

Coffs Coast Gold Congress at Opal Cove Resort



2 Thursday 16 August

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Swiss Pairs after 4 of 8 rnds

Open (112 pairs)

| | | |
|---|-----------------------|----|
| 1 | J Howard - K Anderson | 87 |
| 2 | S Hans - H Dawson | 84 |
| 3 | M Bloom - P Gill | 83 |
| 4 | P Gosney - N Van Jole | 82 |
| 4 | K Yule - K Yule | 82 |
| 6 | B Marr - M Marr | 77 |
| 6 | B Nash - J Wallis | 77 |
| 8 | O Camp - A Shami | 75 |
| 8 | A Glasson - F Kovacs | 75 |
| 8 | B Hurley - E Hurley | 75 |

Restricted (66 pairs)

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| 1 | D Featherstone J Sherlock | 82 |
| 2 | A Collins - B Forbes | 81 |
| 3 | W Guymer - P Cruickshank | 80 |
| 4 | A Lamport - C Cooper | 77 |
| 5 | I Bailey - A Ngan | 76 |
| 6 | W Carroll - F Carroll | 74 |
| 7 | W Bristow - B Kent | 73 |
| 7 | R Pawlyszyn - A Levick | 73 |
| 9 | K Murray - R Innes | 72 |
| 9 | J Tuckey - R Thomas | 72 |
| 9 | A Dawson - B Lazarus | 72 |

Pairs at halfway

Unbeaten and averaging 22 are Victorians Justin Howard and Ken Anderson. They play Sartaj Hans & Helena Dawson first up, who are also unbeaten.

Pairs 4, Bd 22

| | |
|-------------|------------------|
| E/EW | ♠ K J 9 8 3 |
| NS -410 | ♥ K 10 5 |
| | ♦ 10 7 6 2 |
| | ♣ J |
| ♠ A 10 6 | ♠ 5 4 2 |
| ♥ A 7 6 4 3 | ♥ 9 8 |
| ♦ A 4 | ♦ J |
| ♣ A 7 3 | ♣ K Q 10 9 6 4 2 |
| | ♠ Q 7 |
| | ♥ Q J 2 |
| | ♦ K Q 9 8 5 3 |
| | ♣ 8 5 |

3NT is easy here, while 5♣ can make as well, if pushed by N-S finding their 4♦ save. However, the Easts in Pairs 4 & 17 went down.

12 tricks on a ♦K lead. On ♠Q lead, you duck, win ♠A next, then have to lead ♦4! This shuts out North as you set up hearts. You work it out!

Note that the ♦4 ploy rates to work even if North has ♦Q, since he is likely to play low.

Pairs 3, Bd 9

| | |
|-------------|--------------|
| N/EW | ♠ 9 8 6 |
| NS +120 | ♥ A K 6 |
| | ♦ A K 3 |
| | ♣ J 9 3 2 |
| ♠ 7 | ♠ Q J 10 4 3 |
| ♥ J 7 2 | ♥ 8 3 |
| ♦ Q J 8 7 4 | ♦ 10 9 6 |
| ♣ A Q 8 4 | ♣ K 7 5 |
| | ♠ A K 5 2 |
| | ♥ Q 10 9 5 4 |
| | ♦ 5 2 |
| | ♣ 10 6 |

There are nine tricks in 3NT but many reached 4♥ from one side or the other. Of those who received a spade lead, 7 made & 16 went down.

Those who failed – usually at the higher table numbers – were sleepy.

♠Q-K-7-6. Draw trumps then lead ♠9, which sets up dummy's ♠5.

Last year's winners had a useful gadget here:

Pairs 3, Bd 12

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| W/NS | ♠ K Q 6 5 3 |
| NS +280 | ♥ — |
| | ♦ 4 2 |
| | ♣ K Q J 10 6 5 |
| ♠ A 7 2 | ♠ J 10 8 |
| ♥ A 8 7 4 3 | ♥ Q 10 5 |
| ♦ A Q 5 | ♦ 8 7 6 3 |
| ♣ 9 8 | ♣ 4 3 2 |
| | ♠ 9 4 |
| | ♥ K J 9 6 2 |
| | ♦ K J 10 9 |
| | ♣ A 7 |

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|------|-------------|------|----------|
| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| | Braithwaite | | Robinson |
| 1♥ | 2♥ | no | 2NT |
| no | 3♥ * | no | 3NT |

After 2♥ Michaels and enquiry, 3♥ shows extras with clubs. (3♠ would show diamonds) 3NT was easy enough while suit games fail.

Pairs 2, Bd 19

| | |
|-------------|--------------|
| S/EW | ♠ K Q 6 5 2 |
| NS +300 | ♥ A Q 10 4 2 |
| | ♦ A Q |
| | ♣ J |
| ♠ 10 9 | ♠ 7 4 3 |
| ♥ K 8 7 6 3 | ♥ 9 |
| ♦ 8 5 2 | ♦ K 10 7 6 |
| ♣ 10 7 3 | ♣ A K Q 5 4 |
| | ♠ A J 8 |
| | ♥ J 5 |
| | ♦ J 9 4 3 |
| | ♣ 9 8 6 2 |

Plenty (13) went down in this 4♠, counting on 5 trumps, 4 hearts & ♦A.

My partner for the day – Tom Strong – saw the need to cater for 5-1 hearts. He played diamonds before finishing trumps to set up ♦J for his 10th trick.

Meanwhile in Lille

At the Mind Sport Olympics, the Australian Open team met the executioner, while the Womens' and Seniors' teams have reached the knock-out stages.

The MSO games are bridge, chess, go & draughts.

Swiss Pairs (8 x 14 bds)

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|-----|------|--------------|
| Thu | 10am | Pairs 5 & 6 |
| | | Buffet lunch |
| | 2.30 | Pairs 7 & 8 |
| | | Prize-giving |

Teams (8 x 14 bds)

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|-----|-------------|------------------------|
| 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 |



Pairs 2, Bd 23

S/Both ♠ K Q J 9

NS +810 ♥ 3 2

♦ K 5

♣ K 10 9 8 5

♠ A 8 6 3

♥ Q

♦ Q 9 8 7 3 2

♣ Q 2

♠ 7 4 2

♥ 10 9 8 7 6 4

♦ 10 6 4

♣ 4

♠ 10 5

♥ A K J 5

♦ A J

♣ A J 7 6 5

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|----------|------|---------|
| | Quittner | | Mottram |
| | | | 1♣ |
| 2♦ | X | 3♦ | 4♥ |
| no | 5♣ | no | 6♣ |

North showed a good hand by making an off-shape negative double then converting. John Mottram had a bit in reserve and good controls.

Pairs 2, Bd 26

E/Both ♠ K Q 6 5

NS -440 ♥ 9 6 5 3

♦ A 10 9 8

♣ J

♠ A 3 2

♥ A 2

♦ K Q J 3 2

♣ 9 6 5

♠ 10

♥ K Q J 10 8

♦ 7 5 4

♣ A K 4 3

♠ J 9 8 7 4

♥ 7 4

♦ 6

♣ Q 10 8 7 2

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | 1♥ | no |
| 2♦ | no | 3♦ | no |
| 3♠ | no | ? | |

3NT is tempting but Andy Sebestyen wisely preferred 4♣ to reach 5♦.

There were lots of -100s. Deservedly in 3NT; somewhat unluckily in 6♦.



Tuesday night Welcome Pairs — 33 tables

North-South

| | | |
|-----|-----------------------------|--------|
| 1st | Jane NORTH - Helen WILSON | 62.77% |
| 2nd | Kerry WOOD - Charles HOWARD | 60.54% |

East-West

| | | |
|-----|------------------------------------|--------|
| 1st | Ellen MELDRUM - Peter WELLS | 65.21% |
| 2nd | Kevin STEFFENSEN - Neville FRANCIS | 65.04% |

Pairs 2, Bd 27

S/Nil ♠ 5

NS -1020 ♥ 9 8 5 4

♦ Q J 8 6 3

♣ J 7 3

♠ K J 7 4 3

♥ A J

♦ A K 9 7

♣ 10 8

♠ A Q 10

♥ K Q 10

♦ 10 5

♣ A K 9 5 2

♠ 9 8 6 2

♥ 7 6 3 2

♦ 4 2

♣ Q 6 4

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1♠ | no | 2♣ | no |
| 2♦ | no | 3♠ | no |
| 4NT | no | 5♠ | no |
| 5NT | no | 7♠ | |

Bloom - Gill and Gosney - van Jole had this routine auction.

+1510 was second-best. Against Tony Allen's strong 1♠, North happily made a 1♠ *wonder bid*. Pairs who concoct exotic defences often get them wrong. And so it proved, with NS finally settling in 3♣x for -2000. Sydney CBD.

Pairs 1, Bd 8

W/Nil ♠ 5 4

+300 ♥ Q 7 4 3

♦ A K Q J 7 6 2

♣ —

♠ J 10 9 7 3

♥ J

♦ 10 9 3

♣ 10 4 3 2

♠ A K Q

♥ 10 9 6

♦ 4

♣ A K Q J 9 5

♠ 8 6 2

♥ A K 8 5 2

♦ 8 5

♣ 8 7 6

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| no | 1♦ | X | 1♥ |
| no | 4♥ | 5♣ | no |

A typical start. North bids 5♦ now to score +450 in 5♥ and +4 IMPs.

Stephen Burgess predictably opened 5♦ as North, which inveigled

East into 6♣x and 5 IMPs out. Unlucky.

Better for East to double, reaching 5♠. Three Wests played 5♠, all making. After ♦A, 3♥, South presumably tried to cash another heart.

Pairs 1, Bd 10

N/Both ♠ 10 2

♥ —

♦ K J 6 5 4

♣ A K 7 6 5 3

♠ 8 6

♥ Q 9 8 6 5 4 2

♦ 10 8 2

♣ 9

♠ K Q J 7 3

♥ K 10

♦ A 9 7 3

♣ 10 2

♠ A 9 5 4

♥ A J 7 3

♦ Q

♣ Q J 8 4

Two pairs reached this cold 6♣, Jon & Les Free, Colleen Kelly & Gay Daniel. Jon simply bid 6♣ over partner's value-showing 2NT.

Simon Hinge doubled East's 1♠ opening, a bold choice that should have done the trick.

David Beauchamp & Sartaj Hans will present a workshop on Friday at 10.30.

“Bidding those minor suit slams.”

| Open Datums | | | | |
|-------------|-------|-------|------|------|
| | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 |
| 1/15 | -130 | -210 | -330 | -50 |
| 2/16 | -40 | 60 | 510 | -40 |
| 3/17 | 230 | 290 | -70 | -110 |
| 4/18 | 650 | 10 | 190 | -20 |
| 5/19 | -180 | 300 | -130 | -40 |
| 6/20 | -250 | 630 | -60 | 50 |
| 7/21 | -1270 | -430 | 50 | 270 |
| 8/22 | 300 | 120 | -410 | -410 |
| 9/23 | 30 | 810 | 120 | -60 |
| 10/24 | 510 | 130 | 650 | -250 |
| 11/25 | -290 | 360 | 130 | 20 |
| 12/26 | -160 | -440 | 280 | 1300 |
| 13/27 | 70 | -1020 | -440 | 330 |
| 14/28 | 20 | -40 | -10 | -390 |