

Coffs Coast Gold Congress at Opal Cove Resort



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Teams final standings

Open (80 teams)

1	19	FENT	163
2	7	TISHLER	154
3	6	TULLY	152
4	28	HOOYKAAS	151
5	1	GUE	150
6=	4	OTVOSI	143
6=	25	CRICHTON	143
8	3	DE LIVERA	141
9	15	NASH	139
10	2	BLOOM	138

Restricted (38 teams)

1	29	HURST	157
2	15	HERRING	150
3	3	CAMPBELL	142
4	19	FEATHERSTONE	137
5	6	SCOTT	136
6	33	JENNER	135
7	7	BOLT	134
8	23	COLLINS	133
9	11	LECKIE	132
10	30	BETHEL	131



Pam & Ross led the datums

Modified datums – top 10

1	R Crichton - P Crichton	143.7
2	R Gallus - R Stewart	139.6
3	T Nunn - K Christiansen	121.0
4	G Lane - D Smee	109.2
5	H Grosvenor - A Paton	108.1
6	P Gue - P Wyrer	104.7
7	S Tishler - B Richman	101.5
8	D Beauchamp - M Watts	100.1
9	R Speiser - P Mann	99.5
10	T Mangos - L Foran	99.0

Coasting to Victory

Phillip FENT, Stan KLOFA, Robert GALLUS & Robert STEWART led by 20 VPs going into the last round and could afford their first loss. They still won comfortably from Sara TISHLER, Bob RICHMAN, Hugh GROSVENOR & Ann PATON.

In the Restricted, Robert HURST, Rowan CORBETT, Val CARMODY & Rhonda THORPE recorded an equally convincing victory.

For the Open winners, Phil Fent liked their auction on this hand from the decisive win in Round 7:

Match 7, Bd 3

S/EW	♠ Q		
	♥ Q 8 5		
	♦ 8 6 3 2		
	♣ AK 10 5 3		
♠	10 7 3	♠	9 8 5 4 2
♥	K J 10 2	♥	9 4 3
♦	K 5 4	♦	10 9
♣	J 9 8	♣	6 4 2
	♠ AK J 6		
	♥ A 7 6		
	♦ A Q J 7		
	♣ Q 7		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Klofa		Fent
	1NT ^{clubs}		1♣ ¹⁵⁺
	2♠ ^{3 controls}		2♣ [?]
	3♠ ^{♠HHxxx}		3♣ [?]
	no		6NT

Five likely club tricks made slam a good bet. It's pretty good on most leads. Cold if clubs come in, with the diamond finesse in reserve.



Rowan, Robert, Val & Rhonda won the Restricted Teams



Bob, Robert, Stan & Phil celebrate their win

They missed slam at the other table so that was worth 11 IMPs. Datum was 720 NS, so half the field bid it.

Bob Gallus spotted this defensive slip from an early round:

Match 6, Bd 1

N/Nil	♠ J 9 7 6 5 4		
	♥ 8 6		
	♦ Q 4 2		
	♣ J 7		
♠	A 8 3	♠	Q 2
♥	A K	♥	Q J 9 7
♦	A 9 7 6	♦	J 10 5 3
♣	Q 10 9 2	♣	K 8 3
	♠ K 10		
	♥ 10 5 4 3 2		
	♦ K 8		
	♣ A 6 5 4		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gallus		Stewart	
	2♦ ^{Multi}	no	2♠ ^{p/c}
2NT	no	3NT	end

The first trick went ♠6-Q-K-3. Bob won the third spade then cashed ♥A-K.

Needing 3 club tricks and a forced entry to dummy, declarer led ♠2 at trick 6. When North played low, Gallus played ♣8 from dummy and that was that.

To shoot it, North has to play ♣J (second hand Rose) on ♣2. This gives declarer three club tricks but the blockage allows South to keep declarer out of dummy.

See you all next year!