

# 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  
7pm ABTA meeting  
Sat 10am Teams 3 & 4  
Buffet lunch  
2.30 Teams 5 & 6  
Sun 10am Teams 7 & 8  
Prize-giving  
Finish at 2pm

With Bridgemates, players **must** record the score for each board after it is played and before the commencement of the next board.

It is an offence to leave the table at the conclusion of a match without first confirming the completeness and validity of the data entered into the scoring unit.

If you are playing quickly, ask a caddy to find one of the last boards you are due to play. Afterwards, hand it back, don't send it on.

### 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 are below **Life** Master or one is below **State** Master.

Coffs Harbour Bridge Club

**1** Wednesday 15 August

Editor: Nick Hughes

### Numbers capped

We were full to overflowing last year. This year numbers are capped at 110 tables. The teams is full.

### 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.

### 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
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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 31-7-12)

### Last Year's Pairs

A tie between Bruce Neill - Marcia Scudder and Andy Braithwaite - Ian Robinson. Here's a hand

#### 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
	Neill		Scudder
no	1♠	2♥	no
5♥	X	end	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.

### It's good to be young

Our young players get to travel a lot and play in some top events. This year's World Youth Championships were held in July near Shanghai. Under 26 Juniors & Girl's(!) events, plus under 20 "Youngsters".

Our Juniors made the semis, losing to Netherlands who went on to win.

Here's a hand:

#### Semi, Bd 10

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Milne		Adam E	
no	3♠	1♥	1♠
4♥!	end	X	no

A bold decision by Liam Milne, another refugee from across the ditch. Adam Edgton easily made +650.

At the other table, Andy Hung and Nabile Edgton defended 4♦ for -150 and 11 imps in.

### Friday Workshop

"Finding minor suit slams" with David Beauchamp & Sartaj Hans

### Some Regulations

Nothing much to report. In the Swiss Pairs we use the 12-board VP scale. Later datums are based on results at the top 30% of tables.

## 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 – **except for openings like Namyats** – 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.

## Not bridge

What to do when you are not at the bridge table/question

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.

That's where your editor plans to be at the end of play, to hear all your bridge stories.

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Bulletins will be available most mornings before play.

You can ring or sms the editor on 0414 601 175.  
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## Recent Winners & Table Numbers

	07	08	09	10	11	12
Swiss Pairs	75	44	54	56	68	57
Restricted Pairs		30	31	38	36	33
Teams	86	62	82	76	80	72
Restricted Teams		30	26	32	38	37
	<b>161</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>199+</b>

## Last year's winners

Swiss Pairs	= B Neill & M Scudder = A Braithwaite & I Robinson
Restricted Pairs	T & K Allen
Teams	P Fent, S Klofa, R Gallus, R Stewart



*Bob, Robert, Stan & Phil celebrate their win in last year's teams*

Restricted Teams R Hurst, R Corbett, V Carmody, R Thorpe

## 2010

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

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

## 2008

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

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

## Tournament Officials

Conveners	Helen Blewitt – 6651 1686 Phillip Houlton
Senior Directors	Tony Howes & Matthew McManus

## Entry fees

Pairs: \$290, Teams: \$520