

# Coffs Coast Gold Congress at Opal Cove Resort



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Friday 19 August

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## Swiss Pairs final standings

### Open (136 pairs)

1=	B Neill - M Scudder	150
1=	I Robinson - A Braithwaite	150
3	E Otvosi - J Stepinski	148
4	M Bloom - P Gill	147
5=	T Leibowitz - N Hughes	146
5=	S Hinge - K Morrison	146
7	D Harrison - A Harrison	145
8	K Yule - M Curry	144
9	C Briscoe - B Griffiths	143
10	D Beauchamp - M Watts	140

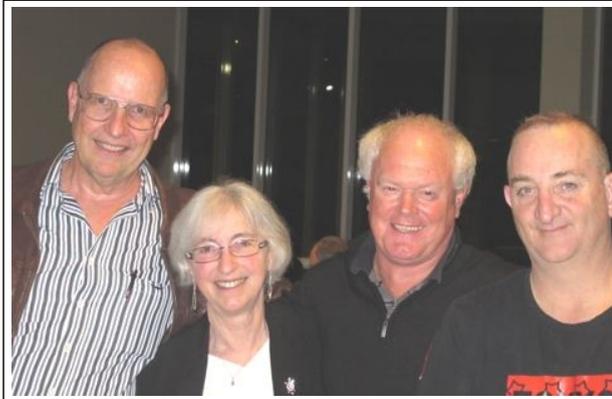
### Restricted (72 pairs)

1	T Allen - K Allen	167
2	T Thatcher - A Noonan	149
3	B Herring - C Birch	142
4	E Zeller - A Dawson	141
5=	A Collins - J Michael	138
5=	F Donnan - H Gielb	138
5=	J Mills - J Scrivens	138
5=	R Devries - I Bailey	138
9	A Gunst - A Feiner	136
10	J Sheean - S Cryer	134

### A Tie at the Top

Going into the last round of the Swiss Pairs, dozens had genuine chances to win.

The cards played their part, with slams and penalties aplenty. Leaders Bruce Neill & Marcia Scudder had a narrow win, 16-14. Andy Braithwaite & Ian Robinson scored 18 to catch them on the line.



Bruce Neill, Marcia Scudder,  
Andy Braithwaite, Ian Robinson

Some hands from yesterday ...

### Match 8, Bd 15

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			no
no	1♠	2♥	4♠
5♥	X	end	

This is a possible auction. Can't expect West to keep quiet at the vulnerability. If South instead bids 3♠ (or shudder, 2♠) East will get to double 4♠.

Scudder started with low trump. Neill hopped on the diamond off dummy and found the safe exit of a low diamond round to dummy's ♦J.

Hoping for the best, declarer then took the losing club finesse, which allowed South to clear trumps for +300 and 9 datum Imps.

For matches 5-8, datums came from results at the top 23 tables.

### Match 8, Bd 21

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

13 pairs scored +1430 here but many more went down, perhaps on correct defence.

Declarer wins the heart lead, unblocks ♣A then runs ♠Q. If West wins this, declarer is home, using ♠A-6 as entries; firstly to ruff out West's ♠K, then to get back to cash ♣J & ♥K for diamond pitches.

West just needs to duck ♠Q for +100.



Kelela & Tony Allen easily won the Restricted Swiss Pairs

Only 3 pairs bid this grand slam:

### Match 8, Bd 26

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

In a frantic last round, I thought quite a few would go for the max here. Key Card Blackwood calmed most pairs down.



### Teams (8 x 14 bds)

Fri	9am	Directors' forum
	10.30	Workshop
	<b>2.30</b>	<b>Teams 1 &amp; 2 (change!)</b>
	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

## Canberra changes – 16-29 January 2012

- South West Pacific Teams becomes a 4 day event - 12 x 20-board matches
- National Swiss Pairs all in the one playing area - the Ballroom at Rydges
- New Restricted Swiss Pairs
- The Blue Ribbon Match-point Pairs Returns In a 3-Stage Format
- National Open Teams now all 64-board matches
- Celebrity lectures during both weeks teams' events

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Peter Gill found a neat way to play this 4♥ ..

### Match 5, Bd 1

N/Nil ♠ K  
 ♥ QJ65  
 ♦ K1032  
 ♣ 9862

♠ QJ5 ♠ 10987432  
 ♥ K4 ♥ 3  
 ♦ A765 ♦ J8  
 ♣ Q1074 ♣ K53

♠ A6  
 ♥ A109872  
 ♦ Q94  
 ♣ AJ

He got a club lead to the ♣K-A. After a spade to dummy, he played ♥A, cashed ♠A and exited with ♣J.

West could cash ♥K but was endplayed in all the suits. Those who took the heart finesse instead had to guess diamonds to make.

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Do you play DONT? I like to double any 1NT opening for penalty, as does Michael Wilkinson:

### Match 8, Bd 27

S/Nil ♠ 9875  
 ♥ J765  
 ♦ 92  
 ♣ 632

♠ A ♠ KQJ103  
 ♥ A4 ♥ 10932  
 ♦ AQJ10763 ♦ 4  
 ♣ Q84 ♣ J97

♠ 642  
 ♥ KQ8  
 ♦ K85  
 ♣ AK105

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
X	no	2♠?	no
3NT	end		1NT <sup>15-17</sup>

1NTx was going for at least 300. 3NT has no real play, assuming South has the sense to play hearts.

Here's our 1430 accident ...

### Match 7, Bd 10

E/Both ♠ 82  
 ♥ Q6432  
 ♦ AKJ104  
 ♣ 3

♠ 963 ♠ QJ4  
 ♥ K109 ♥ 7  
 ♦ Q9875 ♦ 632  
 ♣ 94 ♣ A108752

♠ AK1075  
 ♥ AJ85  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ KQJ6

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Tony		Nick
no	2♥	no	1♠
no	5♠	no	5NT
no	6♦	no	6♥

We agreed to try exclusion Blackwood, so 5♦ asked for key cards

outside diamonds. We play 1430 so we both assumed Voidwood worked the same way(?), hence Tony's 5♠ to show no key non-diamonds.

I tried to escape to 5NT but this was surely a grand slam try so -100.

### Match 6, Bd 15

S/NS ♠ 4  
 ♥ 109832  
 ♦ Q10976  
 ♣ AK

♠ 9765 ♠ Q82  
 ♥ AQ6 ♥ J74  
 ♦ AJ43 ♦ K852  
 ♣ 102 ♣ J94

♠ AKJ103  
 ♥ K5  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ Q87653

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
no	1♥	no	1♣
	1NT		2♠
	3♣		no?

South is probably worth another go. 3♥ rates to get -100 in 3NT but most declarers made it on ♦2 lead. East found it hard to switch to a low heart at trick 3.

5♣ makes with routine play, using ♣AK to take finesses in hearts and spades.

Open Datums				
	R5	R6	R7	R8
1/15	160	330	-420	-60
2/16	-460	120	200	440
3/17	430	-130	-10	220
4/18	-540	-450	80	-500
5/19	650	-630	-60	-160
6/20	470	-510	260	210
7/21	640	620	-380	540
8/22	-440	-100	-40	110
9/23	440	-510	210	-690
10/24	10	-140	160	430
11/25	-140	-40	90	-540
12/26	160	400	-160	-1450
13/27	450	60	10	-80
14/28	-470	-70	420	-460