280
6/20	-40	-10	170	520
7/21	390	-350	60	60
8/22	-40	-480	-20	240
9/23	-180	-550	150	1240
10/24	-650	80	40	-200
11/25	-110	200	-310	140
12/26	960	-50	60	130
13/27	-440	500	-360	-430
14/28	80	-400	730	630