

Coffs Coast Gold Congress at Opal Cove Resort



5 Sunday 21 August

Editors: Nick & Will

Teams after 6 of 8 Rnds

Open (80 teams)

1	19	FENT	131
2	4	OTVOSI	122
3	7	TISHLER	116
4	6	TULLY	115
5	67	ROSE	113
6=	69	POTTS	109
6=	28	HOOYKAAS	109
8=	27	GRAHAME	107
8=	25	CRICHTON	107
8=	3	DE LIVERA	107
11=	43	PHILLIPS	106
11=	1	GUE	106

Restricted (38 teams)

1	29	HURST	117
2	27	HIRSCHHORN	113
3=	15	HERRING	108
3=	6	SCOTT	108
5	23	COLLINS	104
5=	21	SHORTER	104
5=	3	CAMPBELL	104
8=	7	BOLT	103
8=	12	SNOOK	103
10=	11	LECKIE	99
10=	19	FEATHERSTONE	99

Another good hand for Exclusion Blackwood. If 4♥ asks for keycards outside hearts, it's perfect.

West wants to be in 7♦ opposite ♠A & ♦K. As it is, 6♦ is the only making slam. Many Wests put faith in their 7-card suit and paid out to the 4-1 break with ♦K offside. Unlucky.

George Bilski played 6NT/E on a diamond lead. North won ♦K and switched to a heart to declarer's ace.

6NT can make now. Just run the diamonds then take the spade finesse. The last spade squeezes South.

However, George had no reason to think that clubs weren't breaking so shunned the spade finesse and relied on clubs.

The last bulletin issue will be on the net only, Monday morning.

Teams (8 x 14 bds)

Sun 10am Teams 7 & 8
Prize-giving
Finish at 2.30

Three-quarter time

Nicely clear and unbeaten after six rounds are Victorians **Phillip FENT, Stan KLOFA, Robert GALLUS & Robert STEWART.**

They play **Ervin OTVOSI, Jeremi STEPINSKI, Tony NUNN & Kennet CHRISTIANSEN** this morning.

Robert HURST, Rowan CORBETT, Val CARMODY & Rhonda THORPE continue to lead the Restricted.

Yesterday's slams

The online results from Matt McManus are great for editors. I quickly found out that 10 pairs attempted that 7♠ and all failed. (In the open field at least. Tony & Kelela Allen made it in the Restricted)

This is how you might do it:

Match 6, Bd 26

E/Both	♠ 6 2	
	♥ K J 10 4	
	♦ J 9 7 4 2	
	♣ K 2	
♠	Q 8 7 5	♠ AKJ93
♥	A	♥ Q 7 3
♦	AK10 6 3	♦ Q 5
♣	A 6 4	♣ QJ 5
	♠ 10 4	
	♥ 9 8 6 5 2	
	♦ 8	
	♣ 10 9 8 7 3	

It's not tough on a club lead. You fly ace, unblock ♥A, cross to a trump, ruff a heart, back to hand in trumps to ruff ♥Q with dummy's last trump.

Then back to ♦Q to run the trumps, pitching clubs from dummy. North is squeezed in the minors, as they say.

You **might** do the same on a heart lead, though it's more appealing to test diamonds after taking the heart ruffs, then take the club finesse. Unlucky.

A trump or diamond lead makes it very tough. You lack the entries to ruff two hearts, then squeeze North. Instead you ruff one heart only, cash ♣A en route, then run trumps. This

bizarre play reduces you to 11 tricks. However, there is a repeating triple squeeze on North in this ending:

E/Both	♠ —	♠ AK
	♥ K	♥ Q
	♦ J 9 7 4	♦ 5
	♣ K	♣ QJ
♠	5	♠ AK
♥	—	♥ Q
♦	AK10 6	♦ 5
♣	6	♣ QJ

Declarer has just four top tricks but cashing the two trumps forces North to give up two tricks. I would be a little suspicious if anyone had found that line.

Voids add a randomizing element to slam bidding. Few pairs reached the right slam here:

Match 4, Bd 22

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♦	no
2♣	no	2♦	no
4♥	voidwood?	etc	

Modified datums – top 10

1	R Gallus - R Stewart	134.4
2	R Speiser - P Mann	111.2
3	E Otvosi - J Stepinski	107.3
4	R Crichton - P Crichton	104.8
5	T Mangos - L Foran	95.6
6	T Nunn - K Christiansen	95.4
7	S Tishler - B Richman	92.7
8	F Dreyer - L Dreyer	88.9
9	D Beauchamp - M Watts	88.8
10	D Cartwright - J Feiler	79.3

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Here's one of our typical efforts with voids:

Match 4, Bd 17

N/Nil ♠ QJ1043
♥ AJ6
♦ KQJ103
♣ —

♠ 72 ♠ 9865
♥ 975 ♥ K43
♦ 987 ♦ 6
♣ J10765 ♣ AK932

♠ AK
♥ Q1082
♦ A542
♣ Q84

WEST Delivera	NORTH Hughes	EAST Quail	SOUTH Jenner-O
no	1♠	no	2♦
	4♦		4NT
	5NT	2KC + void	7♦

Not bad on a trump lead. 2-2 trumps or the heart finesse so 70%. Oh well.

Match 3, Bd 12

W/NS ♠ Q10
♥ A8742
♦ 8764
♣ J2

♠ K985 ♠ A62
♥ K93 ♥ J6
♦ KQ ♦ J102
♣ KQ75 ♣ A10983

♠ J743
♥ Q105
♦ A953
♣ 64

WEST 1NT	NORTH no	EAST 3NT	SOUTH end
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A good spot, doomed on the heart lead. The first trick usually went ♥2-J-Q-K. When South grabs ♦A, it's all over.

Peter Gill made it. He crossed to ♠A at trick 2 to lead ♦J. This seemed like a finesse to South so he smoothly played low for -400.

Okay, one more slam:

Match 5, Bd 3

S/EW ♠ 54
♥ QJ865
♦ QJ53
♣ KJ

♠ J762 ♠ K93
♥ 104 ♥ K93
♦ 8642 ♦ 7
♣ 976 ♣ Q108532

♠ AQ108
♥ A72
♦ AK109
♣ A4

South's hand looks to be worth around 23 points, so too strong for 2NT. After 2♣ and a positive, it's normal to reach slam.

6♥ & 6♦ aren't great of course but optimistic hand evaluation is usually rewarded.

Did you avoid 3NT here:

Match 5, Bd 14

E/Nil ♠ K3
♥ K32
♦ AK1084
♣ K107

♠ A84 ♠ J107
♥ AQ854 ♥ 10976
♦ 532 ♦ 97
♣ 53 ♣ QJ96

♠ Q9652
♥ J
♦ QJ6
♣ A842

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

A bit crude to bid 3NT now, hoping for nine running tricks. East-West have pointed the way, so take your chances in the 5-2 fit.

Coffs Harbour Bridge Club

Team-wrecker Datums				
	R3	R4	R5	R6
1/15	-190	-20	-250	320
2/16	-110	150	230	-90
3/17	-510	570	630	50
4/18	40	-20	120	-370
5/19	-140	60	-210	470
6/20	50	-120	70	-70
7/21	1010	670	60	-410
8/22	60	-240	660	-110
9/23	-30	640	50	-120
10/24	-630	30	-70	-30
11/25	-50	-1350	-450	340
12/26	-90	-340	620	-1200
13/27	-620	-310	-460	170
14/28	-50	60	170	100

Hans G Rosendorff
Memorial Congress

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